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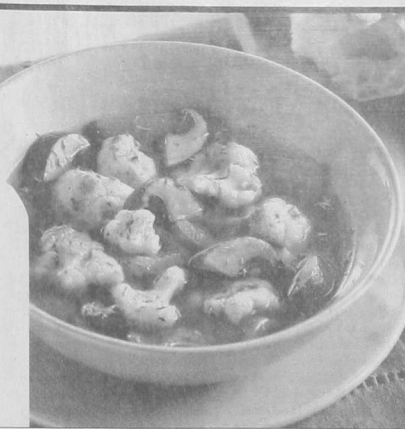
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CONNECTION Whalers in pink

The Plymouth Whalers, fresh off getting their hair dyed pink at Lucky Hair Co. in Canton, will go from skaters to waiters in a "Tip-A-Whalers" event 4:30-7 p.m. today (Thursday) at C.J.'s Brewing Co. at Compware Arena in Plymouth. All tips from the night will go to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

The Whalers then skate against Windsor at 7:05 p.m. Saturday in the annual Pink Out! game at Compware Arena. The Whalers will wear special pink jerseys for the game, which will be auctioned off for the cause. The game can be heard locally on WSPD-FM (88.1).

An added story to the Whalers' Pink Out! this season is the Coaches Campaign. If the team can raise \$10,000 prior to the game, Whalers general manager and head coach Mike Vellucci and associate coach Joe Stefan will be sporting pink hair for the game as well.

Holiday help

The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps will begin scheduling appointments for Thanksgiving and Christmas assistance beginning Wednesday, Oct. 20.

Application for assistance will be provided by appointment only. At the time of application, families will be asked to provide proof of household income and identification.

The deadline to apply for Thanksgiving assistance is Nov. 10. The deadline to apply for Christmas assistance is Dec. 10.

For more information on available assistance, contact Laurie Aren at laurie.aren@usc.salvationarmy.org or by calling The Salvation Army's Family and Community Ministries office at (734) 453-5464.

Health care reform

In an effort to support local business, Canton's Economic Development office is partnering with the Canton Chamber of Commerce in hosting a presentation on Health Care Reform at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, at the Summit on the Park.

The presentation will detail what employers need to know about how health care reform has dramatically changed the employer-provided health benefits landscape. And although the effective dates of these changes can vary, organizers say employers must start preparing now.

Butzel Long attorney Roberta Granadier will outline an employer's responsibilities under the new health care reform act, and provide insight into the more complex compliance obligations and planning opportunities. Topics include health insurance reforms and group plan changes, grandfathered plan concepts, employer obligations, cafeteria plan changes and long-term care insurance.

The presentation is free, but registration is requested by calling the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

Fire veteran ascends to top rung

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tim Dunn, who rose through the Canton Fire Department ranks from fledgling cadet to shift-commander battalion chief, will reach a career milestone in November when he becomes the township's new fire chief.

Dunn, a longtime union leader and 25-year veteran of the 62-member department, will start his new job when departing Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher retires Nov. 6.

Dunn, 47, already started training with Rorabacher this week after he was officially named as Canton's next fire chief.

"I'm very excited about it," he said. "It's a new challenge in my life."

Dunn, a longtime Canton resident and Salem High School graduate, knew early in life he wanted to work in public safety. He served four years as a Plymouth Township volunteer firefighter after high school before he joined

the Canton Fire Department in 1985.

"He has been a great command officer," Rorabacher said. "He has demonstrated excellent leadership skills, and he is also dedicated to customer service. He has been with the department a long time, and I'm very confident that he will do a great job of running the department and responding to the needs of the people."

Dunn joined the department as a cadet and rose through the ranks to become firefighter, captain and battalion chief for the last three years. He has served for 20 years as president of the Canton Professional Firefighters Union Local 2289.

Dunn was one of seven applicants for the fire chief position, Human Resources Manager David Medley confirmed. Dunn, chosen by Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek following a rigorous testing and outside assessment-center process, will start his job with a \$109,000-a-year salary.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Longtime Canton resident Tim Dunn, who has risen through the ranks since joining the Canton Fire Department, becomes its newest chief when he replaces the retiring Mike Rorabacher next month.



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Come and get it

Donyale Dupree of Canton stirs a pot of her famous "Slap Your Momma" chili at Sunday's Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off in Plymouth. Dupree says it's her own homemade recipe, with layers of flavor and a "nice kick." Warm weather and blue skies drew what may have been a record crowd to the festival. By early afternoon, so many motorcycles had arrived that organizers were turning them away. For more on the festival, please turn to page A8.

Senior Health Expo features exhibits, programs, prizes

The Canton Observer second-annual Senior Health & Living Expo, scheduled 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, has something for seniors citizens as well as their friends and family.

The first 50 attendees through the door will receive a special gift courtesy of the Canton Observer.

The expo is presented by the Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Newspapers in partnership with Oakland Community College.

Free admission, free parking, free health screenings and free refreshments (bagels from Detroit Bagel, assorted juices and coffee) are on the



day's agenda, along with more than 40 exhibitors presenting ideas and services to help senior citizens lead healthier, happier lives.

OCC is located off the

Orchard Lake Road I-696 exit south of I-696. Parking is available out of Building H and a trolley will provide curb service to event goers.

Prize drawings will be held throughout the day. Prizes include movie and theater tickets, along with a grand prize of a one-night stay at the Townsend Hotel and a \$150 voucher for dining at the hotel.

The expo is a one-stop way to learn about assisted living options, health and fitness services, estate planning, Social Security Administration updates and volunteer opportunities.

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Teachers protest lack of contract

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Teachers in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, who entered the 2010-11 school year without a contract, are dissatisfied not only with negotiations, but with the way other things are going in the school district.

And at Tuesday's Board of Education meeting, they showed up en masse to voice their displeasure.

Dozens of people circled the entrance to the E.J. McClendon Education Center on Harvey, home of the district administration, carrying red-and-white signs that read, "Enough is enough," protesting the length of time negotiations have taken between the Plymouth-Canton Education Association and the district's negotiating team. More to the point, many of them said, was the fact no deal has yet been reached.

"I want a contract," said Barb Lehman, a counselor at Canton High School. "I worked pretty hard to at least earn the respect of getting a contract."

Negotiations have been ongoing since spring, and the sides last met in mid-

September. While agreement has been reached on some language issues, the hang-ups are on compensation and benefits.

The current agreement expired Aug. 31. Any new deal would be effective Sept. 1.

While neither side would go into detail about specifics, representatives from both parties agreed the holdup, at the moment, is scheduling. In their interest-based bargaining process, two facilitators are used. Getting everyone on the same page on the same date has been the problem.

"The ... process requires the presence of two facilitators," said PCEA President Nancy Barrows. "The sides just got a list of dates, and they won't be available until November."

Despite concerns raised by teachers at the meeting, Ray Bihun, the district's executive director of human resources, said both sides have been cooperative.

"Scheduling has been a matter of getting the facilitators in," Bihun agreed.

"Negotiations are a two-way street. We've had excellent negotiations. Both sides have been very cooperative."

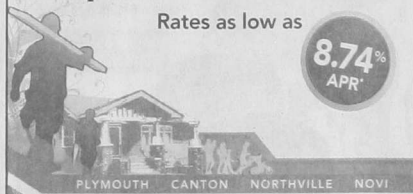
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Canton Observer to offer advertising on Yahoo! sites

The *Canton Observer*, part of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Hometown Weeklies, is partnering with Yahoo! to offer local advertisers more opportunities for digital advertising.

The partnership that begins in 2011 allows the O&E and Hometown group to offer advertisers digital ad space not only on hometownlife.com but also on Yahoo! sites as part of their local advertising solutions. As a result, local advertisers will benefit from expanded digital reach and enhanced audience targeting capabilities based on geography, user demographics, interests and more against that expanded audience.

The alliance combines the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Hometown Weeklies credible local brands and multimedia sales and marketing expertise with the powerful digital brand credibility and audience of Yahoo!

The new relationship will enhance the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Hometown Weeklies' audience solutions capabilities by increasing total digital audience reach 80.7 percent of local internet users.

"The Observer & Eccentric and Hometown local audi-

ence solutions, combined with Yahoo! provides powerful and effective reach, targeting, and results that deliver the right audience at the right time with the right solution," said Susan Rosiek, O&E/Hometown publisher and executive editor.

"Local advertising continues to be an important area of focus for us, and Yahoo! is committed to helping local businesses reach high quality target audiences," said Hilary Schneider, executive vice president, Yahoo! Americas. "This relationship significantly expands our local offerings and gives advertisers the technology and scale they need to reach their consumers online."

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Hometown Weeklies services western Wayne and Oakland counties, reaching over 1 million readers with 13 local community newspapers and on www.hometownlife.com monthly.

The new digital venture with Yahoo! enhances advertising solutions and is a strategic evolution for the suburban Observer & Eccentric/Hometown media group, which was recently recognized with awards by the Michigan Press Association for Best Ad Idea and Best ROP Auto Ad, among others.

Rouge friends host fall bug hunt

Friends of the Rouge will hold their annual Fall Bug Hunt 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at Schoolcraft College, located at 18600 Haggerty Road in Livonia.

The Fall Bug Hunt is an excellent way to help assess the health of the Rouge River by joining a team of volunteers to search for critters in the streambed.

Twice a year, teams of volunteers visit sites throughout the headwaters of the watershed and search for mayflies, stoneflies and other aquatic invertebrates. The presence or absence of these streambed creatures reflects the quality of the water and habitat.

To register or for more information, please call (313) 792-9621 or e-mail monitoring@therouge.org.

Come to the Senior Health & Living Expo Friday to learn, win prizes and be entertained by vocalist Del Grebe, song stylist of Plymouth, who performs a variety of musical selections including Broadway songs, traditional standards, operas, arias and more.

For a complete list of vendors, programs and prizes, see the special section on-line at www.hometownlife.com

EXPO

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Special presentations are scheduled on emergency preparedness by Ken Murray of the Farmington Hills/Farmington Emergency Preparedness Commission and how to avoid scams targeting senior citizens (presented by the Better Business Bureau).

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AROUND CANTON

"Around Canton" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

Identity theft workshop

Community Financial Credit Union hosts an "Identity Theft Workshop" for anyone who has been a victim of identity theft, or knows someone who has, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, at Community Financial, 500 S. Harvey in Plymouth.

Community Financial Credit Union is committed to helping you learn about topics such as what identity theft is, how thieves get and use your personal information, how to protect yourself from identity thieves and what to do if you are a victim.

Reserve a spot by calling Community Financial at (734) 582-8702. Light refreshments will be served.

AAUW meeting

The Plymouth/Canton branch of the American Association of University Women will host its monthly meeting 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Rd. Plymouth, MI (just north of North Territorial Rd.)

The meeting will feature Tanya Panizzo of Fighting Spirit Personal Safety, who will offer tips on self-defense, mental and physical.

A light dinner will be served featuring chicken lasagna. A \$10 donation is suggested.

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 elnelson1c@att.net or (734) 981-4938.

Free seminar

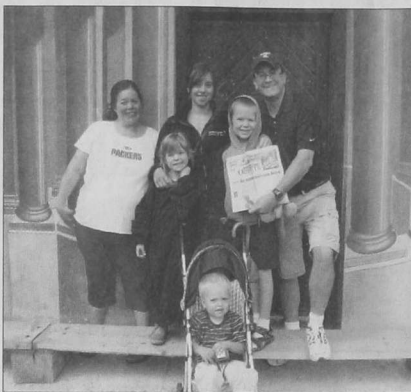
Plymouth Christian Academy sponsors a free seminar, "Combating the Growing Problem of Sex, Pornography, and Violence," 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, at The Barn next door to Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road in Canton.

Sara Grivas, director of Darkness by Default Ministries, will support parents from the community in helping their children avoid or escape destructive behaviors.

Contact pastor Larry Machonga at Plymouth Christian Academy for more information by calling (734) 459-3505, Ext. 2136, or lma-chonga@plymouthchristian.org.

Wadsworth meets

Joan Wadsworth, Democratic candidate for the Michigan House of Representatives 20th District, will host two more Community Conversations in



Wish you were here!

The Moore family of Canton had an exchange student (Sarah Buchwieser) from Oberammergau, Germany, stay with them for a school year in 2008. She attended Canton High School that year. The family recently returned from visiting Sarah's family in Germany. The town of Oberammergau has held a passion play every 10 years since the black plague. Sarah and her sister both performed in the orchestra and her parents were both soloists in the performance. Pictured with their Observer are (back, from left) Gretchen Moore, Sarah Buchwieser, Steve Moore; (middle) Anneliese and Eamon Moore; and (front) Henry Moore.

October to share her vision for revitalizing Michigan with voters in Northville, Plymouth, Canton and Wayne.

Wadsworth will detail her plans for creating jobs, strengthening education and supporting community services. Wadsworth also will be available to discuss any other issues on the minds of voters and answer questions.

The remaining Community Conversations will take place the following dates, times and locations:

- Tuesday, Oct. 19, 9:30-10:30 a.m., at Karma Coffee Shop, 3015 South Wayne Road, Wayne.
- Thursday, Oct. 21, 9:30-10:30 a.m., at the Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman Avenue, Plymouth.

"If we want to leave a vibrant Michigan for our children, we must work together; we must make tough decisions; and we must work together," Wadsworth said. "Leaders have spent too much time delaying hard decisions and pointing fingers. I believe we can create a consensus around key priorities — reviving the economy, focusing on jobs, and strengthening education — and move our state forward."

The 20th District comprises the City and Township of Plymouth, Northville Township and the City of Northville south of Eight Mile/Baseline Road, a portion of Canton Township and the City of Wayne.

Wrestling boosters

The Salem Wrestling Boosters are sponsoring a Euchre Tournament Saturday, Nov. 6, 2010 at The Elks Club in Plymouth, located at 41700

Ann Arbor Road.

Players must be 21 years of age to participate. The player/registration fee is \$25 and includes cash prizes, 50/50 drawing, raffles and complimentary food along with a cash bar. The top (3) individuals will share 30 percent of the total entry fees. Limited space is available.

Contact Rich Rohn at rohn@tmgwest.com or visit the Salem Wrestling web site at "wrestling.salemrocks.com" for more information.

Christmas in September

Vintner's Canton Winery, the only award winning winery in Canton, is offering customers the opportunity to create their own quality vintage wines for Christmas giving.

Under the direction of Kathy and Darryl Nowacki, customers can create either 25 bottles of a wide selection of wine styles to enjoy with friends during the upcoming holiday season or for holiday giving. Because wine takes time to ferment, Vintner's Canton Winery has traditionally offered Christmas in September as an opportunity for customers to begin their Christmas shopping in September and receive free Christmas labels (a \$30 value). Wine batches started by Oct. 15 will be ready for Christmas giving. Wine created by the batch provides 25 unique Christmas wine gifts for under \$7 each.

Vintner's Canton Winery is located at 8515 N. Lilley Road in Canton. Winery hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information call (734) 354-9463 or e-mail the winery at vintnerscanton@att.net.

Alice in Wonderland

Spotlight on Youth presents the delightful musical "Alice in Wonderland Jr.," Oct. 21-24, at the Village Theater at Cherry

Hill. Music and lyrics adapted by Bryan Louiselle from the Lewis Carroll classic.

The show is the latest in a string of performances by this "junior" company, one that performs shorter, child-friendly versions of classic plays and tales and features cast and crew from all over the area. Follow Alice and the White Rabbit down the rabbit hole, leaving behind a perfect English summer's day and ending up in Wonderland, where nothing is as its expected and where such whimsical characters as the March Hare, Mad Hatter and Cheshire Cat reside.

"Alice has been delighting audiences of all ages since the 1800s, one of those literary treasures that truly appeals to kids and adults alike — because the child that first encountered Alice in books or movies or plays is alive and well in the grown up that encounters her again," director Barbara Bloom of Novi said. "For this performance by Spotlight on Youth we've taken the songs from the well known 1951 Disney classic plus a few others you'll recognize and updated them in a way kids will love."

The show plays Oct. 21-22 at 7 p.m.; Oct. 23 at 2 and 7 p.m.; Oct. 24 at 2 p.m.; and a special school performance 10 a.m. Oct. 25.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. Tickets can be purchased by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www.canton-mi.org/village-theater or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door.

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.

Walk for melanoma

The fifth annual KDB Melanoma 5K Run/Walk will be held on Sunday, Oct. 10, at Kensington Metropark in Milford.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the walk/run will begin at 11 a.m. Register online: www.melanomawalk.org - click on First Giving.

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Parents seek Pepsi vote to honor son

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They're not running for political office, but Terry and Janet Blumberg of Canton need every vote they can get this election season.

They're not looking for personal gain, but to honor a fallen soldier — their son, Trevor — and to keep a promise they made to him to



Trevor Blumberg

help military personnel returning home from America's war on terror.

The couple's project — a bed-and-breakfast retreat where

military troops and their families can enjoy a free vacation near Lake Huron — has been entered in a contest sponsored by beverage giant PepsiCo.

Though competition is fierce among hundreds of projects nationwide, the Blumbergs hope to garner enough votes in October to clinch a \$250,000 grant through the Pepsi Refresh Project — money for their 12-acre Blum's Landing retreat along the shore of Orchard Lake near Rogers City.

Terry Blumberg, a Vietnam veteran, and wife Janet, principal of Garden City's Memorial Elementary School, decided to build the retreat to honor their 22-year-old son, who was killed Sept. 14, 2003, in Fallujah, Iraq. Their son, a 1999 Salem High School graduate, football player and U.S. Army sergeant, died after a roadside bomb hit a convoy and destroyed a Humvee carrying him and three other soldiers.

The Blumbergs have made it easy to vote for their project by visiting their website, www.blumslanding.org, and scrolling down the main page



Terry and Janet Blumberg of Canton are looking for online votes for a Pepsi grant to help fund their bed-and-breakfast retreat to honor their son.



Terry and Janet Blumberg's project — a bed-and-breakfast retreat where military troops and their families can enjoy a free vacation near Lake Huron — has been entered in a contest sponsored by beverage giant PepsiCo.

to a tab that reads "vote for this idea." A simple click on the tab takes visitors to the PepsiCo site where they can vote every day.

Blum's Landing isn't a rehabilitation center. Rather, it's a place in the northern Lower Peninsula where troops and their families can enjoy a vacation amid a pine tree-shaded retreat near shimmering lake waters.

Trevor Blumberg had asked his parents for two things if he didn't return home alive. He wanted them to care for his dog, Scrappy, and to find a way to help troops returning home.

"The whole idea is to help wounded soldiers, and some

of these kids don't have a scratch on them but they have emotional scars," Terry Blumberg said. "The idea was to give them a place to go. One of the things that helped me heal when I left the service was to be out in nature near a body of water."

At Blum's Landing, he said, "we can feed them breakfast and turn them loose on northern Michigan."

Trevor Blumberg, known to his fellow soldiers as "Blum," had served in Korea and Afghanistan before he was deployed to Iraq with the 82nd Airborne Division.

Using the death benefits they received for their son,

the Blumbergs have completed much of the 3,500-square-foot main house on their property.

"We need to finish a few things like the kitchen and fireplace," Terry Blumberg said.

They have received much support for items such as a freezer and kayaks from St. Michael Lutheran Church of Canton, where they attend services.

"The church has just been phenomenal," Terry Blumberg said.

The couple hopes to win the Pepsi grant to build two smaller cabins where former troops, including those in wheelchairs, can visit. The Blumbergs also need to build a dock and get a pontoon boat equipped for troops with disabilities.

Blum's Landing seemed a perfect way to honor their son, who loved the outdoors. PepsiCo already has funded numerous projects and is continuing each month to award more grants.

At last count, Blum's Landing was ranked No. 63 in votes among numerous projects seeking \$250,000 grants — so votes are needed, and often.

Family friend John Buzuvis, director of business operations and special projects for the City of Plymouth and its Downtown Development Authority, said the Blumbergs are "great people" who are trying hard to honor their son's memory by helping troops.

"For Terry and Jan, it was always — and is always — about family," Buzuvis said. "This is a cause that is something near and dear to them. They understand the sacrifices of being in the military. I think this is a way for them to get some closure and honor Trevor's legacy."

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Killer's fate in hands of appellate court

BY BRAD KADRICH
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Orlewicz

McCredy said Orlewicz's argument now is he killed Sorensen at least partially out of fear. But Orlewicz testified at his original trial he

began stabbing Sorensen after the victim pulled a gun and pointed it at Orlewicz's accomplice, Alex Letkemann. Letkemann pleaded guilty to second-degree murder for his role and his serving a 20- to 30-year sentence.

"(Orlewicz) didn't testify he killed (Sorensen) in anticipation of (Sorensen) being violent, he claimed he'd killed him because he'd pulled a gun," McCredy said. "You can't in Michigan kill someone in anticipation that sometime in the future he would kill you."

Elizabeth Jacobs, the lawyer handling Orlewicz's request for a new trial, argued before Morrow that Berry's decision not to allow psychiatric testimony amounted to denial of Orlewicz's right to effective counsel, and made the same arguments before the Michigan Court of Appeals.

She believes the argument sat well with appellate judges.

"I think it went very well for us," Jacobs said. "I can analyze the questions that were asked, and the strength of my argument, and I'm confident it went very well for us."

"The issue was right to counsel ... (Berry) denied (Orlewicz) the chance to be examined by a psychiatrist. That was the argument in the lower court, and that was my argument at the Michigan Court of Appeals."

The other thing on which both sides agreed: There's no telling when the Michigan Court of Appeals will announce a decision. There's no time limit on its deliberations.

"It could be tomorrow, it could be nine months from now," Jacobs said.

Back in December, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Bruce Morrow granted a new trial to convicted killer Jean Pierre Orlewicz, the Plymouth Township teenager found guilty of killing a 26-year-old River Rouge man in November 2007.

The decision on whether Orlewicz actually gets that new trial is now in the hands of the Michigan Court of Appeals, which heard arguments last month on Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy's appeal of Morrow's decision.

Morrow issued the order for a new trial Dec. 22 after hearings that stretched over months, in which Orlewicz's appellate attorney Elizabeth Jacobs contended Orlewicz's Sixth Amendment rights to effective counsel were denied when the trial judge, Annette Berry, refused to allow testimony from psychiatrists who would have testified to Orlewicz's mental condition at the time he stabbed and beheaded Daniel Sorensen.

At the time, Worthy said she was "baffled" by Morrow's decision and filed the appeal. Lawyers for both sides appeared before the Michigan Court of Appeals to make their respective arguments and, as expected, were confident of victory.

"I think it went as expected," Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Dave McCredy said. "The court focused on just a couple of issues, which I thought were the main issues."

Those issues, according to McCredy, included whether Orlewicz should have been allowed to introduce a psychiatric defense, and whether Berry should have excluded alleged restraining orders Orlewicz had on the victim, Daniel Sorensen, whom Orlewicz was convicted of stabbing to death and beheading.

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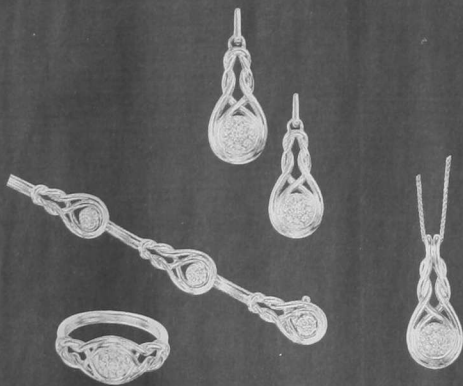
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Canton police take gunman into custody

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton police took a barricaded gunman into custody Monday evening following a two-hour standoff that ended when officers fired a Taser at the suspect after he walked outside his house.

Police rushed to the 2300 block of Amber, southeast of Palmer and Sheldon, after the 43-year-old suspect's roommate reported shots being fired from a high-powered rifle, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said.

"He fired one shot into a fireplace," Gajeski said.

No one was injured. The roommate fled the house as officers moved in with an armored vehicle to get close enough to establish contact with the suspect.

Officers could see the suspect moving inside the house, and they used a loudspeaker to try to convince him to surrender, Gajeski said.

The suspect walked outside around 7:20 p.m., two hours after the incident started. He wasn't carrying the rifle when he left the house.

"He came out on the front lawn and failed to comply with the orders of an officer, so he was Tasered and taken into custody," Gajeski said.

The man was taken to a hospital for a medical and psychological evaluation.

Gajeski confirmed that police had been to the residence before to investigate reports involving the suspect and "mental issues," but Monday evening marked the first time a gun had been involved.

Gajeski said it wasn't clear why the suspect became upset and fired the rifle.

In another development, Gajeski said police found more than 50 marijuana plants in the basement of the home.

"The suspect indicated he was a medical marijuana provider and had clients, but he said he was waiting for his paper work to come through (from the state)," Gajeski said.

Police had turned information over to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for possible criminal charges.

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Purse snatched

1 A woman was assaulted and robbed of her purse when she was returning home with her husband and her sister shortly after 10 p.m. Monday.

The incident happened on Honeytree at The Crossings, an apartment complex southeast of Joy Road and I-275.

The woman told police she had pulled into a carport and gotten out of her vehicle when a man approached her, demanded her purse, pushed her to the ground, took her purse and fled on foot. Her husband chased the assailant but wasn't able to catch him.

The suspect was described as a black male, 16 to 18 years old, 5-foot-10, 140-150 pounds. He wore a red T-shirt and blue jeans and had short hair.

The woman told police the left side of her stomach and her hip were sore following the incident.

Gun stolen

2 A woman told police that her husband's semiautomatic handgun was stolen after he left it in a vehicle parked in the driveway of their home on Delancy Circle, east of Denton between Geddes and Cherry Hill.

The gun was stolen between 7 p.m. last Thursday and 6:30 a.m. Friday.

The woman said her husband realized the gun was missing when he went to his car to go to work. There were no apparent signs of a break-in and no damage to the vehicle.

TV taken

3 A woman reported that her ex-boyfriend came to her apartment on Nectar, southeast of Joy Road and I-275, and forced his way in after she initially opened the door and then tried to shut it. The incident happened around 6:20 p.m. last Thursday.

The woman said she ran from her apartment to a lower level and called 911 for help. She returned to her residence and found the door open. She said the ex-boyfriend had gone. She told police

a 45-inch television and jewelry were missing from her residence, and several pieces of furniture had been knocked over.

Video vandal

4 A man told police someone entered his home on Magnolia, northeast of Cherry Hill and Haggerty, while he was upstairs. The incident happened between 10:30 p.m. Monday and 8:30 a.m. Tuesday.

The man went downstairs and noticed a sliding door was open. He said items missing from the residence included an Xbox unit and video games.

The man told police the door had been locked when he went to bed. It appeared someone had tampered with the door.

Intruder alert

5 A woman who lives on Kingsbridge, northwest of Warren and Lilley, told police she was doing laundry on Oct. 6 when a man opened the door from the garage to her house. When the intruder

saw her, he fled.

The woman described the man as possibly Hispanic with a dark skin tone, black and gray hair and in his 50s. He left the area in a light blue SUV type vehicle.

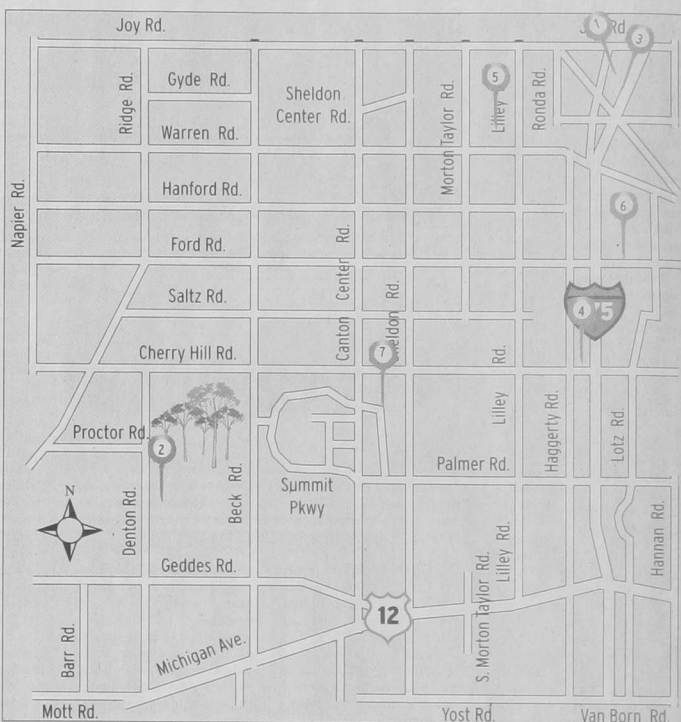
Police said the incident is a reminder of why it's important for residents to keep their garage doors locked at all times.

Vehicle break-in

6 A man told police someone broke into his vehicle and stole his GPS unit and Dell laptop computer while he was parked at the Walmart store on Ford Road east of I-275 between 6:30 p.m. and 6:55 p.m. Monday.

Washer stolen

7 A woman reported someone stole a power washer from the garage of her home on Middlebury Court, southeast of Cherry Hill and Canton Center, between 11 p.m. last Thursday and 2 p.m. Friday. She told police she may have left the door open.



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Mom could be charged for leaving baby in car

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton mother is facing potential charges after she left her 3-month-old son alone in an unlocked car Sunday evening while she went inside a local grocery store, police said.

The boy wasn't injured during the incident that was reported to police shortly after 7 p.m. Sunday at Holiday Market, on Lilley south of Cherry Hill, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said.

"The boy was in a child safety seat," Gajeski said.

A retired Canton police officer was going to the store when he saw the boy inside the back seat of a tan Buick, and he called township authorities after no one came to the car within a couple minutes, Gajeski said.

Police learned that the 25-year-old mother had gone into the store with her 3-year-old son.

"She said she just forgot the 3-month-old," Gajeski said. "She said she had been hav-

ing a hectic day and she just forgot."

The older boy had gotten out of the car when his mother did, but the baby was left behind as authorities pieced together what happened.

The mother also has a third child — a daughter who is the youngest boy's twin — but the girl had been left at home with a relative, Gajeski said.

Canton police had filed a complaint with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and was awaiting word on

possible charges against the mother. Police also had contacted state Child Protective Services for an investigation.

The mother had no history of child neglect, and police went to her home and didn't find anything to indicate problems there, Gajeski said.

He issued a warning for parents to be aware of their children, no matter how hectic life can become.

"Never leave a child alone in a car," he said.

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CHIEF
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Nemecek lauded Dunn's leadership skills and history with the department.

"He knows where we were and where we are, and he knows the importance of maintaining what we have but continuing to push us toward even better things," Nemecek said. "He will face challenges of doing more with less due to the economic times, but we think we have the right guy. He's going to do great things, I'm confident of that."



Dunn

from a 37-year department veteran who spent 18 years as chief.

"When you first start out, you always want to promote up through the ranks," Dunn said. "Deep down inside, I think it's the nature of the service that you want to strive to be the top dog, per se, but it becoming a reality is a good feeling."

Inn at St. John's celebrates 10 years

October marks the 10-year anniversary of St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth, a facility which has since been renamed The Inn at St. John's.

The facility gives a nod to the Conference Center's mid-century heritage by hosting a show-stopping, 1940s-themed, swanky soiree Thursday, Oct. 21. Invited guests will enjoy live music from Fifty Amp Fuse, a performance from The Satin Dolls, dancing, vintage drinks and scrumptious hors d'oeuvres.

"In addition to toasting the past, we are celebrating the current successes here at St. John's," said Paul Wegert, general manager. "We are thrilled to be the new home of the Concours d'Elegance of America, so our choice of the 1940s' party theme is a tribute both to the origin of the building and to the relocation of this classic event. We are both celebrating and making history this year!"

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ence center. Its historic property today boasts more than 48,000 square feet of distinctive conference space, 118 luxurious guest rooms and suites and 27 holes of championship golf as well as five Restaurant, serving eclectic American cuisine.

The Inn at St. John's will host the Concours d'Elegance of America for the first time in the summer 2011.

For additional information, contact Tawnya Johnson at (734) 456-0083.

Dunn doesn't plan any sweeping changes in a fire department that has drawn accolades not only from township officials, but also from residents who overwhelmingly gave it high marks on an informal survey released earlier this year.

"I think it's important to continue the tradition, and it has been a very good tradition here in Canton," he said.

Dunn earned an associate degree in criminal justice and also received his license as an emergency medical technician through Schoolcraft College. A state-licensed paramedic, he also received an associate degree in general studies from Schoolcraft and a bachelor of science degree in computer science from Madonna University.

He also attended the Eastern Michigan University Fire Staff and Command School.

Dunn and his wife, Mary, have two daughters, Abigail, 7, and Katelyn, who recently turned 6.

Dunn will spend the next few weeks shadowing Rorabacher and learning

TEACHERS

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of the district's 1,100 teachers. They showed up Tuesday not only to protest the lack of an agreement, but also what some called a "lack of collaboration" throughout the district.

"We're concerned with what's going on in this district," said Rose Portelli, a learning interventionist at Eriksson Elementary. "The contract is certainly one of them, but there's a multitude of things."

Debbie Maloni, a 32-year teacher, said she's concerned about things such as the existence of the LEAP program to promote literacy, but no program to help struggling math students. She also wondered "when we are going to redistrict, making numbers more equitable across the district," and bemoaned the lack of basic supplies such as paper, saying she has "just three cartons of paper" to last the school year.

"It's interesting to me we haven't learned from our mistakes," said Maloni. "We needed to be listened to (in the past), and we need to be listened to now."

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Rocking the 'Dome: P-CEP marchers second at regional

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

In what could only be termed a real squeaker Saturday at the Silverdome, where the Bands of America Pontiac Regional Championships featured the competition performances of 20 outstanding high school marching bands from six states, the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band captured the second-place trophy, missing the top award by a mere five-hundredths of a point.

"It was really close," said drum major Grace Wine, a Canton junior and one of three drum majors leading the band. "I feel like we did a really awesome job."

And "awesome" was a good description of the two performances of the 215-member band produced during the day-long competition.

Their 10-minute show, "The Source," a dramatic, theatrical, musical portrayal of the movement from darkness to light, also involves the shedding of the traditional grey uniforms to reveal bright yellow and white costumes beneath.

A real crowd pleaser, the show proved to be a judge pleaser, as well. The preliminary performance netted the hometown marchers the top score and the Class 4A (largest schools are in this category) championship trophy along with trophies for Outstanding Music Performance, Outstanding Visual Performance, and a tie with William Mason High School in Mason, Ohio – that took second after prelims, for Outstanding General Effect.

After the finals night-time performances of the top 10 highest-scoring bands, Plymouth-Canton was awarded the Outstanding Visual Performance as well as the Outstanding General Effect trophies while the Outstanding Music



Having shed the black robes, the choir, now robed in yellow, moves to the front of the field during preliminary performance at the BOA Regional Championships Saturday at the Silverdome. The marchers have also removed the traditional grey uniforms to reveal the bright yellow and white attire beneath.



Michael Wolf, Morgan Bartos, Kaitlyn Tracy, Lynne Krutty, and Grace Wine have much to smile about after receiving the Bands of America second-place trophy at the Pontiac Regional Championships Saturday at the Silverdome. The 215-member hometown band also took home a bevy of caption awards along with the Class 4A Championship title.



Flutists Haley Chynoweth, followed by Shelby Torok and Angelina Camilleri and the rest of the flute section, add the high notes.



Kyle Burch plays baritone saxophone during the P-CMB finals performance at Saturday's Bands of America Pontiac Regional Championships.

78.60. "We're really proud of the kids," said Sheldon Frazier, acting marching band director. "They had two really good performances and they actually got better at the night show. We're very, very proud of the work they did. They have a very difficult show with a lot going on visually."

Frazier, who started as assistant director along with director David Armbruster in the spring of 2009, has taken up the reigns of marching band director for the rest of this season due to health issues Armbruster is currently experiencing. Armbruster will remain as director of bands at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, however.

"Me and the rest of the staff are stepping up to make sure the experience is the best it can be for the kids," said Frazier. "That's what it is all about."

For clarinetist Michael Fluegemann, a Canton junior, the experience on Saturday was one of the best.

"It was a great experience and I enjoyed it," he said. "Being in band is a lot of fun."

Other Michigan bands making it into the finals at the Pontiac Regional included West Bloomfield, third, 75.15; Walled Lake Central, fourth, 72.35; Lake Orion, sixth, 70.90; Muskegon's Reeths-Puffer, seventh, 70.85; and Jenison, tenth, 68.55.

The Plymouth-Canton drumline was honored to be selected to play the cadence as the finalist bands filled the Silverdome field for the final awards presentation on Saturday.

This is another exciting week for the award-winning PCMB heading for the Bands of America Super Regional Championships in St. Louis, Mo., where they will be the only Michigan band competing among 48 bands from 13 states on Oct. 16.

"I'm really excited," said drum major Wine. "This is our first Super Regional and we're going to go down there and do our best."

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Ken Kostal ladles up some Island Heat Chili. He's from Marblehead, Ohio.

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Warm weather, hot chili bring out the crowds for cookoff

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The chili gods were smiling on Plymouth on Sunday.

Blessed with sunny, warm fall weather, and dodging, by one day, the derailment of a train car that could have posed big traffic headaches had it happened Sunday, the 15th annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff in downtown Plymouth was a well-attended success, organizers said.

"We had a beautiful event. We had great support from the businesses in town," said Annette Horn, board president of Great Lakes Chili Inc., the nonprofit that runs the festival.

Whenever the festival enjoys good weather, Horn said, people like to say it was the biggest crowd ever.

This time, however, Horn thinks that really was the case. "The city was just packed," she said.

"The weather brought out anyone who wanted to come to the event," Horn added. "It didn't keep anyone, obviously, away."

Accurate crowd estimates are hard to come by, but some other numbers, according to Horn, indicate the size of the festival:

- Some individual cooks each sold more than 700 samples of chili. Among the 17 restaurants that participated in the Restaurant Chili Challenge, about 30,000 samples were distributed.

- The chili ran out at about 5 p.m., just as the festival was ending.

- An estimated 6,000 to 7,000 motorcyclists attended, with 300 of them participating in group fund-raising motorcycle rides from two different dealerships. Some 130 motorcycles were displayed in the annual motorcycle show, a record.

- There were 44 red chilis at the festival, 23 green, or verde, chilis, and 21 salsas.

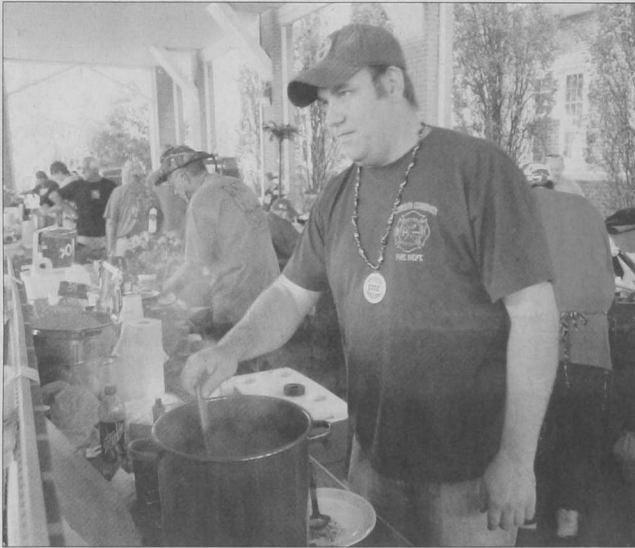
- An estimated \$30,000 or more in proceeds will be donated to Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County once bills are paid. The Miracle League of Plymouth, which is raising money to build a baseball field to accommodate children with disabilities, raised nearly \$1,700 through parking donations and a motorcycle ride.

Colleen Cannon, the owner of TranquiliTea, a tea shop on Ann Arbor Trail, said the festival was good for her business — better, even, than past chili cookoffs, especially last year's, which was hampered by rain.

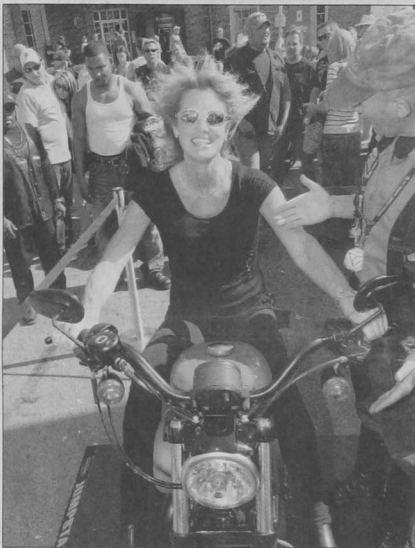
"The weather was just amazing and people were out here in droves," Cannon said. Cannon had planned a tea-tasting event for her regular customers, and found many festival-goers wanted to participate as well.

"We got a lot of new customers on that day," she said.

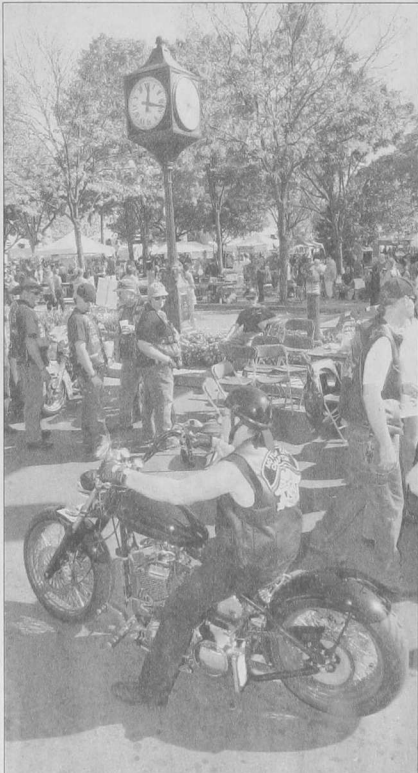
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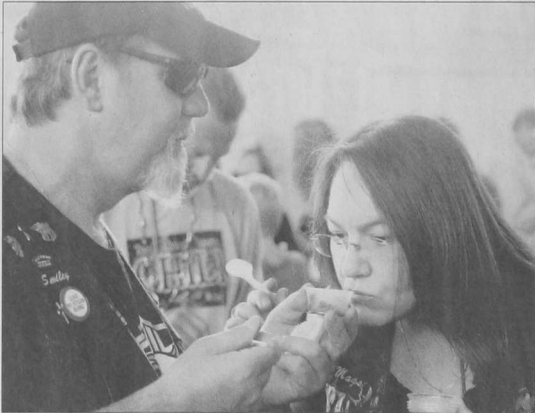
Pete Buks stirs a pot of chili during Sunday's Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff. He's a Plymouth Community firefighter, so he's probably used to stuff that's warm.



The wind is in her hair. Carol Young, a long-time Plymouth resident now living in Lyon Township, tries out a Motor City Harley-Davidson riding simulator with some tips from instructor Brian Yinger.



Organizers estimate between 6,000 and 7,000 bikes showed up for the motorcycle show that goes along with the chili cookoff.



Brad and Maggie Lindsay are members of the American Legion Riders. They rode in from Lincoln Park to sample some chili.



Over in the restaurant tents, Jim Satterfield serves up tastes of chili to Rene Sherman, of Highland. His Liberty Street Brewery chili is made special for the festival and includes their Blonde Ale as a not-so-secret ingredient.

Summit set to boost charitable groups

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rather than cowering amid a bruising economic slump, nonprofit groups and professional advisors still can tap into financial resources, boost endowment funds and link charitable donors to organizations they will want to support.

"We want to be that mediator to make those kinds of things happen," said Joan Noricks, Canton Community Foundation president.

To that end, the foundation will sponsor its second-annual Community Philanthropy Summit 8:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Oct. 27, at Canton's Summit on the Park. The facility is located at 46000 Summit Parkway, northwest of the Palmer-Canton Center intersection.

Nonprofit representatives, financial donors and professional advisors are encouraged to attend. Though the summit is free, organizers are asking those who plan to attend to register by calling (734) 495-1200 or by sending an e-mail to info@cantonfoundation.org.

Some 80 people attended last year's inaugural philanthropy summit, learning how to grow their charitable organizations and gaining tools that advisors can use to assist their clients in charitable estate planning.

This year's keynote speaker will be John Colina, president of the Southgate-based Colina Foundation, which last year gave more than \$118,000 to child-focused organizations such as Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeast Michigan, Camp Fire U.S.A.'s child-development camp, the Children's Resource Network's summer feeding program and First Step's efforts to keep youngsters safe from domestic abuse.

Noricks has said that communities flourish as philanthropic organizations thrive. She also underscored the importance of linking nonprofit groups, professional advisors and charitable donors.

"There are some people out there who have charitable concerns but who want to make sure their money is going to be spent carefully and meet the needs of the things they care about," Noricks said.

Whether growing an endowment or giving money to support causes, she said the focus can range from arts groups to educational scholarships to health care to recreation programs.

To learn more about the Canton Community Foundation, log on to www.cantonfoundation.org.

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Your Halloween photographs can snag concert tix, prizes

Share a photo of your favorite Halloween decoration (your home, your pumpkin, your costume, other) with readers at hometownlife.com (see the Reader Submitted Photo - Gallery on the homepage) and you could win a prize!

Post your photo, then we will ask hometownlife.com visitors to vote. The top three vote-getters will win a prize. First prize is two tickets (in a suite) to the Nov. 29 Carrie Underwood "Play On Tour" concert at the Palace with special guests Sons of Sylvia and Billy Currington.

Second prize is two tickets to Rock of Ages, Nov. 9, at the Fisher Theatre featuring Constantine Maroulis - the American Idol finalist who was nominated for a Tony Award for his starring role in the



Broadway production.

Third prize is four movie passes to Imagine Theaters in Canton or Novi or the Palladium/Birmingham

Theater in downtown Birmingham.

More than 45 photos are posted online for readers to vote on. There's still time to add your photos and win the tickets to the Carrie Underwood Concert in November at the Palace or to other prizes included in the contest.

Be sure to include a first and last name and the town where you live (only contestants from Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties are eligible to win prizes but anyone can recommend a photo).

Those who share photos that receive the most "recommend" votes as of midnight, Oct. 31 win prizes and will be published in the *Plymouth Observer* and the *Canton Observer*.

Be wary when selecting long-term care insurance

I read an article recently about a leading long-term care insurance company seeking to increase premiums by a whopping 40 percent on a variety of long-term care policies.

Just two years ago, many of these policies were hit with another substantial increase in premiums.

Obviously, in today's challenging

economic environment, a substantial increase in premiums is very difficult for senior citizens to endure. Many seniors with long-term care policies are going to have to decide what to do when they receive a premium hike.

When purchasing life insurance policies such as whole life and term insurance, one enters into a binding contract that does not allow the company to increase premiums.

Long-term care is not the same thing. These companies are allowed to petition the insurance commissioner in their respective state for an increase in premiums.

Unfortunately, insurance commissioners, all too often, grant the request. The insurance companies believe the increases are necessary to make long-term care policies viable. According to insurance companies, claims that they have had to pay out over the last decade have increased substantially, thus requiring them to increase premiums.

Although I don't disagree that costs have risen, I also have a sneaking suspicion that many of these companies intentionally priced their pre-

However, if you need the coverage, talk to your agent about different ways to restructure your policy in order to reduce the premium. Sometimes you can reduce the benefit period of the policy, which can help save a substantial amount on premiums.

miums in a way to encourage people to sign up for the policy knowing there would be substantial increases in the future.

I do not believe that long-term care companies and agents do an adequate job of explaining that premiums can increase substantially over the years.

That being said, what should you do if you get a notice from your long-term care company that your premiums are raising?

The first thing is determine whether you still need the policy.

It doesn't matter how much you paid in the past, do you need it today? If not, why continue to pay premiums?

However, if you need the coverage, talk to your agent about different ways to restructure your policy in order to reduce the premium. Sometimes you can reduce the benefit period of the policy, which can help save a substantial amount on premiums.

For example, if you have a lifetime benefit package and you reduce it to three to four years, the policy may be more affordable. Another example is inflation protection. Removing this feature will also substantially reduce

your premiums. The bottom line is, just because the insurance company is raising the premium does not mean that you don't have options. The key is to be proactive.

Another alternative is to shop around for a new policy. You may be surprised to find a new policy that has better terms and is more competitive. In addition, check various organizations that you may belong to. You may qualify for a group plan that is better and more cost-effective.

Shopping for a long-term care policy is not easy. However, if need coverage, make sure you have the right policy. When you purchase a long-term care policy, you're going to have it for years, so consider the company's history in regards to raising premiums. Sometimes people will shop for long-term care policies and buy the one with the cheapest premium. The problem is the premium may be cheap when you don't need the policy, but as you enter your later years, they rise to an unaffordable rate. That's why company history regarding premiums is important.

One last note: An indicator that you are dealing with an agent who just wants to sell you a policy as opposed to one who wants to meet your situation is whether he/she discusses a company's premium history. If an agent never mentions the possibility that your premiums can increase, it is probably a good sign that you're dealing with the wrong agent.

Good luck!

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- I am not a lobbyist or a career politician
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- Canton has been my family's home for more than 20 years.
- Graduate of Oakland Community College, Respiratory therapist for more than 20 years William Beaumont Hospital, later at Henry Ford Hospital.
- Will fight the system on behalf of our families here in Canton Township, Belleville and Van Buren Township.
- Make sure that our tax dollars are used wisely on what really matters - getting our workers back on the job.
- Aggressive about attracting emerging industries like advanced batteries and alternative energy
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OUR VIEWS

State House Slavens best for state House 21st District

Incumbent Democrat **Dian Slavens** of Canton believes she's done plenty to warrant re-election to her 21st District seat in the Michigan House of Representatives.

We agree and urge voters to reward Slavens for her good work by casting a ballot for her Nov. 2.

Slavens, who won the long-time Republican-controlled seat from Todd LaJoy two years ago, is a hard worker who spends her time in the district listening to her constituents and meeting with community leaders. In addition, she has a perfect voting record in Lansing.

Her opponent is Lori Levi of Canton, owner of SE Levi International, an Internet-based private franchising firm, and Porscha Enterprises, a rental management company. Levi, a Republican with Tea Party support, won a tough primary against Shannon Price. Levi has worked hard, but we believe Slavens has the better temperament to work with colleagues to best represent the district and get things done.

Lansing needs more representatives who can work together, and we believe Slavens to be such a legislator.

Slavens is effective on constituent services, is willing to listen to problems and does what she can to help solve them.

As a member of the bipartisan freshman caucus, Slavens has made an effort to change the partisan bickering in Lansing. She believes the caucus has already contributed to more willingness to listen to new ideas which, in and of itself, might be a new idea in Lansing.

While keeping her finger on the pulse of the district, Slavens has been busy in Lansing supporting several pieces of legislation. She championed a bill eliminating lifetime health care for state legislators, starting with those currently in office. The final version of the bill was watered down to include future legislators, but Slavens gave hers up anyway.

Critics said that's easy to do since her husband, Wayne County Circuit Judge Mark Slavens, has health care, but Dian Slavens pointed out the lifetime benefit for judges is long defunct.

Slavens also co-sponsored a bill to slash legislative salaries by 10 percent from their current \$79,650. She believes lawmakers need to lead by example and show they are willing to cut their own benefits in a state where many private-sector workers have lost jobs and benefits.

Slavens has called for greater efforts to remove government roadblocks and to streamline the process for business owners seeking to set up shop. She supports phasing out or at least reducing the Michigan Business Tax and would explore other alternatives, including closing tax loopholes, to replace the revenue.

In her first term, Slavens serves as co-chair of a House committee on senior citizen health and benefits. She also serves on other panels such as ethics/elections and health policy. If re-elected, she wants to chair a committee on family and children services.

Slavens has been a solid first-term representative and merits a second term to continue the work she's started the last two years.

We recommend voters re-elect **Dian Slavens**, a Democrat, Nov. 2.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, in Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

• In response to "Ciena breaks ground on \$6 million skilled nursing center,"

"Hey, all right! that's what we need another Nursing home....."

nikman

"And what is the status of the Oakwood Healthcare hospital that has been planned? It's been two years or so since we in Canton have heard about it."

MrScott

• In response to "House hopefuls face off in forum,"

"I hope Slavens can easily find one of the many jobs that she claims she created, cause she's going to need one after November."

nikman

• In response to "Jobs, taxes top issues at Senate forum,"

"I feel that Pat Colbeck is the best candidate for this seat. He will work well with Snyder in bringing jobs to our state. With his job background in helping companies enact change he will be a much needed and effective Senator in Lansing."

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COMMUNITY VOICE

What should be the top priority for Michigan's next governor?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"Employment - it's a big chore. And medical care."
 Daniel Smith
 Canton



"Of course, the economy and better jobs - also the opening of more stores, and safer cities."
 Vidhya Kumar
 Canton



"They need to re-evaluate the tax bases and how they are spread around for schools and townships and other levels of government."
 Kathy Lewis
 Canton



"Probably jobs."
 Becky Copenhaver
 Canton

LETTERS

Enforce rules

The Northwestern Wayne County League of Women Voters hosted a Candidate Forum at the Village Theatre for those running for state Senate and the House of Representatives.

One of the ground rules stated before candidates fielded questions from the audience was that there are to be no personal attacks. However, when senatorial candidate John Stewart launched his nasty personal attacks directed at Pat Colbeck, the women failed to stop him, despite "out of order" calls from the audience.

Ladies, if you are going to make rules, you should enforce them!

Robert Harris
 Plymouth

Anonymous kindness

I am writing to say thank you to someone unknown, who recently made my day. Last Friday, I was shopping at the Kroger store on Ford Road in Canton and when I got home I realized that I had lost my favorite bracelet. I was quite upset because of both the sentimental value and dollar value of the bracelet.

I called the Kroger store and described the bracelet. Luckily, someone had found it and turned it in to their office. When I picked up the bracelet, I asked if the finder had left their name so I could thank them, but they had not. I am very happy to have the bracelet back, but even more happy to know that there are still many good people out there who just do the right thing and don't expect anything in return.

I do hope the finder of my bracelet sees this letter in your paper, but even if they don't I want to say thank you to all the people out there who would do the same thing if they were in that situation.

Pamela Erdelen
 Canton

Slavens right choice

As a 28-year-old Plymouth resident who grew up in Canton, I know Dian Slavens is the kind of leader who will get Michigan working again. As a mother, a grandmother and respiratory therapist with more than 20 years of experience in the health care field, Dian sees firsthand how medical costs are bankrupting Michigan families.

During her first term in office she held lawmakers accountable. She stood up to end lifetime health care for all legislators and even declined her own guarantee of lifetime health care because wasteful spending has to stop. When families in our communities are suffering and unemployment is skyrocketing, now is the time to put in place practical solutions over political partisanship.

I hope my neighbors of Canton Township, Belleville and Van Buren Township will join me in supporting Dian Slavens for state representative to be our voice in Lansing.

Kristy Pagan
 Plymouth

Supports Wadsworth

I am writing to endorse Joan Wadsworth for the 20th District in the Michigan House of Representatives. I have been privileged to know Joan as a friend, a neighbor and as a most dedicated member and past President of Northville Public Schools Board of Education. Joan has used her keen intellect, energy and experience to selflessly give back to the community in so many ways. She is thoughtful in temperament and very willing to consider multiple points of view.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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In this difficult time for Michigan, when we have needed our legislators to roll up their sleeves and work together, considering all good ideas irrespective of the name of the party who proposed it, we have had little but stonewalling and blaming. Joan has proven in her work over the last many years that she is exactly the woman who can work with others to solve the serious problems we face in Michigan. Her 16 years on the Northville Board of Education have allowed her ample experience in negotiating with diverse interests and in problem solving.

What are some of those issues? Education. Joan knows firsthand the problems our school districts face with inconsistent and uncertain funding. At the same time, she also understands that change is necessary to be sure that all of the children educated in Michigan receive a quality education that prepares them to become productive members of the community and the innovators of tomorrow.

Attracting business to Michigan. Joan will engage in a broader dialogue beyond simple tax and spend arguments. She supports reduction and simplification of business taxes, elimination of unnecessary regulations, and encouraging financial institutions to increase lending. She also wants to fight for Michigan's share of federal resources. Joan knows that a strong, consistently funded educational system that doesn't bankrupt families trying to obtain education and attracting business go hand in hand. Business isn't going to settle in Michigan if the business owner doesn't think it's a good place to raise his/her family.

Protecting our environment. We in Michigan have the magnificent Great Lakes, the sand dunes, and beautiful forests. The natural beauty and the extraordinary economic value of our resources, from tourism and to industry, demand that we protect our environment from pollution, unwelcome predators (i.e. Asian carp) and capricious use.

Joan is all about working together to face, and finally address, the real problems we face in Michigan. If you want partisan, do-nothing politics as usual, don't vote for Joan. If you want a better Michigan for all of us, cast your vote to the best candidate for the 20th District House of Representatives: JOAN WADSWORTH.

Anne Loridas Randall
 Northville

Wadsworth better

Your endorsement of Kurt Heise for the 20th State House District (Oct. 7 "Our Views" column) is a disappointment.

Joan Wadsworth is a better candidate by far. Heise is no centrist, as your column suggests. Heise states that the Democrats have led our state on the wrong path for eight years. He conveniently

forgets that the Republicans in Lansing have constantly worked to block ANY legislation from the Democrats.

Mr. Heise has sent out negative, nasty brochures. Joan Wadsworth continues to talk about the issues. That alone tells me something about the character of the two.

Doreen Lawton
 Plymouth

Supports Stewart

Last week I received my absentee ballot in the mail and I was very happy to see that John Stewart was on the ballot as an independent candidate for state senator from the 7th District.

I was just as pleased to see that the political experts from the Detroit Free Press have also endorsed John Stewart as the preferred candidate for the 7th District. The Free Press cited Stewart's experience as a state House representative for the 20th District, his commitment to improving education, and his ability to work with other political parties to solve problems within our district and state.

Several most important strengths of Stewart were not emphasized in the Free Press endorsement, however:

- Stewart is native son of Michigan. He grew up in the Downriver area, was schooled and received his degrees from the Michigan education system, and is a longtime resident of the Plymouth community, where he has served as an attorney for many years. With this background he is familiar with the needs of the entire 7th District, and equally important, how the 7th District fits into the overall relationship with surrounding communities, southeast Michigan, the rest of the state, and the nation.

- Stewart is a "veteran" of the "Lansing Wars," having served for three terms as the 20th District representative to the Michigan House of Representatives, where he was named "Legislator of the Year during 2002" by the Small Business Association of Michigan. As a self-proclaimed "moderate" he has developed expertise in working with liberal, conservative, and even radical political persuasions to serve the citizens of the district and Michigan. During those years, he was also the champion of education in the state and recognized the need to continue to improve our education system in order to make Michigan competitive in the oncoming decades. This expertise in dealing with the legislative process in Lansing will be an invaluable asset to the district.

- Stewart is running as an independent. He has refused to accept any campaign contributions. I would challenge any other candidate to make that claim. John Stewart is truly "independent" - he will go to Lansing without any "strings attached" to any puppeteer who would like to be holding the strings - no ties to "big money," no ties to "special interest groups," no ties to political bosses in the district or state. Think of that... someone going to the state Senate who will actually represent the voters of the District - what a refreshing change from the partisan politics that we have seen paralyze the legislature during the past six years.

We need a fresh start in our political persuasions, one that does not focus on two "Right or Left Extremes" but one that focuses on what is "best" for the citizens of our district/state/nation. I am willing to ask our representative government to help us define what the term "best" should mean - we do this through the election process.

I urge you all to vote on Nov. 2. And please vote for John Stewart.

Donald B. Bain Jr.
 Plymouth

Vets summit addresses benefits, programs

The overwhelming success of the recent Veterans Educational Summit, "Navigating the Waters of VA Benefits," is a testament to what the Canton Community Foundation can accomplish to fulfill a community and regional need.

The two-day event addressed a gap in information about benefits and programs available through the Veterans Administration. More than 150 veterans and their families came from as close as Livonia, Garden City, Canton, Plymouth and Westland, and as far away as Rochester, Portage, Ann Arbor and White Lake.



Joan Noricks

Veterans learned about benefits they may be entitled to, as well as how to obtain them from the VA. Additionally, more than 25 attorneys and advocates who work with veterans also earned continuing education credits to maintain their accreditation with the VA.

We knew this would be an important program. Not until, however, veterans asked us to consider hosting a second event in 2011, did we fully recognize the

significance and the necessity of providing this valuable information, particularly in our trying economic times.

We have to credit foundation board member Jim Fausone, an attorney, whose leadership developed this unique program and solicited exceptional speakers who addressed the needs of attorneys and advocates, as well as veterans and their families.

The CCF has a long history of community participation, handing out grants for special programs, as well as providing scholarships for higher education. The foundation will continue these worthy efforts. But it is also capable of so much more.

Founded 21 years ago, the foundation today is poised to tackle real-life issues and needs confronting our local communities. Our mission is to serve as a regional philanthropic leader. We have reached a maturity level in which we can reach deeper into the community, assess needs and develop solutions.

An excellent example of our expanding direction is the recent formation of a task force to address the growing problem of uninsured community residents. The task force grew out of a healthcare feasibility study conducted

for us by representatives from the University of Michigan, Ross Business School. An estimated 4,000 to 6,000 or 4.7 to 7.1 percent of Canton residents are uninsured, according to the study, which includes a number of potential solutions.

CCF is in a unique position to identify and resolve concerns and issues not only in Canton, but in western Wayne County. Many issues, such as the lack of health care and health insurance, are not limited by municipal boundaries.

Our strength comes not only from an extraordinary and caring board of directors who have a pulse on community needs and willingness to pursue new avenues, but from the ability to form significant lasting partnerships with other organizations and leaders. Partnerships broaden our ability to dig in and tackle serious concerns and issues confronting our communities.

Take a moment to travel through our website at www.cantonfoundation.org and to communicate with us on Facebook. We are here to serve the community and the region.

Joan Noricks is president of the Canton Community Foundation. She may be reached at 734-495-1200 or at jnoricks@cantonfoundation.org

Conservation can lower - wait, raise - your water bills

Years ago, when this newspaper was owned by a different company and the ink-on-paper model still dominated, a top executive issued a memo that told us how tough things were and pointed to evidence to back up that claim.

Along with the usual corporate hyperbole we in the newsroom liked

to joke about - if financial projections haven't been met for so many consecutive quarters, we liked to chortle, for example, maybe they're unrealistic - was an item about the then-steeply rising cost of newsprint.

Sounds reasonable. If the core of your business consists of printing 150,000-plus multi-section newspapers twice a week and delivering them to readers, the escalating cost of newsprint is eating into profits and undoubtedly is a cause for concern. That didn't seem like something we could laugh about.

Two or three years later, the same executive issued a similar memo (these missives came regularly from his office) with more dire evidence. This time, the fact that the cost of newsprint was falling was supposed to raise alarm bells, as it indicated a drop in demand and thus a decline in the industry.

We laughed heartily then at the executive's ability to play both sides and spin a positive into a negative that he was using (we were certain) to try and scare us into doing more for the company for the same pay.

As it turned out, the executive had the last laugh.

A dozen or so years later, readers and advertisers across the country have moved to the Web by the millions, subscriptions to and advertising in paper newspapers have plummeted, job reductions have hit every major paper in the country and publishers' immediate concern is staying afloat rather than turning a profit. No one worries much about the cost of newsprint. I'm not sure the pessimistic exec foresaw exactly how this would unfold, but his worst fears were certainly realized.)

I'm reminded of this situation now because of the fluctuating cost of water and sewer service in Plymouth Township. OK, it's not an exact parallel.

Not too long ago, conservation was the word, and the township was told that limiting consumption, especially during times when the system was the busiest, was the way to lower water bills.

That seemed like iron-clad logic - we pay based on volume, right? - and many Detroit-area communities followed it. Plymouth Township even signed a contract with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department last year that cut the wholesale cost of water by 23 percent.

But now, we're told that falling water use is the problem, because less water use means less revenue but still leaves Detroit (and its water-customer communities, including the township) with massive, expensive-to-maintain infrastructure. System-wide, use is dropping not only because of conservation but also because of population loss (especially in Detroit's hollowed-out neighborhoods, but even to some extent in other communities) and business shutdowns (fewer industrial processes using water, fewer employees flushing).

In Plymouth Township, annual use dropped by about 21 percent between 2007 and 2009 - from 1.549 billion gallons to 1.222 billion. The township Board of Trustees is raising the retail water and sewer rate by \$1 per thousand gallons - less than its auditor, who wants to maintain cash flow, recommends.

So, faced with falling revenue because of reduced water use, DWSD is trying to cover its fixed costs by hiking the cost of water, meaning that even communities that use less could end up paying more. The marks a new front in the perennial battle between Detroit and its suburban water customers over the price of water. Stay tuned.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wrong on Heise

Perhaps, as a newspaper editor, you have been spared the assault of negative advertising issued on Mr. Heise's behalf, mostly from the Republican Party. Nothing else explains your oversight of Mr. Heise's rank misjudgment as a candidate in your consideration of who will best serve the 20th District in the Michigan House of Representatives.

Angry robo-calls and misleading mailers that demonize Joan Wadsworth and the Northville Public School District are being fired at voters on a daily basis. What does the fact that Mr. Heise allows these scurrilous assaults to be made for his benefit predict about his real ambitions as a non-partisan problem-solver? Why should we in Northville believe he will serve us well when he said nothing to refute the Republican Party's false suggestions that the school district had broken the law? You tout his "experience" in your editorial, but what about his behavior?

Joan Wadsworth is the candidate who has been elected five times (Mr. Heise has never

held an elected position) and has served 16 years in a non-partisan success story, working tirelessly, listening to all sides, and compromising to make Northville Public Schools one of the best school districts in the state. Her campaign has placed no robo-attack telephone calls. It has mailed not a single negative postcard. Joan Wadsworth has personally knocked on 10,000 doors to meet and listen to voters in the 20th district. Joan Wadsworth is the candidate "who will provide something voters want - lawmakers of both parties finding centrist ideas and working together."

Jerry J. Morris
Northville

Compromise over-rated

In a recent Free Press review of Michigan House District 21 candidates Dian Slavens (D-Incumbent) and Lori Levi (R-Challenger), much emphasis was placed on Ms Slavens' ability to "work across the aisle" to get legislation passed, to which I must ask, of what real value is legislation that must rely on compromise

for passage?

Each of us is called upon to compromise on those small things that make our daily lives more efficient and easy. But when it comes to the very fabric of our lives, issues like the freedom to work in the field of our choice, personal selection of our own doctors and medical treatment, quality education for our children, taxes, and taking personal responsibility for our own actions, there can be no compromise.

In a Constitutional Republic, the rules are clear. Legislators are not empowered to overstep their delegated authority to institute personal agendas, but instead are required to represent the will of their constituents.

Michigan needs legislators who are strong enough to do what is right and make the hard choices required to restore the health of our state. I, for one, find it refreshing that Lori Levi is not willing to negotiate away my personal liberty and rights in the name of compromise.

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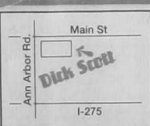
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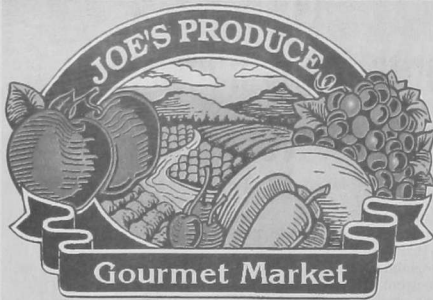
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WILDCATS PERFECT AGAIN

For the third straight year, Plymouth's boys varsity cross country team finished with a perfect dual meet record in the KLAA South Division – plenty good enough to clinch the title.

The Wildcats improved to 5-0 in conference meets with Tuesday's 20-40 win over Livonia Churchill at Cass Benton Park. Plymouth now has a 15-meet winning streak, said head coach Jon Mikosz.

Placing first with a time of 16:46 was Joe Porcari, followed by Derek Gielarowski (16:57) in second place.

Other finishers for the Wildcats included Nick Eiben (4th, 17:28), Liam Cardenas (6th, 17:38), Brandon Dalton (7th, 17:44), Justin Heck (8th, 17:46) and Zane Berlanga (10th, 18:02).

Duo leads 'Cats at county meet

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Led by the dependable duo of Joe Porcari and Derek Gielarowski, Plymouth's boys cross country team did it again.

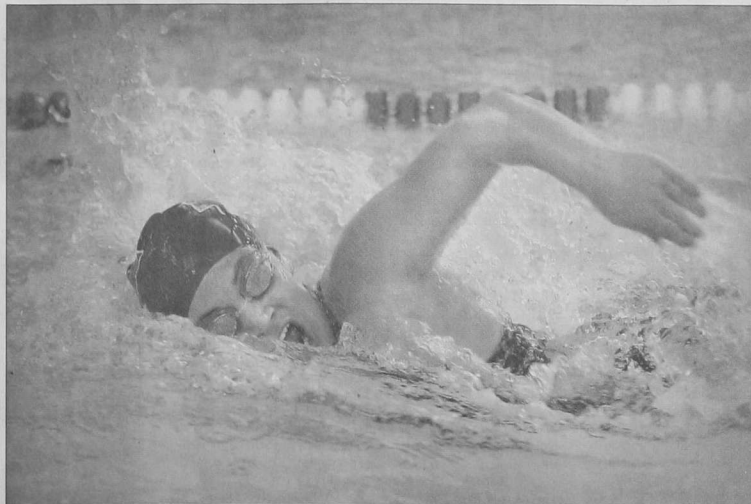
On Saturday at Willow Metropark in New Boston, the Wildcats captured their third consecutive Wayne County meet. The Wildcats tallied 80 points, a comfortable margin in front of second-place Livonia Stevenson (115).

Also finishing in the top 10 were

Please see **PLYMOUTH, B2**



On his way to a third-place finish in the boys race is Plymouth's Joe Porcari.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Madeline Madison gives it her all during the 200 free, an event she fell just short of third place.

Chiefs splash past Rocks

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With fans from both teams up and cheering, Salem's Emily Nelson and Canton's Caitlin Orr were neck-and-neck in the 100-yard backstroke during Tuesday's KLAA South dual meet.

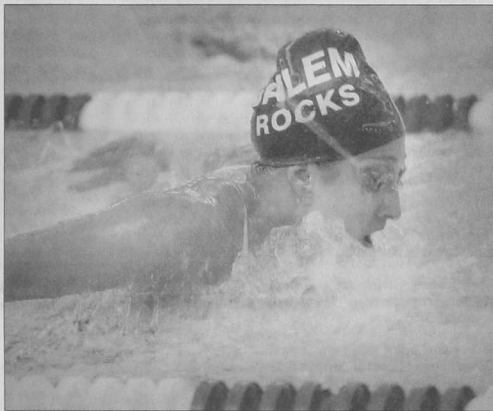
Nelson finished first with a time of 1:03.28, just ahead of the 1:05.19 turned in by Orr. Salem's cheering section got louder.

Then it was time for Canton supporters to go wild as Sara Krebs, Hannah Jenkins and Kelly Bedro finished 1-2-3 in the 100-yard breaststroke.

That was the kind of back-and-forth matchup the spirited rivals provided at the Salem natatorium, but when all was said and done Canton had earned a hard-fought 96-89 victory.

"Salem's a very talented team, great swimmers on their team," said Chiefs' head coach Ed Weber. "So we had a little bit more depth today and we got our points when we needed them."

His Salem counterpart, Chuck Olson, said he expected such a competitive meet and wasn't disap-



Working her way toward first place in the 100 fly is Salem's Claire Amin, during Tuesday's dual meet against Canton.

pointed.

"It started right with the very first event," Olson said. "I knew what they have, they know what we've got so (with) a couple touches here or there

... they got the touches tonight and they did a very nice job."

Olson then smiled and said his

Please see **SWIMMING, B2**

Canton clinches

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's four-goal barrage Monday night lifted the Chiefs to a 5-1 win over host Novi in the Kensington Conference boys soccer championship match.

Getting past one tough opponent only means another one is waiting, namely Lakes Conference champ Brighton.

The 7 p.m. Wednesday matchup at Canton pitted the

8th-ranked Chiefs (15-2-2 overall and 8-1-1

in the KLAA South Division) against the Bulldogs, 13-3-1 overall and 9-1-0 in the Lakes Division. (Results from that game took place after this issue of the Observer went to press but can be found at www.hometownlife.com.)

Chiefs' head coach George Tomasso gave his team full marks for the victory, which included shut-down defense and opportunistic offense.

"I was impressed with how our team defended one of the state's best teams to one goal," Tomasso said. "Even though Novi scored first, it didn't hurt the mentality of our players."

THAT'S IT

Tomasso said a key to the victory was how the Chiefs resolved to not allow any more Novi goals after the opening tally.

"Connor Ferguson, Connor Shennan, Tyler Winningham, Kyle Krause, Neil Zech and Brandon Laabs all took on the challenge of not letting up another goal," noted Tomasso, adding that it was Laabs' best performance of the season so far.

Against Novi (16-3-0, 9-1-0 and first in the KLAA Central), Canton fell behind midway through the first half when junior Chase Jabbori won a ball in the Chiefs' box and scored against senior goalkeeper Laabs.

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Good sports for good cause

Renzi Invitational brings out best in campus rivals

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kim Renzi not only would have loved the spirited competition at Saturday's volleyball invitational in her name.

She would have given a thumbs up to the sportsmanship shown afterward by campus coaches.

Although Kim Renzi Memorial Invitational-host Plymouth fell short — Salem defeated North Farmington for the title — there was nothing but good vibes between PCEP teams.

"Seeing as we could not take the title, I am glad to see one of our sister schools win such an inspirational tournament," said Kelly McCausland, coach of the Plymouth varsity team.

"The Salem girls play hard, but they also show outstanding sportsmanship and great character which are two traits that are deserving of the Renzi Memorial title."

According to Salem head coach Amanda Nies, the biggest plus of the day wasn't coming away with hardware.

"It was such a great tournament and I have to give my highest respects to the Plymouth volleyball program," Nies said. "Kelly McCausland ran a wonderful tournament and it is just such a great thing to all come together and help support the Renzi family."

"I am proud to be apart of the park and such wonderful people. It was an honor to play today."

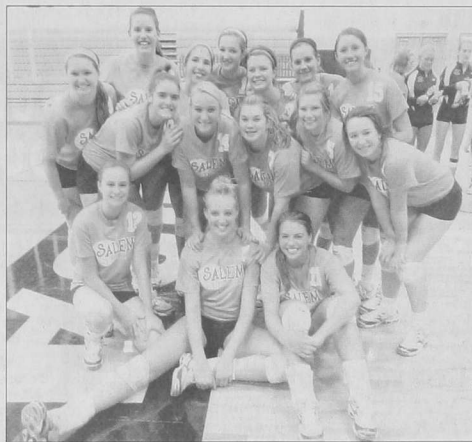
The annual Kim Renzi Memorial Invitational honors the former Plymouth freshman volleyball coach who lost her battle with metastatic melanoma in early 2009.

JUST AMAZING

Proceeds from the invitational, which included Canton among other Observerland teams such as Redford Union, Garden City and North Farmington, go to a college scholarship fund for the Renzi children — daughters Marina and Adeline.

The ongoing love, support and generosity for the Renzis just astonishes Kim's surviving husband, Todd.

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The Salem volleyball team, donning all pink T-shirts for Saturday's Kim Renzi Memorial Invitational, are all smiles after finishing first overall.



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Salem girls place solid second at county meet

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Just like last year, Salem's girls cross country team placed second to Grosse Pointe South at the Wayne County Championship meet.

The runner-up Rocks talked 64 points at Willow Metropark in New Boston on Saturday, only 11 behind victorious Grosse Pointe South. Not too far behind Salem was third-place Livonia Franklin (81).

"I expected Grosse Pointe South to win this," said Salem head coach Dave Gerlach, who had his four top runners finishing under the 20-minute mark. "They're ranked maybe sixth in the state right now and we're ranked at 10th. I knew it was going to be a shootout and I knew (Livonia) Churchill and Franklin were going to be right there as well."

"I was real happy with the way we raced today, we competed real well."

The Chargers placed fourth out of the 34-team field with 110 points, followed by Canton (fifth, 194), Plymouth (sixth, 198) and Livonia Stevenson (seventh, 210).

Other Observerland teams included Livonia Ladywood (12th, 385), Redford Union (16th, 439), Lutheran Westland (17th, 473), Westland John Glenn (18th, 486) and Garden City (20th, 539).

Individually, the Blue Devils' Hannah Meier was overall champion with a time of 18-minutes, 08.41-seconds — nudging out second-place Franklin senior Megan McPherson (18:20.99).

Canton senior Bianca Kubicki finished fifth and made All-County 1st Team status with a school-record time of 18:53.31 with Churchill sophomore Kerigan Riley in sixth (19:18.71).

"Bianca was flying today," said Chiefs head coach Eric Pahl, adding that the team struggled just a little bit because of heat, humidity and overcoming recent injuries.

According to Kubicki, the key to her performance was starting well.

"I got off to a really good start," she said. "I didn't get boxed in and I just felt really good."

She added that setting the 5K record was another reason to be happy "because my sophomore year I tried to beat it and tied it. Now I finally beat it as a senior."

PACK PROWESS

Salem's fastest finisher for the day was freshman Kayla



Canton senior Bianca Kubicki finished fifth overall at the Wayne County Cross Country Meet, setting a new school record in the process.

Kavulich, placing eighth with a time of 19:22.78.

"It was a great day personally and for the whole team," Kavulich said. "Everybody ran really well and overall that's what we wanted to do, get as close to Grosse Pointe South as possible and keep going." Kavulich just missed earning All-County 1st Team honors (reserved for the top 7) but joined teammates

Victoria Tripp (10th, 19:38.73), Shannon Flynn (11th, 19:45.41) and Adrianna Beltran (12th, 19:49.82) on the 2nd Team.

"I think we had some solid races," Gerlach said. "... Our No. 3 (Flynn), 4 (Adrianna Beltran) and 6 (Emily Bizon) runners ran very well today."

"Other runners just had good days, they followed through and did what they needed to do. But I thought we had three outstanding races today so I was real pleased with that."

For the Wildcats, junior Nicole Traitses came in 16th with a mark of 20:02.61, with freshman Brianna Lax 28th (20:31.12).

Plymouth head coach Mary Kerwin noted that her team's sixth-place showing was "about where I thought we would be. I am hoping that we will finish better as a team" at the conference and regional meets.

Although Garden City had a tough day as a team, sophomore Mariah Carver cracked the Top-20, with her time of 20:03.01 earning her 17th place (and All-County 3rd Team honors).

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER

Cougars' head coach Rob

ROCKS WIN DIVISION

Scratch another one of Salem's wish list for 2010 as the Rocks defeated South Lyon 15-48 Tuesday at Island Lake to clinch the KLA South Division girls cross country title.

For Salem (5-0 in dual meets), Victoria Tripp was medalist with a first-place time of 20-minutes, 13-seconds, followed by Emily Bizon (20:53), Kara Booms (20:54), Madison Goodpasture (20:55) and Natasha Stevenson (21:07) in places 2-5.

The Rocks also grabbed places 7-11, with Amanda Beyer 7th (21:33) and four girls in a tie for 8th with times of 21:38. That quartet included Autumn Burin, Kayla Kavulich, Alejandra Beltran and Adrianna Beltran. Salem's Emily Marcero finished in 22:34, for 16th overall while Meghan Flynn took 18th with a mark of 22:41.

Phillips said the performance will be something for Carver to look back at when the Division 1 regionals take place Oct. 30 (also at Willow Metropark).

"As a mental thing for Mariah, it shows how she can run with the top runners in the county," Phillips said.

He added that Carver, along with other top Garden City runners such as sophomore Jayme Walton and senior Alyse Madej have a few weeks to get healthy "and bring our team's total time down at the regional."

Salem's Pahl said the experience of running with a lot of strong teams will only be a plus as far as preparing for the regional meet.

"This gives them a chance to run with a group that's really fast and is a competitive field," Pahl stressed. "And they get a chance to see what it's going to be like at the next level."

Redford Union's bright spot was first-year senior Jennifer Lichtman, whose personal-best time of 21:54.57 garnered a 67th-place finish.

Panthers' coach Tom Kessel said his team might have been running low on gas at the county meet, due to coming off a very competitive tri-meet last Thursday against Garden City and Dearborn Heights Crestwood. "That (the tri-meet) was our best meet of the year."

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SWIMMING

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team will "see them again at the conference meet and at the state meet. We'll probably put it (Tuesday's loss) in our memory bank somewhere."

EXTRA SCORING HELP

Earning points for second and third place was a big factor in Canton's victory, which lifted the Chiefs' record to 6-0-1.

In addition to the 100 breast, the Chiefs finished 1-2-3 in the 50 free (good for 13 points). Destinee Barmore-Hicks won with a mark of 25.82, followed by teammates Kari Schmitt (2nd, 26.29) and Sara Schmitt (3rd, 27.37).

Weber, who praised the work ethic and leadership of his 22 seniors, mentioned several other girls for coming through with important contributions.

He listed Robyn Piwowar and Brooke Granowicz, who grabbed the top two places in diving with totals of 183.20 and 133.60 points, respectively.

Bedro (third, 100 breast, 1:15.29), Kayla Eyster (fourth, 100 free, 1:00.53) and his "B" teams in the 200- and 400-free relays also were competitive.

In the 200-free relay, Hannah Jenkins, Eyster, Abby Madison and Maddie Madison's 1:51.41 nipped Salem's Jacey Lamoureux, Maggie Sneiderman, Irene Li and Maddie Gorman (1:51.47) for second-place points.

Canton's top team in that event (the Schmitts, Delaney Adams, Barmore-Hicks) won with a time of 1:45.58.

Likewise, in the 400-free relay, Canton's unit of Orr, Sara Schmitt, Krebs and Maddie Madison took third (3:58.43) behind the second-place tandem of Adams,



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
All smiles after her win in the 50 free is Canton's Destinee Barmore-Hicks.



Closing in on her first-place finish in the 200 IM Tuesday is Salem's Abby Aumiller.

Eyster, Kari Schmitt and Barmore-Hicks (3:53.16).

MAKING THE CUT

Salem's quartet of Julia Suriano, Lauren Serok4, Emily

Nelson and Abby Aumiller won that meet-closing event with an excellent 3:51.00, but it wasn't enough to catch Canton on the scorecard.

According to Olson, the meet was a good one for his team (now 4-4-0) despite the final result.

Besides being part of the winning 400-free relay and 200-medley relay teams (both with Aumiller, Nelson and Seroka) Suriano won the 500- and 200-free individual events.

"Suriano got her state cut in the 500 (free) that she hadn't had before," Olson said. "Her 200 free she repeated her state cut time there."

"Abby Aumiller (1st, 200 IM, 2:20.96) had a real nice night. Emily Nelson (first, 100 back, 1:03.28) swam real well, Lauren Seroka did very well."

He added that Claire Amin and Li came through with a 1-2 finish in the 100 fly with respective times of 1:05.05 and 1:05.33.

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GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING RESULTS

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200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Abby Aumiller, Emily Nelson, Lauren Seroka, Julia Suriano), 1:59.28; 2. Canton (Caitlin Orr, Kelly Bedro, Catherine Irwin, Sara Schmitt), 2:00.97; 3. Salem (Maggie Sneiderman, Ashley Micek, Claire Amin, Irene Li), 2:03.43.

200 freestyle: 1. Suriano (S), 2:00.28; 2. Seroka (S), 2:02.59; 3. Delaney Adams (C), 2:05.84; 4. Madeline Madison (C), 2:06.48; 5. Maddie Gorman (S), 2:06.55.

200 individual medley: 1. Aumiller (S), 2:20.96; 2. Nelson (S), 2:21.74; 3. Irwin (C), 2:21.84; 4. Hannah Jenkins (C), 2:23.98; 5. Amin (S), 2:24.10.

50 freestyle: 1. Destinee Barmore-Hicks

(C), 25.82; 2. Kari Schmitt (C), 26.29; 3. Schmitt (C), 27.37; 4. Sneiderman (S), 27.80; 5. Li (S), 27.98.

1-meter diving: 1. Robyn Piwowar (C), 183.20 points; 2. Brooke Granowicz (C), 133.60; 3. Sarah Rudelic (S), 125.15; 4. Bridget Maui (S), 118.45.

100 butterfly: 1. Amin (S), 1:05.05; 2. Li (S), 1:05.33; 3. Irwin (C), 1:05.46; 4. Kaitlyn Dugas (C), 1:07.06; 5. Orr (C), 1:07.66.

100 freestyle: 1. Barmore-Hicks (C), 56.04; 2. K. Schmitt (C), 57.23; 3. Seroka (S), 57.36; 4. Kayla Eyster (C), 1:00.53; 5. Jacey Lamoureux (S), 1:01.18.

500 freestyle: 1. Suriano (S), 5:25.30; 2. Aumiller (S), 5:28.34; 3. Adams (C), 5:32.23; 4. M. Madison (C), 5:32.52; 5. Gorman (S), 5:46.04.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (K.

Schmitt, S. Schmitt, Adams, Barmore-Hicks), 1:45.58; 2. Canton (Jenkins, Eyster, Abby Madison, M. Madison), 1:51.41; 3. Salem (Lamoureux, Sneiderman, Li, Gorman), 1:51.47.

100 backstroke: 1. Nelson (S), 1:03.28; 2. Orr (C), 1:05.19; 3. Sneiderman (S), 1:08.86; 4. Jenny Schwank (S), 1:09.97; 5. Dugas (C), 1:12.10.

100 breaststroke: 1. Sara Krebs (C), 1:12.23; 2. Jenkins (C), 1:14.98; 3. Bedro (C), 1:15.29; 4. Micek (S), 1:16.47; 5. Maria Radzwin (S), 1:17.11.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Suriano, Seroka, Nelson, Aumiller), 3:51.00; 2. Canton (Adams, Eyster, K. Schmitt, Barmore-Hicks), 3:53.16; 3. Canton (Orr, S. Schmitt, Krebs, M. Madison), 3:58.43.

Canton's dual meet record: 6-0-1 overall; Salem's record: 4-4-0.

PLYMOUTH

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Canton (4th, 127), Livonia Churchill (6th, 230) and Salem (9th, 240).

"We ran good today," said Plymouth head coach Jon Mikosz. "It wasn't by far our best meet we've had this year, but they clawed through and still made it good enough."

It doesn't hurt having consistency from the likes of senior Porcari and junior Gielarowski. They finished third and fourth overall, respectively, with times of 16-minutes, 23.93-seconds and 16:28.84.

Stephen Fabian of University of Detroit-Jesuit was the individual champion with a mark of 16:07.10.

"We ran hard, we ran it to win it," Porcari said. "Derek's picking up a lot of slack, it was a team effort though."

TAKING NOTES

Mikosz said when runners like Porcari and Gielarowski are getting it done, teammates try to take a page out of their book.

"It motivates the other guys, looking at Derek and Joe," Mikosz said. "They're pushing and putting the effort in so the rest of the other guys want to be up there more."

"So, if we can connect that gap a little bit more between Derek and our third (runner), we can probably turn some heads" at the upcoming conference and Division 1 regional meets.

Plymouth's next three runners finished just six seconds apart. Those included sophomore Brandon Dalton (22nd, 17:12.69), freshman Liam Cardenas (25th, 17:17.67) and junior James Maciag (26th, 17:18.64).

Stevens' first-year head coach Chris Inch said his team ran well, with senior Matt Williams (8th, 16:46.10) and junior John Lynch (12th, 16:59.81) leading the way.

Inch said freshman Steven Fenech ran the 5K course in 17:28 to nab 35th place and the final All-County Honorable Mention spot, "so that was awesome."

"We have a couple guys in the middle who can step up and run better and make us a little closer to Plymouth," he added.

The Chiefs had a solid day, with a number of personal bests including junior Miles Felton's seventh-place finish of 14:43.65.

"Our No. 1 guy, Miles tied the school record for this race and Mitch (Clinton) ran one of his best times of the year," said Canton head coach Bill Boyd, referring to junior Clinton's 9th-place time of 16:48.51.

Another Canton runners doing damage was junior Braden Conley (20th, 17:07.87), although Boyd praised the efforts of senior Keegan Sullivan (42nd, 17:38.09), junior Jeff Molchen (49th, 17:46.90) and freshman Tom Walkinshaw (50th, 17:47.31).

"We've struggled 4-through-10, but 4, 5 and 6 all had real good races today, coming in under 18 minutes," Boyd said. "So it's pretty encouraging with the end of the year coming up."

GETTING EXPERIENCE

Steven Aspinall, assistant coach of race-host Salem, said his young squad picked up valuable experience and came within 12 points of the fifth-place team (Grosse Pointe South).

"Our underclassmen are running real well," Aspinall said. "We've got 16 sophomores

who all ran well today."

At the front of that group were 13th-place Steve McEvilly (17:02.62) and Mike Karizat, 18th with a time of 17:05.52.

Although Redford Union did not have a banner day as a team (22nd place, 578), head coach Tom Kessel gave kudos to his top runner, senior Justin Faur (16th, 17:04.58).

"We had some good performances," Kessel said. "Justin Faur ran 16th overall which was an improvement over last year for him."

Kessel said his team might have been fatigued on the hot, humid day because it just competed in a grueling tri-match on Thursday. The Panthers defeated Garden City, but fell to Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

"Thursday was a really good meet for us overall, both boys and girls," Kessel said. "That was the meet we were gearing for."

"Today, ... they all competed, they just didn't have as much life in their legs as they did Thursday."

Progress for PCA

Plymouth Christian Academy's boys cross country competed in the wind and rain Saturday, Oct. 2 at Center Line High School's Carl Schoenense Memorial Run and held its own against higher level teams in Division 4, said Eagles head coach Jennifer Lemieux.

Winning a silver medal was Trevor Baloga, with a time of 18-minutes, 25-seconds while Jimmy Parks (18:43) took home a bronze medal.

Other PCA finishers included: Robert Fergan, 20:52; Jacob Nichols, 20:54; Steven Zomermaand, 21:12; Ian Rose, 21:42; Nathan Harold, 22:38 and Manabu Taketani, 23:54.

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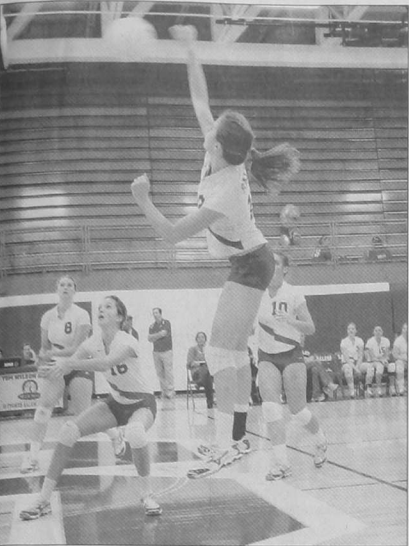
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Going up to drive the volleyball Tuesday is Salem's Bri Berberet (No. 12), with front-row support from teammates Kara Hewitt (No. 8), Leslie Rodrigues (No. 16) and Kerry MacDonald (No. 10).

Rocks keep rolling

Salem — fresh off of Saturday's title at the Kim Renzi Memorial Tournament — kept its momentum building Tuesday with a three-game sweep over visiting South Lyon East.

The Rocks had little trouble, posting wins of 25-7, 25-7 and 25-9.

"We played really well tonight," said Salem volleyball coach Amanda Nies. "It was great to get some new people in there for a lot of playing time tonight."

A number of players had strong showings, including Katie Heitmeyer, who Nies said "had a very powerful jump serve" to help record six aces. Heitmeyer also helped on defense with 13 digs.

Setting up the offense with 10 assists and four digs was Quinn Fillinger, while other top performers were Bri Berberet (4 kills, 6 digs), Mary Ganich (3 digs, 2 aces), Kara Hewitt (4 aces, 3 digs, 3 kills) and Leslie Rodrigues (3 kills, 2 digs).

BLAZERS TRIUMPH: Livonia Ladywood bumped off two highly-ranked teams in

Saturday's East Kentwood girls volleyball tournament.

The Blazers, 27-15-2 overall, defeated Catholic League rival Farmington Hills Mercy, ranked No. 4 in Class A, 25-18, 12-25, 15-13, and Battle Creek St. Philip, No. 1 in Class D and defending state champs, 27-25, 25-22.

In the win over Mercy, Cheyenne Woodall had six kills, while Kenzie Kettner, Caitlin McCloy and Katy Rooney added five aces.

Shannon Hogg added three blocks, while Jenny Rhodes paced the defense with 15 digs. The Blazers, 3-2 on the day, opened tourney play with a 19-25, 15-8 win over highly regarded Plainfield, while losses came against host East Kentwood (23-25, 22-25) and Grand Haven (25-20, 20-25, 8-15).

Top hitters during the five-match tourney for the Blazers included Rooney (33 kills), Woodall (29 kills) and Kettner (27 kills).

Setter Alex Hines led the way in assist-to-kills (97), while Rhodes had at total of 57 digs.

Tech and Canton (25-21, 25-18).

McCausland said getting past the Chiefs was an important step for her team.

"This rivalry has been a hurdle of ours for the past several years," she stressed. "And I could not be more proud of our girls for finally realizing that yes, they can beat Canton."

Against the Chiefs, Plymouth played with "intensity, confidence and energy. From the very first point, everything was clicking."

HONORING HER COACH

Unfortunately, the Wildcats lost 22-25, 17-25 to North Farmington in the semifinals despite a special performance from Rachael Hille — one of Renzi's former players.

"This tournament means a lot to the whole program, but it especially means a lot to Rachael and Taylor Pastor, who both played for Kim," McCausland said. "They brought emotion and energy today, and both had an outstanding day of volleyball."

Hille helped Plymouth come back from a 13-22 deficit in Game 1 with an eight-point serving run and tallied 12 kills and five blocks for the day.

Other Plymouth statistical leaders included Kayla Bridge (31 kills, 30 digs), Dani Risi (30 kills, 23 digs), Alex Roberts (21 kills, 12 blocks), Jessica Scott (40 assists, 12 digs), Shayla Smalls (40 assists, 18 digs) and Mariah Tesarz (42 digs).

Canton results were not available as of press time.

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PREP GRID PICKS

Week 8 Friday, Oct. 15 Redford Thurston (6-1, 5-0) at Dearborn (7-0, 4-0), 7 p.m. Redford Union (1-6, 1-4) at Dearborn Fordson (5-2, 3-1), 7 p.m. Westland John Glenn (3-4, 2-3) at Livonia Stevenson (3-4, 2-3), 7 p.m. Wayne (0-7, 0-5) at Plymouth Salem (0-7, 0-5), 7 p.m. Bloomfield Hills Andover (1-6, 0-6) at North Farmington (1-6, 1-6), 7 p.m. Plymouth (5-2, 4-1) at Novi (4-3, 4-1), 7 p.m. Romulus (0-7, 0-4) at Garden City (2-5, 2-3), 7 p.m. Livonia Franklin (5-2, 3-2) at South Lyon (3-4, 3-2), 7 p.m. Livonia Churchill (2-5, 1-4) at South Lyon East (2-5, 1-4), 7 p.m. Hamtramck (1-6) at Livonia Clarenceville (3-4), 7 p.m. Clarkston (6-1, 6-0) at Farmington (7-0, 5-0), 7 p.m. Canton (7-0, 5-0) at Northville (7-0, 5-0), 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16 Lake Orion (7-0, 6-0) at Farmington Harrison (7-0, 6-0), 1 p.m. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (1-6, 0-4) at Lutheran Westland (0-7, 0-5), 1 p.m. Last week Overall	Brad Emmons Thurston Fordson Stevenson Salem North Plymouth Garden City Franklin Churchill Clarenceville Farmington Canton Harrison Cranbrook 9-3, (.750) 80-17 (.825)
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State finals beckon Plymouth's Zhang

Plymouth junior Aaron Zhang, the No. 1 singles player for the Wildcats, recently made the finals at the Division 1 boys tennis regionals and a result qualified for the state finals as the No. 6-seeded player in Michigan.

Zhang qualified by defeating previously undefeated top-seeded Kevin Renehan of South Lyon East, by scores of 6-2, 6-1.

Wildcats head coach Tom Kimball said Zhang is this year's only Plymouth-Canton Educational Park boys tennis player to advance to the state finals, which begins Friday in Midland. Zhang also remains

the lone Wildcat to ever make it that far.

Following are results of the recent DI regionals at Novi:

KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE BOYS TENNIS TOURNAMENT
Oct. 6-7 at Novi H.S.
TEAM STANDINGS (top 2 qualify for state finals): 1. Novi, 28 points; 2. Northville, 19-3; (tie) Canton, Salem and Plymouth, 14 each; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 11-7; (tie) Livonia Franklin and Livonia Churchill, 10 each; 9. South Lyon, 5; 10. South Lyon East, 4; 11. (tie) Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial, 1 each.
FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS
No. 1 singles: Aaron Zhang (Ply.) defeated Kevin Renehan (GLE), 6-2, 6-1.
semifinals: Zhang def. Stephen Payne (LF), 4-6, 6-3, 6-1; Renehan def. Ryan Hansz (Canton), 6-0, 6-0.

No. 2: Walter Woods (LF) def. Brock Foster (Salem), 3-0 (injury default).
semifinals: Woods def. Matt Dwan (Ply.), 6-3, 6-4; Foster def. Andrew Ying (Novi), 6-1, 6-4.
No. 3: Nathan Albaneli (Nville) def. Jalen Woods (LC), 6-3, 7-6, 7-6 (7-2).
semifinals: Albaneli def. Andrew Cho (Novi), 6-4, 6-3; Woods def. Vince Sabatini (LS), 6-4, 6-4.
No. 4: Matt Evasic (Nville) def. Michael Chang (Novi), 6-2, 6-3; **semifinals:** Evasic def. Ian Fleming (Ply.), 6-1, 6-0; Chang def. Dion Walker (Salem), 6-3, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles: Jason Carless-Greg Richard (Novi) def. Josh Perrin-Scott Devine (Salem), 6-0, 6-1; **semifinals:** Carless-Richard def. Phil Lee-Austin Weaver (Nville), 6-0, 6-0; Perrin-Devine def. Josh York-Paul Franchina (LS), 6-1, 1-6, 6-3.
No. 2: Bill Bell-Alex Brizard (Novi) def. Kaemon Holman-Royas-Chad Northey (LS), 6-1, 6-2; **semifinals:** Bell-Brizard def. Drew Leist-Josh Heinze (Ply.), 6-3, 6-2; Holman

Royas-Northey def. Rocky Willette-Josh Wendel (Canton), 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.
No. 3: Nathan Farooq-Chaitanya Kanitkar (Novi) def. Drew Baldwin-Brian Manney (Nville), 6-4, 6-4; **semifinals:** Farooq-Kanitkar def. Ryan McPherson-Eric Stromberg (LC), 6-0, 6-0, 6-1; Baldwin-Manney def. Alan Halim-Ashwin Kumar (Canton), 6-1, 6-4.
No. 4: Stephen Kovacinski-Brandon Sanders (Novi) def. Luke Freeman-James Dodge (Canton), 7-5, 6-1; **semifinals:** Kovacinski-Sanders def. Tyler Foley-Vishnu Rajendran (Salem), 6-1, 6-0; Freeman-Dodge def. Rahul Raj-Trevor Page (Nville), 7-6 (7-3), 7-5.
No. 5: Nishant Kakar-Jon Thompson (Novi) def. Nirmal Pathak-Steve Price (Canton), 6-0, 6-0; **semifinals:** Kakar-Thompson def. Brian Baumgartner-Kenny Denstaedt (LC), 6-3, 6-0; Pathak-Price def. Robert Hsu-Luke Jacobi (Nville), 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Week 4 is a struggle for Steelers

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Week 4 was a bit rougher for the Plymouth-Canton Steelers youth football teams, with the freshman taking the sting out of varsity and JV losses.

Following is the recap of games against the Ypsilanti Braves:

• The varsity Steelers lost 26-14. Ryan Broughman played strong on offense at center throughout the game and Cole Selby had several carries for offensive gains, but the Steelers still came up short on the scoreboard.

Dakota Lynn had solid defensive coverage against a

strong Braves offensive line, while rookie Jalen Cochran, in his first game as a Steeler, had the play of the game with a 40-yard interception return for a touchdown.

• There were few highlights to report from the junior varsity team's 21-6 loss. Scott Gregor and Joshua Stein were formidable on the offensive line, Jacob Stephan made a great sliding catch and David Dart kept working hard to keep the Steelers only off-

sive scoring drive alive.

• The silver lining finally shone through thanks to a 41-20 victory by the freshman Steelers. Benjamin Bennett had a great day running the ball, as did Rashawn Allen, who scored the first TD. Kyle Hein and Mason Richard did an awesome job blocking on the O-line, keeping the Braves defense at bay.

Danny Lanava led the Steelers defense with serious heads-up play and Jake Cain made his own defensive mark, when he intercepted an extra point attempt.

But the resilient Chiefs came back a few minutes later to make it 1-1. Sophomores Chad Ovesea and Bobby Budlong hooked up "on a great set piece," with Ovesea's header of Budlong's free kick getting it done.

That's the way it stayed until the 16th minute of the second half. Budlong stole the ball and sent a feed over to senior co-captain Phil Baciak, who hit the mark with a perfect shot.

With about four minutes to go, Budlong scored his team-leading 14th goal to give the Chiefs some insurance.

This time Baciak reciprocated with a beautiful cross to Budlong, who dove and headed the ball past Novi's goalie.

Turning the game into a bit of a blowout, senior co-captain Sean Balnaves (on a penalty shot) and Budlong (from Baciak again) scored in the final three minutes of play.

Rocks blank Pats

In Monday's KLAA crossover between fourth-place teams in the Kensington Conference, Salem spanked Livonia Franklin 7-0.

Two goals each by Dan Martin and Jake Pascarella sparked the Rocks, who led 4-0 at halftime.

Also scoring for Salem (8-8-3) were Jeff Cantin, Drew Roth and Chris Dierker.

The Rocks were slated to face Walled Lake Central (8-8-0) on Wednesday afternoon in a KLAA association crossover matchup.

RENZI

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"Kim has been gone for more than a year, and the Plymouth-Canton community continues to support us and continues to show my girls how much they are loved and cared for," noted Todd Renzi in an e-mail. "It really is amazing. ... And it is so important to them to have this tournament as a way to pay tribute to their mother."

Todd added that Marina and Adeline are talented young volleyball players themselves. "They're future Plymouth Wildcats."

PATH TO VICTORY

Salem's road to the championship started with victories in pool play over Cass Tech, Dexter, Ann Arbor Huron and Garden City (25-14, 25-17).

The Rocks then knocked off Canton 25-21, 25-21 before handling North Farmington 25-17, 25-13 in the final.

"It was a great day and my girls played well through out the day and I am very proud of them," Nies said. "They beat some good teams today and pushed through at the end of the matches."

Several players had big days, including Nicole Merget (58 kills), Jillian Somerville (35 kills, nine blocks), Kerstin Johnson (42 digs, 21 kills), Lauren Aschermann (30 digs) and Kerry MacDonald (107 assists, 19 digs, nine kills and 13 aces).

For the host Wildcats, the day began with a split against Ann Arbor Huron and wins over RU (25-7, 25-11), Cass

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MICHAEL C. DERSCHA

Passed away suddenly October 9, 2010 at the age of 52. Beloved husband of Ann, step-father of Johna (Erik) Insana and Michael (Jaclyn) Tocco, loving son of Joseph (Sue) and the late Diane, dear brother of Carol (Mike) Luginski, Andy (Tammy) DiSalvo, Richard (Sandra) and Neil. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Visitation at the Sterling Heights Chapel of Bagnasco & Calcaterra Funeral Home, 13650 E. Fifteen Mile Road (at Schoenherr), Tuesday 2-9pm with Rosary at 7:00 pm. Funeral Wednesday at 11:00am at the Funeral Home. Donations to Meals on Wheels would be appreciated. Memories to be shared at: www.bchf.com



PAUL T. DOBBS

Age 72, October 8, 2010. Loving Husband of April. Beloved father of Elizabeth (George) Fomin, Beverly (Brad) Bauer, Amy (Peter) Mianowski, and Catherine (Michael) Pelz. Proud Grandfather of Grant Fomin, Justin and Eric Mianowski, and Dear brother of Juanda Maradea. A memorial service will be held Sat., Oct. 16, 2010 at 11 am at St. John Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Rd. (Sheldon Rd. South of Ann Arbor Trail). To share a memory with the family, visit: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

ROBERT KRAJEWSKI

Age 76 of Warren. He passed away on Aug. 22, 2010 in Warren. Robert was born on March 19, 1934 in Detroit, MI. He was the youngest of 11 children of Mary and Stanley Krajewski. Husband of Ruth Ann Krajewski for 48 years. Brother of Joseph, Edward, and Stanley. Survived by his wife, Ruth Ann, and many nieces and nephews. Served in the U.S. Navy. A member of St. Pius the 10th C of C in Warren. Worked as a barber for many years before retiring and was an avid boater. Memorial Service on Oct. 23, 2010 at 11:00 am at St. Anne's Catholic Church (on Mound between 13 and 14 Mile), Warren. Arrangements by Hopcroft Funeral Home.

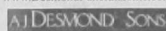
KEVIN M. MCANAMON

Age 26, of Madison, TN, formerly of Redford, MI, died Oct. 6, 2010. Son of Michael (Ann) & Barb Sullivan. Brother of Renee. Service was held Oct. 11 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon (248) 446-1171.



JANE BOYD MURPHY

A long-time resident of Bloomfield Hills, passed away October 10, 2010 after a courageous confrontation with cancer. She was 75 years young. A Michigan girl to her bones, Jane graduated from Baldwin High School and Penn Hall Girl's School. She was a talented designer known for a deft and fearless aesthetic matched only by her tireless sense of humor. Those who knew her admired her compassion, her wit and love of life, as well her commitment to many good causes. Jane was a member of the Orchard Lake Country Club, the Harbor Pointe Golf Club, the Village Club, Les Jardinières Garden Club, W.O.W. and Nifty. Beloved wife of the late William V. Dear mother of Scott and Chip (Kim). Grandmother of Grace, Hayes and Colby. Sister of Judy Vandervee. Memorial service Friday October 29th 2pm at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham, Michigan 48009. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to First United Methodist Church of Birmingham or The Village Club Foundation, 190 E. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



JOYCE MYRTLE NAIR

Hamburg, MI. 79 years old. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio on October 24, 1930 to Carl and Ethel Honaker. Married George Nair and had three daughters; Nancy (John) Poelstra of Pinckney, Debbie (Scott) Welsch of Hamburg and Cynthia Carpenter of Marquette, MI. George preceded her in death in 1993. For the past 13 years she dated her dear friend Edwin Mayes who has been by her side since the automobile accident that occurred September 2, 2010 that eventually took her life on October 8, 2010. Mom was an exceptional person who was her happiest when with her family. A perfect time for Mom was having her family over for dinner, celebrating a birthday or holiday and relaxing by the fireplace listening to her grandchildren talk about their sports, college or children. Mom also loved doing her church accounting job even though older age had robbed her of much of her sight. Mom loved sitting on her front porch with Ed and her grandchildren feeding the squirrels that would come with in arms reach to get their food. She taught her grandchildren to love nature, to take time to enjoy the beautiful aspects of life, and kindness to animals. Grandchildren include: Ashley, Jennifer and Christian Poelstra, Shanna Driscoll, Becky Franklin and Andy Tassin, and Jessica David and Jordan Welsch. Great grandchildren include Madelyn Driscoll and Aiden Franklin. A Healing Farewell will be held 11:00AM Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at St. Paul Lutheran Church with Rev. Evan Gaertner officiating. Memorial contributions are suggested to your local animal shelter. Please leave a Message of Comfort to Joyce's family by calling 877-231-7900 or visit her guestbook at www.borekjennings.com

NORMAN S. PATALON

Age 73, passed away, October 8, 2010 in Traverse City. He was born on March 27, 1937 in Detroit, son of the late Sylvester and Maryann Patalon. Norm was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. In 1991 following 32 years of dedicated service, he retired as an accountant from Ford Motor Co. After his retirement, Norm and his wife Annette moved to Houghton Lake where they became active members of St. James Catholic Church. He enjoyed fishing, golfing, bowling, boating, camping and dancing. He loved music, especially polka and big band. He was a fan of the Detroit Lions, Tigers, Pistons and Red Wings. Norm led an active life with many interests, but his true love was his beloved wife and his loving family. He will be greatly missed. He is survived by: his wife Annette of 51 years, his children, Suzanne (Dan) Lixie, Kathleen (Paul) Parzuchowski, Mark (Jill) Patalon and Christopher (Tracey) Patalon. He, "Papa" is also survived by his grandchildren, Brittany, Erin, Samantha, J.P. Mitchell and Nicholas, his sister Dorothy LaFave and his brother Jerry Patalon. He was preceded in death by his sisters Dolores and Christine. Visitation was held on Tuesday, October 12th from 2-9 p.m. with Rosary prayed at 7 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, October 13th at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church C/O The Norman S. Patalon stained glass window or American Kidney Foundation. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



HERBERT LEE PEACH

Age 81, passed away September 22, 2010. Herb, a Navy veteran, was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Rose in 2003. He is survived by his beloved children: Shannon Patterson, Christie Huls and Michael (Monica) Peach, grandchildren: Kelly (Hector) Lopez, Darcy (Luke) Madsen, Tracy Sprague, Heather Patterson, Melissa Joy Cooley, Tristan Peach, Christiana Peach and Ariana Peach; great-grandchildren: Tyler Sprague, Faith Rose Madsen, Brody Madsen, Emma Madsen, Gracelynn Madsen and Aiden Cooley. Memorial service is Saturday, October 16, 2010 at the Salvation Army Church, 26700 W. Warren Road, Dearborn Heights, MI, at 1:00pm. Donations may be made to the American Heart Association in lieu of flowers.

RICHARD PETERSON

"Richard Roy the Cowboy"

Age 21, October 10, 2010 of Westland, formerly of Garden City. Beloved son of Michelle, Loving brother of Sarah, Steven and Jessica Peterson. Dear grandson of Norma Randazzo and Joseph (Sharon) Randazzo. Dear uncle of Daniel. Nephew of Cindy Tarnacki, Joseph Randazzo, Jr., and Cristy (Dan) Cox. Great-nephew of William Randazzo & Nina Kalmata. Also survived by his father Timmy, and many cousins and friends. In state Thursday 9am at SS Simon & Jude Catholic Church, 32500 Palmer Rd., Westland, followed by a Funeral Mass at 10:00 a.m. Visitation was held at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Garden City. Please sign Richard's on-line guestbook at www.rgharris.com

VICTOR L. WILKINSON

Age 75

JUDITH A. WILKINSON

Age 70

Passed away Saturday October 9, 2010 following injuries received in an automobile accident in Tennessee.

VICTOR, born on March 31st 1935 in Beaverton to Irvin and Alice (Hughes) Wilkinson, he was preceded in death by his brother Vern and sister Magdalen. He is survived by brothers, Dwight, Robert and sisters Mildred and Mary. Mr. Wilkinson graduated from Hartford HS in 1953 and Michigan Tech University receiving a B.S. of Metallurgy. He also served in the US Army 1st Lt. He worked in the Aeronautics Industry for General Electric and Howmet Corp. as the General Manager at facilities in Plymouth MI and Exeter, England. He maintained a thriving sales business for several years after Howmet.

JUDITH, born on July 2nd 1940 in Alton, IL to Dana D. and Margaret L. (Engle) Heter is survived by brothers Tom, Dana II, and sisters Betty and Cynthia. Both Victor and Judith are survived by children Vicki (Mike) Yurick, Jennifer (Paul) Cooper, Bruce (Tracey) Wilkinson, Pamela (Greg) Zinn, and seven grandchildren (Sean, Colin, Andrea, Sydney, Bryan, Marissa, and Cameron). Judith graduated from Parkview H.S. Springfield MO in 1958. She met and married Victor on November 21st, 1959 while Victor was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. They made their first home in Michigan (Royal Oak, Farmington, and Northville). Upon retiring, Victor and Judith continued to make wonderful memories while sharing in a Bed and Breakfast (Macon GA) and an Antique trading business. Visitation for Victor and Judith is to be held on Friday, October 15th from 4-8 pm, and a service on Saturday at 11:00am at Keshu Funeral Home, 706 West Main St. Brighton, MI. A Memorial for friends in TN to be held in November (details to follow). In lieu of flowers the family has suggested making contributions to World Vision International or to the United Way.

FREDERICK H. WRIGHT III

Age 77, of Gaylord, passed away at his residence on October 10, 2010. He was born in Detroit on December 19, 1932 to Frederick J. II and Edna Belle (Warner) Wright. Fred lived a majority of his life in Livonia. He worked for the Detroit Times/News and then Observer Eccentric for 30 years, retiring in 1993. Following his retirement, he moved to Gaylord where he owned and operated the Northaerie Resort. He was known as "Uncle Fred" to the kids at the resort whose families would make the resort their annual destination point. Mr. Wright belonged to the Shu-Ban Shiner's Snowmobiling Club, Shiner's Yacht Club, and the Multi-Lakes Sportsman Club. He was a member of the Royal Order of Jesters with the Masonic Lodge 151 in Farmington, and a current member of the Gaylord Masonic Lodge. Fred enjoyed listening to Big Band and Frank Sinatra music. He is survived by his wife, Suzanne, children, Fred Jr., of Fowlerville, Steven (Gayle) of Tenn., Ron of Gaylord, David (Robin) of TX; four grandchildren, Wesley, Julie, Evan, and Olivia; sisters, Gail (Sam) Corrado and Patricia (Casey) Jones. He was preceded in death by his parents, and siblings, Merlin Perisot, Betty Jane LeMerise, and Frank John. FUNERAL SERVICES will take place on Thursday, October 14, 2010 at 1 p.m. from the Nelson Funeral Home, with Fr. Matthew Wigton, officiating. The Gaylord Masonic Lodge will also offer a service on Thursday. VISITATION will take place on Thursday beginning at 11 a.m. Contributions in memory of Frederick J. Wright III may be made to Shiner's, for the burned, crippled children's fund. Friends may share condolences online at: www.nelsonsfuneralhome.com

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Women and children of Massingir Velho in Mozambique will receive clothing from Farmington Hills-based Helping Hands Touching Hearts.

Group collects clothing, garage sale items for African project

Helping Hands Touching Hearts to Clothe a Village, a Farmington Hills-based charity, is selling garage sale items to earn money for mosquito nets, medical and school supplies that it will ship, along with clothing, this month to a village in Mozambique. The garage sale runs 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 14-16 at 3562 Commerce Road, Commerce Township. The organization's mission is supplying clothing and other items to villagers of Messingir Velho in Mozambique.

Founder Sidney Bonvallet of Farmington Hills says supporters have stepped up to help by donating items for the garage sale and new clothing for the shipment she'll send this month to the remote African village. Her minister, The Rev. Todd Lackie, and the Service Task Force at Kenwood Church of Christ, in Livonia is sponsoring a drive for church members to supply 400 T-shirts, blue jeans and medical supplies to the village. "Clothing and supplies were three-feet deep in our living room, family room and dining room from all the generous giving in our community," Bonvallet said.

The organization took in donations from local firemen, businesspeople, church members and residents. Tyrone Golden, an employee at Tom Holzer Ford in Farmington Hills, donated 12 new soccer balls. Several hundred youngsters have shared two balls in the village. Ratna Pasricha, owner of Perfect Impressions Graphic Solutions in Farmington Hills, offered pens, T-shirts, and sweat-shirts among other items. Gail Welch, a member of Word of Faith in Southfield, donated uniforms, hats and shirts for children and a commercial sewing machine to Helping Hands to assist Bonvallet and other volunteers who sew nguvuas, a traditional garment of the villagers that can be wrapped into a head covering, dress or child-carrying sling. "Our dream at Helping Hands Touching Hearts



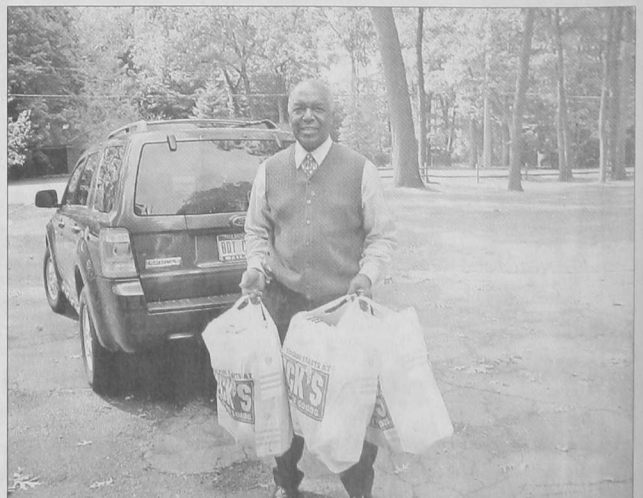
Gail Welch (left) and C.J. Christopher hold a T-shirt that serves as a reminder to donate gently-used items to the Helping Hands Touching Hearts upcoming garage sale. Welch donated a commercial sewing machine to the organization to help volunteers make clothing for African villagers.



Jason Wilhoit and Nancy Cooper of Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia, donate a bag of T-shirts and blue jeans to Helping Hands Touching Hearts.

Charity is to clothe this Village of 1300 people, a task we were not sure we could do when we first started," Bonvallet said. "But when a community of good people step in, anything is possible. It does take a community to help a community." -By Sharon Dargay

Volunteer Kerry Thomas sorts through clothing donated for villagers.



Tyrone Golden delivers 12 soccer balls to Helping Hands Touching Hearts for children in the village of Massingir Velho in Mozambique.

Tour diverse houses of worship

The Farmington/Farmington Hills Multicultural Multiracial Community Council (MCMR) kicks off the community's 11th annual Heritage Week with a House of Worship tour, Sunday, Oct. 17.

The tour will run from 1:30-4:30 p.m. starting at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, south of Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills.

Rabbi Rachel Sherer will talk about congregation history, Jewish philosophy as well as Jewish customs and celebrations. Her presentation will run approximately 30 minutes.

The Tawheed Islamic Center is the second stop on the tour, with a presentation by trustee Asim Khan, from 2:25-2:45 p.m. He'll talk about the history and teachings of Prophet Muhammad and Muslim customs. The Center is located at 29707 W. 10 Mile, west of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills.

Manish Mehta and Prithvi Shah will talk about the mission, history and ideals of the Jain religion from 3-3:30 p.m. at the Jain Temple, 29278 W. 12 Mile, just east of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills.

At the last stop on the tour, the Rev. Robert Brenner of First United Methodist Church will explore Methodist history, Protestant philosophy and Christian holidays. His presentation runs 3:45-4:15 p.m. at the church, 33112 Grand River Ave., just east of Farmington Road, Farmington. A reception will follow the talk.

For more information visit www.mcmr.org, or call MCMR at (248) 871-2512.

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OCT. 14-20

Breakfast

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. - noon, Sunday, Oct. 17

Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: All you can eat pancake and French toast breakfast sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club, includes pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, tea, coffee, milk and juice; \$3 adults; \$1.50 children, ages 2-10
Contact: (734) 425-4421

Concert

Time/Date: 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 17
Location: St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills
Details: The Birmingham Concert Band performs a program called "Music for Symphonic Band." The concert features Danielle Mukami, Birmingham Concert Band scholarship awardee, and a special segment of Irish music; free
Contact: (248) 474-0584

Concert

Time/Date: 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 17
Location: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville
Details: Gary and Ron Matthews in concert
Contact: (248) 374-7400

CROP walk

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. registration; 2 p.m. walk, Sunday, Oct. 17
Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: Raises funds for Church World Service and the Salvation Army
Contact: (734) 981-4205

Divorce support

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Mondays, for seven weeks beginning Oct. 18
Location: Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Group for parents and their children (through 8th grade), "Rainbows," offered by National



Volunteers, Joanna Frantz (left), Samantha Mallires and Janelle Schwartz perform at Memorial Church of Christ's Trunk or Treat last year.

Council of Jewish Women, SPACE for Changing Families. \$10 registration fee; must pre-register
Contact: (248) 355-9936 or e-mail space@ncjwgds.org

Living Rosary

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 20
Location: St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Biannual "Living Rosary," in which a person or small group represents each bead of the rosary and leads the prayer it represents. The ceremony is held by candlelight and as each prayer is offered, a candle is lit to represent that particular bead. The ceremony, which commemorates October as the month of the Rosary, will follow the parish's monthly day of Eucharistic Adoration in which the church is open for adoration from 10 a.m. until closing ceremonies at 7 p.m.
Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200 or visit www.livoniastmichael.org

Mass of Anointing

Time/Date: 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16
Location: St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Aimed at Catholics recovering from a serious illness, facing surgery, or suffering from a chronic health condition. Register by calling the church
Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200

Mom to mom

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16
Location: Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon, near Ford Road, Canton
Details: Gently-used kids gear, clothing, toys, accessories and

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dren under 3. Advance tickets available at the church or at the door
Contact: (734) 427-3660

Why be Catholic?

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Oct. 14
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Season two of the series kicks off with Debbie Herbeck, youth and women's ministry advocate and producer of Renewal Ministries' television programming for EWTN. She'll share the story of her conversion from traditional Judaism to Catholicism. A children's ministry is available by prior arrangement by e-mailing to childrenministry@livoniastmichael.org
Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200 or visit www.livoniastmichael.org

OCT. 21-27

Barbecue fund-raiser

Time/Date: 4-7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 23
Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile one block west of Inkster, in Livonia
Details: All proceeds will support the church's "Feed the Hungry" Ministries. Food will include: North Carolina Pulled Pork Shoulder, Southern Bar-B-Q Chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, red-skinned potatoes and beverages. Advance tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children. At the door, tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children while supplies last
Contact: (734) 513-8457

Coats donation

Time/Date: Deadline to drop off coats is Oct. 22
Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills
Details: The Corps needs coats in adult sizes medium to extra large to fit middle and high school students. Individuals and businesses can drop off new coats at the Farmington Hills location.
Contact: (248) 477-1153

Concert

Time/Date: 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 24
Location: Redford Lutheran Church, 22159 Grand River Avenue in Detroit
Details: Detroit Lutheran Singers perform works by old masters and modern composers in this first concert of the new season. The audience will have an opportunity to join in singing a hymn. Tickets at the door are \$10 general, \$7 for seniors and students 12 and over; children under

12 are free
Contact: www.detroitlutheransingers.com

Games night

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 23
Location: Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River Ave., Farmington
Details: Bring favorite card or board games to this event, sponsored by Widowed Friends, a support group for women and men age 55 and under
Contact: Sue at (586) 939-0349 or e-mail ywfrinds@gmail.com

Mass for widowed

Time/Date: Check in at 2 p.m., Mass at 2:30 p.m., Oct. 24
Location: St. Columban Church, 1775 Melton, north of 14 Mile between Woodward and Coolidge, in Birmingham

Details: Widowed Friends, a peer group in the Archdiocese of Detroit, meets for Mass, support and refreshments
Contact: Gerry at (566) 795-0477 or visit www.widowedfriends.org

Saints celebrated

Time/Date: 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 24
Location: St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Evening prayer, three short presentations, and a candlelight procession to the weekday chapel to venerate the relics of the saints. A potluck dinner will be held afterward. Participants with last names U-Z should bring an appetizer or fruit; N-T should bring a salad; G-M should bring vegetables and side dishes; A-F should bring desserts
Contact: RSVP to (734) 425-5950

Trunk or treat

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 24
Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia
Details: Dress in costume for this event that will include games, prizes, treats and lots of fun
Contact: (734) 427-8743

Trunk or treat

Time/Date: 6 p.m., Oct. 24
Location: Memorial Church of Christ, located on Five Mile, just east of Levan, Livonia
Details: The free family event gives youngsters a chance to trick or treat in a safe environment in the church parking lot. Church members open their car trunks, which are decorated in the theme of a different Bible story, and hand out candy
Contact: Angie Schultz at (734) 464-6722

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



BILL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ed and Norma Bartos present a footlong BMT, one of their most popular Subway sandwiches.

Sandwich shop feeds on customer service

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

Subway: We sell Subway subs, breakfast and pizza. We also provide giant party subs and party platters.

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

Subway: We were already running a successful business selling Country Fresh Milk and Good Humor Ice Cream when a customer approached Ed and offered him the opportunity of a partnership in a developing Subway franchise that would be located in Canton. Three months later a deal was made with the customer agreeing to sell us the franchise and we would build it out and operate it on our own.

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

Subway: The location of the franchise was decided before we were involved.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Subway: We are a family run business striving to provide a quality product, a clean store and friendly service. We value our employees and work right alongside them as a team.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Subway: We have built

SUBWAY

Business name and address:

Subway, 42476 Cherry Hill, Canton

Your name and title: Ed and Norma Bartos, owners/managers

Your hometown: Westland

Business opened when? September 2005

Number of employees: 16

Hours of operation: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Saturday

Your business specialty:

Subway sandwiches; also serving breakfast and pizza

Business phone: (734) 844-8510

relationships not only with our employees but also with our customers. We realize that the success of our business depends on both.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Subway: We were surprised by a visit from Jared Fogle, the spokesman for Subway Restaurants. A friend of his lived in the area and on a visit he stopped in as a customer. Within a few minutes of his arrival Ed recognized him and approached him with a smile

and a handshake. He was cordial and posed for pictures and signed autographs. Not only were we surprised but also many of our customers were in awe that they stopped in for a sandwich and had a chance to meet Jared and shake his hand.

Observer: How as the recent economy affected your business?

Subway: We were fortunate enough that the marketing team at Subway headquarters created the infamous \$5 footlong sub at the beginning of 2008 and they have continued to give us the opportunity to offer promotions to our customers that are affordable. Our current promotion offers 1 footlong sub for \$5, two footlong subs for \$9 and three footlong subs for \$12 every day after 4 p.m. and all day Sunday.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Subway: Maintaining a clean store, providing a quality product, friendly service and respect for your employees and customers.

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

Subway: Continuing to build a relationship with our customers and the community. We would also like to thank all of our customers for their support.

CHAMBER CHAT

Ribbon cutting

Sweet Bikes hosts a ribbon-cutting for its grand-opening at noon Friday, Oct. 29.

Sweet Bikes is located at 39904 Ford road, on the northwest corner of Ford and Lotz roads.

For more information, call the Canton Chamber of Commerce, (734) 453-4040.

Networking luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its November Networking Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The cost for lunch is \$20 (advance member registration), \$30 (non-member) and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

November's Luncheon will feature guest speaker, Billy "BD" Downs, founder BD's Mongolian Grill Restaurants.

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

November's luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Community Financial and PNC Bank. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

Best-kept secret

Canton business employees enjoy a 15-percent discount off the bill with a valid employee identification or Canton Chamber Business Discount card at Rose's Restaurant & Lounge, 201 N. Canton Center, in Canton.

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Prayer conference

"Prayer in Action" prayer conference is scheduled 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, and 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at Charisma Life

Church, 8500 N. Morton Taylor in Canton. Lunch and snacks will be included.

To register early go to this link: <http://charismale.org/resources/prayerinactionregform.pdf>. Cost is \$15 for individuals, \$25 per married couple.

To obtain the "Prayer in Action Flier" go to: <http://charismale.org/resources/prayerinactionflyer.pdf>

Friday's speaker for Intercessory Prayer is Jenny Mellon, who oversees the prophetic and prayer ministry at Soul Quest Ministries.

Saturday's speakers include:

- Activating Prayer - Suzi Armstrong, an ordained minister on the staff of Harvest Christian Church. She oversees the prophetic prayer, dance and deliverance ministry.

- Prayer & Healing - Steve and Bev Bubb are the directors of Community Healing Rooms (CHR), and Michigan State Directors. They oversee all the healing rooms in Michigan.

- Prayer & Fasting & Forgiveness - Valy Vaduva and his wife, Elena are co-founders and international speakers of Upper Room Fellowship Ministry. They equip the believers, and have them experience spiritual maturity in various aspects of the believer's life.

- Spiritual Warfare - Evelyn Blackshire is founder of Woman of War Ministries. Their vision is to make soldiers, and turn them into warriors, who will aggressively advance the kingdom of God through love and for God's glory.

- Temple Prayer - Dr. John Saba has been in ministry for 30 years. He is the founder of John Saba Ministries. He teaches "Identity" using the Tabernacle of Moses, and is a national speaker, Bible teacher and author.

- Balance in Prayer - Pastor Shane Fritz is the Senior Pastor at Charisma Life Church in Canton. He is on the Board of Directors of Canton Chamber of Commerce, Steering Committee of ITT Technical Institute, the Township Steering Committee of Leadership Canton, Board of Directors of Common Ground Ministries, and Board of Directors of Monte de Santidad missions in Honduras.

- Worship Music led by Art Thomas, CLC worship team.

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Families are invited to pick out free pumpkins and enjoy cider and donuts during the event. Pumpkins will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, call Anu George at (734) 748-4720, the office at (734) 394-1800, Ext. 318, or e-mail her at ageorge@hometown-nom.com

Homebuying seminar

Theresa Makowski, a real estate agent with Colwell Banker Preferred-Plymouth, along with a pair of colleagues -- Realtor Laurie Schwandt and member mortgage services agent Susan Motley -- host a free homebuying/selling seminar 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, at the Canton Public Library.

All things real estate will be covered, including:

- Why now is a great time to buy or sell with interest rates being at historic lows
- Why staging your home to sell is just as important as pricing aggressively
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For more information, call Makowski at (734) 459-6000.

Hospice anniversary

It was in 1985 that Angela Hospice first began serving patients facing a terminal diagnosis. Working out of a small office at Madonna University, Sister Mary Giovanni and a small handful of volunteers began providing home hospice care. The journey to that important first day for Angela Hospice and its founders started years before.

Now this fall, Angela Hospice is celebrating 25 years of caring for the community of Southeast Michigan, with a gala event to be held 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

"There are so many stories I could tell," said Sister Giovanni, president and CEO of Angela Hospice, "of the many amazing people we've met these past 25 years, and the wonderful families that have welcomed us into their homes and into their lives to help care for their loved one at such a sacred time."

The Angela Hospice Care Center, which originally opened in 1994 as the first freestanding hospice facility in Michigan, opened a new state-of-the-art patient wing in April of this year, expanding the hospice's inpatient capacity from 16 to 32 private patient rooms. While most hospice patients choose to receive care in their homes, the Angela Hospice Care Center provides a welcome alternative for patients without a caregiver at home, or whose illness demands around the clock medical care.

The gala will feature fine dining, an open bar, auctions, raffles, dancing, and the 16-piece Monroe Big Band. Reservations are \$100 per person and are due by Oct. 29. Call Barb Iovan at (734) 953-6045, or visit www.AskForAngela.com for information.



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Jazz concert benefits festival, honors pianist

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

The Paul Keller Trio will play its toast to Nat "King" Cole Sunday, Oct. 17 at a fund-raiser for the annual Michigan Jazz Festival, but the performance also will pay tribute to the group's late pianist Steve Richko who died earlier this month.

"Such a talented musician. The Detroit jazz world is heartbroken," said Midge Ellis, director of the midsummer festival. "We will all be missing Steve."

Glenn Tucker, a University of Michigan student, will perform on piano with the trio that includes Keller on bass and Ralph Tope, a Michigan State University student, on guitar. The show starts at 3 p.m., in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, in Livonia.

It will be the second concert the trio has played since Richko's death — the first since his funeral earlier this week — but Keller plans to keep the show upbeat and its purpose in focus.

"It's a triple thing now. It's a fund-raiser first and foremost for the Michigan Jazz Festival. But it's also now turned into a bit of a tribute to Steve and on top of that the hook always was to toast Nat 'King' Cole. It was our theme. We'll continue with that theme, but it will be a salute to Steve and his massive talent," said Keller, who had developed a close friendship with Richko over the past six years.

CD, VIDEO

The group's latest CD, and Richko's last project with the group, is *We Like to Riff: A Tribute to the Nat 'King' Cole Trio*. It includes a song written by Richko and dedicated to one of his sons and will be available for purchase at the jazz festival fund-raiser.

Keller said the group planned to video tape the upcoming concert for a new DVD, but likely will record the



The Paul Keller Trio includes Keller (left) on bass and Ralph Tope on guitar. They'll pay tribute to pianist Steve Richko, who recently died, at an upcoming fund-raiser for the Michigan Jazz Festival.

show only for "archival purpose" rather than distribution.

"Steve and I were like brothers. He was my best friend, but as I go through this week of grieving I find he had a lot of good friends. He was a lovable character, a great big teddy bear and he loved making people happy with his music."

"He loved the Michigan Jazz Festival. He was looking so forward to it. The Michigan Jazz Festival is such a

worthy cause and unique. I think it's wonderful because it focuses on local Michigan talent. Thank God it's there. It did a lot for Steve."

FESTIVAL CONTINUES

The festival, held the third Sunday in July at Schoolcraft College, brings together local jazz talent on several simultaneous performance stages and is free to the public. Three fund-raisers, in April, June and October are held



Glenn Tucker will perform with the Paul Keller Trio at an upcoming fund-raiser for the Michigan Jazz Festival.

to raise money for the event.

"Fans are sending in donations, too," Ellis said. "We've gotten lots of donations. We've had more than ever. You can tell they want it (the festival) to continue. We're just delighted."

She said funds raised from the upcoming concert, along with recent donations, should be enough to continue the festival next summer.

"I think we'll be set," she said, adding that a few major sponsors also planned to help with funding next year.

"We do it for the love of jazz. It's America's music and we want to keep it alive."

A fund-raiser will be held for Richko's children, Nov. 14 at Schoolcraft College. Performance times and ticket prices are undetermined. For more about the Paul Keller Trio visit www.pkorecords.com. For more on the Michigan Jazz Festival see <http://michiganjazzfestival.hometstead.com>

Learn about pop art at Livonia library

Richard Rubenfeld, art history professor at Eastern Michigan University, will talk about pop art at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

The program is presented by the Livonia Arts Commission and VAAL, Visual Arts Association of Livonia.

Rubenfeld teaches courses in art history as well as Renaissance art, 19th century art, and modern art. His presentation is called "Pop Art: From Cutting Edge to Nostalgia," and will explore the origins of pop art in England and the United States, identify the subjects, themes, and media favored by its proponents, and reveal its impact on the contemporary art world.

Pop art is a movement that focused on contemporary vernacular culture and consumerism. Art works that were inspired by familiar subjects previously deemed unacceptable for fine art — such as supermarket products — are now celebrated and viewed nostalgically as artifacts of another era.

Rubenfeld will discuss such artists as Richard Hamilton, Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein, and Claes Oldenburg.

The evening will conclude with juror Eugene Clark of the College of Creative Studies presenting awards for VAAL's fall exhibit, Artistic Expressions, which runs through Oct. 28 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center.

There is no charge for the presentation. The Livonia Civic Center Library is located at 32777 Five Mile, (734) 466-2491.

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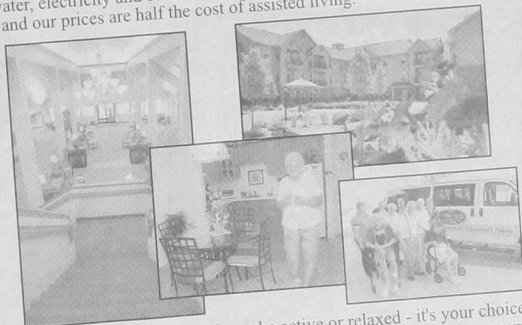
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Open mic, featured musicians play at monthly show

Perform for the audience or sit back and enjoy the show at BaseLine Folk Society's monthly "Preserving and Promoting Traditional Acoustic Folk Music." The event begins with open mic performances at 7 p.m. and then culminates with featured musicians the third Saturday of the month, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council's JWH Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth.

Eight open-mic spots are available at each performance. Sign up is between 6:15-6:45 p.m. A lottery system is used to assign open mic spots if more than eight musicians register to play. Kathy Nieman will host the next show, Saturday Oct. 16. Four-Hearted River is the featured guest group. Tickets are \$5 and available at the door. For more information, call Mike Mullen, president and founder of BaseLine Folk Society, at (248) 347-6881.

Emerging, established artists exhibit in Canton

There's still time to see works from the 18th Annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill.

The show, which includes a variety of media, including painting, sculpture, charcoal drawings, pastels, ceramics, and photography, runs through Oct. 26 at the Gallery@VT, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton. Exhibit hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Winners from the show this year are:

- Ann Loveland, Best of Show for "Theories"
- Judith Pebbles, second place for *Seated Figure, Untitled*.
- Cathy Jacobs, third place for *Breakfast of Champions*.

Merit Awards went to John Mrozik for *Clarabella*, Susan Aitken for *The Fall*, Fran Seikaly for *Curacao Twilight*, and Fredrick Beutler for *Path to Nowhere*.

Honorables Mentions were awarded to Allen Brooks for *The House on M-59* and Paul Van Heest for *Hydrophobic Otter*.

The Canton Fine Arts Exhibition began in 1993 as an activity of Canton Project ARTS, a cultural programming body which provided various arts-related events and activities to the community. In 2004, Canton Project ARTS was absorbed by Canton Leisure Services and is currently guided by the Canton Cultural Commission.

For more information call (734) 394-5308.



Works from the 18th annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition are on display at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill.

Die-hard Detroit Pistons fans to get free tickets

If you can attend all 41 home games and are among the hardest-working, loudest of Detroit Pistons fans, you might land a spot on its new spirit team and get free game tickets in the process.

Tryouts to fill the 50-seat section called "The Pistons Power Plant" will be held at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 20 at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

"The Pistons Power Plant" will be a special section in the 100-level of The Palace designated to get their most hardcore fans cheering for the team at every home game, creating a home court advantage with spirit and energy. Fans that make the team will be given a free ticket to all 41 of the Pistons' home contests. Candidates must be able to commit to all home games. The tryouts will be a three-part process. Individually, fans will have one minute to show creativity in cheering, dancing, energy and appearance. Pistons gear is a plus. Fans also will be brought together into groups of 10 and will come up with a cheer that they will perform. All fans making it to the finals will be seated in a section in the arena and given the chance to work together in a group, showing their spirit.

Candidates should enter through the West Atrium and will be directed to the registration area. A schedule of Pistons games and a pre-registration form can be found online at www.pistons.com. Walk-ups the day of the tryouts will be welcome, however fans are strongly advised to pre-register.

The Palace is located at 6 Championship Drive, between Lapeer Road (M 24) and I-75, in Auburn Hills; (248) 377-0100.

Kids, adults celebrate Halloween at YWCA

The YWCA of Metropolitan Detroit - Redford is offering an "Angels Night" lock-in for children and a costume dance for adults on Saturday, Oct. 30.

The lock-in will run 7-9:30 p.m. and will include pizza and snacks, games, crafts, a mummy dance contest and movies. Cost is \$10 for non-members and \$5 for YWCA members.

The Halloween party and costume dance for adults will run 7 p.m.-midnight and will include a buffet, dance demonstrations, and dancing. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$40 per couple.

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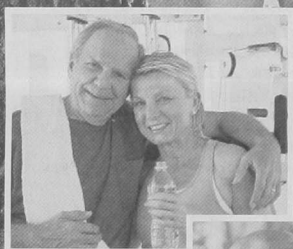
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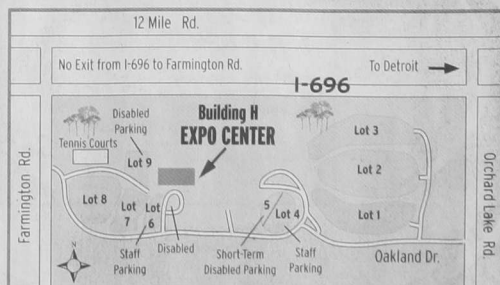
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Supercharged soups

Flavorful
and
satisfying

As the weather turns cooler, soup is a delicious and healthful way to warm up. From homemade to prepared varieties, nourishing soups also can satisfy your hunger by making you feel full longer.

Wendy Bazilian, DrPH, MA, RD, author of *The SuperFoodsRx Diet*, recommends choosing soups packed with flavorful "SuperFoods" like beans, lean chicken or turkey, broccoli, spinach, tomatoes — and especially spices and herbs.

"Using spices and herbs does more than just add flavor to your favorite soups without added calories or sodium. They are also concentrated sources of natural antioxidants, with levels comparable to fruits and vegetables, including many of the SuperFoods," Bazilian says. "With just a dash, pinch or sprinkle of spices and herbs, you can turn your favorite soup into a flavorful 'super soup.'"

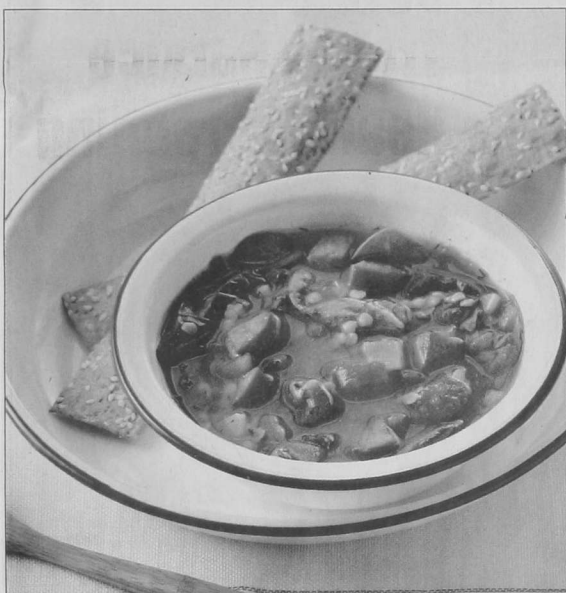
Whether you're cooking up a batch of a hearty, homemade soup on the weekend or just looking to add healthful twists to prepared soups, spices and herbs are a better-for-you swap for traditional soup toppings such as croutons, cheese or sour cream — adding flavor without extra salt, sugar or fat.

Find more flavorful and healthful soup recipes, as well as tips for pairing spices and herbs with canned or prepared soups, at www.spicesforhealth.com.

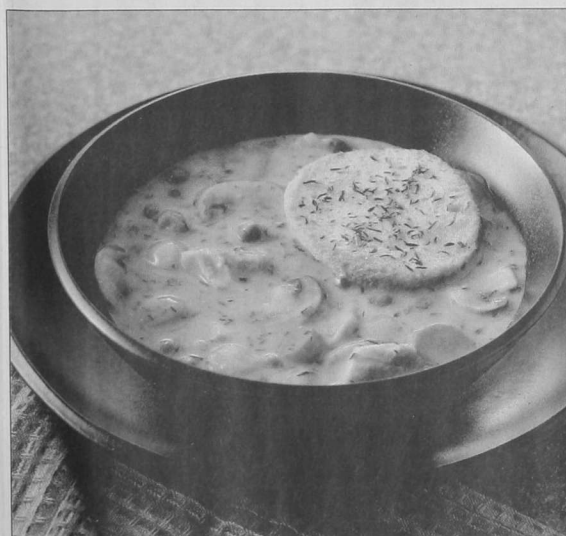
Roasted
Cauliflower
and Mushroom
Soup

SUPER SOUP FLAVOR-UPS

- Give canned chicken soup an Asian flair. Stir $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground ginger and $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon garlic powder into 2 cups soup. Sprinkle with sliced green onions, if desired.
- Turn tomato or potato soup from dull to delicious. Stir $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon curry powder into 2 cups soup.
- Top off your broccoli or tomato soup with a spicy crunch. Heat $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon olive oil in small nonstick skillet on medium heat. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup walnuts or pecans, and $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon each ground cumin, oregano leaves and chili powder; cook and stir 3 to 4 minutes or until nuts are fragrant and lightly browned.
- Add a dollop of color and flavor with spiced yogurt. Stir favorite spices and herbs into low-fat plain yogurt, about 1 tablespoon for each serving of soup. Try turmeric for lentil or split pea soup, oregano for black bean soup and ground cinnamon or ginger for butternut squash or pumpkin soup.
- Popcorn makes a fun garnish for soup. Try sprinkling hot popcorn with spices such as curry powder, paprika or ground red pepper.



Savory Turkey Sausage and Lentil Soup



Chicken Pot Pie Soup

ROASTED CAULIFLOWER
AND MUSHROOM SOUP

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 35 minutes
Makes 8 (1-cup) servings

6 cups cauliflower florets (2-inch pieces)
2 Portobello mushrooms, cut into 1-inch pieces
1 large red bell pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
2 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons olive oil, divided
1 tablespoon McCormick Thyme Leaves
1 teaspoon McCormick Ground Cumin
2 cups chopped onions
4 cups reduced sodium vegetable broth
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon McCormick Ground Black Pepper

Toss cauliflower, mushrooms and bell pepper with 2 tablespoons oil. Sprinkle with thyme and cumin. Toss until evenly coated. Spread in single layer on baking sheet. Roast in preheated 450°F oven 15 to 20 minutes or until cauliflower is golden brown, stirring occasionally. Meanwhile, heat remaining 2 teaspoons oil in large saucepan on medium-high heat. Add onions; cook and stir 5 minutes or until softened. Add vegetable mixture, broth and pepper. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; simmer 10 minutes or until cauliflower is tender, stirring occasionally.

Ladle into soup bowls to serve. *Nutrition Information per Serving: 105 Calories, Fat 5g, Protein 3g, Carbohydrates 12g, Sodium 304mg, Fiber 3g*

SAVORY TURKEY SAUSAGE
AND LENTIL SOUP

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 25 minutes
Makes 8 (1-cup) servings

1 tablespoon olive oil
2 cups chopped onions
1 cup diced celery
4 ounces turkey kielbasa, chopped (about $\frac{1}{2}$ cup)
2 teaspoons McCormick Thyme Leaves
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon McCormick Garlic Powder
1 teaspoon McCormick Paprika
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon McCormick Crushed Red Pepper
4 cups reduced sodium chicken broth
1 can (14½ ounces) no salt added diced tomatoes, drained
1 cup red or brown lentils, picked over and rinsed
1 package (5 ounces) baby spinach leaves

Heat oil in large saucepan on medium heat. Add onions and celery; cook and stir 3 minutes. Add kielbasa; cook and stir 3 minutes longer or until kielbasa is lightly browned and vegetables are softened. Stir in thyme, garlic powder, paprika and red pepper; cook and stir 2 minutes or until fragrant.

Stir in broth, tomatoes and lentils. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 15 minutes or until lentils are tender.

Stir in spinach. Simmer until wilted. Ladle into soup bowls to serve.

Nutrition Information per Serving: 172 Calories, Fat 4g, Protein 11g, Carbohydrates 23g, Cholesterol 9mg, Sodium 468mg, Fiber 6g

CHICKEN POT PIE SOUP

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 25 minutes
Makes 8 (1-cup) servings

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon McCormick Rosemary Leaves, crushed
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon McCormick Thyme Leaves
1 teaspoon McCormick Garlic Powder
4 teaspoons butter, divided
1 package (8 ounces) mushrooms, sliced
1 cup sliced carrots
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup flour
4 cups reduced sodium chicken broth
1 pound boneless skinless chicken thighs, cut into 1-inch pieces
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups frozen pearl onions
1 cup frozen peas
8 thin bread slices
1 teaspoon oil

Mix rosemary, thyme and garlic powder in small bowl. Reserve $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon. Heat 1 teaspoon butter in large saucepan on medium heat. Add mushrooms, carrots and remaining seasoning mixture; cook and stir 3 minutes. Remove from saucepan. Set aside.

Melt remaining 3 teaspoons butter in saucepan on medium heat, stirring to release browned bits from bottom of skillet. Sprinkle with flour; cook and stir 3 to 4 minutes or until flour is lightly browned.

Gradually stir in broth until well blended. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; simmer 10 minutes or until slightly thickened, stirring occasionally. Add vegetable mixture, chicken, pearl onions and peas; simmer 8 minutes or until chicken is cooked through, stirring occasionally.

Meanwhile, cut bread into rounds with 3-inch cookie cutter. Place on baking sheet. Brush bread with oil and sprinkle with reserved seasoning mixture. Bake in preheated 350°F oven 10 minutes or until toasted. To serve soup, ladle into soup bowls and top each with 1 crouton.

Nutrition Information per Serving: 211 Calories, Fat 7g, Protein 16g, Carbohydrates 21g, Cholesterol 42mg, Sodium 469mg, Fiber 2g

- Courtesy Family Features

Ale, sausage, peppers make this crowd-pleasing chili 3-time winner

BY SHARON DARGAY
OSE STAFF WRITER

The people have spoken — and said they like a little heat in their chili.

The winners of the People's Choice awards Sunday at the 15th annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff in downtown Plymouth both delivered a spicy punch to the taste buds. Chris Thompson of Westland and his fellow chefs, Paul Perlongo and Sean Skinner, took home top honors for their Irish Chili, a concoction of four ground meats, eight peppers — including the "ghost pepper" that's said to be three times hotter than a habanero — and honey brown ale, among other ingredients. Penn Grill in Plymouth won its first award in the restaurant category after trying three previous years. It entered the same red chili into competition that it serves daily to customers.

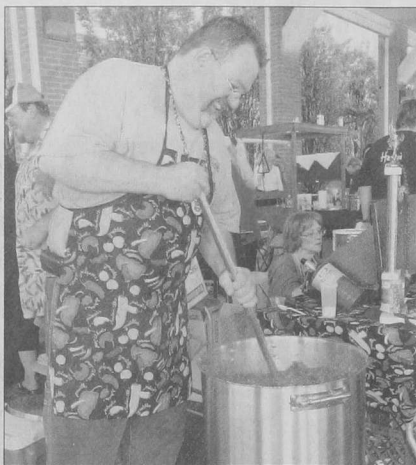
"We don't use beef, it's all sausage," Penn Grill manager Marykay Marocco said. "It's got a kick to it, although it won't take your head off. So many people said they tasted it and it was absolutely the best."

She said the sausage's smoky flavor sets it apart from other chili.

"A couple of people asked if they could have the recipe and Chef Craig (Pierson) said, 'I'll give it to you, but it makes five gallons. You'll have to figure the math,'" Marocco added.

If the Thompson-Perlongo-Skinner team strikes a familiar chord, it's because the group won the People's Choice award in the non-restaurant category for the past two years.

The trio cooked chili for fun for several years before entering the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff for the first time in 2006. None are professional chefs. Thompson is a mechanic, Skinner is a machinist and



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Kevin Hermance of Warren stirs a huge pot of red 'Just Right' chili at the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff.

Perlongo is in the excavating and cement business.

"Our fans like the fact that we have a meaty, ground meat chili with a lot of spice to it. People say it's by far the spiciest and that's what a lot of people look for," Thompson said.

SPECIAL INGREDIENT

They added the ghost pepper after seeing it used at a variety of cooking challenges. Thompson bought the pepper through the Internet, although a friend has started growing the variety.

The team also entered a red chili into the competitive category. With meat chunks and smaller vegetable pieces, it was different from their winning Irish Chili. It didn't receive any honors, but Thompson said the team may try again next year.

"We are always in mood for making chili," he said. "We'll

definitely do some tweaking on it."

Other festival winners:

- Brian Graham of Sterling Heights, Best Booth for Black Jack Chili
- Ken Kostal of Marblehead, Ohio, First Place Salsa, Island Heat Chili
- Richard Chauvin of Windsor, Ontario, First Place Chili Verde, South of the Border Chili
- Gail Kyle of Dearborn, First Place Red Chili, Gambling Gail's Chili
- The Picnic Basket Marketplace in Plymouth, Best Judged in the Restaurant Chili Challenge
- Barefoot Productions, Battle of the Businesses winner

Kostal, Chauvin and Kyle qualified to compete in the World's Championship Chili Cookoff next year.

Farmer's markets wrapping up for the season

There's still time to enjoy the taste of fall at local farmer's markets as they wind down for the season.

Here's a list:

Canton — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, in Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge. More than 30 vendors will finish out the season. The Canton Public Library will present a Halloween Market Story Time at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., along with a special Halloween craft. Children may attend in costume. The Recreation Bouncer also will be at the market, weather permitting, and Trent Collier will perform from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Bartlett-Travis porch.

A Harvest Market also is planned from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 21 at the Cady-Boyer Barn at Preservation Park. Shoppers can pre-order their Thanksgiving turkey for pick up and browse the market for a variety of pies, natural meats, eggs, apples, cider, organic cheese, fall squash and more. Call (734) 398-5570, Ext. 5, for details.

Farmington — 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays through Nov. 20, at Sundquist Pavilion in Riley Park, 33314 Grand River Ave. Special activities include scarecrow judging at noon, music by Dan Goree and a treat demonstration at 11



Shop locally for Michigan-grown produce at a farmer's market.

a.m., all on Oct. 16; kid's straw scramble at 11 a.m. and noon, a gourd toss at noon, and music by Bob Montelone from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., all on Oct. 23 and apple pie judging from 9-11 a.m., Oct. 30. Call Downtown Farmington for more details at (248) 473-7276.

Garden City — 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20 and 27, at the northeast corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt. Maxwell's Arts & Treasures will present "Make & Take Table Top Scarecrow" on Oct. 20 and Garden City Hospital will sponsor a program called "Healthy Warm Harvest Soups" on Oct. 27. Call the Chamber of Commerce office at (734) 422-4448 for more

information.

Plymouth — 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, 23 and 30, at the Gathering, across from Kellogg Park, near the Penn Theatre. Call Plymouth Chamber of Commerce for more information at (734) 453.1540.

Redford — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17 and 24, at the Marquee, 15145 Beech Daly. The market features Michigan produce, plants, flowers, baked goods and crafts. Call (313) 387-2504 for more information.

Westland — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19 and 26, in the parking lot at Westland Mall, 53000 N. Warren Road; (734) 722-7620

CITY BITES

Celebrity chef

Canton — Chef Curtis Aikens of the Food Network will demonstrate recipes from *Family Circle* magazine from 2-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 23, at Ikea, 41640 Ford Road.

Aikens, author of *Curtis Cooks with Heart and Soul*, also will discuss the importance of local produce and the power of using spices to boost flavor and he'll give ideas for quick and delicious appetizers, and tips for easy entertaining.

IKEA kitchen planners will be in attendance at the free session. For more information visit www.MyFoodU.com. Get a preview of the local event by watching live Webcast from Seattle, Wash., at 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 10, at www.myfoodu.com

Vegetarian Holiday Tasting

PLYMOUTH — The 23rd annual event will feature more than 50 non-meat dishes will be available to see and taste. Participants can talk with the creative cooks who present the vegetarian family favorites, buy a cookbook of the dishes served or a CD with 20 years worth of recipes from the event. The program offers three seating times, 11 a.m., 12:45 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 14, at Metropolitan Adventist School Gymnasium, on Haggerty, just north of Five Mile, Plymouth. Tickets for adults are \$14; for children, 6-12, \$6. Order tickets by sending a check payable to SDA School, to Holiday Tasting, 695 N. Ridge Road, Canton, MI 48187-4635. Indicate a first, second and third choice for seatings. For more information visit www.veggieholiday.com or call (248) 446-9176.

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