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## CONNECTION Color blind

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

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

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

### Master plan

Canton Leisure Services, winner of the National Gold Medal for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2008, is seeking community input as a key part of the strategic process of updating its Master Plan. Members of the community are invited to submit comments at the Master Plan Open House on Thursday, Sept. 23, from 5-8 p.m. at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Stop by any time during this event in the Walnut Room and give your input to help shape Canton's future. Attendees can give verbal or written comments, participate in discussions and submit surveys. Participants are asked to submit ideas that will be used to help plan future capital projects, recreation programs and special community events. The event will include various stations, a survey table, plus a refreshment station. Child care will be available on site.

For more information about Canton Leisure Services Master Plan project, visit [Cantonfun.org](http://Cantonfun.org) or call 734/394-5310.

### Calling all Vets

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 in Plymouth is looking for Vietnam-era veterans to join the post.

Veterans can get a membership, and their spouses are eligible for associate memberships. The chapter, located at 1426 S. Mill in Plymouth, meets 7 p.m. on the second Monday of every month.

For more information, call Gary Kubik, (734) 459-6700.

# Canton among safest communities

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton had the fifth-lowest crime rate among 17 metro Detroit communities with populations of 50,000 to 100,000 people, newly released FBI statistics for 2009 show.

Canton fared better than Farmington Hills, Novi, Troy, Livonia and eight other comparable communities in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. However, it had a higher crime rate than West Bloomfield, Shelby Township, Royal Oak and St. Clair Shores.

### Comparing Canton to other communities, A2.

The statistics come from an FBI comparison that combines violent and property crimes per 1,000 residents. Canton had a slight uptick in violent crimes, which rose from 120 incidents in 2008 to 138 last year. Those crimes include murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault, and experts say crime can increase amid tough economic times.

However, property crimes in Canton appeared to debunk the economic theory, falling from 1,546 incidents to 1,506 during the same period

despite a continuing economic slump. Property crimes, as defined by the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports, include burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson.

Local authorities and residents have tried to curb neighborhood crimes through a Community Watch program that encourages citizens to watch for suspicious behavior — and to call police when they see it.

Fred King, who chairs a group in his Hampton Ridge North subdivision on Canton's northwest side, has said police officers can't be everywhere, and "it's important for the residents

to be the eyes and ears of the police department."

Canton's crime rate of 19.89 per 1,000 residents climbed slightly from the previous year's 19.71, according to FBI statistics, yet it still ranked substantially lower than the three-county average of 29.81 crimes per 1,000 residents for communities with 50,000 to 100,000 people.

Canton averaged 18.22 property crimes and 1.67 violent crimes per 1,000 residents.

"Canton continues to be one of the

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The Spotlight Players, a beneficiary of a Partnership for the Arts & Humanities grant, presents 'Kiss Me Kate' at the Village Theater Sept. 17-19 and Sept. 24-26.

## All about art: Partnership shifts to artist support role

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Jill Engel is the new director of the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities, charged with heightening awareness of the arts in the local community.

With its original objective long ago accomplished, the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities spends its time these days transitioning to its new mission: Keeping the arts alive in the local community.

With the Village Theater at Cherry Hill as its centerpiece, the Partnership now focuses on raising money it uses to encourage the development of arts and encourage the growth of the groups trying to do just that.

It's a job the Partnership's new director, Jill Engel, jumped into with both feet.

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### HOW TO HELP

Local residents have an opportunity to join the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at 8 p.m. for Blackthorn in concert at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online at [CantonVillageTheater.org](http://CantonVillageTheater.org) or by calling (734) 394-5300. All proceeds from this performance will benefit the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities. This is local dollars staying local and encouraging the development of the arts in the greater Canton community. Anyone interested in simply making a gift to the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, can go to [www.partnershipforarts.org](http://www.partnershipforarts.org) to donate on line or send your donation to P.O. Box 871722, Canton, MI 48187-9998. The Partnership for the Arts and Humanities is a registered 501(c)3 organization.

## School drug use stance draws board members' ire

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Three Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education members Tuesday called for the repeal and reconsideration of the district's new Student Code of Conduct, saying the discretion it gives district administrators in dealing with drug distribution within the school "liberalizes" the district's stance on drugs.

Board Treasurer Judy Mardigan and Trustees Dianne Gonzalez and John Jackson criticized the new code of conduct, which they feel lessens the penalty for distributing drugs in schools.

At the heart of the issue is the portion of the policy that deals with distribution and allows administrators to deal with offenses based "on the severity of the offense." Bob Hayes, the district's director of student services, has used an analogy of the penalty being the same — expulsion — both for a student giving an aspirin to someone and another student carrying a pound of marijuana.

Hayes and other administrators felt the district should have the discretion to treat such instances on a case-by-case basis. To some board members, however, distribution is distribution.

"(Drug) distribution is a very serious offense," said Mardigan, a former board president who helped craft the district's Guiding Principles 12 years ago. "When you look at kids dealing drugs in our schools, they

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## Chamber chief ready for retirement

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dianne Cojei will retire as Canton Chamber of Commerce president in December, ending a 10-year stint that brought rapid growth to an organization dedicated to nurturing the township's business community.

"It really has been quite an ambitious ride," she said Tuesday. "It's my decision to retire, and I've been say-



Cojei

ing it for the last couple of years — one more year, one more year. But, I do have very mixed feelings." Under Cojei's leadership, the number of chamber members ballooned from 378 to around 600, and the organization moved to its new headquarters on Hanford, near Canton Center, from

space it formerly leased in an office building.

"I think the chamber used to not really get a lot of business recognition, but now we're recognized as the leader in the business community," Cojei said.


When retail giant IKEA opened its only Michigan store in Canton in 2006, Cojei worked with Canton Downtown Development Authority Coordinator

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# CORJEI

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Kathleen Salla and Canton Leisure Services to hatch a plan to market other local businesses to shoppers coming to IKEA from the Midwest and Canada — a marketing effort that led to the Shop Canton campaign.

"We have had some great partnerships," Salla said. "It doesn't always happen that way in every community. Largely due to Dianne's encouragement, we established a partnership that has been ongoing, and it has worked extremely well for our businesses, the chamber, the DDA and Leisure Services."

Canton's chamber grew under Cojei's leadership despite an economic downturn that, in many places, prompted local businesses to scale back their community involvement rather than broaden it. The chamber also started popular events such as Grub Crawl, which allows patrons to pay one price to visit numerous restaurants and sample their food.

Cojei also has used her role as chamber president to serve as a liaison between businesses and the township, helping business owners better understand ordinances that govern everything from signs



Canton Chamber boss Dianne Cojei, here with Plymouth attorney Kurt Heise at an IKEA gathering, announced her retirement after 10 years on the job.

to parking.

"Businesses can come to us, and we can really act as the mediator," she said. "I love that part of my job, the problem-solving part of it."

Before she became the Canton chamber president, Cojei worked as an assistant to the Dearborn chamber president and, before that, as classified advertising director for the *Dearborn Press & Guide*. Though she has mixed feelings

about leaving, she admits she is ready to spend more time with her husband of 44 years, Denny, a retired Ford Motor Co. analyst, along with three children and five grandchildren.

Meanwhile, Mary Bartlett, who chairs the chamber board, plans soon to move forward with a presidential search committee to find a successor to Cojei.

Salla said Cojei will be missed in her position.

"She's been great," Salla said. "She has really done a great job of leading the chamber. I think our chamber is exceptional in how active it is. (Cojei) is a very hard worker."

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# CRIME

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safest communities in the metro area, with our total overall crime far below that of the comparable community average, even during this past year of economic changes," Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek said.

Moreover, when comparing only those tri-county communities with populations over 75,000, Canton had the lowest overall crime rate, though it was trailed closely by Farmington Hills.

Canton had only one murder in 2009, but Nemecek said "one's too many." It happened when a Detroit police investigator last September shot and killed his wife outside the Canton Public Library before fatally wounding himself.

Canton had 21 forcible rapes, 26 robberies and 90 aggravated assaults. The bulk of 1,506 property crimes — 1,120 — could be attributed to larcenies and thefts, though 294 burglaries also were reported. Motor vehicle thefts and arson accounted for fewer than 100 of the property crimes.

Once again, West Bloomfield had the lowest combined crime rate, which actually fell to 12.55 per 1,000 residents from 14.11 the previous year. Some communities — Southfield, Taylor, Pontiac and Dearborn — had more than double Canton's crime rate in the three-county comparison.

Dearborn ranked worst among communities with 50,000 to 100,000 people at 53.85 crimes per 1,000 resi-

# CANTON CRIMES

Overall Crime Ranking	Community	Population	Violent Crimes	Per 1,000 Residents	Total Crimes	Per 1,000 Residents
1	West Bloomfield	63,728	50	0.78	800	12.55
2	Shelby Township	72,094	93	1.29	1,100	15.26
3	Royal Oak	56,800	99	1.74	1,008	17.75
4	St. Clair Shores	60,076	124	2.06	1,192	19.84
5	Canton	82,634	138	1.67	1,644	19.89
6	Farmington Hills	78,140	108	1.38	1,628	20.83
7	Novi	54,842	52	0.95	1,155	21.06
8	Troy	80,182	79	0.99	1,959	24.43
9	Livonia	90,232	176	1.96	2,408	26.69
10	Clinton Township	95,956	277	2.89	2,580	26.89

Source: FBI 2009 Year End Report

dents, according to FBI statistics.

Canton has often been lauded as having a low crime rate when compared to communities of comparable size. Nemecek cited a few possible reasons:

- Canton divides police officers among four community policing teams, so they can build relationships with residents and business owners while learning more about the geographic areas they serve.

- The township's Community Watch program has continued to grow. Just last month, when police officers and residents gathered for a National Night Out celebration, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said Canton has 31 neighborhood groups.

- The police department also

targets problem areas identified by its Crime Analysis Unit, allowing patrol officers to saturate neighborhoods where a spike in certain crimes has been reported.

- Canton also sends out crime alerts and uses methods such as the Nixle alert system to deliver critical public safety information by e-mail, text pager, cell phone or PDA.

Residents may sign up to receive the free messages by visiting the Canton Public Safety website at [www.cantonpublicsafety.org](http://www.cantonpublicsafety.org). More information on crime statistics, community policing and Community Watch also can be found there or by calling (734) 394-5424.

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"Around Canton" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to [kdachrich@hometownlife.com](mailto:kdachrich@hometownlife.com).

### Chieftettes variety

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

Tickets are on sale now for \$6 and are available from Chieftette team members and parents or can be purchased for \$8 at the door on show day. For more information visit our website [www.cantonchieftettes.com](http://www.cantonchieftettes.com)

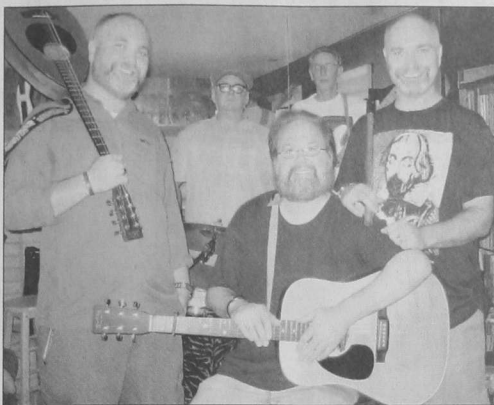
### Mackinac Island trip

Area seniors are encouraged to experience the ultimate Mackinac Island vacation at the magnificent Grand Hotel Oct. 11-14 during this annual autumn trip. This all-inclusive bus trip, presented by Canton Senior Center in partnership with the Michigan Recreation and Park Association (MRPA), is designed for individuals 50 years or older, but spouses, sons, daughters, and caregivers under 50 are also welcome.

This fun four-day getaway to Mackinac Island includes: roundtrip transportation; accommodations at the historic Grand Hotel; baggage handling, taxes and tips; a full breakfast each morning; a five-course dinner each evening; carriage tours; nightly dancing; contests; movies; a history lecture; a walking tour; special discounts; a final evening celebration; and more!

"Our hope is that seniors don't miss this opportunity to experience the beauty and serenity of one of Michigan's great treasures," said Susan Doughty, Recreation Specialist. "The Grand Hotel has played host to many well-known names over the years, including several U.S. Presidents; Mark Twain; Madonna; and Barbara Walters. We'd love for as many seniors as possible to experience a visit to this historic gem where cars are not allowed and the horse and carriage is the favored mode of transportation."

Fees for this unforgettable trip are: \$869 single/\$679 double/\$620 triple. A deposit is due at the time of registration at the Senior Center and the registration deadline October 1, 2010. For additional information, contact the Senior Center Front Desk at 734/394-5485 or visit [Cantonfun.org](http://Cantonfun.org).



### Taking the stage

After rocking the joint last month in their Birmingham debut, Canton's Terry Murphy Band hits the stage at Sean O'Callaghan's in Plymouth on Friday, Sept. 17 at the 'Halfway to St. Paddy's Day' party. The band hits the stage at 9:30 p.m.

### AAUW meeting

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

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

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

### Service salute

Canton's Veterans Day Salute to Service takes place 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

Organizers are looking for anyone who would like to display memorabilia during the event. Anyone who'd like to take advantage of the opportunity should contact Sean Fletcher via e-mail at [sean.fletcher@canton-mi.org](mailto:sean.fletcher@canton-mi.org) or call (734) 394-

5472.

The focus this year will be on Korean War veterans. The Canton Cable Studio will be recording interviews with Korean veterans. Veterans who are interested in volunteering to be interviewed may contact Cable TV studio manager Dave Harris at (734) 394-5241.

Those who participate will be invited to the Salute to Service program and be honored during the program. They will receive a DVD of their interview.

The interviews will be compiled into a presentation for the Salute to Service program.

### Moon fest

Experience a Chinese cultural celebration as Canton Leisure Services hosts the Chinese Moon Festival at Heritage Park on Saturday, Sept. 18. Visitors can stroll around the reflective ponds with friends and family or walk hand-in-hand with a loved one surrounded by the picturesque scenery of one of the most beautiful spots in Canton.

Event goers can also sample tasty moon cakes as they enjoy live contemporary Chinese music from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Celebrated in the autumn, the Moon Festival is an occasion for families to reunite. When the full moon rises, families gather together to watch the full

moon, eat scrumptious moon cakes, and sing moon poems.

For more information, visit [www.Cantonfun.org](http://www.Cantonfun.org) or call (734) 394-5460.

### Call for crafters

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

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

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

### Check out Canton

The Canton Economic Development office and the Canton Public Library have teamed up to help the community "check out" Canton businesses.

"Check Out Canton" works like the library's very popular Museum Adventure Pass program. Local businesses supply special offers that patrons can check out from the library with a library card. Use the passes to save on goods and services throughout Canton.

Want to know what's being offered? Simply search the library catalog for "Check Out Canton" and you'll find a list of the businesses and their offers.

Businesses interested in participating in this program can call Canton's Economic Development office at (734) 394-5182.

### Mom 2 Mom

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

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

Admission is \$1, cash only, all sales final (no strollers before 10 a.m.). For more information e-mail [pcmom@hotmail.com](mailto:pcmom@hotmail.com).

### Crafters wanted

Officials at St. Thomas a Becket

Church, 555 S. Lilley in Canton, are accepting applications for hand-made crafts for their Christmas Craft Show, to be held Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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### New school opportunity

Plymouth Children's Nursery will be offering a bilingual English/Spanish program for 4-6 year olds this fall.

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### Montessori openings

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

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

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

### Preschool openings

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

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

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"Our goal is to foster the arts," said Engel, who left Parisian after some 15 years as a human resources manager to run the Partnership. "We're encouraging arts in the community by providing funds for the artists. When that investment is made in the community, look at all that community can accomplish."

CULTURAL BOOST

The Partnership was formed under the auspices of Canton's Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage, which was formed in 2003 to get the Village Theater built.

Since the theater opened in fall 2003, the Partnership has moved into more of a fund-raising arm, chiefly to help bolster the groups that make the Village Theater their home. The Partnership has an annual grant program that hands out thousands of dollars to keep arts groups afloat.

In 2009-10, the Partnership handed out \$87,500 in grants; last year it dipped to \$48,275. Recipients included residents groups such as Comic Opera Guild, Spotlight Players, Forever After Productions, the Canton Concert Band, TLC Productions and Orchestra Canton. BeckRidge Choral and 8th Wonder Theatre company, based out of Eastern Michigan University, also received grant money.

It's a tough job. When the Partnership was raising money to get the theater built, potential donors could see what the goal was: A project they'd be able to see and feel. Raising money for something as abstract as arts groups is a little tougher, according to Jennifer Tobin, executive director of the Village Theater.

"People got it, it was brick and mortar. They can touch and feel it," Tobin said. "Now (the Partnership is) into a fund-raising phase that's nebulous. You can't touch it, you can't feel it. It's to help with marketing."

It's also to help with other areas. Tobin told a story of a group wanting to put on Peter Pan, and need-



The initial mission of the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities was to get the Village Theater at Cherry Hill built.

ing help making "Peter" fly. A Partnership grant made that happen.

"They paid for a company to come in and fly Peter Pan," Tobin said. "It's challenging, but it's great when you have a place you can do that. But you have to do it with a professional company who knows what they're doing. You can't just have dads, as much as they want to be, pulling the ropes."

HOW TO HELP

There are a variety of ways to help, Engel pointed out. Donations can be given to the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities Society, there are chances to be theater group, program and event sponsors, donations can be made to educational grants.

A grant allowed the

Partnership, theater management and organizers for the various artists' groups to participate in a retreat recently, hosted at the theater to talk about working together, how each group can benefit. The Partnership was part of that discussion, and Tobin expects them to continue to be a driving force in arts awareness.

"When any organization starts out, you think you're one thing, and then you find out things you should be doing," Tobin said. "You get pushed and pulled in a lot of directions. But I think (the Partnership) is coming into its own. The beauty is any money given to them, very little of it stays with them. Everything else is put back out to work in the community."

It's all about keeping the arts thriving in the community.

"I'm excited about being able to expand the awareness of the arts in the community," said Engel, who graduated from Canton High School, along with husband Frank, in 1987. "The more we invest in the community, the more it's going to continue to grow. People are going to want to come to Canton. They're going to want to be a part of what we're doing."

With the theater built and thriving, Engel said the Partnership's focus will remain now on the artists who come into town.

"Now that the theater is completed, and we're assisting the artists, we want to expand that even more," she said. "We want to make sure this isn't forgotten, and that it continues to grow even further."

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BOARD  
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have to go. I don't want any drug dealers in our schools. We're liberalizing the policies in this area. Our kids are really smart ... whenever you relax the rules, they're begging to be tested."

Board President Steven Sneiderman agreed having drug dealers in the school shouldn't be tolerated, but said cases can be different.

"I don't want drug dealers in our schools either, I don't think anyone does," Sneiderman said. "I would like to think someone handing someone an aspirin is different than someone selling a bag of cocaine. One person has malice, one person doesn't. I would like for us to be able to differentiate."

Hayes said the new code, which was crafted by administrators starting in June, was changed to "make it consistent," citing one place where some distribution offenses could be punished by consequences starting with suspensions, while another section leapt straight to expulsion.

Hayes said the district's policy remains Zero Tolerance.

"We do have a Zero Tolerance policy on drugs," he said. "Not all Zero Tolerance policies result in expulsions."

Jackson disagreed, saying the Code of Conduct needs to reflect the district's by-laws and policies, enacted by the Board of Education.

"We're not going to sit and write your Code of Conduct for you, but we want to make sure it follows the board's policy," Jackson said. "I don't support that change. Any amount of use of illegal drugs should be recommended for expulsion, and then let the board decide."

Until Sept. 9, the 2010 Code of Conduct also contained a provision for random drug testing, but administrators removed it due to concerns over the legality, although the district does retain the right to administer a Breathalyzer to students they have cause to think have been drinking or using drugs.

Such legal questions prompted Gonzalez to call for a legal review of the entire Code of Conduct.

"I believe your intentions were noble," she said. "I believe these changes leave the district open to liability issues. I'm concerned there are pieces of the Code of Conduct that are illegal."

Mardigan and Gonzalez asked for the issue to be placed on the next board agenda, at which time they hope to consider a motion to repeal the Code of Conduct. The next board meeting is scheduled for Sept. 28.

"I'm asking administrators to rescind these rules," Mardigan said. "I want to send a clear message about our responsibility to provide drug-free schools."

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# Cask-bashing replaces ribbon-cutting as auto supplier opens new facility

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Visitors toasted with sake and champagne on Tuesday as an automotive supplier formally opened a research and design facility in Plymouth Township that could employ 50 people or more within a few years.

The debut of Amtex Inc., on Genoa Court west of Beck, was marked by a ceremony in which company and public officials used wooden mallets to break open a cask of sake, a rice-based alcoholic drink. The ritual — called a kagami biraki in Japanese — is akin to ribbon-cuttings at grand openings in the U.S.

Amtex, a subsidiary of Japan's Hayashi Telemu Co., makes textile and trim parts for cars and trucks, including carpeting, sound insulators, padding, mats and wheel liners. The company has several plants in the U.S. and supplies the U.S. assembly lines of Japanese auto manufacturers, including Toyota, Honda, Nissan and Mitsubishi.

The idea behind the new 27,000-square-foot facility is to put Amtex's testing, research and design capabilities closer to its plants and customers, said Jeff Fliegel,

**'You're certainly on the leading edge. We all believe, certainly in Wayne County, that we've bottomed out and we've begun to see an upswing in terms of investments.'**

DAVE TYLER, Wayne County Department of Economic Development deputy director

director of sales and vice president of purchasing. Amtex had been either outsourcing such work or having it performed by the parent company in Japan, Fliegel said.

Amtex president Toshio "Tommy" Kuroyanagi acknowledged difficult times in the industry.

"Amtex has chartered rough seas in the past and is prepared to face the challenges of the automotive industry," Kuroyanagi told guests before the cask-opening. Amtex was founded in the U.S. in 1983.

Dave Tyler, deputy director of the Wayne County Department of Economic Development, echoed Kuroyanagi's ideas about the economy.

"You're certainly on the leading edge," Tyler said. "We all believe, certainly in Wayne County, that we've bottomed out and we've begun to see an upswing in terms of investments."

The Amtex facility represents an initial investment of about \$1.8 million, Fliegel said, and the company expects to invest another \$1.6 million within three years. Six employees work there now, and Amtex is in the process of hiring more engineers and plans employ 50 or more people there within five years, he said.

"If the economy booms, that could double," Fliegel said. The research and design facility opened for business earlier this month, said manager Harry Okamoto.

Township Supervisor Richard Reaume, who took part in the cask-opening, mentioned the presence of other Japanese and German companies in the township as he welcomed Amtex.

"We're very pro-business



Company and public officials used mallets to break open a ceremonial cask of sake Tuesday as they marked the opening of the Amtex Inc. research and design facility in Plymouth Township. From left are Jeffrey Fliegel, Amtex director of sales and vice president of purchasing; Hiroyuki Hayashi, managing director of Hayashi Telemu Inc., the parent company of Amtex; township Supervisor Richard Reaume; Amtex president Toshio Kuroyanagi; Jeff Sand, development director for the Michigan Economic Development Authority; and Dave Tyler of Wayne County's Department of Economic Development.

here in Plymouth Township," Reaume said. "We have a broad mix of international companies."

Also speaking briefly Tuesday was Hiroyuki Hayashi, the managing director of Hayashi Telemu, whose great-grandfather founded the company as a textiles manufacturer 100 years ago.

"I cannot say enough how much importance we place on our North American operations," Hayashi said.

Amtex plans to apply for a 50-percent abatement on personal property taxes — the taxes on its machinery and business equipment — and for the transfer of the property tax abatement enjoyed by the building's previous occupant, Metaldyne, said Reaume.

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Toshio 'Tommy' Kuroyanagi, the president of Amtex Inc., and Jeff Sand, development director for the Michigan Economic Development Authority, at the opening Tuesday of the Amtex research and design facility in Plymouth Township. The company, with manufacturing facilities in the U.S., makes carpeting, insulators, pads, mats, interior trim pieces and other parts for use in cars and trucks.

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## Dog park pals closing fund-raising gap

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As Canton inches closer to opening a dog park next spring, township officials Tuesday chose a company to build the fence as a volunteer group continues to roll out a series of fund-raising efforts.

Wayne County has approved

a \$30,000 parks grant for the dog park, and supportive residents, namely Friends of the Canton Dog Park, have raised an additional \$25,000 for the project, township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said Tuesday.

With the county and Friends closing the funding gap, LaJoy said the township will not be spending local government

dollars for the three-acre dog park, expected to open next spring on Denton north of Cherry Hill, across from Fire Station No. 3.

On Tuesday, the Canton Township Board of Trustees agreed to hire Brighton-based Security Access Controls to build a fence around the park where dogs can play off-leash

and where separate areas will be provided for large and small dogs.

Meanwhile, Friends member Debi Greene has announced that fund-raising efforts are continuing for the project. The latest:

• Yet another so-called Bark at the Moon outing, allowing dogs to run off-leash in a simulated dog park, is set for 6:30-9 p.m. Friday on Heritage Park's ballfield No. 1, off Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Palmer. Greene said a \$5 donation is sought, and owners must bring a dog license or proof that their dogs have had their shots.

• A similar event has been scheduled the following morning, this Saturday, 8:30-11 a.m.

at the same location, Greene said.

• A rock-and-roll wine-tasting event featuring performer Nadir has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, at the Cady-Boyer Barn at Preservation Park, on Ridge north of Cherry Hill. A silent auction also will be held.

Nadir is the recipient of numerous Detroit Music Awards, including three for outstanding urban/funk songwriter.

Tickets are \$35 in advance by calling (734) 862-1928 or by logging onto www.rocknroll-wine.com and looking for the "events" tab. Tickets are \$40 the day of the show.

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# The first debate?

## Snyder shares his Town Hall meeting with Bernero

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The question of debate or no debate in the gubernatorial race got answered Monday in Westland as Republican candidate Rick Snyder's town hall meeting became a bipartisan event with the addition of Democrat Virg Bernero.

Snyder's camp — and pretty much everyone attending the event at Hawthorne Valley Country Club — were surprised when Bernero arrived to deliver a letter asking his opponent to meet for coffee to discuss scheduling debates. Snyder surprised Bernero and the partisan audience by inviting the Lansing Democrat to join him speaking to the crowd of about 100.

It was a cordial meeting of the candidates — Snyder quieted some rumblings from the audience as Bernero was speaking.

During his comments, Snyder kept his focus on his goals and plans to reinvent Michigan.

"The reason we are all here tonight is that we love Michigan — we all care. Michigan is suffering. It's not the time to dwell on negatives and can we fix this or that," said Snyder. "Our one chance is to reinvent Michigan. I'm using the framework for success that I've used all of my life."

Part of that framework is a vision that identifies where point B is located, plan of action to go from point A to B and taking positive measurable action, Snyder said.

**IN AGREEMENT**

Both candidates agree on the need for more and better jobs in the state. While Snyder focuses on his private sector background, former legislator and current Lansing Mayor Bernero cites his success attracting employers and jobs to Lansing.

"My father came here from Italy in

1948. He risked everything for the dream of something better — the American Dream in Michigan. I want that opportunity again," said Bernero. "That is in jeopardy. We can do better. We laid out the red carpet, not red tape, for business in Lansing."

In five years as Lansing mayor, Bernero said he had been able to balance the city's budget — something running mate and Southfield Mayor Brenda Lawrence has done for nine years.

The candidates answered questions about how to deal with a state corrections budget that has higher funding than public education, decreasing property values and property taxes.

The last question of the town hall came from Westland resident Beverly Smith, a self-described lifelong Democrat who voted for Snyder during the primary. Noting the governor can't fire legislators, Smith asked how the candidates would build a team to work for the betterment of the state.

"Regardless of the party label, campaigning is a personal sacrifice. All of the legislature is well-intentioned and trying to make a difference," said Snyder. "We need partners with a vision for the state."

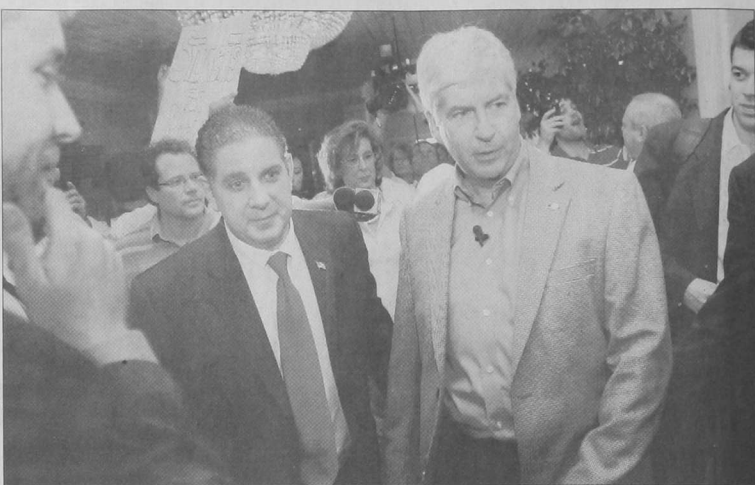
Bernero cited his legislative experience working closely with Republican colleagues, adding that he serves as a nonpartisan elected official as mayor.

"We (he and Snyder) are not bitter enemies, nor should we be. I hope we can do more of these and that they will be just as civilized," Bernero said.

**SUPPORTERS SPEAK**

Working in human resources at the University of Michigan, Smith said she is tired of partisan political bickering and that part of Snyder's message was attractive.

"I thought it was very generous of him (Snyder) to invite him (Bernero) to speak. I had not heard Bernero speak before," said Smith, whose sup-



Democratic gubernatorial candidate Virg Bernero and his Republican challenger Rick Snyder shared the stage at what had started out to be a town hall meeting for Snyder at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland.



Rick Snyder talks about his vision for reinventing Michigan, if he's elected governor.



Republican candidate for lieutenant governor State Rep. Brian Calley (R-Portland) addressed the audience at gubernatorial candidate Rick Snyder's town hall meeting in Westland.

Snyder, Northville resident Cheryl Nothnagel said she came to town hall meeting to get more information.

"This was a great opportunity. I'm pretty much politically active. I've worked on a bunch of campaigns myself," she said. "I'm a Realtor. A lot of what goes on in the state affects us. We need more jobs."

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Visiting the Canton Public Library could save you 20 percent on carpet cleaning. Or get you a discount on a facial, thanks to the just-launched Check Out Canton program.

A partnership between the Canton Economic Development office and the Canton Public Library, Check Out Canton connects local businesses with library users in a unique way.

Local businesses supply special offers that can be checked out from the library with a library card. Library patrons use the passes to save on goods and services throughout Canton, including a buy one, get one free ticket from the

Village Theater at Cherry Hill, savings on catering, carpet cleaning, veterinary care and more.

To see the current offers and availability, search the online library catalog at <http://catalog.cantonpl.org> for "Check Out Canton."

"This program works much the same as the Museum Adventure Pass program," said library director Eva Davis. "We are very happy to support local business in this way and give our patrons some additional savings."

"This is a great partnership that helps promote the library as a great business resource and introduce businesses to residents," according to Deb Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Canton Economic Development Manager. "It's another advantage to locating your business in Canton and helps drive the local economy."

Look for passes in the Check Out Canton rack, then take the pass to the Checkout Desk to receive a voucher. The voucher is good for the terms and conditions of the offer. Businesses interested in participating can contact the Canton Economic Development Office at (734) 394-5182.

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The Plymouth Kiwanis Club kept the griddle hopping at Saturday's annual Pancake Breakfast.



Dancing was on the agenda Saturday during the 55th annual Plymouth Fall Festival.

# Festival rain provides charity bright spot

In a festival highlighted by food, it was a rain sandwich delivered by Mother Nature that had the biggest impact on last week-end's 55th annual Fall Festival.

The festival opened to cool, sunny weather on Friday, and closed with a nice day on Sunday.

In between, however, rain dampened Saturday's middle day of the three-day festival.

On the other hand, the damp weather that kept the crowds down for events like the Rotary Spaghetti dinner had an uplifting effect in other areas. For instance, Rotarians delivered leftover spaghetti meals to Cass Community Social Services. Leftover spaghetti, salads, rolls, etc., were "unexpected and much appreciated," according to Ed Hingelberg, a Plymouth City Commissioner who serves as director of operations for Cass Community Social Services.

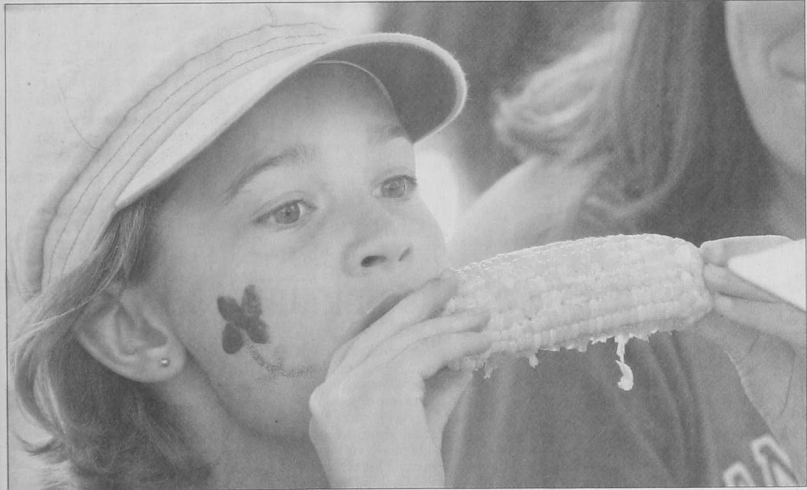
"The rain on Saturday certainly dampened all the hard work of the Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club ... Without a doubt, their numbers were down, but where I work spirits were lifted," said Hingelberg, who pointed out Cass Community Social Services has several homeless facilities that provide services and shelter to the less fortunate in Detroit. "All of the left over spaghetti, salads, rolls, etc. was certainly unexpected and much appreciated."

Hingelberg also delivered perishable food supplies from the Noon Rotary Chicken Barbecue.

"The club was glad to know ... nothing would go to waste," he said. "I felt like Santa Claus in September when I pulled up with my van full of these much needed items."



Working the pits is a smoky job for the volunteers at the Fall Festival Rotary Chicken Barbecue.



Nine-year-old Clare Barrette enjoys an ear of corn with her chicken dinner. Clare, her 6-year-old brother Ian, mom Kathy Barrette and dad Terry Barrette are from Plymouth.

At 1:25 p.m. Barb Jones marks the tote board as the 7,025th chicken hits the grill.



Scarecrow Christina Carnevale towers over Fall Festival.

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### OUR VIEWS

## First day Planning helps make change happen

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools officially became 21st century schools with the start of school last week. Gone is the 20th century version of school.

Just how many problems occurred on the first day of classes in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, which draws a bloc of students from Canton, depends on who you ask. The superintendent states that there were a few "glitches" with transportation, while the bloggers say there were more than just a few problems involving crossing guards, safety and the dropping off and picking up of students.

It is a given that you can't please all of the people all of the time, and even if there had been no problems on the first day of school, someone would have found one. We are not saying that the bloggers' comments are incorrect. Yes, safety and the dropping off and picking up of students are concerns, if not problems, but the latter is not a new one. The problem of the congestion created in dropping off and picking up of students has been around for years, especially at the elementary levels.

What we are saying is that the district did everything in its power to make the transition as smooth as possible. And we believe that is what happened. It involved parents in the process and tried to leave nothing to chance. But even with the best of planning there will be some problems, some glitches. What matters is how the district responds to them, and we believe school officials have and will do everything possible to resolve them.

Change is never an easy thing. There are those people who will resist change to the bitter end. Nothing can be done to appease them. Every problem, no matter how small, is a major issue. But the fact is that the district made the transition to the reconfigured elementary program without major problems.

Wayne-Westland parents need only look to the Garden City Public Schools and the problems it experienced with its reconfiguration to understand. In Wayne-Westland, students got to their respective schools; classes started on time and got out on time. Walkers made it to school and back home with no major incident. Bus riders got on the correct buses, and parents who drove got their kids to and from school. Such was not the case in Garden City.

The educational program parents grew up with is evolving. What fit in the 20th century no longer works today. What Wayne-Westland and other school districts in the state are going through isn't because of a whim, or a let's try something new. It's a necessity to accommodate declining enrollment and declining funding. The changes are the reflection of what is happening in the state of Michigan. A poor economy, a loss of jobs, means lean times for cities and school districts who get their revenue from taxes paid by residents.

We believe it was the school staffs, the parents and administrators working together that helped make this transition happen as smoothly as it did. It wasn't perfect, but it went well, and that is what matters most when it comes to the children.

## Put health at top of school year to-do list

School is back in session and kids are spending more time sitting at their desks; sitting at their computers; sitting at the kitchen table doing homework or sitting in their rooms, reading.

While this is a good thing, academically speaking, it's also a bad thing, health-wise.

Because they're not outside, running around the neighborhoods with their friends, riding bikes to the park, playing catch in the backyard or swimming, they're not getting as much exercise as they do during the summer months.

It's really something to think about.

Childhood obesity has tripled in the past decade and one in three children is now considered obese or overweight. Not surprising, one-third to one-half of the children born this century will become diabetic at some point during their lives.

In the state of Michigan, 12 percent of middle school children and 15 percent of high school students are considered to be obese.

Now is the perfect time of the year to establish a routine that incorporates exercise on a daily basis. It's also a great time of the year for parents to evaluate food choices in school lunches and at home.

A new school year always brings a new routine for kids and parents — we encourage them to stop and think about their food choices and really try to add a brisk walk, jog or visit to the local gym or pool to the back-to-school routine. Plymouth-Canton food services staffers are constantly reviewing the school menu to make sure students have healthy choices; parents should be doing the same at home.

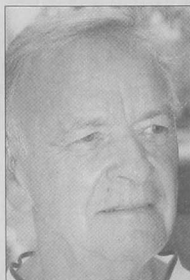
There are all kinds of studies, programs, statistics and plans to help students, parents, workers — anyone, really — available just a mouse click or a phone call away.

Healthy children and families are happy children and families. We encourage people to make sure a daily dose of healthy activity isn't lost among the homework and classwork.

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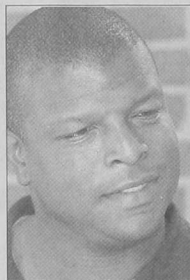
#### Do you support or oppose the use of medical marijuana?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I would say I kind of oppose it. I think some of it has been getting out of hand."

**Robert Moorfield**  
Canton



"I do not support it. Many people will tend to use some type of substance to deal with their problems, and marijuana tends to be one of these substances. It's not designed for human consumption."

**Nile Byrd**  
Canton



"I think marijuana should be legalized, but I see medical marijuana as a way to back-door the issue, so I see it as dishonest."

**Mike Sheckett**  
Ypsilanti



"I don't oppose it as long as they don't abuse it."

**Sue Flood**  
Belleville

### LETTERS

#### Eye-opening link

As students head back to school, parents in school districts across the nation are once again paying attention to the funding of their child's education. The lack of funding in our state continues to result in larger class sizes, elimination of or cutting back of services and increases in activity fees. It is amazing our district does so well and scores so highly in the education of our students with the continuing cut-backs from state funding.

In her efforts to operate under the umbrella of transparency, Gov. Granholm has mandated that all public school districts in the state publish their budgets on their district's website. This isn't something that has been made very public, however, and most people have no idea they can easily garner this information.

Simply go to the district website, find the world globe icon and click on. There you will be able to see the salary schedules, benefits and contracts for all school employee groups from administration to teaching staff, transportation, maintenance, food service, paraprofessionals, athletics, etc.

Interesting things to see here in Plymouth-Canton: Did you know that a special education paraprofessional who has to medically catheterize a student makes a top pay of \$1190/hr. (with an additional annual stipend of \$357) or that the superintendent's salary is \$231,000 (with an annual annual of \$17,500)? Of course employee costs are not just salary but may include medical insurance, uniform stipend, car allowance, etc.

It behooves each of us to know all we can about school funding as well as school expenditures and to offer suggestions and support as we feel necessary.

Check out the link on the district's website. It could be a real eye-opener.

**Cindy Bastion**  
Canton

#### Supports Wadsworth

Joan Wadsworth is my favorite local leadership role model. Over her many years of service to the community, I have observed that she always listens,

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does her homework, handles stressful situations calmly, appreciates input from everyone, and accepts responsibility.

Joan Wadsworth is a strong advocate for education. Through her school board experience, she has gained firsthand knowledge of the issues and keen insight into how best to resolve the challenges facing public education today.

Joan Wadsworth's role serving the community has been recognized repeatedly. She gets things done.

For all these reasons, I strongly urge voters in Northville, Plymouth, Canton and Wayne to elect Joan Wadsworth on Nov. 2 to serve the 20th District in the Michigan House of Representatives.

**Steve Mihalik**  
Northville

#### Arts success

The Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage was recently briefed on the progress that the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools has made in developing a comprehensive arts curriculum for visual and performing arts throughout the system. We are amazed how quickly and efficiently the entire system has integrated a plan that touches kindergarten through graduating seniors.

One of our active commission members, Tim

Schoenherr, who is the Visual & Performing Arts Coordinator at PCCS, delivered the briefing. Tim was the first person to hold this position for the district and, with his leadership, our community has enjoyed significant growth and development of the program. It now delivers higher standards and more measurable results.

While teachers coordinated the overall program with the guidance of Mr. Schoenherr, they also benefited through his relationship with the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage. Mr. Schoenherr was able to connect the schools to even more community resources. They now collaborate with several activities hosted at The Village Theater. Some of these initiatives and events have gained not only Canton Township support but additional funding from The Partnership for Arts & Humanities, a local nonprofit fundraising organization. Another proof point of success is the start up of their very own PCCS Fine Art Show that displays artwork to over 4,000 people annually.

With proven evidence that creative minds generate a positive economic impact on communities, the further development of a visual and performing arts program in the public school system benefits us all. And, PCCS are ahead in this regard. For the first time this year, the United States Congress designated the third week in September "National Arts in Education Week." Why? Because creative minds developed in school generate new small businesses and new jobs once students graduate.

The Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage is committed to helping PCCS provide high quality arts and educational experiences. We are grateful that Mr. Schoenherr is an active member of our group and hope others will not only recognize his contribution to our communities but join us in applauding his success. To learn more about how to get involved with culture, arts or heritage activities in Canton, individuals can go to cantonmi.org or contact me at obrec@wowway.com.

**Linda Obrec, chair**  
Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage

## Band stories facet of community approach

When I covered sports many years ago for another newspaper, I frequently heard this from readers: "I wish other activities would get the kind of coverage sports gets."

Their point was that "regular" students — kids who are good at math and science, English and art, acting and singing — deserve just as much attention as the kids who score the touchdowns.

They were right, of course, but we were a two-person newspaper staff at the time, and there was only so much two people can do. I remember writing a column to that effect that was quickly killed by our owner, who said, "People don't wanna hear your excuses."

I learned at the feet of the master, my former editor Annette Kingsbury, to keep community in mind, and I've tried

to do that since I've been in Plymouth and Canton.

And that's why the *Observer* recruits and pays a freelance writer, local resident and local *Observer* reader — Diane Hanson — to cover the award-winning, national recognized marching band.

Hanson will (again) be covering the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band for the *Observer Newspapers*. I met Diane in November 1999 when she turned in a story on PCEP's national championship, which they won in my first week on the job. She's done a great job, with great passion for the kids (her children were band kids) and for their achievements.

It's important to have her doing it. Not that the marching band is any more important — or their successes any more newsworthy — than the Science Olympiad or the robotics kids. But that program has drawn national attention to the district, and their reputation precedes them. It's ultimately what earned them their trip to the 2011 Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York.

Her passion for it is amazing, considering it's been five years since her youngest child graduated. When I asked her about doing it again — it'll be her 16th year — she seemed hesitant, at first. I think her brain was saying, "No, I've got other things to do." But her heart was telling her, "Blah, blah, blah." To her heart, Diane's brain likely sounded like Charlie Brown's teacher in the old Peanuts cartoons. Her love for the kids, for the band, trumped the busy-ness of her schedule.

And Diane's passion for making sure the kids get the recognition they deserve matches our desire to present the achievements of as many of the people in our area as possible. That is, after all, our job.

It's a job we take seriously and, with people like Diane Hanson, it's a job we do better than anyone.

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## Batteries included: A123 Systems hires 300 workers

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
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A123 Systems officially opened Monday with a tour for a congressional delegation and members of the news media of part of its 291,000-square-foot lithium ion battery production facility in Livonia.

A123's facility brings 300 new jobs to Livonia. Company officials said half of the employees hired had been laid off from their previous jobs.

Located in a building that once housed Technicolor Videocassettes at 39000 W. Seven Mile, the plant will manufacture prismatic cells and systems. The factory is designed to enable the complete production process, including research and development, manufacturing of high-value components, cell fabrication, module fabrication and the final assembly of complete battery packs ready for vehicle integration.

### ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

Reporters viewed the battery cell and pack manufacturing assembly lines in what the company called "precisely controlled clean rooms." The facility has the capacity to produce 1 million cells a month, enough for 30,000 electric vehicles a year, according to Jason Forcier,

vice president of Automotive Solutions Group.

The facility had been vacant about 10 years, Forcier said.

Forcier discussed the production process with reporters. The battery cells are aged for 14 to 28 days, to check for deterioration and electrical shorts, which occur from small particles. That quality control check is an industry standard, Forcier said.

The batteries are expected to last 10 years and 3,000 cycles or charges. About 95 percent of the battery is recyclable.

Current electric batteries add about \$10,000 to the cost of a hybrid vehicle, Forcier said, but company officials believe as production increases, costs will fall and that may be cut to about half in three to five years.

Daimler has expressed interest in A123's batteries and GM is also talking with the company about possible production, company officials said. GM's first electric car, the Chevy Volt, has a price of about \$41,000.

Heavy duty trucks will receive the first electric batteries because of the low mileage those vehicles traditionally get.

### BRINGING JOBS BACK

David Vieau, CEO of A123 Systems said the electrodes, a small pack of the actual

battery cell, will be built in Romulus.

"Today it is built in China, but it will be built in Romulus in two months," Vieau said. Vieau said the technology is already being used in single deck buses and earth-moving equipment.

A123's list of customers includes BAE, Eaton, Fisker, Navistar, Shanghai Automotive Industry Corporation (SAIC) and other global automakers and heavy-duty vehicle manufacturers.

U.S. Secretary of Energy Steven Chu said there is a market in transportation for electric batteries and that electric batteries will reduce the U.S. dependence on foreign oil. Chu added that a "major overhaul" of the energy grid will be needed. When asked what that would cost, he said energy peak usage and how best to store energy locally would need study. He used winds generating electricity at night as an example. "We have to understand how to regulate the voltage," Chu said. That may require investments in high voltage electronics, he said.

Forcier said the company looked at its infrastructure and power requirements when deciding on the Livonia facility.

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## Think beyond tax implications with finances

I recently returned from speaking at a retirement seminar and the question that came up the most was taxes and tax policy. It never ceases to

amaze me that as a society we have a fixation on taxes. I don't mean that as a bad thing, but I question whether all the emphasis on taxes does more harm than good.

I have been in the financial world a quarter-century and I've always taken the view that when it comes to taxes "being smart" with them should be an investor's goal.

In our tax system, the more money you make, the more money you pay in taxes. I believe the most important number to focus on is not what you pay in taxes, but rather what ends up in your pocket.

The way tax laws are designed, as one makes more money his/her bracket goes up. However, no matter what bracket if you make more money you still net more money, no matter if you are thrown into a higher tax bracket or not.

The problem I have is people fixated on taxes are focused on the wrong number. The focus should always be on what ends up in your pocket.

I've always wondered why people get involved in lousy investment vehicles such as

variable annuities and limited partnerships. For the great majority of people these types of investments make no sense yet many get involved because these vehicles are touted as tax shelters. The problem with most tax shelters is not that they don't lower your taxes, because many of them do. However, they lower taxes because you make less money.


I believe most investors would find that if they avoided some of these gimmicky tax shelters they may pay a little more in taxes but they would have more money in their pocket — exactly where it belongs.

If you want to fool people about investing, you focus on taxes. It's the number one way to take advantage of an investor. Whether you deal with a

financial advisor or a financial salesperson, if the main focus is reducing your taxes as opposed to making more money, you'll know that you're dealing with the wrong person.

As 2010 winds down, many people will do some year-end tax planning. I encourage readers to always focus on the financial aspect of the transaction as opposed to the tax consequences. If something does not make sense financially, no matter what the tax consequences, the transaction still makes no sense.

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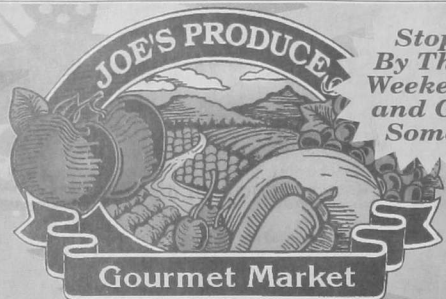
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# Salem spikers finish job, hammer South Lyon

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem varsity volleyball coach Amanda Nies didn't want Tuesday night's KLAA Central contest against South Lyon to turn into another tough loss — which was the case last week against Canton.

The Rocks won the first two games against the visiting Lions, by comfortable margins of 25-17 and 25-15. But they stumbled in Game 3, losing 25-27. Nies then conferred with her players between Games 3-4 to nip any South Lyon comeback in the bud. The result

was a decisive 25-13 win to earn a 3-1 match victory and improve to 4-3-0 overall and 1-0-0 in the KLAA Central.

"Against Canton, we had problems with finishing the matches," Nies said. "So I told them in the huddle to get it together right away."

Kerry MacDonald took the lead, reeling off four aces among five points to start the game, serving up lasers too hot to handle. MacDonald also sparked the offense from other spots on the floor, tallying 54 assists.

"With that kind of cushion, it's hard to come back in a rally game," Nies said. "Their serve receive started

breaking down and they couldn't get their big hitters going. That makes it real easy for us."

## HARD TO HANDLE

Then it was Kerstin Johnson's time at the serving stripe, and she went off on a six-point scoring binge to make it a 13-3 Salem advantage.

According to Nies, when a player goes on a serving streak, it puts opposing players on their heels.

"It becomes mental big time, not wanting (the ball) to come to them," Nies said. "(Johnson and MacDonald) really did a great job serving today. We

work on serving aggressive a lot."

South Lyon head coach Mindy Collins, whose team finally lost (the Lions are 6-1-0 and 0-1-0 in the Central), blamed off-target passing more than anything for the defeat.

"We played this weekend and passed wonderfully and won (the Dexter) tournament and then we come in here today and couldn't pass the ball," Collins said. "It took us out of our rotations and it didn't allow us to have two options on the ball at all times, which we need to be a successful team."

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# Chiefs romp to big division win

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton will try to get on a roll over KLAA South boys soccer rivals, beginning with Tuesday night's 8-0 shellacking over host Westland John Glenn. The Chiefs welcome division foe Livonia Franklin on Thursday in hopes of keeping the momentum going.

It was all Canton Tuesday as some usual contributors and pleasant surprises combined talents for the state-ranked Chiefs, who upped their record to 7-2-1 overall and 2-1-0 in the KLAA South.

Junior forward Mitch Posuniak again was in the scoring mix, with two goals and an assist. Also having a big night was senior Kyle Krause, who tallied the first goal of his varsity career (assisted by sophomore Bobby Budlong).

Other Canton goals were collected by Budlong (from Posuniak), junior Bryan Ren on an unassisted effort, senior Sean Balnaves on a penalty shot (for his first of the year), junior Nathan Bergeson (from senior

Senior Night is a winner, B2.

Connor Furgason) and sophomore Scott Piwowar, who took a feed from senior Garrett Derian-Toth and beat the John Glenn goalkeeper.

Sophomores Connor Shennan and Dan Ovesea also drew assists, each setting up one of Posuniak's goals.

Splitting goalkeeping chores for the Chiefs were seniors Brandon Laabs and Garren Carr.

## Salem coasts to win

Another Plymouth-Canton Educational Park boys soccer team had a big offensive night on Tuesday as Salem routed visiting South Lyon East, 7-0.

Dan Martin's three goals paced the Rocks to the KLAA Central triumph while Brandon Barfuss chipped in with two goals. Helping the cause with single tallies were Colin Rooney and Chris Ensor.

Salem improved to 4-3-3 overall and 2-1-0 in the KLAA Central while South Lyon East dropped to 1-6-0, 0-3-0.



In full pursuit of the ball during Tuesday afternoon's KLAA South boys soccer match are Canton's Daniel Ovesea (left) and Westland John Glenn's Jimmy Merdani.

# Power of the pack: Salem girls capture KLAA Invitational

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In the case of Salem's girls cross country team, packing it in is a good thing.

Consider Saturday's KLAA Invitational at Willow Metropark. The host Rocks won their first meet of the season with 81 points, besting Livonia Franklin (101) and Livonia Churchill (107).

Meanwhile, placing seventh out of 11 teams with 139 points was Canton, led by Bianca Kubicki (10th, 19:39.07) and Emily Southern (17th, 21:34.93).

But what really did it for Salem was having runners crack the 21-minute mark, including those finishing from 24th through 29th place.

"Pack running is always a big key, something we really try to teach," said Salem head coach Dave Gerlach, who lost just one varsity runner from the 2009 squad that won the KLAA and finished eighth in Division 1. "We had nine kids under 21 minutes, which is incredible."

Leading the pack were freshman Kayla Kavulich (sixth overall, 19-minutes, 14.3 seconds), sophomore Shannon Flynn (12th, 19:58.2) and senior Victoria Tripp, who despite feeling under the weather registered a 14th-best time of 20:12.1. All three won medals (as did Canton's Kubicki and Southern).

"They're two young kids, Kayla being a freshman and Shannon a sophomore," Gerlach said. "They really stepped up and as a 1-2 punch there,

KLAA Invite stats and more, B3.

it really helped us and was a huge key to our victory."

"Anytime you can have a front runner and a No. 2 step up like that and run that well, break 20 minutes this early in the season, and score you low points, that's stuff that can help you."

## RUNNING TOGETHER

The Salem girls in places 24-29 were separated by just over 15 seconds. Those included Autumn Burin (20:41.2), Kara Booms (20:43.1), Emily Bizon (20:45.8), Madison Goodpasture (20:46.5), Alejandra Beltran (20:53.7) and Adrianna Beltran (20:56.6).

Another plus was being able to bounce back after a bit of a slow start.

"They fought through a tough start (of the race)," he continued, "but really made up a lot of ground up in the middle mile to put ourselves back in the hunt."

"I was very proud of these girls today and how hard they competed."

Gerlach said the invitational victory is a good sign that his team heeded his advice to not fall into a trap of complacency after last year's success.

"With last years successes we knew that there was a target on our back and we wanted to come out strong," he said. "Victory makes you vulnerable and we did not want to rest on those past successes."



ANDY KARIZAT

Right in the thick of things during Saturday's KLAA Invitational at Willow Metropark is Salem freshman Kayla Kavulich (No. 504), who finished sixth overall.

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# VOLLEYBALL

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## SCOUTING REPORT

One player who had plenty of success for South Lyon was 6-4 sophomore middle blocker Chloe Reinig, a teammate of Salem senior stalwart Nicole Merget in club volleyball.

Reinig tallied 17 kills, 14 defensive digs and four blocks while the Rocks' 6-3 Merget — who played both middle blocker and outside hitter — helped her squad with 16 kills.

"I knew that we had to have a strong block against her because she's a really strong hitter," said Merget, about Reinig. "I basically told the girls that we just had to be prepared, be on the line, make sure we're digging everything and we have our hands up. Be ready to block."

But it seemed as though the Lions stopped potential surges because of bad serving or other shots that missed the Salem side of the court.

The Lions also had to deal with Salem's crisp serve receive and a hard-working defense spearheaded by junior libero Katie Vincent (10 digs in her first starting assignment) and defensive specialist Madeleine Vala (14 digs among others).

"She (Vincent) did a great job for us defensively," Nies added. "Just calm, she brings a lot of calmness to the floor. You wouldn't have thought that this was her first match."

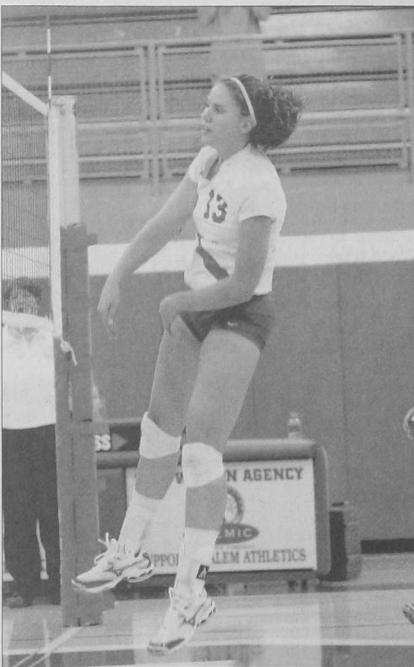
Other contributors for Salem included Jillian Somerville (eight kills, three blocks), Alli Morrison (nine digs), Abigail Dworzanin (seven digs) and Johnson (seven digs along with seven aces).

For South Lyon, Alicia Kalik (37 assists, three aces) and Lyndsay Tyler (nine kills) drew praise from Collins.

## THE NIGHT IN REVIEW

The opening game was a back-and-forth affair through the midway point. It was 13-12 Salem, but the Rocks gradually pulled away.

A sneaky tip in the front row by MacDonald (who faked a pass first) helped Salem build



JOHN KEMSKI

Jillian Somerville of Salem watches after hammering the volleyball over the net. She had eight kills and three blocks Tuesday during a win over South Lyon.

a 19-15 cushion and two-point serving runs by Lauren Aschermann and MacDonald finished the job.

MacDonald and Johnson combined their serving abilities to push the Lions into a 9-4 hole in Game 2 with runs of three and four points, respectively.

Salem kept padding that lead with quick defensive side-outs (keeping South Lyon from grabbing any momentum) and the front-row combo of MacDonald-to-Merget gave the Lions absolute fits on more than one occasion.

Capping off the win with a point from the serving stripe was Katie Heitmeyer.

But the Lions came out strong in Game 3, with Tyler getting it started by serving

up the first three points and Reinig chipping in with spikes and blocks in the front row.

Salem's Johnson put the Rocks up 19-18, however, thanks to a five-point run (including two aces).

The lead grew to 22-20, but the Rocks couldn't seal the deal just yet. Reinig's string of four service points put South Lyon up 24-23 and the game went back-and-forth until an errant Salem shot provided the Lions with game point.

Of course, all that did was lead to a Nies pep talk followed by an even more assertive Salem team in Game 4, making sure the match did not need a fifth game to be decided.

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# Wildcats gain from tourney

## PREP VOLLEYBALL

Heights (16-25, 25-22, 15-12) and followed up with a 19-25, 25-22, 15-12 victory in the semifinals over Livonia Franklin. But Marysville won the decisive match, 25-20, 25-20.

"For a first tournament, it was a good show, but we definitely will be fine-tuning our skills this week at practice," McCausland said. "We had a tendency to be up and down all day, and this tournament gave us the opportunity to see which kinks we need to work out." Defensively, we had a tendency to be a little slow to

some off shots, but when our defense and serve reception were on, we were able to run a very productive offense."

McCausland noted games this week against Livonia Churchill and Salem (6:30 p.m. Thursday), who both have outstanding offensive squads. "So we will be focusing our attention on a dominant double block."

Statistical leaders for the Wildcats on Saturday included Kayla Bridge (22 kills, 45 defensive digs), Emilee Beyer (25 kills, 14 blocks), Dani Risi (25 kills), Shayla Smalls (79 set assists, 24 digs), Madelyn Betts (22 kills, 11 blocks) and Mariah Tesarz (61 digs).

# Soccer fans for both schools have plenty reason to cheer

Three second-half goals Saturday night sparked Canton to a 3-1 victory over Salem in a KLAAs crossover boys soccer match.

But in the alumni game that followed, the Rocks prevailed by a 4-1 score.

In the opening game at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's soccer stadium, Salem (3-3-3) got on the board about 26 minutes into the first half.

Sophomore Chris Dierker took a feed from junior Jake Pascarella and drove a shot past Canton senior goalkeeper Brandon Laabs.

The state-ranked Chiefs, however, got it going after intermission and dominated the action over the final 40

minutes.

First, sophomores Connor Shennan and Bobby Budlong (2 assists) hooked up for the tying marker with 28:05 left in the second half. Shennan finished the play, knocking a shot behind Salem sophomore goalie Erick Beas.

Canton (6-2-1) broke the tie at the 34-minute mark of the half when senior Phil Baciak sent a pass over to sophomore Scott Piwowar — who finished the job.

Junior Mitch Posuniak added some insurance, making it 3-1 with a goal at the 36:12 mark (from Budlong).

## Rocks win alumni tilt

The "Senior Night" crowd

also enjoyed the alumni game, which Salem won 4-1. The Rocks led 2-0 at halftime and never relinquished the lead.

Among players taking the pitch for Canton were current head coach George Tomasso, Logan Magraw, Ryan Dugan, Parker Laabs, Mark Edwards, Andy Huang and Brandon Tolinski.

Former Salem Dream Teamers Brian Popeney and Scott Duhi were among those returning to past glories for the blue-and-white.

Also suiting up for the Rocks were Drew Drummond and Brett Stinar, both players who were named All-State First Teamers during their prep careers.

# Chiefs eying boys tennis division title

Canton is hot on the trail of the KLAAs South boys tennis championship following Tuesday's 7-2 victory over Livonia Franklin.

Chiefs head coach Barb Lehmann said their team (4-0 in dual meets) only needs to take care of Thursday's opponent (Wayne Memorial at home) for the division crown.

From there, the team would gear up for next week's KLAAs crossover matches — used to decide conference and overall KLAAs rankings.

"We are ready for the com-

petition," Lehmann said.

Against the Patriots, the Chiefs lost No. 1-2 singles, but came back to take care of all other opponents.

At No. 1 singles, Canton's Ryan Hanzl lost 6-0, 6-2 to Stephen Payne and then No. 2 singles player Adam Payne dropped a 6-0, 6-0 matchup against Walter Woods.

Canton then won No. 3 (Varun Bandri over Brandon Kozyn, 6-2, 6-3) and No. 4 (Jordan Anderson over Tim Crouson, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3).

The Chiefs swept all five

doubles flights. Those results were as follows: No. 1 doubles - Jimmy LaFontaine-Austin Payne (6-0, 6-1 over Chase Semonick-Quentin Palais); No. 2 doubles - Rocky Willette-Josh Wendel (6-2, 6-1 over Chris Sitarski-Jake Turchan); No. 3 doubles - Ashwin Kumar-Alan Halim (6-1, 6-1 over John Vetula-Tyler Kaldobsky); No. 4 doubles - Luke Freeman-James Dodge (6-2, 6-1 over Joe Bastas-Adam Michaels); No. 5 doubles - Steve Price-Nirmal Pathak (6-3, 6-0 over Jacob Liberati-Brian Haupt).

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Jimmy dandy

Salem's Jimmy Daniels (No. 339) picks 'em up and lays 'em down during the boys race at Saturday's KLA A Invitational. Daniels finished 37th overall, and the Rocks took fifth in the team standings — one notch behind Canton.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

**SALEM (GIRLS) 15**  
**SOUTH LYON EAST 50**  
Sept. 14 at Willow Metropark  
**Salem finishers:** 1. (tie) Shannon Flynn, Victoria Tripp, Kayla Kavulich, 21:59; 4. Adrianna Beltran, 22:12; 5. Alejandra Beltran, 22:13; 6. (tie) Kara Booms, Autumn Burin, 22:17; 8. Emily Bizon, 22:20; 9. Madison Goodpasture, 22:21; 10. Amanda Beyer, 22:22; 11. Natasha Stevenson, 22:34; 12. Phoebe VanHooft, 22:46; 13. Ade Jepperson, 22:57.  
**Salem dual meet record:** 1:0 in KLA A Central.

**KLA A INVITATIONAL**  
**CROSS COUNTRY MEET**  
Sept. 11 at Willow Metropark  
**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Salem, 81 points; 2. Livonia Franklin, 101; 3. Livonia Churchill, 107; 4. Novi, 109; 5. Brighton, 111; 6. Walled Lake Western, 132; 7. Canton, 139; 8. Hartland, 139; 9. Livonia Stevenson, 232; 10. Walled Lake Central, 283; 11. Westland John Glenn, 338.

**Individual winner:** Lindsay Clark (Western), 18:14.24 (5,000 meters).  
**Salem finishers:** 6. Kayla Kavulich, 19:14.3; 12. Shannon Flynn, 19:58.2; 14. Victoria Tripp, 20:12.3; 24. Autumn Burin, 20:41.2; 25. Kara Booms, 20:43.1; 26. Emily Bizon, 20:45.8; 27. Madison Goodpasture, 20:46.5; 28. Alejandra Beltran, 20:53.7; 29. Adrianna Beltran, 20:56.6; 36. Natasha Stevenson, 21:26.2; 47. Phoebe VanHooft, 21:59.3; 49. Amanda Beyer, 22:03.8; 59. Meghan Flynn, 22:23.5.  
**Canton finishers:** 10. Bianca Kubicki, 19:39.07; 11. Emily Southern, 20:15.22; 40. Jessica Sieglar, 21:34.93; 48. Allison Spitz, 22:07.70; 53. Katie Grimes, 22:10.74; 83. Chelsea Smith, 23:21.42; 87. Ellen Grimes, 23:26.81; 89. Hanna Feeze, 23:29.48; 92. Courtney Campbell, 23:38.02; 98. Marissa Campbell, 24:01.02; 103. Anna Lang, 24:22.52; 110. Andrea Rapson, 24:47.34; 123. Kristen Childs, 26:50.39.

**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Hartland, 45 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 73; 3. Livonia Churchill, 86; 4. Canton, 90; 5. Salem, 117; 6. Walled Lake Central, 140; 7. Livonia Franklin, 210; 8. Walled Lake Western, 219; 9. Westland John Glenn, 232.  
**Individual winner:** Ian McGinn (Hartland), 16 minutes, 39.12 seconds (5,000 meters).



Running together as a unit helped Salem capture the championship in the girls race at Saturday's KLA A Invitational. An example of that pack mentality is shown here, with Emily Bizon (No. 489) and Madison Goodpasture (No. 501) in sync.

**Canton finishers:** 8. Miles Felton, 17:14.08; 9. Mitch Clinton, 17:14.52; 14. Braden Conley, 17:23.23; 26. Jeff Moichen, 18:04.91; 33. Andrew Stephens, 18:21.59; 35. Zach Cox, 18:22.22; 36. Alex Krul, 18:26.86; 41. Mitch Pepper, 18:42.33; 57. Tom Walkinshaw, 19:08.83; 63. Kurt Kowalski, 19:15.13; 78. Keegan Sullivan, 19:47.81; 80. Jackson Lytle, 19:52.26; 90. Jay Drennan, 20:24.74; 93. Owen Ash, 20:27.80.  
**Salem finishers:** 6. Steve McEvilly, 17:07.59; 11. Andy Rabbe, 17:25.09; 24. Michael Karizat, 17:58.69; 37. Jimmy Daniels, 18:29.79; 52. Alex Creekmore, 18:55.48; 55. Mason Mills, 19:02.35; 58. Evan Bruyere, 19:10.02; 60. Jeremy Drouillard, 19:12.39; 75. Max Koval, 19:32.42; 79. Lucas Salinas, 19:48.63; 81. James Bushaw, 19:53.83; 84. Kyle Winter, 19:59.30; 96. Dan Remski, 20:37.31; 101. Evan Stevenson, 21:33.41.

**EARLY BIRD INVITATIONAL**  
**CROSS COUNTRY MEET**  
Sept. 9 at Ypsilanti H.S.  
**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Plymouth,

53 points; 2. Dearborn Divine Child, 70; 3. Whitmore Lake, 100; 4. Howell, 105; 5. Belleville, 163; 6. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 184; 7. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 195; 8. Dundee, 205; 9. Dearborn Heights Robichaud, 214; 10. Redford Union, 236; 11. Romulus, 237; 12. New Boston Huron, 323; 13. Ypsilanti, 387.  
**Individual winner:** Joseph Porcari (Plymouth), 16:54.14 (5,000 meters).

**Plymouth finishers:** 1. Porcari, 16:54.14; 4. Derek Gierowski, 17:30.56; 11. Brandon Dalton, 18:05.94; 18. Max Rogowski, 18:24.23; 19. James Maciaq, 18:26.11; 20. Liam Cardenas, 18:26.48; 22. Justin Heck, 18:38.42; 24. Evan Johnson, 18:41.36; 29. Nicholas Eiben, 18:59.92; 33. Garrett Neumann, 19:05.73; 41. Paul Ryan, 19:36.22; 49. Dylan Noble, 19:56.03; 54. Andrew Phillips, 20:05.77; 55. Nichola Williamson, 20:06.03; 59. Zane Berlanga, 20:20.59; 62. Joseph Shaver, 20:27.67; 65. Joey Weishaar, 20:31.73; 77. Calton Hacker, 21:11.48; 113. Stephen Aclien, 23:45.39; 115. Daniel Ahearn, 23:48.61; 145. Tyler Riley, 27:33.86.

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Veterans will be chosen by nomination from individuals or veteran organizations, such as Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) or American Legion posts. Veterans from all branches of the military and from all wars are eligible. Fans are invited to submit nominations to the Whalers front office at Compuware Arena in person, by fax (734-453-4201), or e-mail ([Frontoffice@plymouthwhalers.com](mailto:Frontoffice@plymouthwhalers.com)).

PERKS AROUND

There are plenty of perks for recipients:

- The Veteran of the Game and immediate family will be admitted free of charge to a

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- An interview with the veteran will be featured on Whalers television, radio on 88.1FM WSDP, and Internet streaming at [www.plymouthwhalers.com](http://www.plymouthwhalers.com).

- The veteran will be acknowledged for their service at the game and receive a commemorative coin.

- In recognition of daily sacrifices and contributions made by active duty military members, a \$200 donation will be made on the Veteran of the Games' behalf to the United Service Organizations (USO). The USO is a nonprofit organization that supports military personnel in 140 locations globally with morale boosting programs.

Meanwhile, the new program is personally important to the Whalers staff and players.

"We're proud to honor the veterans and their families for their sacrifices for our country," said Plymouth Whalers Corporate Sales Representative Julius Passeri, a veteran himself.

Added RJ Mahalak, a left winger starting his fourth season with the Whalers, "I have the utmost respect for veterans and all members of our mili-

tary. They keep our country safe and ask nothing in return. They are truly heroes and it will be great to honor them at (Whalers) games."

At the last game of the season, one Veteran of the Game from the previous 33 home games will be honored as the Whalers Veteran of the Year. A \$900 donation to the USO will be made on their behalf.

The Whalers believe this program highlights the teams' commitment to the community and gratitude towards veterans and military members.

TICKET INFO

The Whalers enjoyed a 25-percent spike in attendance in 2009-10 and the team is holding ticket prices for 2010-11.

Single game ticket prices remain \$15 for Center Ice Seating and \$11 for Executive Reserved and Bench Seating. Season tickets for the 34-game home schedule start at \$269.

In addition, the Whalers offer a host of affordable Group ticket plans, Mini and Flex Ticket Packages and Family Value Packs. More information can be found by calling (734) 453-8400 or by going online to <http://www.plymouthwhalers.com/tickets.html>.

GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 195, CANTON 224

Sept. 13 at Fox Hills G.C.

**Plymouth scorers:** Kelsey Murphy, 43 (medalist); Sarah Thompson, 46; Christy Pattison, 53; Danielle Allen, 53; Carly Curvin, 59; Stefania Spambati, 64.

**Canton scorers:** Kelsey McDougall, 53; Chloe Luyet, 56; Paige Osler, 52; Kaylie Lobb, 63; Kayla Lagola, 65; Katie Adams, 67.  
**Plymouth's dual match record:** 4-0; **Canton's dual match record:** 3-2.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 188, SALEM 221

Sept. 10 at Fox Hills G.C.

**Salem scorers:** Gabby LeBlanc, 49; Lizzie Mazorowicz, 53; Ewa Zajac, 53; Katie Veno, 66; Christine Li, 70; Mackenzie Brown, 84.

**Stevenson scorers:** Becca Bubenheimer, 44 (medalist); Sarah King, 46; Chelsea Phillips, 47; Mary Peltz, 51; Brynn Cavanaugh, 53; Dana Smith, 58.

**Note:** Salem head coach Ryan Nimmerguth said the round of 221 was his team's best of the season and that LeBlanc's 49 was her low round of the year so far.

NORTHVILLE 180, SALEM 245

Sept. 9 at Tanglewood G.C.

**Salem scorers:** Lizzie Mazorowicz, 55; Christine Li, 62; Gabby LeBlanc, 64; Ewa Zajac, 64; Katie Veno, 71; Kristin Schultz, 71.

**Northville scorers:** Camilla Zhao, 40 (medalist); Lauren Grigg, 43; Lindsay Matych, 48; Bailey Winter, 49; Chloe Page, 57; Megan Ye, 59.

LIVONIA LADYWOOD 197, BLOOMFIELD HILLS CRANBROOK 199

Sept. 13 at St. John's G.C.

**Ladywood scorers:** Christina Briden, 41 (medalist); Michelle Nelson, 48; Nicole Saller, 51; Sara Even, 57; Katie Gubachy, 58; Hannah Rozar, 60.

**Ladywood's dual match record:** 1-4 overall.

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### EDWIN DALE CLINE

Beloved Father and Grandfather, preceded in death by his beloved wife Della. Survived by his children Teri, Mary, Ed and Vol, his grandchildren Alyssa, Rebekah and Josiah, and his siblings Fernita and Ronald. Gathering Thursday 2-9pm and funeral service 12pm Friday at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to your local senior's center, the Alzheimer's Association or the American Legion. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



### DR. GERALD LEE COX

Retired Detroit Public School Teacher of Troy, MI, a resident of Garden City, MI for 51 years, died peacefully August 17, 2010. He was born July 25, 1926. After serving in the 78th Infantry Division in World War II, he was the first and only one in his family to pursue a college education. He graduated from Michigan State University, earned his MA from Wayne State University, and his PhD from the University of Michigan. He served as a member of the Board of Trustees for Schoolcraft College for nearly a decade. He earnestly devoted his life to education, the examined life, harmonious race relations, and human rights activism. Beloved husband of Madeline Mary (Galia) Cox; proud father of Dr. David Cox (Jill Perry), Dr. Gail Fairhall, Keith Cox (Beth Gebeloff), and Dr. Suzanne Cox (Jeffrey Enay); and loving grandfather of Lydia, Emily, Adam, Andrew, Ethan, Joseph, Aidan, Jessica, and Juliana. A private memorial service is planned. Memorial contributions may be given to the National Peace Foundation (nationalpeace.org).



### JAMES WILLIAM "JIM" FLANNAGAN

Of Livonia, Michigan, Age 82, Died September 3, 2010 at Woodhaven Retirement Community in Livonia, Michigan. Survived by son John Flannagan and daughter Lois Flannagan. Also five grandchildren: Alexandra, Jeffrey, Melissa, Kimberly, and Kelly Flannagan. There will be no viewing or visitation. Cremation and burial took place without services. Jim, an avowed atheist, and master of good beer, fine wine, choice bourbon and single malt Scotch whiskey requested that those desiring to remember and commemorate his life, raise a glass, and have a drink to his memory.

Jim composed the preceding obituary, presented verbatim. He was a Life Well Lived - full of experiences, friends, and good times. Jim served four hitchies in the Navy, in WWII and the Korean War. He was an IRS Agent for 25 years, and enjoyed retirement for 22 years. In retirement, he spent his winters in Mexico, California, or on the Gulf Coast. He toured the Wine Countries of California, France, and Italy. He was a free thinker, a voracious reader, and deeply introspective. Those desiring to remember and commemorate Jim's life are invited to join us in raising a glass, and having a drink to his memory, in a celebration on Sunday, October 10, 2010 from 1:00-3:00pm at Deerfield Apartments Club House, 19559 Farmington Road, Livonia. Jim's family can be reached through Jim's e-mail: flannigan1@aatt.net. Please share a memory at www.rgrharris.com.



### EARL WALFRED HILL

Of Farmington, formerly from Detroit, South Lyon and Negaunee, Michigan where he was born on 2-20-1930. He was released from his pain on September 6, 2010. Earl was 80 years old and the youngest son of 11 children to John and Hilma Hill. He is survived by his children: Marty and his wife Charleen of South Lyon, Patti (Arbour) Leppi and her husband Jim of Commerce, Ernie and his wife Juel of Missouri City Texas, Charlie of Houston, Texas as well as mother of Earl's children Jane Morgan and her long-time companion Ron Beaudoin. He is also survived by his siblings: Lorraine Riddell residing in Florida and Coy Hill, living in Ishpeming, Michigan. He was an avid golfer and loved ski jumping. He was the proud winner of the Nation Ski Jumping Championship in 1952 in Greenwich, Connecticut. He has five grandsons: Jacob Rudi Hills, Justin Paul Hill (wife Lindsey), Alan Anthony Arbour, Ryan William Arbour, and Christopher Alan Hill. Earl was a tool and die maker by trade and worked for Borgwards Corporation for many years. Earl held the record for the oldest person to dive from the 30 foot tower and Sun Lake (Finn Camp) at the age of 77. He loved life and his family and friends and will be missed. There will be a Celebration of Life Party on Sunday, September 25, 2010 at the Finn Camp clubhouse located at 2524 Loon Lake Road, Wixom Michigan 48393 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Memorial contributions in lieu of flowers are suggested to the Arthritis Foundation. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. On-line guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

### GALEN (MIKE) LE MIEUX

September 13, 2010, age 69. Beloved husband of Barbara. Dear father of Michael (Lori) and Matthew (Renee). Grandfather of Madison and Max. Visitation at Mauns-Ferguson Funeral Home, 17000 Middlebelt, (South of 6 Mile), on Saturday from 1 to 9 p.m. with service at 7 p.m. Share a memory at: www.mannsfuneralhome.com



### JOHN S. MCGUIRE

Age 78, of Westland, died Monday, September 13, 2010 after a three month battle with cancer. John is survived by his beloved companion of 14 years, Marilyn Wilt. He is also survived by his five children, David (Becky) McGuire of Westland, Steve McGuire of Westland, Kathy (Dave) Leach of Ypsilanti, Joe McGuire of Charlevoix, Diane (Steve) Snouffer of Roanoke, IN. His loving grandchildren: Amber, Libby, Jenny, Eric, Heath, Aaron, Jesse, Maggie and Brock, one great-grandchild, Preston. His decision was always to donate his body to U of M for research. Memorial to be held at a later date.



### MARY JANE WRIGHT

Age 95 of Plymouth, September 14, 2010. Former co-owner of Harold G. Wright Florist in Detroit. Beloved wife of the late Harold G. Loving mother of Robert H. (Sheila) and Richard "Tim" (Patricia). Proud grandmother of ten, great-grandmother of seventeen, and great-great-grandmother of three. Visitation Thursday, 3-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd. (btwn Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. In State Friday 10:30 AM until 11 AM Funeral at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the church. To share memories please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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## Conference on Oct. 2 focuses on ministry, teaching, growth

The International Christian Education Association will present its 64th annual conference for pastors, teachers, Christian education directors, youth leaders and church workers on Saturday, Oct. 2, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Northville Township. The conference will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the church, located at 40000 Six Mile.

The event is non-denominational, open to the public and will offer 30 workshops centered around the themes contemporary issues, personal growth, special ministry, teacher education and teaching techniques. Exhibit City will be available to tour throughout the day, offering a variety of wares for church needs, Sunday School classes, and Bible studies, as well as gift items appropriate for birthdays and holidays.

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## Sew much fun

Livonia woman will compete in on-the-spot fashion contest

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Raminta Vilkiene knows what it's like to be a fish in an aquarium.

"People can't enter your work area but they can see you and ask you questions," she described her experience in a *Project Runway*-style fashion design challenge two years ago at the American Sewing Expo in Novi.

"Everybody looks at you and you think, 'how will I concentrate?' But I was so surprised, when I was working, it's like everything else disappears."

The Livonia woman won third place for her three-piece day-to-evening ensemble that year in the Passion for Fashion competition. She'll attempt to design and sew her way to another victory Sept. 24-25 when the expo returns to the Rock Financial Showplace.

"It's two days. Friday morning they announce the challenge," said Vilkiene, 38. "You're given a half hour to sketch and a half hour to shop inside the expo. In 2008 they gave us \$100. And you shop inside the expo for everything — thread, fabric."

That year contestants were challenged to create day-to-evening looks inspired by water, air, earth or fire. They worked in the middle of the expo, on public view, designing and sewing their garments. The contest culminated in a fashion show and judging.

Vilkiene expects much of the same this year, with a twist on the challenge garment.

"For me and maybe all contestants, it's the time," she said, describing the brief sketching, shopping and sewing timetable. "The first day you still think you have enough time and you decide to do maybe more difficult designs. And at the end of the day or Saturday morning, you see you don't have enough time to finish."

Vilkiene said she sometimes faces tight deadlines while working as a free-lance fashion designer and seamstress in her basement work shop at home.

"Every time I promise myself not to leave work until the last night. But even if you are professional and you trust yourself, and know how to do seams and you think you have enough time, sometimes you mismanage it."

### SEWING IN LITHUANIA

Vilkiene, who is married and has two children, has honed her sewing ability over a lifetime. She started designing and sewing doll clothes when



A model struts the runway wearing one of Raminta Vilkiene's creations during a student fashion designer show last year in Detroit.



Raminta Vilkiene of Livonia will compete in the Passion for Fashion contest at the American Sewing Expo.

would pass out. I never saw so many fabrics and threads and sewing machines in one place."

She discovered the American Sewing Expo in 2002 and began attending seminars at the annual show.

Vilkiene earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at the International Academy of Design and Technology in Detroit and hopes to teach sewing to disabled individuals in the future.

"I have a huge fashion library — 300-400 books — and I'm not afraid to share. Sometimes you feel instructors or designers are afraid to share secrets or techniques. I am not. Even if someone copies a design, that's in the past. As a creative person, you are always looking to the future."

"Every designer dreams to have a clothing line. But I don't think I have to have a huge line, maybe some boutique stores, definitely."

In addition to participating in the Passion for Fashion challenge, Vilkiene will take a seminar, as she did last year, with one of her favorite designers, Koos van den Akker. Vilkiene likes his "wearable art" style.

### SEWING SHOW

The American Sewing Expo runs 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 24-25; and 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, at the Rock Financial Showplace, located at 46100 Grand River Avenue between Novi Road and Beck in Novi.

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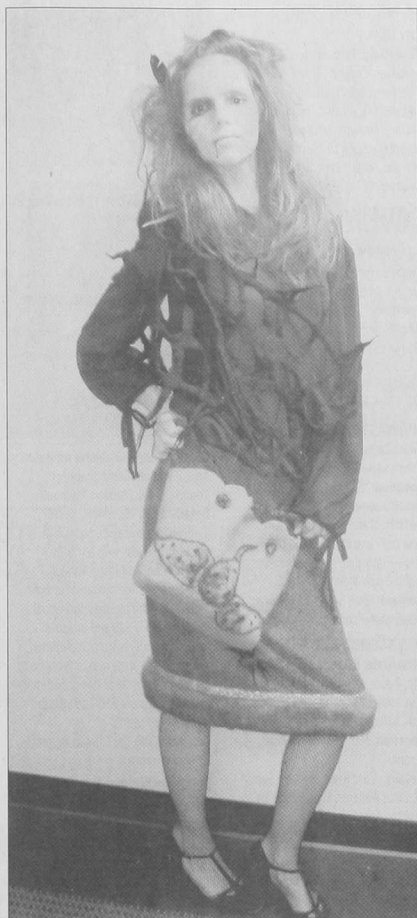
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It's pumpkin time at the Wilson Barn in Livonia.

## Bring on the pumpkins, fall fun at Wilson Barn

Get ready for pumpkins — lots of pumpkins.

The City of Livonia and the Wilson Barn will present the annual Pumpkin Fest from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. daily, from Oct. 2-30 on the grounds of the barn, located at 29350 W. Chicago Road, Livonia.

Pumpkins, corn stalks, straw bales and gourds will be available daily.

On Saturday and Sunday the barn will be open from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. with holiday crafts, cider, doughnuts, caramel apples, hot chocolate and coffee for sale.

Weekend entertainment will take place in the Fall Family Picnic Area, in front of the historic Wilson Family's Caretaker House.

Joyous Noise, a folk group, will perform Oct. 3 and classic rock will fill the air on Oct. 10.

Tours through the Caretaker's historically preserved home will be available from noon-2 p.m. Oct. 2, 9, and 24.

An old-fashioned checker tournament will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 2 for senior citizens, 62 and older. The games will produce two or four winners, depending on how many individuals play. The winners will play on Oct. 9. For information or to register for the tournament, e-mail Ricky or Karen Brogdon at wilsonbarn@me.com or call (313) 937-8710 or (734) 358-1733.

Fall cooking demonstrations also will be held in conjunction with the Farmer's Market on Oct. 2 and 9.

Pumpkin Fest Haunted Barn, for those 12 and under, runs 5:30-8 p.m. Oct. 15-17, 22-24, 29-30. Admission is 50 cents.

## Street art fair features local artists

Look for several local artists to exhibit their art during Common Ground's 36th Annual Birmingham Street Art Fair, Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 25-26.

Mariko Brenner and Dennis O'Neill, both of Farmington Hills, will show their ceramics, including some raku. Donna Williams of Plymouth also will display ceramic art.

Painters include watercolor artist Kathleen Spellman of Farmington and Heidi Macintyre of Plymouth.

The art fair, produced in association with the Guild of Artists and Artisans, will bring together more than 160 artists from across the country to Old Woodward, south of Maple, in downtown Birmingham.

Admission is free and parking is located throughout Birmingham.

Fairgoers this year may participate in the creation of a large scale mosaic, which marks the 40th anniversary of Common Ground, a 24-hour crisis agency.

For more information about Common Ground's 36th Annual Birmingham Street Art Fair go to [www.theguild.org](http://www.theguild.org) or call (734) 662-3382.

Fair hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.



Heidi Macintyre of Plymouth painted this and other scenes that will be on display Sept. 25-26 in Birmingham.

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## Passes offer free visits to arts and cultural venues

The Museum Adventure Pass (MAP) program starts its new season on Oct. 1 with kick-off parties scheduled throughout a nine-county area.

The program is a partnership between more than 200 libraries in Southeastern Michigan and 33 arts and cultural organizations. Library card holders may pick up passes to visit participating arts and cultural institutions for free.

Passes are on a first-come first-served basis and can't be reserved, renewed or requested through interlibrary loan. One Museum Adventure Pass may be checked out per person, per loan period. The loan period is seven days. Up to two or four people may be admitted on each pass, depending on location.

Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer, St. Clair, Genesee, Washtenaw, Monroe, Wayne and Livingston counties belong to the program, which is in its fourth year.

Visit [www.DetroitAdventurePass.org](http://www.DetroitAdventurePass.org) for a listing of all cultural organizations, libraries, pass information and restrictions, as well as directions.

Kick-off parties are scheduled locally from 10 a.m.-noon, Tuesday, Oct. 5, at the Holocaust Memorial Center, in Farmington Hills and from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Ypsilanti District Library.

For more information, call the Holocaust Memorial Center at (248) 553-2400 and the Ypsilanti District Library at (734) 482-4110.

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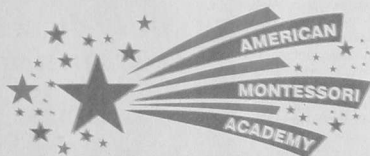
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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### CPA board appointment

The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA), has announced that Canton resident Mark Faulkner has been elected as a new member of its Board of Directors for the 2010-2011 season. The announcement was made by MACPA President and CEO Peggy Dzierzawski.

Faulkner is a tax director and Deloitte's Michigan Multistate Tax Practice Leader. With more than 18 years of multi-state tax experience, he has been involved with implementing numerous state and local tax planning strategies, performing due diligence reviews related to corporate acquisitions and dispositions, and automating the state and local tax compliance process. He has managed tax audits for a number of states and has negotiated audit settlements relative to those audits.

Prior to joining Deloitte, he was the manager of state and local tax planning for Owens Corning.

A member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), he is also a member of the Illinois Society of Certified Public Accountants and is a licensed CPA in Michigan, Illinois and Ohio.

Faulkner received his B.B.A. in Accounting and Computer Science from Western Illinois University and his M.S.T. from DePaul University.

### Four Friends

4 Friends Bar and Grill features live music every Saturday, with featured entertainment Yankeeville Sept. 17 and Exit 145 on Sept. 25.

DI John plays Thursdays from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., and Fridays feature Karaoke with Jay from Ded by DeZign. The eatery also features regular lunch and dinner specials.

Four Friends is located at 44282 Warren (just east of Sheldon) in Canton. For more information go to

www.4friendsbarandgrill.com or call (734) 416-0880.

### Kidney care

Fresenius Medical Care North America, operator of the nation's leading network of dialysis facilities, announced the opening of Fresenius Medical Care Sheldon Corners, an advanced dialysis clinic that will serve the area's growing population of patients with chronic kidney disease.

The Medicare-certified facility is located at 6064 North Sheldon in Canton. For more information on the clinic, which is now accepting new patients, call (734) 207-6219 or (866) 4-DIALYSIS (1-866-434-2597).

Fresenius Medical Care Sheldon Corners features 12 dialysis treatment stations, online charting system with touch-screen monitors at dialysis stations for clinical staff to accurately enter and securely track critical patient information, single use of dialyzers, an emergency back-up electrical generator to help continue critical patient care in the event of a power outage, treatment stations designed for patient comfort and convenience that feature individual media systems and reclining, heated treatment chairs with massage features.

In addition to in-center daytime hemodialysis services, Fresenius Medical Care Sheldon Corners offers home dialysis. Other dialysis patient services include a kidney transplant support program, anemia management, nutrition counseling, bone disease management and social worker support. Ahmed Rehan, M.D., a nephrologist affiliated with Nephrology Associates of Michigan in Ypsilanti, is the medical director of the new facility.

### Feed the 'Knead'

According to the United Way for Southeastern Michigan, 700,000 people in the region are food insecure - meaning they don't know where their next meal is coming from.

Hoping to fight this statistic and "Feed Families in Knead," Panera Bread has partnered with UWSEM's Emergency Food and Shelter Program to

host a non-perishable breakfast food drive Sept. 22-25.

All 43 metro Detroit Panera Bread locations will collect breakfast items, including cereal, oatmeal and granola bars. The donations will benefit more than 30 emergency food providers located throughout the region. The Canton Panera location on Ford Rd. will collect food for the Veterans Outreach Center in Wayne.

Emergency food providers in the area report that requests for food have grown by 20 percent in the past year.

Each person to drop off an item will receive a coupon for a free Panera Bread bagel on their next visit.

### Bagel spot

LaKritz-Weber & Company, the retail real estate experts, announced a 1,800 square foot lease in Isabella's Plaza at Cherry Hill and Canton Center Roads in Canton, for Big Apple Bagels.

LaKritz-Weber & Company represented both the landlord, CGS Canton Parcel 2 LLC, and the tenant, Big Apple Bagels, in this transaction.

Big Apple Bagels specializes in made from scratch bagels, gourmet muffins and specialty coffee.

### Comerica contribution

As part of an ongoing commitment to communities in Michigan, Comerica Bank recently announced its contribution of more than \$1.4 million to Michigan nonprofits during the first half of 2010, including Canton-based nonprofit, the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities for the Canton Center for Performing Arts.

Through Comerica Bank and the Comerica Charitable Foundation, Comerica gives to organizations and programs that support education, economic self sufficiency, neighborhood revitalization, health care access, diversity and inclusion, and civic and community programs.

So far during 2010, Comerica has contributed \$1,472,848 and provided approximately 14,199 hours, or \$296,040 worth of employee volunteer labor hours to organizations throughout the state.

## CHAMBER CHAT

### Economic club lunch

Make your reservation for the Economic Club Luncheon, set for 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, at the Summit on the Park.

Featured speaker will be Doug Rothwell, President and CEO of Business Leaders for Michigan.

Reservations are required; call Deb Zevalkink at (734) 394-5188 or e-mail her at dzevalkink@canton-mi.org

### VA benefits

The Veterans Educational Summit, "Navigating the Waters of VA Benefits," takes place 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 21-22, at Laurel Manor Banquet & Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft in Livonia.

Sponsored by the Canton Community Foundation, the event will help participants learn about benefits and programs through Veterans Administration. Day 1 is for attorneys/advocates. Day 2 is for armed services veterans. Veterans can meet with counselors. Legal continuing education credits available to attorneys and advocates.

Cost is \$125 for legal advocates, free for veterans.

### Practice ACT

An ACT Practice Exam is hosted by McCully's Educational Resource Center 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25.

McCully's Educational Resource Center is providing juniors and seniors the opportunity to take the ACT under test-like conditions prior to the "real" test. Students will receive a detailed score report that analyzes their strengths and McCully's Educational



### Ribbon cutting

A ribbon cutting was held on Thursday, Sept. 9, by LaPita Fresh in Canton to announce their grand opening. LaPita Fresh is located at 45580 Cherry Hill in Canton. Attending this event were employees, Canton Chamber of Commerce members and local residents.

Resource Center is located at 7664 Canton Center in Canton.

### Eat with Phil

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts "Breakfast with Phil LaJoy" Thursday, Sept. 23, at 7:30 a.m. at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The cost for breakfast is \$10 (advance member registration) \$20 (nonmember) and includes a full buffet breakfast, beverages and guest speaker presentation. This breakfast is open to the public.

The breakfast will feature guest speaker Phil LaJoy, Canton Township supervisor. Topic of discussion will be "Canton Happenings" and what he sees as Canton's future.

"Breakfast with Phil LaJoy" is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Xuereb Snow

PC and PNC Bank. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

### Ribbon cutting

Michigan Institute Aviation Technology comes to the community with a ribbon-cutting Wednesday, Sept. 22, at its location at 2955 Haggerty in Canton. It's located on the east side of Haggerty between Palmer and Michigan Ave.

The event starts with networking from 10-11:30 a.m. and a luncheon buffet starting at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon presentation starts at noon, with the ribbon cutting immediately after. The company offers an open house/networking/tours from 2:30-7 p.m.

Everyone is invited to the buffet lunch. Please RSVP if you plan to attend luncheon. Call Holly at (800) 447-1310 or e-mail her at hkonrad@miat.edu by Sept. 15.

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## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

### Jolee's: 'All about the hair' for 10 years

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

**Jolee's:** We are a family-oriented salon. We feel like everyone is family when they walk through our door. We offer perms, high- and low-lites, roller sets, color, waxing, haircuts and styles.

**Observer:** How did you first decide to open your business?

**Jolee's:** I've always wanted to open my own salon one day. At the time, my husband, Ahmad, gave me encouragement and lead me to push my foot in the door and said, "Susie, you can do this. Your strong enough and you have this in you. I have faith in you." That same day, my son said, "Momma, do it. It's a great idea." He was only in preschool at the time. It was such a great feeling to hear.

**Observer:** Why did you choose this area?

**Jolee's:** Ahmad worked in the area before and spotted the location, so he was familiar with the people and what a great community that they have there. It's been wonderful to watch families grow over the years. This is our 10th year. We are celebrating our 10th anniversary by offering special prices on Saturday Sept. 25, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. -- kid's cuts (\$8 and under) are only \$5; men's cuts \$10; and women's cuts \$13. We will also be giving away great gifts throughout the day, providing refreshments and handing



Some of the staff of Northville Township's Jolee hair salon on Five Mile Road: (left to right) Susie Hourany, owner Susie Ftouni and Marsha Shollack.

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**Your Hometown:** Dearborn Heights

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**Number of Employees:** 5

**Hours of Operation:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday; 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday

**Phone:** (734) 420-7800

where I'm right now, and for that I am truly grateful.

**Observer:** What makes your business unique?

**Jolee's:** First, customer service is a number one priority with us. We love our kids and they put big smiles on our faces, which our customers love to see when they come for cuts.

**Observer:** How has it changed since you opened?

**Jolee's:** We have remodeled the salon since we opened, but that's about it. We do not have a high turnover of employees and our customers are loyal. They keep us going.

**Observer:** Any advice for business owners?

**Jolee's:** Believe in yourself and always keep your faith up. You live once, do the best you can.

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# New cookbook offers taste of Armenian cuisine, heritage

BY SHARON DARGAY  
OGE STAFF WRITER

*Armenian Cuisine — Preserving Our Heritage*, a new cookbook set to debut Sept. 24 at St. John Armenian Church's fall festival, maintains culture while eliminating all the "atch-key-chop."

"There's a saying in Armenian — atch-key-chop — which means 'as much as your eye sees,'" explained Dolly Matoian, an Orchard Lake resident and co-chair of the Southfield church's Women's Guild cookbook committee.

When grandma or great-grandma cooked, she often skipped measuring implements in favor of eyeballing the ingredients — atch-key-chop.

Most of the recipes that St. John's members submitted for the cookbook were "passed from grandmother to mother or mother to daughters," and many used Armenian terms, hand-mixing methods and approximate measurements.

Matoian said the 12-member committee reviewed about 600 recipes, narrowed the collection to 450 and updated them to include modern methods and terms.

"We got things on slips of paper that someone's mother or grandmother wrote. We had to re-write it so it's as user friendly as possible," said Charlene Apigian, a Canton resident and committee member. "Try explaining a pinch of this or a coffee cup full of that. Coffee cup — What size is that? We took these things and re-measured and tried different recipes."

## YOUNG COOKS

The cookbook project grew out of a cooking and recipe DVD production that Matoian chaired. The church sold about 2,000 DVDs, many to young members and to non-Armenians as well.

"Many younger people had asked for cooking classes and I asked certain people I knew who were well known to teach that. Some of the recipes you

had to see being made. Those were on the DVD," Matoian said. "It was so well received. These are recipes the younger ones want to learn to make."

The cookbook is geared to age 35-50. Pairs of committee members worked on different sections of the book, updating terminology and method, testing and tasting.

## TIME-SAVING MEALS

Apigian and another committee member tackled the meat recipes — everything from a thick Armenian pizza to meat-stuffed vegetables. Apigian even used her own backyard grape leaves in one recipe.

"What I've always liked about Armenian recipes is the amount of one pot meals," Apigian said, adding "The beauty of this food is that it can be frozen. Someone who is working can do a little work on Sunday and have meals set up for the week."

Matoian said the book includes about 93 vegetable and grain recipes. Even some of the meat dishes mix vegetables with lamb or beef.

"Armenians are known for healthy eating. They were eating yogurt before it was popular," Matoian noted. "Our people live very long."

She and other members of the Guild have been busy since June, preparing 1,000 cheoregs, a braided broche-like sweet bread, 5,000 rolled grape leaves and 6,000 meatballs for the upcoming festival.

"We make them every Monday and Tuesday. All of them are ready to be sold at the festival. People wait in line for them."

The cookbook is \$25 and is available at the festival, located at St. John's Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Or buy it from the church during business hours, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, with cash, check or MasterCard. For more information or to buy the cookbook, call the church office at (248) 569-3405. Or visit the church Web site at [www.sjchurch.org](http://www.sjchurch.org).

The festival runs Sept. 22-26. Visit the church Web site for a complete list of activities.

## YAHLANCHI SARMA

(Stuffed vegetarian grape leaves)

6 cups chopped onions  
1 cup olive oil  
1 cup rice, long grain  
2 tablespoons chopped parsley  
2 tablespoons tomato paste  
½ teaspoon paprika  
1 tablespoon salt  
½ teaspoon black pepper  
½ teaspoon allspice  
1 teaspoon dried dill  
2 tablespoons: ¼ cup fresh lemon juice  
50-60 grape leaves (1 pint if canned)

Fry the onions over low heat in olive oil in a 3 quart skillet until soft but not colored, for approximately a half hour. Add the rice and ½-¾ cups of water. Cover and cook until the rice is half done, approximately 15 minutes. Add the rest of the ingredients except the grape leaves.

While mixture cools, prepare leaves. If leaves are freshly picked, soak them in boiling water for a few minutes. If they are canned, wash well in cold water. Place some large leaves on the bottom of a 3-quart pan to prevent the Sarma from burning.

To roll Sarma, spread a leaf wrong-side-up with the stem towards you. Cut off the stem. Put 1 teaspoon filling near the stem end and fold over the sides. Roll from the stem end like a cigar. Arrange the rolled leaves side by side in the pan in two or three layers. Place a plate or extra leaves on top to keep them in place. Add 1 cup water and cook, covered, at high heat until the liquid begins to boil. Reduce the heat to low and cook for 1-2 hours. May also be baked in a 350 oven for approximately the same amount of time.

Test for doneness by piercing with a fork. When soft, leave in the covered pan until cold to prevent movement and discoloring. Serve cold or at room temperature. Extra lemon may be added if desired. If yahlanchi is left covered in the pan it was cooked in and refrigerated, it lasts 5-7 days.

Yield: Approximately 60

Variation: Same recipe as above but add-in 1 teaspoon sugar, 1 cup chopped parsley, ½ teaspoon cayenne, ½ cup pine nuts and/or dried currants, ½ teaspoon cinnamon, ½ cup dried dill and 1 teaspoon allspice.



Yahlanchi Sarma  
Grape Leaves

## IMAM BAYELDI

(Eggplant prepared with Sautéed Onion and Olive Oil Filling)

36 small eggplants, about 4 inches each  
½ cup light olive oil  
½ cup regular olive oil (not extra virgin)  
Salt  
Filling:  
1 cup light, 1 cup regular olive oil (not extra virgin)  
9-10 medium onions, very thinly sliced  
6-7 cloves garlic, chopped  
1-2 green peppers, small dice  
Kosher salt, pepper to taste  
3 medium tomatoes, chopped  
½ bunch parsley, chopped  
½ cup fresh chopped dill  
Salt and pepper to taste  
2-3 pinches sugar  
Juice of ½ fresh lemon or to taste  
Tomato sauce:  
15 ounces tomato sauce  
¼ to ½ cups water  
Salt and pepper to taste  
Pinch of sugar

Prepare olive oils for the eggplants by combining half light olive oil and half regular olive oil in a quart-sized liquid measuring cup. Wash eggplants, cut off stems and caps. With a sharp paring knife, peel one narrow strip lengthwise down one side. Make a slit on this strip for filling later. When all are prepared, line the eggplants slit-side-up on a baking dish/tray with 2-inch sides. Salt the eggplants lightly and let stand for 15 minutes. Wipe with a damp paper towel to remove excess salt and moisture. Preheat the oven to 375 and with olive oil combination, place enough to cover the bottom of the tray. Roll

each eggplant in olive oil to coat, to prevent sticking while roasting. Roast eggplants until bottoms are lightly browned. Turn once halfway through cooking time and return to slit-side-up for filling.

Meanwhile, prepare filling, using 2 large frying pans, adding 1 cup combination of light/regular olive oil to each pan. Divide any ingredients added between the two pans. Heat olive oil and add onions, cooking on medium heat until soft but not fried, stirring frequently. Once the onions have just started to turn lightly browned, lower heat and add garlic and green peppers, stirring occasionally. Lightly salt and add pepper to taste. Salt and pepper the chopped tomatoes, add a pinch of sugar and again, divide between the mixtures. Add the chopped parsley and chopped dill. Mix well and cook slightly. Add 2-3 pinches sugar and adjust seasoning. Add lemon juice to taste.

Fill the slits of the eggplants with the filling mixture, leaving the eggplants in the tray, side-by-side. For the sauce, combine the tomato sauce, water, salt and pepper and a pinch of sugar in a small saucepan. Boil lightly for 5 minutes and cool. Place a small amount of tomato sauce on the bottom of the trays. Spoon 1 tablespoon sauce over each filled eggplant. Bake in a preheated 365 oven for 30 minutes. Serve at room temperature. This dish may be served as an appetizer or a side dish.

May be frozen in trays baked. To serve, bring to room temperature, bake in a preheated 350 oven for approximately 15-20 minutes and return to room temperature to serve.



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## Shop around when picking mortgage, insurance company

BY JULIE BROWN  
 ONE STAFF WRITER

Choosing a mortgage company, or an insurance company for your home, can be intimidating. Jeff Juenemann, owner of Juenemann Insurance Agency in Westland, recommends that you put some time and effort into your selection.

"If I've only got 10 minutes, I can't ask enough questions," the Northville Township resident and veteran of the insurance business said. Juenemann might ask questions like: Are there alarms? Do you belong to a union? Can we run credit scores on you and your wife?

"It should not be a last-minute decision," Juenemann said. "It gives you more of a conversation than a crunch."

It's generally a better rate if you get home and auto policies through the same insurance company. "The place to start is somebody you already have a relationship with," he said. Typically, savvy buyers work with referrals through their real estate agent or family members.

"You could also look for somebody in the neighborhood who would be familiar with those houses," Juenemann said, noting he has a good understanding of Westland homes.

"When they describe it, I've got a good understanding of what they're describing." Your insurance agent will get such information as square footage, brick/frame construction, size of attached or detached garage and more.

He or she will work out what it would cost to replace the home, including new materials and labor costs. "It typically today can be significantly different from that taxable value, Juenemann said.

There are preference items like liability items and deductibles, along with endorsements that strengthen a homeowners policy. "They're sold on almost every policy," he said. Those include replacement on dwelling contents, backup water through sewers and rainstorms for a finished basement coverage.

That kind of coverage can also be helpful if your basement is unfinished and you store a lot there. "It's not that expensive and it can really save your tail if you get in a bad storm," Juenemann said.

Jewelry coverage is weak, along with antiques and motorized "toys" like boats, travel trailers, and even cars that are stored. "It's definitely not a contents item," he said of such a car, which likely won't be covered unless specifically provided for.

Contents coverage is a percentage of the value of the house. "The whole homeowners policy is built around that starting value, the rebuilding process of the home. They're all a relationship to that first home estimator," Juenemann said.

"You've got something you can comparison shop against." Credit scores are part of auto and home pricing now. "Claims history will affect it."

You must have a homeowners policy at your closing, Juenemann added, so plan accordingly and do your homework.

That advice sits well with Patrick Bennett, director of community relations for the Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan. "That's the main tip to do just that, shop around," Bennett said. Check mortgage rates in the newspaper or online.

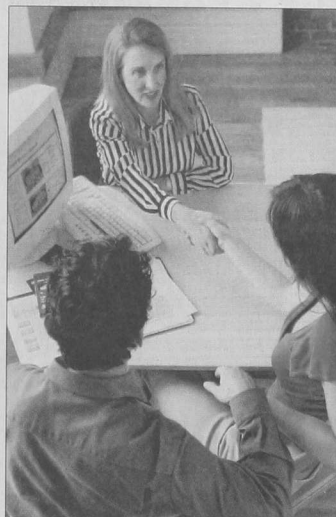
"We recommend they call at least six lenders for information as well," the BBB expert said.

"You never want to jump right into the first offer that is made." Check mortgage rates for a 30-, 20- and 15-year loan, said Bennett, a Livonia resident.

As you're checking for loan details, be sure you check for same loan from each lender, or "apples to apples," Bennett said.

"Right now the issue is the loan modification-type companies," he said of complaints the BBB receives on mortgages. Several are not abiding by Michigan Credit Protection Act guidelines. "Never pay upfront fees for this type of service." The service should be completed before fees are collected, Bennett said.

More generally, you can check with the BBB for a mortgage company to deal with. "Obviously if there are complaints they will show what those complaints



## Catskills area offers amenities

Q: I have always wanted to visit, and perhaps, buy a home in Woodstock, N.Y. I am wondering if you have any information about it.

A: Woodstock is in the foothills of the Catskills, about 100 miles from New York City, and upon recent examination, has a relatively stable real estate market. Indeed, Realtors in Woodstock indicate that it is still



Robert Meisner

a bargain with respect to real estate in the area. It is a bedroom

community similar to

Northern Michigan with excellent restaurants, arts and crafts, and a lot of tourist railroads. It is not the scene of the famous Woodstock "concert" which is 90 miles away, but it has its share of real estate offices, upscale homes and music. As in any situation regarding the purchase of real estate, you should contact a local Realtor, as well as an experienced attorney to assist you in the process in looking for a home or, for that matter, visiting the area as Realtors are often good sources for information concerning events, restaurants and other attractions.

Q: I am interested in buying or renting a condominium around the former World Trade Center and I am wondering if you have any information about the area.

A: You are talking about the financial district in New York City and there are a number of apartments and condominiums that are available in the area. There are also several hotels that are being built that may convert some of their rooms to condominiums.

The area is in a state of redevelopment, not only with respect to the World Trade Center, but with respect of a number of older buildings that are being converted to lofts and other residential purposes. Obviously the prices go up the closer you are to the Hudson River, but there are new walkways with apartments along the edge of the Hudson River or you may also wish to consider a condominium in New Jersey on the shore which looks at the New York skyline.

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 should not be construed as legal advice.

### HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 1-4, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	640 Cherry Grove Rd	\$120,000	Garden City	43093 Providence Ln	\$127,000	Northville	5103, 44348 Verona Ln	\$500,000
	198 N. Hill Pointe Dr	\$135,000		6311 Raintree Dr	\$138,000		3723 Estates Dr	\$230,000
	3411 Denton Rd	\$135,000		44671 Ridgely Rd	\$160,000		3784 Gatwick Dr	\$338,000
	4286 Denton Rd	\$120,000		42425 Somerset Ct	\$120,000		41723 Lindsay Dr	\$124,000
	4651 Gainsborough Dr	\$167,000		42608 Somerset Dr	\$100,000		14205 Terrace Ct	\$150,000
Livonia	5029 Hancock St	\$325,000	Livonia	1012 Arcola St	\$49,000	Westland	18803 Derby	\$530,000
	45185 Horseshoe Cir	\$178,000		31345 Six Mile Rd	\$35,000		9907 Arnold	\$65,000
	1693 Ironwood Dr	\$180,000		29554 Bobrich St	\$364,000		18455 Denby	\$126,000
				32697 Five Mile Rd	\$325,000		18696 Denby	\$96,000
				29600 Greenland St	\$178,000		18803 Derby	\$530,000
Livonia			Livonia	19335 Grenada St	\$156,000	Westland	8881 Fenton	\$12,000
				20693 Josie Ct	\$180,000		26780 Joy Rd	\$52,000
							15840 MacArthur	\$29,000
							12896 Salem	\$103,000
							1100 Edwin St	

### HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 1-4, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills	3747 Eaton Gate Ln	\$158,000	Clarkston	2153 Somerset Rd	\$129,000	Franklin	33160 Rhonswood St	\$50,000
	148 S Vista	\$70,000		6116 Wing Lake Rd	\$550,000		33526 Rhonswood St	\$16,000
	700 Southampton Dr	\$107,000						
	2715 Williamsburg Dr	\$90,000						
Beverly Hills	22250 Allen A Dale Ct	\$335,000	Birmingham	6375 Almond Ln	\$183,000	Lake Orion	24711 Tudor Ln	\$220,000
	17336 Beverly Rd	\$198,000		1570 Bitterbush	\$60,000		3761 Bald Mountain Rd	\$146,000
	11022 Elizabeth St	\$144,000		57 Clarksburg Rd	\$31,000		2751 Calais Dr	\$128,000
	14 Riverbank Dr	\$420,000		5151 Clintonville Rd	\$55,000		694 Ferndale Ave	\$55,000
				4673 Mesa Ct	\$321,000		80 Franklin Wright Blvd	\$217,000
Bloomfield Hills	644 Bloomfield Ct	\$552,000	Farmington Hills	4349 Achilla St	\$189,000	Farmington Hills	26779 Bloomfield Dr S	\$137,000
	917 Chestnut St	\$500,000		5006 Foothills Dr	\$235,000			
	2098 Dorchester Rd	\$137,000		2189 Floral St	\$102,000			
	413 N Eton St # 208	\$42,000		22956 Frederick Ave	\$100,000			
	1039 N Old Woodward Ave	\$85,000		23067 Lakewood St	\$76,000			
Bloomfield Township	220 Northlawn Blvd	\$188,000	Farmington Hills	38009 Bradley Dr	\$180,000	Farmington Hills	4732 Cider Mill Dr	\$197,000
	812 Pligwin Ave	\$405,000		2387 Brooklake Pl	\$75,000		4477 Cypress Way	\$175,000
	556 Puritan Ave	\$510,000		25368 Carrollton Dr	\$200,000		28008 Declaration Rd	\$43,000
	607 S Bates St	\$133,000		24586 De Philippe Dr	\$179,000		26201 Fieldstone Dr	\$230,000
				20852 Deerfield	\$63,000		24723 Glenda St	\$103,000
Bloomfield Township	237 Alie Ave	\$134,000	Farmington Hills	24796 El Marco Dr	\$144,000	Farmington Hills	25008 Strath Haven Dr	\$157,000
	350 Billingsgate Ct	\$50,000		29096 Forest Hill Dr	\$171,000		24776 Venice Dr	\$225,000
	1939 Cedar Hill Dr	\$250,000		38265 French Pond	\$268,000		40494 Village Wood Rd	\$196,000
	3270 Chestnut Run Dr	\$355,000		3590 Hillside Dr	\$119,000		47679 Wellesley Ct	\$375,000
	862 Edgemoor Run	\$322,000		31115 Hunters Whip Ln	\$210,000		29425 Whistler Dr	\$245,000
Bloomfield Hills	1180 Glenpointe Ct	\$215,000	Farmington Hills	26106 La Muer St	\$185,000	Farmington Hills	3550 Black Cherry	\$495,000
	3063 Middlebury Ln	\$233,000		38131 Lowell Dr	\$210,000		3751 Briarbrook Ln	\$227,000
	3793 Millersburg Rd	\$315,000		23223 Middlebelt Rd	\$57,000		41710 Midway Ct	\$427,000
				29613 Pendleton Club Dr	\$53,000			

### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

#### Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty is looking for people who are: positive-minded, highly ethical, service-based, self-starting, eager to learn and professional in appearance. A Career Seminar will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. Candidates would benefit from previous experience or successes in: service industries, account management, retail sales, small business operations, marketing or event planning.

Candidates should have: good people/communication skills, some computer knowledge, a strong work ethic, an opti-

mistic "can do" attitude and a strong desire to achieve results through helping others. Seminar includes: cost vs. income potential, training, company profit share, commission structures. Call (734) 459-4700 to reserve a free seat.

#### BIA

•Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents a Certified Graduate course Estimating For Builders and Remodelers on Tuesday, Sept. 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Association Offices, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of Builders Professional Group, will present the course on how to develop winning bids and use estimates as a powerful management tool. After the course, students will have an appreciation of the importance of estimating, knowledge of how to create an estimating system and the ability to implement an estimating system. This course counts toward National Association of Home Builders Certified Graduate Associate (CGA), Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) and Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) designations. It also counts toward continuing edu-

cation credit for CGA, CGB, CGR, Certified Aging-In-Place Specialist, Graduate Master Builder and Certified Sales Professional designations.

Registration is \$175 per person for members of the NAHB Professional Remodelers Council, \$195 per person for BIA members and \$225 per person for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

•Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present a Real Estate Continuing Education Course on Tuesday, Oct. 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30

p.m. at Association Offices, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

Lori Chmura of Middleton Training will present an update on Real Estate law and practices as required for

Real Estate Continuing Education certification. Registration is \$60 per person for members of BIA's Sales and Marketing Council, \$80 per person for BIA members and \$125 per person for guests. Continental breakfast and lunch are included in the registration. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org/events.php.

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## Thursday PUZZLE CORNER

### CROSSWORD PUZZLER

## ACROSS

- 1 Brewery tank
- 4 Frosh's digs
- 8 Ask for ID
- 12 Pizarro's quest
- 13 Attack
- 14 "Catch-22" actor
- 15 Aerobics gear
- 17 Speech problem
- 18 Lustrous fabric
- 19 Make water-proof
- 21 Hawaii's Mauna
- 23 Cooked a certain way
- 27 Farm newborn
- 30 Monster's loch
- 33 Absorbed, as costs
- 34 Hostile, as a crowd
- 35 RV haven
- 36 Norse king
- 37 Pastoral spot
- 38 No sweat!
- 39 Big celebration

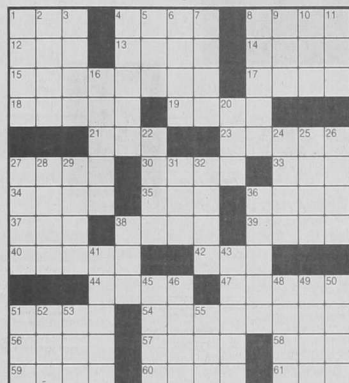
## DOWN

- 40 Furnishes
- 42 Pose for an artist
- 44 Unlock
- 47 Cracks in volcanos
- 51 Zip
- 52 Citrus extract (2 wds.)
- 56 Love, to Claudius
- 57 Fox's abode
- 58 Mesozoic, for one
- 59 Dartboard locales
- 60 Hang around
- 61 Chicken piece

## Answer to Previous Puzzle

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## SUDOKU



Level: Beginner

## Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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**GARDEN CITY** - Sharp 4 bdrm ranch, garage, 2 bath, kitchen appliances, option avail. \$800 248-708-1823

**GARDEN CITY** 13 bdrms, 2 bath, finished bsmt, fenced 2 car gar. \$1000/mo + util. Sec. Dep. Ref. 734-634-8656

**INKSTER** - Remodeled 3 bdrm brick ranch, updated furnace, utility rm, option avail. for credit, \$550. 248-708-1823

**LIVONIA** - 26890 Sunnydale Beautiful up-to-date 3 bdrm ranch, until bsmt, 2 car gar, spacious yard. \$1250/mo + \$1250 sec. dep. 313-537-4477

**NOVI**  
Homes from \$790/mo! Several communities in the area! 888-884-1339

**OAK PARK** - Cute 2 bdrm ranch, limited accup, option avail, bad credit ok, pet ok. \$550. 248-708-1823

**PLYMOUTH**  
2 Bdrms, 1 bath, full bsmt, attached garage, washer/dryer incl. \$825/mo. 734-645-5082

**REDFORD** - Sharp 3 bdrm brick, finished accup, option dining room, 2.5 bath, C/A option. 248-708-1823

### Homes For Rent

**REDFORD**  
3 Bdrms, 2 baths, 2 garage, central air, laundry facilities, finished basement, hardwood floors, Paces golf course. No pets! \$950. 313-407-2665

**REDFORD:** Open Sun 2-4, 16455 Olympia, 3 bdrms, 2 bath, burgundy, appls, car, new carpet, bsmt, garage, near park. \$900. (248) 701-2295

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3 bdrm brick ranch, full bsmt. \$895/mo + 1.5 sec. Call: (734) 564-8402

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**WESTLAND:** Clean 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath ranch, c/a, carpet, appls, fin. bsmt. No pets! 800-871-2725 area. 3925-734-591-9163

**WESTLAND:** Livonia Schools, 4 bdrms, new hardwood, appls, car, appls, fin bsmt, remodeled, a/c. \$1295. 517-375-0031

### Homes For Rent

**WESTLAND:** Nice 2 bdrm. Ranch. Very clean. New paint, carpet & fence. \$700/mo. 313-418-9905

### Mobile Home Sites

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Relocate your home and receive:  
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**Lease/Option To Buy**  
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# COMMUNITIES

### 5000-5990 Employment

**DELIVERY DRIVERS**  
Local Routes/Company Truck  
\$15/hr Call (313) 292-9300  
No experience w/good record  
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**ACTIVITY DIRECTOR**  
Full-time retirement home in Livonia/Canton area, must be experienced and able to obtain CGL driver's Lic. Good wages. Fax resume to: (248) 356-3509

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
Fast-paced Plymouth property management office seeks full-time office assistant with excellent phone & computer skills. Proficient in Word (mail merge), Excel & some experience. \$12,000-13,400 + benefits. Fax resume to: 734-459-0690

**FALL OPENINGS**  
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Experience & driver's license required. Full-Time. Laird's Auto Glass, Plymouth. (734) 453-2599

### Help Wanted-General

**AUTO PORTER**  
Full-time, good pay & benefits. Must have good, clean driving record. Apply within 10 days. Call: 734-459-0690

**DISPATCHER NEEDED**  
Ground transportation co. servicing Metro Detroit airport seeking experienced dispatchers. Knowledge of Metro area and excellent communication skills a must. Experience within a courier or to a dispatch environment is helpful. Two way radio and computer experience preferred. This position requires flexibility in scheduling as weekends/holidays/shift work are required. Starting Pay \$9.75 per hour. Hard working, dedicated individuals interested in a challenging opportunity, please apply in person or forward resume with cover letter to:  
**Metro Cars**  
ATTN: H.R. Dept. - DIS-P  
24957 Brest Road  
Taylor, MI 48180  
Fax: (734) 946-7417  
EOE  
No Phone Calls Please.

**EDUCATIONAL GRANT WRITER COMPLIANCE OFFICER**  
Covenant House Michigan serving homeless youth in Detroit has an opening for a full time Educational Grant Writer/Compliance Officer responsible for maintaining compliance with Michigan and submitting grant applications to the Department of Education (DOE) and U.S. Department of Education (USED) guidelines for all discretionary grant funding awarded to Covenant House Academies. Also writing and submitting grant applications; preparation of grant application materials for submission; and tracking progress, pending and awarded grants. Additional responsibilities include researching applicable state and local educational grants, and private grant sources; preparing bi-annual language to streamline grant preparation process; Person should be knowledgeable of the Board's obligations to all City, State and Federal laws, including the Federal IDEA. Knowledge of DOE and USED educational grant application process. \$40-45K + excellent benefits.  
Please send resume and cover letter with salary requirements to:  
Attn: HR, CHM, 2959 Martin Luther King Blvd. Detroit, MI 48208  
Fax: 313-463-2222  
email: [cherndon@covenanthouse.org](mailto:cherndon@covenanthouse.org)  
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### Help Wanted-General

**FOKILT, I/Hi Lo Drivers**  
PACKAGING PLANT HIRING  
\$12-13/hr + FULL BENEFITS  
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Full-time for retirement community in Livonia/Canton area. Must be experienced. Must have valid Driver's License & snow removal experience. (248) 626-3212

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• PROTOTRAX LATHE  
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[pmangerposition@hotmail.com](mailto:pmangerposition@hotmail.com)

**Prototrax Mill/Operator**  
Tool & Gage exp.  
(248) 474-5150  
[Investment57@yahoo.com](mailto:Investment57@yahoo.com)

### Help Wanted-General

**Managing Consultant**  
IBM Consulting, 3000+ NY and various client locations throughout the U.S. Design and develop SAP XPR technical solutions. Knowledge of SAP and non-SAP components. Conduct business development, gather business requirements. Create technical specifications based on user requirements. Develop the SAP/UXPR object required to integrate systems. Develop custom SAP objects. Conduct code reviews and unit testing. Support engagement activities through business requirement analysis, design, development, testing, and implementation of engagement activities in support of the work product. Utilize SAP ABAP, SAP NetWeaver Process Integration, SAP NetWeaver PI/BPM, SAP ALE, IDI and IDocs. Requires a Master's degree or equivalent in Computer Science, Engineering, or related and one (1) year of experience in SAP or related Software Engineering. 40 hours per week, 9:00am to 5:30pm. Send resume to: **IBM #A393, 71 Fifth Avenue 5th Floor, NY 10003**

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**OFFICE CLERK**  
Part-Time (20 hrs/wk) clerk for downtown Detroit/Holyoke cooperative. (Lafayette Park area) Answer phones, office filing, computer data entry and assist office manager.  
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Must be self-starter. Must have EXCEL skills! Please Send Resume to: [recruit26@att.net](mailto:recruit26@att.net)

### Help Wanted-Dental

**DENTAL ASSISTANT & CERTIFIED HYGIENIST**  
South Lyon Dental office seeking dental asst. & Certified Hygienist. Part-time. Motivated team player. (Cert. preferred) Fax resume to: 248-477-0125 and/or call 248-437-2024 ask for Patsy

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For occasional Wed. and every other Sat. 2 yrs exp or more. Call: (734) 455-4070

**DENTAL ASSISTANT, FT**  
Plymouth dental office seeks an energetic, friendly, team player with 2+ yrs exp. Email resume to: [carolstidson@aol.com](mailto:carolstidson@aol.com)

**DENTAL ASSISTANT:**  
For busy pediatric office. Experience preferred but willing to train the right person. Fax resume: Attn: Tammy: (734) 254-0861

### Help Wanted-Medical

**FRONT DESK**  
Needed for Ovarian Oncology Office. exp. Only. Computer savvy. Responsible & dependable. FT days benefits. Fax resume to: 248-477-3328

**Medical Receptionist**  
Seeking FT Receptionist for dermatology office. No prior exp. but not necessary. Must be P.O. Box 2580, Dearborn, MI 48123

**PHARMACY TECHNICIAN**  
FT-PT. Must have retail pharmacy exp. Certified preferred. High volume, great support staff. Great pay, plus many benefits. Immediate openings. Warren Prescriptions 32910 Middlebelt, #14 Mile Farmington Hills 248-855-1177

**Healthcare Administrator/Prosthodontic Coordinator Manager**  
Growing Orthotic & Prosthetic company based in Livonia seeks an experienced leader for our prosthetic coordination team with the following minimum qualifications: 5 years of managerial experience in a full-time environment managing the customer experience and coordinating appointment schedules, works well in a fast paced team environment, comfortable with technology, Bachelor's degree preferred, CAD industry experience preferred.  
Please email resume and salary history to: [Khalil@MSHealth.com](mailto:Khalil@MSHealth.com)

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**HOUSEKEEPER**  
Great opportunity for self-motivated, hard worker with good judgment to work for family as a part or full-time housekeeper. Duties encompass general housekeeping skills (vacuuming, mopping, dusting, windows, bathrooms, etc.). Must like children and animals. Non-smoker, from a non-smoking household. Household experience required. Weekend availability. Please fax resume of qualifications and resumes. Fax: (248) 593-5849  
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College Student Preferred  
in my Wallate Lake, new Mrs. 17-24pm, 30hrs/week, 14 & 12 yr old kids. \$8hr. 248-960-2287

**Divorce Services**  
\$510  
LIVONIA: Merimian St. Flea Market, Fri. 3-8, Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5. Huge inventory furniture, household goods, TVs, computers, lots of new items for sale for \$5 or less. 12077 Merimian

**LIVONIA: Multi-FAMILY**  
15344 Bainbridge, North of 5 Mile, East of Merimian Furniture, dishwasher, lots of household & books. Thurs-Fri. Sept 16-17, 9-4pm.

**LIVONIA:** Sept 18 & 19, Sat. & Sun. 10-5. 16653 Shrewsbury Ct. Books, household goods, clothes, misc.

**LIVONIA:** Thurs-Fri. Sept 16-17, 9-4pm. 38558 Doran S of 5, bwn Newburgh & Haggerty Furniture, kitchen items, yard equip & misc.

# CLASSIFIEDS

### 7000-7780 Merchandise

**HUGE CLOTHING SALE!**  
South Redford Church  
2485 W. Chicago, Redford  
Sept 17, 9-4 & Sept 18, 10-3  
ALL ITEMS PRICED \$2.50 - \$11

**PLYMOUTH CHURCH:**  
45201 N. Territorial, Tues. Sept. 21, 12-7pm; Wed. Sept. 22, 9-5pm; Thurs. Sept. 23, 2-5pm bag sale, 9-3pm.

**7100 Estate Sales**  
CANTON ESTATE SALE  
Sat. Sept. 17 & 18, 10-4pm. Antiques, furniture, lots of vintage collections. 39500 Warren Rd., Lot 88

**CRAFT SHOWS:**  
Laurel Park Plaza, Livonia. Oct. 8-9 & 10-11am. For vendor space, call: 313-262-1229. Home Goods, Tools, Home Goods. 810-658-0440, 810-658-8080

### 7100 Estate Sales

**NORTHVILLE** - Mom's Estate Sale. Furniture, china, house hold goods, accumulation of 60 yrs. Sept 16-18 9-5, 1960s Gardene Way, 7 Haggerty.

**SOUTH LYON ESTATE SALE** - Thurs-Sat, 9-5pm. On Marshall Rd. 1/4 Mile S of Silver Lake Rd. Power tools, hand tools, pressure washer, 4 outdoor motors, sports equip, chipp/shedder & household items

**CANTON** - Garage Sale 44067 Hardside Dr. Canton, MI (Cherry Hill & Sheldon). Thurs-Sat, Sept. 16th-17th. Household items, games, furniture, appliances & misc. 25 to \$50

**CANTON SNOWFLOWER** Sub. Thurs, Sept. 16 - Sat, Sept. 18 9am-7 W of Canton Center and N. S. of Warren. Also BIG SALE Halloween Decorations. 42566 Glenborough Thurs, Fri 9am-4pm. Look for signs & yellow balloons

**BIRMINGHAM** - HUGO SALE. Sat. Sept. 18, 9am-3pm. West of Southfield Road. Tables, chairs, household goods, books, teacher supply, clothing, bedding, kitchen, lamps, etc.

### Garage Sales

**CANTON - COMMUNITY YARD SALE**  
Plymouth Warding, corner of Sheldon & Warren Roads. Fri-Sat, Sept 17-18, 9am-5pm

**CANTON** - Garage Sale 44067 Hardside Dr. Canton, MI (Cherry Hill & Sheldon). Thurs-Sat, Sept. 16th-17th. Household items, games, furniture, appliances & misc. 25 to \$50

**CANTON** - 16th & 17th. Sept 16-17, 17 & 18, 42732 Larchmont Dr. N. of Fordi. E of Beck

**CANTON** - Multi-Family Sale. Cherry Hill Orchard, Stonegate, Oakdale, 5 E. of Cherry Hill, N. of Palmer, E. of and of Lilley. Sept 16-19th.

**COMMERCIAL TWP** 2460 W. 16th Rd. SALE. Thurs, Fri, Sat. New Christmas, crafts, household, display items, collectibles

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** - Whole house sale. Selling everything: tools, glassware, furniture, etc. Sept 15-18, 8-6pm. No early sales. 6658 Conner, off Warren, E. of Inkster.

### Garage Sales

**CANTON:** Huge Garage Sale! Large home, association pool, Dept 60, Dicksons, North Pole, and E. P. Garfield, table saw, drill press, jigsaw, other tools, household items, etc. Sept 16, 17 & 18, 42732 Larchmont Dr. N. of Fordi. E of Beck

**FARMINGTON HILLS**  
9 Families & 1618-918 9am-4pm Nice theme clothes, household, sports equipment, etc. Call: 248-207-4973

**FARMINGTON HILLS**  
Garage Sale Multi-Family Household and baby items. 24685 Livewood Dr., Farmington Hills, Sept 17, 17 & 18, 9am-4pm.

**GARDEN CITY:** 32512 Windsor (corner of Fairchild). Clothes, toys, household items, everything priced to go. Sept 16, 17 & 18, 9-5.

**GARDEN CITY:** Collectibles, antiques, furniture, clothing, etc. 9/17 & 9/18, 12-6pm. 31712 Brown St., off Merimian Blvd. Ford & Cherry Hill

**HIGHLAND 2400 Still Meadow**  
Lane, off Waterbury, turn right on Livonia, turn right on 2400. 9am-5pm. Lots of infant & baby stuff! Household, toys, furniture & more!

**HIGHLAND:** Huge multi-family sale! Household & decor, curtains, light fixtures, satellite radio sys., sporting goods, aluminum rims, antique trumpet, boys clothes 8-14 slims. 9/16-9/17, 9-4pm, 9/18, 9-12pm. 4401 Timberlake Trail, from 50 go on Tipico Lake Rd approx 2 miles

**LIVONIA:** Huge 4 Family! 9113 W. Bassett Ct. 2 bks E of 275 & 1/2 bks S of Ann Arbor Rd. Wed-Sat, Sept 15-18, 9-5pm. Collectible dolls, Beanie Babies, variety of items!

**LIVONIA:** Huge Garage Sale! 29129 Oriole, Sept. 18th & 19th, 9-5pm. Collectibles, big screen TV, couches, decor, household, clothing.

**LIVONIA:** 30523 Hwy St. S of 5 Mile, W of Henry Run. Sept 15-19th, 9-4. Holiday items, clothes, albums, plus a large variety of items.

**LIVONIA:** Sept 18 & 19, Sat. & Sun. 10-5. 16653 Shrewsbury Ct. Books, household goods, clothes, misc.

**LIVONIA:** Thurs-Fri. Sept 16-17, 9-4pm. 38558 Doran S of 5, bwn Newburgh & Haggerty Furniture, kitchen items, yard equip & misc.

# MARKETPLACE

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<b>Garage Sales 7110</b> <b>MILFORD</b> 114 E. Washington (S. Main) Fri-Sat, 9am-4pm, Sun, 10am-2pm. Great Deals! Everything Must Go! <b>MILFORD</b> Furniture, household goods, books, and a lot more. 9/17 and 9/18, 9am-5pm, 30002 Artesian Dr., 1 mile E of Milford Rd., off Pontiac Lake. <b>MILFORD</b> Big sale! Tools, hardware, material, window, antiques, collectibles, scrapbooks, pictures, clothing and more. 44662 Aspen Ridge, W of Sheldon, S of 6 Mile. <b>MILFORD/HIGHLAND</b> - Oakland County's Biggest Garage Sale! Sept 16-17, 9am-4pm; Sept 18, 9am-2pm, 2029 N Milford Rd., 1 mile E of M-59. Antiques/collectibles, electronics, toys, furniture & appls. Proceeds benefit Community Sharing. <b>NEW HUDSON</b> - Table saw, skis, armoire, tools, baby clothes & much more! Fri, Sept 10-5pm, 50500 Potteryville, Grand River & Martindale. <b>NORTHVILLE - MULTI-FAMILY</b> Fri Sept 17, 9-4, 358 Welch Rd, 8 Mile & Center St. Household, furniture, accessories, books, patio & more! <b>NORTHVILLE</b> 314 Buchner Hill - Friday, Sept 17th, 9am-5pm. Mountain View Condos near Baseline & High St.	<b>Garage Sales 7110</b> <b>NORTHVILLE</b> Garage Sale! Fri, Sept 17th, 9am-5pm. Household items, luggage, pictures, clothing and more. 44662 Aspen Ridge, W of Sheldon, S of 6 Mile. <b>NORTHVILLE</b> Garage Sale! Sat, Sept 18th, 9-5. 47578 Baldwin Ct, 9 Mile & Beck. Housewares, Tools, Toys, Electronics, Plus Size Clothing, Designer, Teen Clothing, Estate Items & Antiques. Don't miss this one! <b>NOVI - Garage Sale</b> Sat, Sept 18th, 9-5. 47578 Baldwin Ct, 9 Mile & Beck. Housewares, Tools, Toys, Electronics, Plus Size Clothing, Designer, Teen Clothing, Estate Items & Antiques. Don't miss this one! <b>NOVI</b> Garage Sale - Sept 16-18. 9am-4pm, 24703 Venice Dr, 10 Mile & Beck. Multi-Family, Multi-Ages, Great Prices with a variety of household items, also some antique farm equipment.	<b>Garage Sales 7110</b> <b>NOVI</b> Multi-Family Sale. Sat, Sept 18, 9-4. Small Appliances, kids clothes, misc. 21850 Shadybrook Dr. Haggerty to 9 to Sunrise to Shadybrook. <b>NOVI</b> Sept 17 & 18, 9-6. Antiques, antique record player, bed frame & stroller. Stereo, desk, baker's rack, household items, clothes & lots of misc. 40311 Oak Tree W of Haggerty, S of 10 Mile, off Cranbrook. <b>PLYMOUTH PLANT NOW</b> Perennials \$1 and up. Seasonal Decorations. Decorative Accessories Sept. 16-17th, Thurs/Fri, 9am-5pm. 555 Byron, Plymouth. <b>PLYMOUTH</b> Sale. 9/16-17. 8am-4pm. 1480 Grand Dr. Craft supplies, couch/hair, misc. items. (734) 576-7462. <b>PLYMOUTH TWP.</b> Multi-Family Sale. Antiques, furniture, home collectibles, etc. Sept 16-18, 9-5pm. 41219 Green Briar Ln, 9 Mile & S of 5 Mile. <b>PLYMOUTH - Estate Sale</b> High End! Furniture, Decor, Access, Antique Auto, Furniture, Patio, Garden, Gardening and MORE. Sept 17-18, 10am (Fri-Sat, Sun) 8-5pm. 12303 Hollywood Dr.	<b>Garage Sales 7110</b> <b>REDFORD</b> Thurs-Sat, Sept 16-18, 10-5pm. 13512 Woodbine 1 blk W of Telegraph, S of I-56. Tools, furniture, housewares, clothes. Weather Permitting! <b>REDFORD TWP.</b> Baby crib, yard toys, misc. furniture for all ages, home decor & more! 9/17-9/19, 9-4pm. 25391 Ivanhoe St., Beach Dunes Mile. <b>REDFORD TWP.</b> Collectibles, furniture, Schwinn Sting Ray bike, Teeter hand-up, vintage toys, misc. Sept 17, 9-4pm. Sept 18, 9-3pm. 16583 Beech Daly Rd, btwn 5 & 6 Mile. <b>S. LYON</b> 4 Families - 8066 Dixboro, btwn 67 Mile, Sept 17-19, 9-6. Collectibles, children items, Mosaic supplies, home decor, furniture, much more! Everything must go! <b>WESTLAND</b> Community Garage Sale Sept 18, 9-4pm, 100 Vendors. 36601 Ford Rd. Spaces still avail. (734) 722-7620. <b>WESTLAND - 3 Family Sale!</b> 3 lg tents in yard, lg holiday assortment, crafts, books, sewing mach, 50's boat of material, tools, toys, fishing, etc. 35235 Fairchild E, E of Wayne Rd, btwn Cherry Hill & E of Wayne Rd, Thurs-Sat, Sept 16-18, 9-5pm.	<b>Moving Sales 7130</b> <b>CANTON MOVING SALE</b> Sat & Sun 9-5. 4301 S. Unbarland Circle off Sheldon, btwn Ford & Warren. Baby clothes, some furniture, glassware, etc. <b>NORTHVILLE</b> 1002 Elmsmere, Pleasant Hill Sub. Sept 17, 10-4pm; Sept 18, 9-2pm. Furniture, housewares, yard, exercise equip, artwork & misc. <b>PLYMOUTH MOVING SALE</b> 19 Years Moving! Fri and Sat, 9/17 & 9/18, 9am-5pm. 6315 Weed Rd., Plymouth, MI.	<b>Household Goods 7160</b> <b>LIBRARY DESK</b> - Tables, beds, tv's, couches, will email pics. Help in moving. Call: (248) 207-5344. <b>MISC. 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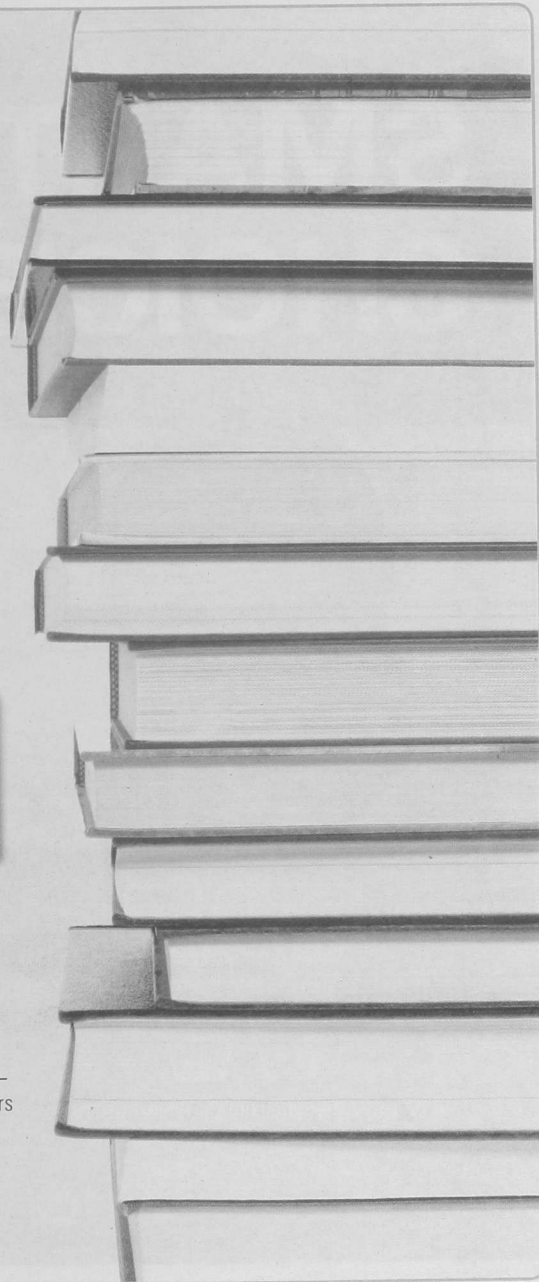


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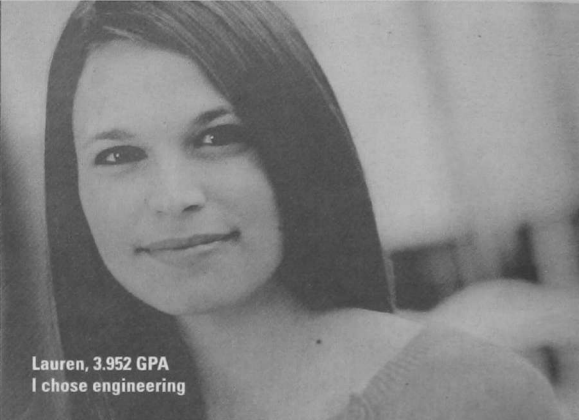
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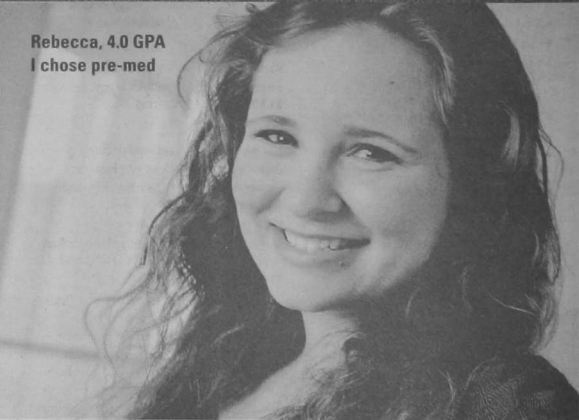
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- Get the facts. If you have some money put away for college or invested in a 529 college fund, you'll want to get an idea of how those savings stack up against potential tuition and what level of financial aid you can count on.

There are many resources available on the web, but you can start with the financial aid calculator at [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org). To get the clearest picture what's in store, do the calculations used by both private and public institutions.

- Apply to a wide range of schools. Despite the downturn in college endowments, some schools still have more scholarship money than others. In fact, some of the financial aid packages available at the nation's most elite universities are among the best in the country. As a result, parents of a top-tier student should not automatically rule out top-tier colleges. However, thanks to fierce competition among applicants, parents should encourage even the brightest of children to apply to several institutions, including a few "safety" schools that might be delighted to offer your child a scholarship.

- Stay informed. Don't rule out financial aid and scholarships, even if you think your income may be too

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- Think outside the box. Creativity is a key asset when planning for college. If loans, scholarships and savings still come up short, consider some alternative routes to the same destination. For example, consider the transfer option. If there is a good community or junior college near home, your child could start there and then transfer to a four-year college or university.

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## Writing About Real Life: Michigan Tech Student Elijah Haines

Third-year Michigan Technological University social sciences major Elijah Haines is many things—aspiring lawyer, outdoors enthusiast, art aficionado, wannabe world traveler.

Luckily for the Michigan Tech community, he's also a writer. Haines' essays—weekly staples in the University's student newspaper, the Lode—focus on issues big and small, from gay rights to great meals.

"I used to think writing had to be novels and fiction," Haines said. "But writing about real life can be just as creative."

Haines says he's written his whole life, and it shows. His essays bear the mark of a great storyteller—richly detailed and evocative with an efficient simplicity. In a recent editorial, "Growls of a Gourmand: The Tragedy of Forgetting Food," he writes of his love for "real food":

*It has been one month and twenty-five days since my last memorable meal. If I close my eyes, I can still recall it: a sizzling New-York strip steak coated with marionberry sauce, a salad of fresh mozzarella mixed with tomato and basil from our garden, lightly drizzled in olive oil, and a bed of spaghetti topped with a savory pancetta and onion sauce. The smell of my mother's French bread is perhaps most memorable... the sound of the crackling crust and the way the poppy seeds dropped off and danced on the plate as you bit into the fluffy, warm loaf.*

Haines, an Escanaba native, says that for the time being, his writing is mainly a hobby. He is studying law and society with aspirations to attend law school.

"Harvard would be my dream," Haines says. "My grandfather went there, and I would love to as well, so that's what I'm working towards."

In the meantime, Haines has much to keep him busy. He plans to continue writing for the Lode and hopes to submit some of his work to magazines and other larger publications. He's also active in Keweenaw Pride (the University's GLBT student organization), serves as a mentor for the First-Year Experience Learning Community, and spends time outdoors skiing and longboarding.

Haines' schedule is full, but he doesn't seem to mind.

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Social Sciences major, Elijah Haines

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**John** was drawn to the Nursing program's excellent reputation when he decided to shift from carpentry into a new career in health care.

**Samantha** is a Computer Graphics Technology major who intends to transfer her Schoolcraft credits to a university.

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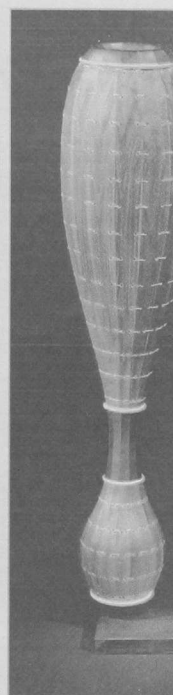
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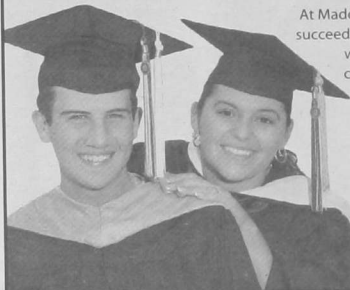
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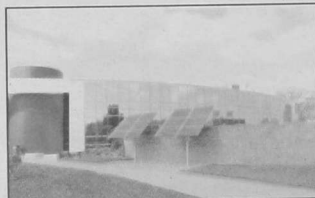
Biotechnology is a growing field that many HFCC students continue to express an interest in studying.

non-traditional types of energy, including renewable/alternative energies, heating and cooling and "green" construction. This program offers students hands-on laboratory work combined with practice theory to meet the needs of industry today. Students take courses in wind, solar and fuel cell technology, geothermal systems, renewable energy sources and LEED green building areas among others.

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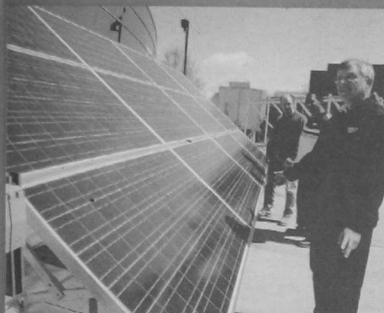
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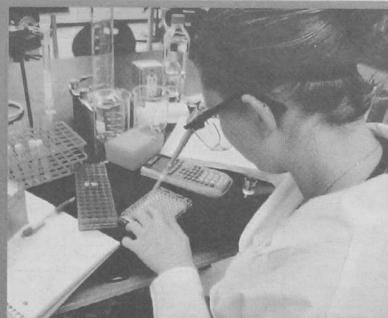
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# Lawrence Technological University

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Lawrence Technological University is a private, personally focused university providing students a rigorous, high-quality education – an education that pays off. Most Lawrence Tech students are employed within a month of graduating, and the earning power of their bachelor's degree tuition investment ranks in the highest 30 percent of all U.S. universities and is tops in the metro Detroit area, according to a recent *Bloomberg-BusinessWeek* survey. This means that Lawrence Tech grads tend to earn more during their careers than other college graduates.

Throughout their studies, students are exposed to the University's signature itheory and practice approach to learning, engaging classes in a high-tech learning environment, and faculty with current industry knowledge. Michigan's first wireless laptop campus, Lawrence Tech provides all undergrads with high-end personal computers customized with all needed software – a unique benefit valued up to \$15,000.

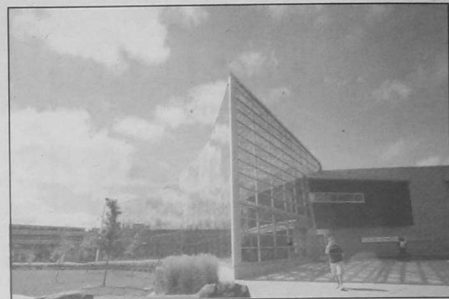
Lawrence Tech, located in Southfield, offers over 100 undergraduate and graduate degrees through Colleges of Architecture and Design, Arts and Sciences, Engineering, and Management. The University features many fast-track certificate programs, designed to help students retool for emerging career fields. Classes are offered days, evenings, weekends, and online. Some programs are available entirely online.

The University's distinctive Leadership Program aims to help students develop an entrepreneurial spirit and a global view while providing them a practical, marketable advantage. Through leadership-focused courses and experiences integrated into all undergraduate curricula, students gain the critical thinking, teamwork, and communication skills that employers seek. Students graduate with a degree and a Leadership Portfolio, which can further enhance their resumes and help them stand out in today's competitive global environment.

Highly qualified and motivated students have the opportunity to go above and beyond their studies with the Honors Program, as well as Quest, a co-curricular experiential learning program that allows students to pursue their interests on a deeper level.

Hands-on experience in projects, competitions, internships, co-ops, applied research, and more provide students the skills they need to succeed – as students, as professionals, and especially, as leaders.

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