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DTE Energy's Women in Information Technology Services group, Sam's Club and Gleaner's Food bank are asking the public to join them in a food drive to help area families in need. Items will be collected from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at Sam's Club, 39800 Ford Road, in Canton.

Contributors are asked to bring in nonperishable food and personal care items. Items in glass containers cannot be accepted. Gleaner's Food Bank will deliver the donations to local soup kitchens, homeless shelters, senior homes and other agencies that feed the hungry.

Donors also have the option to make monetary donations online at qcb.org/womenofits or via text message. Text donations need to be addressed to 27138 and in the message type WOTIS, space, and the amount you wish to donate.

Village Voices

The BeckRidge Chorale opens its 37th season with a gathering of friends and fun as Village Voices presents "Musical Feast IV" Saturday, Oct. 23, at Plymouth First United Methodist Church.

The evening features a dinner buffet by Chef Kathy Norred and begins with a silent auction at 6 p.m. The silent auction is followed by dinner, dessert and a concert featuring the select ensemble Village Voices.

For tickets and more information, please visit www.beckridgechorale.org.

Barefoot opener

The first production of Barefoot Productions' fifth season concludes this week-end with the psychological thriller, *Mindgame*.

Remaining performances are 8 p.m. Oct. 22-23 and 2 p.m. Oct. 24.

All performances are held in the Barefoot Productions Theatre, 240 N. Main Street, Plymouth (the former Walker-Buzenberg Building). Individual and group tickets can be purchased by calling Barefoot Productions' box office at (734) 560-1493. The box office will also be open one hour prior to each performance.

Alumni tailgate

Hoping to bring former Plymouth-Canton students of all ages back into the fold, school officials last year formed an alumni committee charged with making the district a more graduate-friendly atmosphere.

The committee's first move was putting together a website (alumni.plymouth-cantonschools.net) launched in April 2009. Now, the committee is getting ready for its first alumni-themed event, "Gathering @ the Gridiron," an alumni tailgate party set to take place south of the Canton High School parking lot at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22.

Tickets are just \$5 each and can be purchased online at:

<http://www.give2schools.org/cat.asp?id=86628F89DAD54B0297F1C18D16488A5>

Goodfellows face sharp rise in pleas

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton Goodfellows is facing a sharp increase in pleas for help this holiday season as deepening economic problems plague local families.

Goodfellows President Nancy Spencer estimated that 400 families — a staggering increase over last year's 225 families — beat an Oct. 16 deadline to apply for help as the charitable organization continues its longstanding campaign to ensure no child is forgotten at Christmas.

"It's the economy and people who have lost jobs," she said.

Spencer estimated that within those

400 families, 1,000 children will need help this season from Goodfellows.

"I'd guess we will need \$20,000 with that many kids," she said. "It's going to be a really difficult year."

Goodfellows asked local families to prove their income, and Spencer said residents responded with heart-wrenching letters and documents to show their need.

Moreover, the increased demand for gifts comes as Goodfellows faces a more difficult task of collecting holiday food for families. One organization, The Gleaner's Community Food Bank, has said it cannot help Canton Goodfellows this season because it has had to place its focus on charities that

provide food year-round.

Spencer cited several ways to help Goodfellows:

- Make checks payable to Canton Goodfellows and mail them to Canton Goodfellows, 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton, MI, 48188.

- Donate during a "Pennies from Heaven" fund-raiser scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 23, during national Make a Difference Day. Donations may be made from 10 a.m. to noon at Canton's Summit on the Park facility, 46000 Summit Parkway, and from noon to 2 p.m. at The Traditions condominium clubhouse sales office, 1315 Waterside Road, south of Ford and west of Canton Center.

- Give money during Canton Goodfellows newspaper sales set for 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at locations around town.

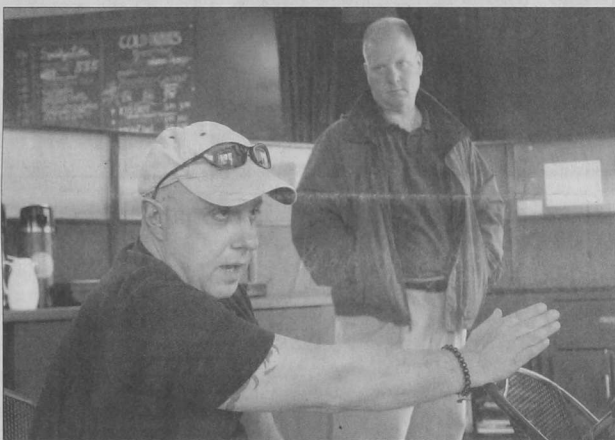
- Watch for donation canisters that Spencer said will be placed at various locations throughout the township.

- Bring non-perishable food items on weekends in November to Holiday Market, 520 S. Lilley south of Cherry Hill.

- Donate money or non-perishable food items at the Showroom of Elegance, 6018 N. Canton Center, north of Ford, from November through the first week of December.

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IT TAKES a 'VILLAGE'



Mike Provenzano (above) talks about business, or the lack of it, in Cherry Hill Village. Jim Saunders, standing by Provenzano, also wants to see a better push for new businesses. Cherry Martini (top) closed in May, another casualty of a lack of patrons.

Cherry Hill owners struggle to keep going

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On a gray Monday morning, hardly any cars and even fewer pedestrians passed by the Cherry Hill Village coffee house where Michael Provenzano has watched his dream business suffer a slow yet certain death.

He quit making his coffee-shop chocolates last Easter and tried to help Le Cocoa Bean Coffee House survive by having a microphone where performers, mostly aspiring musicians, could play three nights a week.

But now he plans to close down in early November, the latest casualty among empty storefronts plaguing a business strip along Cherry Hill and Ridge roads that seemed full of promise in its fledgling days, just six years ago.

"It's devastating," Provenzano said.

Le Cocoa Bean's closing ends a two-year run and comes after the nearby Cherry Martini bar shut down in May, not far from other former businesses — a bank, a

Beaumont-affiliated health clinic, a mortgage broker, a small market, an accountant's office — that already called it quits. Some storefronts have never had tenants.

Yet, other Cherry Hill Village businesses remain: a hair salon, a spa, an ice cream parlor, a real estate office, a dentist, a children's day care center and IHA doctors' offices.

Moreover, the Village Theater at Cherry Hill continues to draw large audiences, and township officials say Canton's largest spurt of residential development in five years has begun in a largely Victorian-style subdivision southeast of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads.

NOT SO VIBRANT

Nonetheless, some business owners and residents say Cherry Hill Village, a historic hamlet dating back to the early 1800s, hasn't become the vibrant community township officials envisioned when new construction began nearly a decade ago. They say the business district has a vacancy

rate that tops 60 percent.

"We want to see a plan in place," Anton Botosan, a Cherry Hill Village Homeowners Association board member, said as he sat inside Le Cocoa Bean. "It hasn't been promoted like it should be. It hasn't become a destination — yet."

Still, Botosan and others remain hopeful. Scores of residents and business owners last Thursday began a new round of discussions with township officials and property owners during a community meeting they hope will renew the vision for Cherry Hill Village. They long for a grocery store, retail shops, restaurants and other places that could, finally, spur pedestrian traffic and draw visitors from across Canton and perhaps beyond.

Canton Economic Development Manager Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz called last Thursday's meeting a crucial starting point.

"It was very important to convey to the residents that

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Rally engages Tea Partiers as election nears

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Amanda Mog of Canton is little more than two weeks away from voting in a general election for the first time in her life and she was at Saturday's Tea Party event at Schoolcraft College in Livonia in an effort to further educate herself before casting her first ballot.

What she's learned so far, she said, is this: President Barack Obama and like-minded politicians should be tossed out of office as soon as possible.

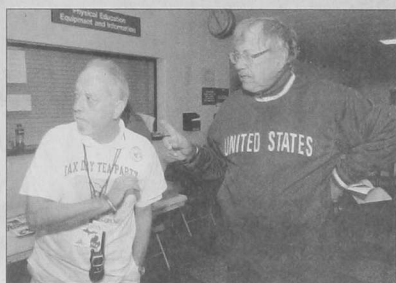
"Obama has to get out of here," said Mog, 19. "He's

ruining everything ... his health care plan, we owe trillions of dollars."

She wasn't alone Saturday. Some 500 people who attended the rally, organized by several Tea Party groups, including Rattle With Us of Plymouth, agreed with her, and used a stream of conservative, smaller-government candidates to press the point that a more conservative agenda is needed, both in Washington and at home.

"It's about limited government and reining in the out-of-control spending," said Larry Recca of Troy, a

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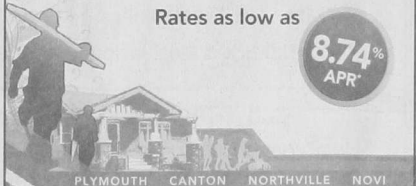


Mike Duke of Plymouth and Tom Castello of Canton talk politics at Saturday's rally.

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RALLY

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member of Plymouth-based Tea Party Patriots, who helped organize Saturday's rally. "It's about taking back our country. It's not about parties."

Organizers presented a string of Republican candidates for state and federal offices, all pushing the limited-agenda, cut-spending issues on which they're running. Among the speakers were Secretary of State candidate Ruth Johnson; attorney general candidate Bill Schutte, U.S. House candidates Rocky Raczkowski of Farmington Hills, running against Rep. Gary Peters, and Rob Steele, who is running against longtime Rep.



Several hundred people attended the Tea Party Rally held at Schoolcraft College Saturday.

John Dingell; and Michigan Supreme Court candidates Bob Young and Mary Beth Kelly.

Conservative talk-radio host

Thayronne X served as the emcee, and set the tone for the rally early.

"I would argue this is the most important election of my lifetime," he said. "Here's my philosophy for this election: If it has an 'R' next to it, vote for it. If it has a 'D' next to it, drive a stake through it."

Tea Party favorite James Keena, author *We've Been Had*, served up the keynote address. Keena, a Walled Lake resident who is a member of Rattle With

Us, said he got involved in the Tea Party after the 2008 elections because "the Democrats were hopeless and the Republicans were nearly there."

"The country was headed in the wrong direction," Keena said. "I had never been active, and I decided I had to do something. I liked that (the Tea Party) was a grassroots movement, it wasn't directed by any party. We thought it was time for the people, who are most affected by the U.S.



PHOTOS BY JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Talk-radio host Thayronne X emceed Saturday's Tea Party Rally at Schoolcraft College.

Constitution, to take control. It's not about parties, it's about what's right."

Sharon Amburgey of Redford attended the Schoolcraft rally and liked what she heard. She's been a member of Plymouth-based The Patriots for two years.

"They're uplifting, they tell the truth, they get people to learn the truth," Amburgey said of Saturday's rally. "The movement is amazing."

For Sharon Lolloio of Plymouth, a member of Rattle

With Us who helped organize the rally, this election is about making sure voters know there's what Lolloio calls "the back of the ballot," that include judicial races. Lolloio wants to make sure voters are educated.

"I don't care if they agree with the Tea Party or not, I want people to be informed," Lolloio said. "I want to see people get educated, and get engaged."

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St. Louis surprise – marchers fourth at super regional

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

It was all worth it — a 1,000-mile roundtrip with 215 teenagers on five motor coaches; 430 uniforms; 20 chaperones; a semi and several additional box and pickup trucks filled with giant props, hundreds of instruments and food.

It was worth it for the learning experience and for the results, which saw the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band finish fourth out of the 48 high school bands from 13 states competing at the two-day Bands of America Super Regional Championships Saturday in the Edward Jones Dome, St. Louis, Mo.

"I am so proud of the kids," said a pleased Sheldon Frazier, marching band director.

"Every performance they give 100 percent and continue to improve after every event."

"I thought both shows were fabulous," said Peggy Fenwick, a member of the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters. She and her husband were celebrating their anniversary as well as cheering for the band and son Ryan, a freshman member of the band's drumline. "They looked spectacular. I got chills and teared up just a little bit."

Fenwick said the PCMB had its own cheering section even though it was the only



The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band captured the fourth-place trophy out of 48 outstanding bands from 13 states during the Bands of America Super Regional Championships Saturday at the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis, Mo.

Michigan band at the competition. A number of band parents, including the Fenwicks, flew to St. Louis. But Terri Saenz, another booster mom, organized a fan bus of 55 supporters outfitted with gold pompons, gold and black beads, and silver stars to cheer on their home team.

"I was surprised to see how many parents came down to

see us," said Plymouth senior Jake Noss, section leader of the front ensemble percussion section. "It was a good feeling to see we had some guaranteed fans out there."

Noss felt the band's morning preliminary performance was a bit shaky since there was no time beforehand for a run-through, but the finals performance was definitely

improved. "Finals was one of the best performances we've had," said Noss. "We really threw down. We had the passion we needed."

And that passion paid off. After two days of preliminary competition, Plymouth-Canton placed among the top 14 bands for the Saturday nighttime finals performance.



PHOTOS BY TERRI SAENZ
The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band was the only Michigan band at Saturday's Bands of America Super Regional in St. Louis, Mo. P-CEP finished fourth of 48 schools.

The final top spots went to Broken Arrow High School, Okla., first, 85.15; Carmel, Ind., second, 83.85; Union, Okla., third, 83.00; and Plymouth-Canton, fourth, 79.35.

"The difficulty of this show is through the roof and the kids are handling it very well," said Frazier of this year's 10-minute production, "The Source." "The logistics behind putting this show together is at a completely new level for Plymouth-Canton compared to recent years. What

we are trying to pull off this year, many (band programs) wouldn't even attempt."

Noss couldn't agree more. "This is the most elaborate, thought-out show I have ever been in," he said.

Next up for Plymouth-Canton is Flushing High School's Michigan Invitational Tournament Saturday at Atwood Stadium in Flint where, according to Frazier, there are many new elements to be added to the already award-winning show.

Celebrity chef set for Canton cooking

Celebrity chef Curtis Aikens, who has appeared on the Food Network and authored *Curtis Cooks with Heart and Soul*, will visit Canton to share tips on eating well on a budget, buying local and easy entertaining.

Aikens comes to the IKEA store at Haggerty and Ford roads 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, as part of the Food University tour.

Aspiring home cooks will be able to watch Aikens cut, slice, mix, prepare and entertain during an afternoon of learn-

ing and cooking. The event is free and open to the public.

Aikens will be demonstrating *Family Circle* recipes and discussing the importance of local produce, the power of using spices to boost flavor, ideas for quick and tasty appetizers, and tips for carefree entertaining.

"Our readers, the moms of tweens and teens, are cooking more at home to save money and spend more time together with their families," *Family Circle* publisher said in a prepared statement.

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Canton gunman faces weapons charges

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A barricaded gunman accused of firing two shots inside his Canton home and engaging in a two-hour stand-off with township police has been arraigned on criminal charges.

Karl Wayne Hunt, 46, has been arraigned in 35th District Court on charges of discharging a weapon in a building, felony firearm and reckless use of a firearm for an incident that happened about 7:20 p.m. Oct. 11 in the 2300 block of Amber, southeast of Palmer and Sheldon.

No one was injured when shots were fired from what police Sgt. Mark Gajeski has described as a high-powered rifle. Police used a Taser to



Hunt

subdue Hunt when he walked from the home unarmed and refused to comply with an officer's orders, Gajeski said.

The suspect fired shots into a fireplace, prompting two roommates to flee the house and call 911 for help, police said.

Hunt was arraigned over the weekend in the out-county court and released with a \$10,000 personal bond. He has been scheduled for an Oct. 29 preliminary hearing to determine if he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

A not-guilty plea was entered for Hunt, who could

face penalties ranging up to four years in prison if he is convicted.

During the incident, Canton police moved in with an armored vehicle to get close enough to establish contact with the suspect. They could see him moving inside the house, where police say he remained for two hours before he walked outside and was taken into custody.

Police fired a Taser at Hunt amid allegations he refused to comply with their orders and made a movement toward his waistband. The suspect then was taken to a hospital for a psychiatric evaluation.

Police have said it wasn't clear why Hunt had become upset.

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Mother-daughter reunited, dad faces possible charges

BY DARRELL CLEM
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An 11-month-old Canton girl was reunited with her mother after her father picked her up at a day care center Monday afternoon before fleeing the state and crashing his SUV in Ohio, police said.

The 36-year-old father was arrested near Fremont, Ohio, where he was facing driving-related criminal charges, and Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office will decide possible charges in Michigan.

The father, who had parental

privileges, picked up the girl from a Cherry Hill Village day care center, Childtime, which notified the mother and police because the mother had earlier become concerned about the father's behavior, Schreiner said.

The child's parents had lived together, but Schreiner said police had gone to their house two days earlier to investigate a domestic dispute, though it didn't involve physical violence.

"He had not assaulted her," Schreiner said.

Police returned to the house later amid reports the man might be suicidal, and he was

taken to a hospital for an evaluation, Schreiner said.

The man was released from a hospital, but his behavior left the mother fearful for her daughter's safety after the girl was picked up Monday afternoon at the day care center. Those concerns prompted authorities to issue an Amber Alert, and the father's SUV was spotted near Fremont, Ohio.

The man led police on a chase before he crashed his vehicle. Neither he nor the child was seriously injured during the incident.

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Home invasion

A man notified police of a suspected home invasion in the 41200 area of Old Michigan, southeast of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty.

The man said he needed a place to stay and contacted a friend who was out of town and who gave him permission to remove an air-conditioning unit and enter the mobile home.

The man told police as he was entering the home, he saw two males running from the back of the home. He also said he found a window that had been broken out by a brick.

He said the incident happened around 12:15 a.m. Sunday.

A police report said the homeowner planned to look for items potentially missing from his home when he returned from a trip to Ohio.

Purloined purse

A woman told police her purse was stolen from a shopping cart while she was at the IKEA store on the northwest corner of Ford and Haggerty roads about 6 p.m. Saturday.

The woman said she had placed her purse in a shopping cart while she was loading items into her vehicle. She said her mother then took the cart to a place where carts were kept and there was no purse in it.

The woman contacted IKEA but learned that her purse hadn't been found.

A police report indicated that one of her credit cards had been used twice at gas stations in Detroit.

Intruder alert

A man reported finding two young white males in his home around 1:30 p.m. Friday on Ironwood, north of Palmer and west of Lilley.

The man told police he was upstairs and heard noises. He said he went downstairs and confronted the intruders, who removed some items from their pockets and then left the house.

The man also found other items the intruders apparently had started to take but left behind, though not in the place where the homeowner had kept them.

The suspects were described as white

males about 16 years old. One was about 6 feet tall with brown hair and a thin build, and he was wearing a gray or black hooded sweat shirt. The other was about 5-feet-8 with long brown curly hair.

Soccer scrum

Police went to High Velocity Sports, on Michigan Avenue east of Beck, amid reports of an altercation between two women around 7:15 p.m. last Thursday.

One woman played for the Blue Diamonds soccer team; the other for the Survivors.

During a match, one of the women said the other grabbed her, punched her in the left side of the face, grabbed her by the hair and pulled her to the ground. The alleged attacker was escorted from the field by the building's staff, according to police reports.

The alleged attacker, however, said she also was shoved and hit in the jaw.

Police were investigating the incident.

Rocks thrown

A woman reported seeing two males throwing rocks at her 2009 Ford Fusion while it was parked on Stacy, northeast of Haggerty and Palmer, on the afternoon of Wednesday, Oct. 13.

The woman said she told the suspects to get away from her car, but she said one of them took a rock and scratched the trunk lid. She also said a rock was thrown at her.

The woman told police she asked where the suspects lived but they wouldn't say. She said she stood near a porch as they left, but she said one of the males came around a corner of the building, taunted her and threw a rock that struck a door.

She said the males then left.

Theft from home

A home invasion occurred between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday on Hastings, southwest of Cherry Hill and Beck. Suspects entered the home by removing a screen from a second-story window. Then they went through each room of the residence and removed items of value.

— Compiled by Staff Writer Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

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we haven't forgotten about them," she said. "We are working with the brokers and the property owners to try to get us all on the same goal. We all have the same goal. We want Cherry Hill Village to be a vibrant community."

COMMITTEE WORK

Provenzano and Botosan said a village committee has been formed to work with township officials to push for improvements. Township Planner Jeff Goulet said the economic recession has made the task more difficult, though not impossible.

"It's going to take a while to develop a core business district there," he said, adding that some business projects have stalled because banks have tightened lending and "nobody can get financing to do anything."

Still, residents, business owners and township officials agree that if they mount a concerted effort, they may be able to make strides.

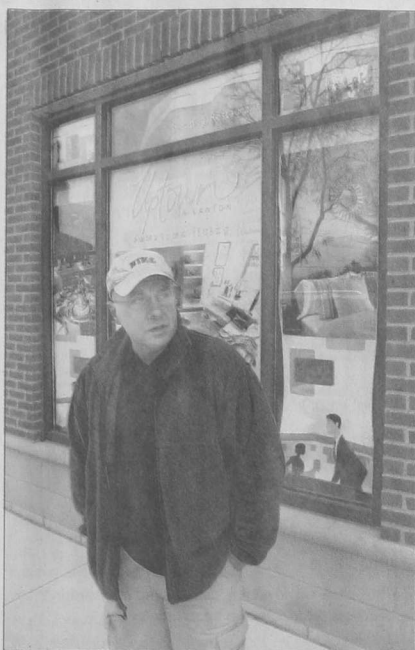
"We can make a difference when we have all the groups together," Bilbrey-Honsowetz said.

Provenzano, Botosan and other residents have called on the township to better promote Cherry Hill Village on Canton's municipal website, similar to efforts marketing the Ford Road commercial corridor. Residents and business owners also say they need to work harder to convince motorists to visit the village rather than bypass it on roads such as Denton.

Residents have called for an anchor store, such as a grocer, that could be used by village residents and people from nearby subdivisions. Homeowners such as Jim Saunders have held out hope for a market such as Busch's or one similar to the Holiday Market near Cherry Hill and Lilley.

WAYS TO FIX IT

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy and other local officials have indicated they will explore potential incentives and ideas such as having a



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Mike Provenzano stands in front of a window display hawking the shopping and restaurants in the Uptown area of Cherry Hill Village, but the business strip is plagued with vacancies.

"brokers breakfast" in hopes of spurring interest in the village.

Beztak Cos., a Farmington Hills company that owns some Cherry Hill Village properties and land, has said it is committed to helping the area succeed. It has retained a retail-leasing company, Ludwig & Seeley, to help with leasing and marketing the Uptown properties north of Cherry Hill Road.

"They use a wide variety of marketing tools, including aggressive direct mail campaigns, regular e-mail blasts" to the brokerage community, fliers and marketing brochures, door-to-door canvassing, and (they) have built and maintained over the years a substantial network of industry contacts to help promote their properties," said

Don Trefry, Beztak vice president for commercial retail and property management. "All of these measures are being used to market Uptown retail."

Moreover, Trefry said Beztak and Ludwig & Seeley will work with LaJoy "to ensure our most promising prospects meet him, his staff and are provided a first-hand vision of the community's commitment to the village."

Though such efforts will not help businesses such as Le Cocoa Bean, Provenzano, Botosan, Saunders and others are hopeful the latest round of talks will, indeed, be the jumpstart Cherry Hill Village needs.

As Botosan said, "The conversation has started."

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Paving continues on Canton Center

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Road construction crews Monday began paving the new, easternmost lanes of Canton Center Road from Cherry Hill south to Heritage Park Drive, as the end to months-long traffic snarls draws ever closer, township officials said.

Work crews are expected as early as Saturday to start paving the final stretch of Canton Center from Heritage Park Drive to the bridge south of Palmer Road, said Bill Serchak, township staff engineer.

The latest news comes as road workers remain on target to finish widening Canton Center from two lanes to five by mid-November, ushering in significant improvements to a heavily traveled stretch of road used to access subdivisions, township hall, Heritage Park, the public library and the recreational Summit on the Park. Motorists traveling north on

Canton Center have long faced difficulties turning left on the two-lane road to get to places such as the library.

"We think it's going to be a lot safer for our patrons to get here," said Laurie Golden, the library's marketing and communications manager. "The left turn lane is going to make getting in and out of the library much easier and safer for our patrons and our staff."

Despite traffic snarls, particularly during rush hour, work crews this construction season managed to maintain traffic in both the north and south directions, though township officials this week asked motorists to avoid Canton Center, if possible, to ease paving-related bottlenecks.

"I'd say it has gone as well as can be expected," Serchak said. Glengarry Road was closed this week due to paving, forcing residents to enter the subdivision from Palmer rather than Canton Center.

Moreover, work crews have

been paving part of Palmer east of Canton Center, causing traffic backups as construction workers used flags to alternately wave motorists through the area.

Though the widening project should be done by mid-November, Serchak said some work, such as restoring grass and vegetation along portions of Canton Center, may not be completed until next spring because construction crews are facing the waning days of the orange-barrel season.

Library officials believe the construction project may be to blame for a slight decline in circulation compared to last summer. In July, for example, patrons checked out 184,753 items compared to 194,135 for the previous July.

"We have noticed a decline in circulation," Golden said.

Still, she and others have welcomed the temporary snags in return for a five-lane road that will lead to much better traffic flow along Canton Center.

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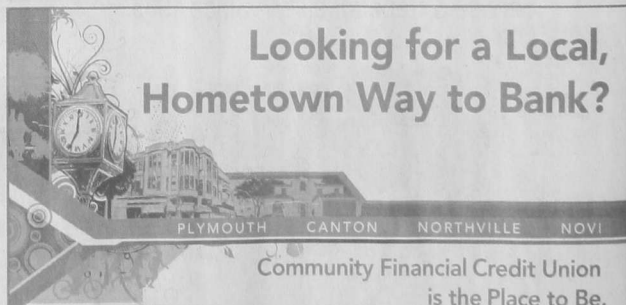
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Gala raises funds, friends for senior services at St. Mary Mercy

The Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center was transformed into a Midwest version of New York's Central Park Oct. 8 for the St. Mary Mercy Hospital annual Gala.

Autumn leaves, colorful fall mums, park benches and the aura of Central Park and the New York skyline greeted guests at the 18th annual celebration.

The black-tie affair raised \$200,000 for the hospital's Senior Emergency Department.

David Spivey, president and CEO of St. Mary Mercy, welcomed the nearly 500 guests reminding them that proceeds will help to provide specialized emergency services "to our most vulnerable seniors — those who have complex health and quality of life limitations that can be addressed with our new approach to senior emergency care."

Special recognition went to Northville Township residents William and Bridget Phillips, their family and the Phillips Service Industries Inc. — the gala's presenting sponsors for the second consecutive year.

"We are so grateful to the Phillips family," said Sara Stauffer, development/special events director at St. Mary Mercy. "We are truly blessed to have their support."

Other major sponsors of the event were Guardian Plumbing & Heating and Temperature Services Inc. (platinum) and Huron Valley Radiology, P.C. (gold).

Serving as chair and vice chair of this year's event were Sandy Bojrab and Lucia Romano, both of Northville.

In her program message to guests, Bojrab likened the progress that exemplifies the city of New York to St. Mary's Mercy progress throughout the years and "the hospital's commitment to continually provide patients and families with innovative services that meet their health care needs."

Guests enjoyed an opening reception amid a Central Park decor, followed by a sit-down dinner highlighted by fall fruit and vegetables. The afterglow included a fall-themed dessert station and "New York" style pizza station.

Music was provided by the Mark Randisi trio and The Royce and Jenn Band.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is part of the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, a member of Trinity Health.



Orin Mazzoni (left) of Orin Jewelers in Northville and Garden City and daughter, Gina, (right) award the Hearts and Fire Diamond earrings to Lucia Romano, gala vice chair and lucky winner of the auction item.



Checking out the bling are Pete Sello of Canton and Kevin Moore of Canton. Sello is vice president/market development of Michigan Orthopedic Services and was a member of the gala planning committee. Moore is the director of Rehabilitation and Wound Care at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.



Volunteers at the gala included Lauren and Jason May of Garden City. Lauren works in the special events department at St. Mary Mercy.



Planning this year's gala were Lucia Romano (left), vice chairwoman, and chairwoman Sandy Bojrab both of Northville.



Presenting sponsor of the 18th annual St. Mary Mercy Gala Bill (standing) and Bridget Phillips of Northville Township along with son-in-law Steve Cauzillo and daughter Terry Cauzillo of Novi.



David Spivey, president and CEO of St. Mary Mercy Hospital (left), welcomes Garry Faja, president and CEO, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System and regional market executive, Trinity Health to Friday's event.



Guests were treated to a fall-themed dessert station at the gala.



The gala brought family and friends together. Enjoying the night were Antoinette Lombardo of Canton (left), her daughter, Rose Anne Russo of Northville (right) and family friend Josie Norcia of Northville (middle).

Madonna speaker: State's wind farms off to slow start

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

Christina Harris attended a lecture on the future of wind power in Michigan at Madonna University last week in hopes of finding a place in the growing market.

She was among a full-house crowd gathered to hear Aubrey C. Agee II, General Electric's Wind Farm Site manager in Uby, explain that the amount of power generated by wind is comparable to throwing a cup of water in the sea, but definitely an area of great growth now and in the future.

"That can be said about any power plant given the massive power grid that we have," Agee said.

He currently leads the operation and maintenance service of 46 1.5-megawatt wind turbines at the John Deere 69-megawatt wind farm, Michigan Wind I, located in the state's Thumb region.

Agee exceeded availability production targets by 2.7 percent last year, earning GE a performance bonus of \$130,000. John Deere was recently purchased by Exelon.

Harris, 54, of Livonia, refers to herself as "one of the casualties" of the automotive industry. She is taking classes at Madonna "to learn, reinvent and reinsert" herself among the employed in a field, she said, takes a "visionary" to understand.

The vision might not be too far off. In 2008, Michigan passed the Renewable Portfolio Standard, which requires electric providers achieve a retail supply portfolio that includes at least 10 percent renewable energy by 2015.

"We're always looking for how wind energy can grow," Agee said.

Wind turbines are located typically in rural areas, because there are fewer buildings to obstruct the air flow and for safety reasons, allowing easy



Michigan has earmarked the Thumb area for a maximum of 3,000 wind turbines and the state's west coast for 1,000 more wind turbines.

access to the turbine in case of breakdowns. They are also built in areas that have been identified as high-wind zones.

WIND AREA

Michigan has earmarked the Thumb area for a maximum of 3,000 wind turbines and the state's west coast for 1,000 more wind turbines.

Politicians haven't made it easy for wind technology developers, Agee told the crowd.

"Our wind farm was being spoke of in 2005," he said. "We have 90 or 100 turbines and other states got into the game much later and have much more."

The GE wind turbine park average production is 150,000 megawatt-hours a year depending on wind speeds, he explained. Commercial-size wind turbines cost about \$1-\$2 million to build. The efficiency rate for wind power is 30-40 percent and "solar is much less," Agee said. Michigan is 14th among the states in wind capacity.

"We're in the beginning stages of the wind industry," he said, adding, however, that the basic components of the technology, like gear boxes, generators and rotors, are old ideas.

Many lecture participants were among a large group of employees from Power Technology Institute in Canton, who wanted to know what kind

of employment potential wind power had.

"This is hopefully going to be our career," said Matthew Robideau, a PTI student.

How many employees does it take to run a 90-turbine farm?, another PTI employee asked Agee.

"I would say we have 46 turbines with four technicians and probably six people total with up to seven visiting technicians," Agee said. "But for the construction, there are 200 people on a site building a wind farm. With all the farms being built, you will put a lot of people to work."

"The biggest problem with wind is the transmission lines to get that power to the grid," he added.

The cost to make a kilowatt of power from coal is about 11 cents and the cost for wind power is 13 or 14 cents, he said.

"I think, to be honest, the big (wind) parks will be a help, but they won't get up to the production amounts of traditional energy," he said. "That is until technology changes."

Other questions raised by people in the audience addressed the effects on migrating birds and noise levels.

"They say noise level of a wind turbine is the same as a compressor in a refrigerator at maximum wind speeds," Agee said. "People don't want change."

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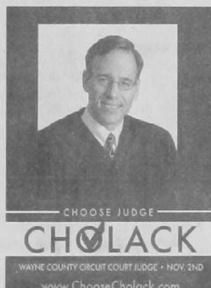
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OUR VIEWS

U.S. House: 11th District

Rep. McCotter is experienced, principled

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter is a politician of principle and integrity who harbors a keen intellect focused on the interests of his constituency. We don't always agree with McCotter, but anyone who has observed him at a congressional hearing knows that he seeks answers to legitimate and necessary questions. He avoids using the platform to lecture the participants.

We believe these characteristics sets him apart from many others who at present serve in Congress and we endorse **Thaddeus McCotter's** re-election on Nov. 2.

He has served in Congress since 2002. A Republican, he represents the 11th District which includes the western Wayne and western Oakland communities of Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth, Milford, Redford, South Lyon and Westland as well as others. Before being elected to Congress, McCotter served in the state Senate, the Wayne County Commission and Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees.

He brings an intelligent, studied and principled approach to issues. Except for a short tenure in the private sector, he has been a career politician but we don't regard that as negative. He's smart, principled and knows how Washington runs.

McCotter's opponents in the race are Democrat Natalie Mosher of Canton Township and Libertarian John Tatar of Livonia. Mosher is a former school teacher who served on the Erie, Ohio, County Commission. Locally, she is the former chief development officer for the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy.

Tatar, is a former teacher in Livonia Public Schools. He has served in the U.S. Army Reserves and ran two years ago for this same seat as a Libertarian.

Mosher is mounting a strategic campaign. She is a credible alternative to the conservative McCotter. Tatar is relying on the Libertarian platform to attract voters in November.

November 2010 should be good year for the GOP and McCotter will have no trouble winning his fifth term.

McCotter supported the bailout of GM and Chrysler because he understands how important manufacturing is to this region and to the country. He is aware of what happens to economies that don't manufacture a product for the global marketplace.

His opposition to the bank bailout two years ago may have left some constituents scratching their heads. He opposed the bailout of Wall Street banks he says because it didn't go far enough to clean up the toxic assets of the big banks and it didn't do enough for small banks.

A staunch conservative, McCotter seeks to make the Bush-era tax cuts permanent. He makes no distinction between upper income and middle-income tax relief. He believes a tax on any segment of the taxpaying public would be harmful to the U.S. economy.

He opposes the health care bill enacted by Congress, but his solution (opening up markets and allowing more health care competition across state lines will increase supply) appears too simple and doesn't address what is a complex economic and social issue. However, his position is consistent with this free-market philosophy. And he knows that overreaching either way — left or right — is not what the American public wants.

Voters in the 11th District know that by re-electing **Thaddeus McCotter** on Nov. 2, they have a congressman who will work hard to balance the budget, represent the interests of a manufacturing region and state and all the while make decisions based on sound ethical, deeply held personal conviction.

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 "Diversity group touts gains, eyes good 2nd year,"

Regarding "time banks" and the time bank concept being floated here. Visit <http://www.timebanks.org/> and see for yourselves what is being proposed here. Here's an idea: Instead of infusing more social-engineering and collective mantra, let's Lower taxes and stimulate job creation. This in turn, would free up more money for private citizens to actually contribute to worthy causes of their choice. Instead, we have a group of social engineers and "liberation theologians" that now what to propose that we all, in the name of "social justice", run around town doing an hour for an hour. How about we do things how we always have in this Country, and that it by doing our own work, having the government stop taking more and more of our money, and lowering taxes for businesses so that they can hire people and put them to work. These ideas that are being floated sound all nice and friendly and soft-toss. But, the barter system is a joke because it will soon be abused like welfare is now abused.

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With Halloween coming, what is your favorite scary movie of all time?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I like to watch all the scary movies on the Sci-Fi Channel."

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"I avoid them. I saw 'The Exorcist' and it scared me, but my children just laughed at it."

Kitty Howe
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"'Nightmare on Elm Street.'"

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"I avoid scary movies."

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LETTERS

McCotter a no-show

It appears that Thaddeus McCotter shies away from attending public forums where he would have to explain his position on various subjects in an open debate with well-informed candidates.

I can understand that when Congress is in session he could possibly be working on issues in Washington. However, when Congress is not in session, shouldn't he be available to attend a forum sponsored by the nonpartisan League of Women Voters? Instead, according to a press release in the Sept. 19 Observer, he attended a meeting with a vice president of the Motor and Equipment Manufacturers Association. The press release also stated that "McCotter's official responsibility precluded his attendance" over attending the nonpartisan forum put on for the benefit of informing his constituents whom he is supposed to represent.

He, instead, attended a very special interest group that probably has access to him in Washington, D.C. He did this at a time when Congress was not in session and he had the opportunity of attending to his official responsibility of representing the people of his congressional district.

According to a Dec. 6, 2009, press release, Rep. McCotter was honored by the Michigan Bankers Association for doing what they considered very important work. Once again, he was available to a special interest group whose policies have negatively affected so many people in our State.

I can think of only two possible reasons why Rep. McCotter selects his availability to the public when Congress is not in session. The first may be that he would not be able to justify his position under cross-examination by an informed candidate who would like to represent "unconnected" people.

The second reason is that there may be a form of future merit pay available for those who serve well-heeled interest groups. Many members who leave Congress end up in high-paying positions in the private sector of the business world. We the people do not have the advantage of monetarily rewarding a representative in the future. Perhaps that is the reason we do not actually have very many representatives of the people, for the people.

Perhaps Natalie Mosher, a candidate who has no need to be concerned about future employment, should be given a chance to really represent the unconnected, common people in Congress.

William G. Cole
Plymouth

Democrat lies and hypocrisy

Recently, a number of attacks have been launched against Patrick Colbeck, the Republican Senate candidate for Wayne County's 7th District. On Sept. 30 an article was published critical of Mr. Colbeck accepting campaign contributions from prominent Republicans, some of whom are term-limited out, with these funds left over from previous campaigns.

The distribution of these funds is highly regulated with the practice of contributing to other campaigns a common practice by both the Democrat Party, as well, as the Republican Party. It is interesting; the writer did not divulge who she was supporting or the fact that she is a Democrat Party operative. But, let's examine some of the tactics practiced by Democrats.

On Wednesday, Sept. 29, people received an

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absolutely absurd attack piece on Mr. Colbeck, issued by the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee, implying he supports Republicans who want to eliminate Social Security and Medicare for seniors. Mr. Colbeck has stated publicly, people depend on these benefits, benefits that people deserve having paid into these systems all of their life, along with their employers.

In addition, this is a national not a state issue; therefore, neither the Michigan State Senate nor its members can affect any change in regards to Social Security or Medicare. The Democrat Party, in passing ObamaCare calls for the reduction in Medicare funding by \$500,000,000,000 (that's 500 billion dollars), which will, in fact, negatively affect all American seniors' health care. Democrats are also responsible for increasing the age when seniors can receive Social Security, and for increasing the withholding amount for Social Security and Medicare by individuals and their employers.

On the national level, Democrat Rep. Charlie Rangel of New York State, Chairman of the House of Representative's Ways and Means Committee, responsible for all federal tax policies and laws, in an effort to keep fellow Democrats from investigating and bringing criminal charges against him, used campaign funds to influence (BRIBE) his comrades, for very serious and numerous violations of federal income tax laws. Even if one were to suggest that federal tax laws are so complex that they are too difficult to understand, Rep. Rangel's committee is responsible for writing these laws and if anyone should know what is in these laws, he certainly should. From an ethical standpoint, the use of campaign funds to influence ethics and criminal investigations and to impede prosecution is a very serious matter.

Are these the standards that we want our political parties and politicians to live by? a proud Patrick Colbeck supporter,

Michael Hinsel
Canton Township, Republican delegate

Where truth lies

It seems with each political campaign season it gets more and more difficult to decipher what's true and what's not on the campaign literature we receive and the commercial ads we watch. We shouldn't have to work at finding what's true and many candidates know we won't bother. Campaigns should be run with the same honesty and integrity that our candidates should possess.

Yet a recent TV commercial put out by Kathleen Law was a blatant lie. The commercial states that state Senate candidate Patrick Colbeck wants to take away Social Security and Medicare from our seniors. First of all, Patrick

Colbeck has publicly stated that he supports the protection of seniors' Social Security and Medicare benefits. Seniors have worked for those benefits and depend on them to make ends meet and address their health concerns.

Secondly, Colbeck is running for state senator, not a U.S. senator. Social Security and Medicare are federal programs not state programs. State senators do not have any control over federal programs such as Social Security and Medicare. It is really sad that Kathleen Law feels she has to rely on lying and deceiving our seniors to get votes instead of honestly discussing the issues facing our state.

It's time we all look at our candidates with eyes wide open. Do we really want to send candidates who are deceiving us to Lansing? While serving with Patrick on a local school board, I have gotten to know him and have found that he always conducts himself with honesty and integrity.

If you really want to know who Patrick Colbeck is, visit his website at www.FixingMichigan.com. Let's make sure we vote this November for candidates who are demonstrating honesty and integrity.

Diana J. Noble
Canton

Stewart supporter

I have had the pleasure of knowing John Stewart for over 10 years.

I first met John when he ran for the state representative as a Republican, and was struck by his integrity and his adherence to his principles. John served admirably, and has long been an ardent supporter of public education and a woman's right to choose. He maintained this mainstream position even as the Republican party moved further and further away from the beliefs of most moderate Americans, and of John himself.

John's run for state Senate as an Independent in Michigan's 7th District is his opportunity to truly represent the needs of his constituents, staying above the backbiting and negativity so common in political discourse today. John wants to move beyond blaming and finger pointing and get to the business of putting Michigan back to work again. We need John Stewart in Lansing.

Suzan Hyssen
Livonia

Colbeck the choice

In the upcoming all-important election, voters in the state Senate 7th District would do well to consider candidate Patrick Colbeck.

Besides his strong background as a small businessman who understands the negative effects a heavy-handed government has had on our state's economy, Patrick's greatest qualifications are his honesty and openness as a candidate.

Voters in the 7th District should do their own investigations of Patrick's plan for turning Michigan around, and not limit their inquiries to the distorted views seen in rival ads. Patrick Colbeck is a devoted family man and community leader. For example, Patrick volunteers as a board member in his local public school charter academy.

Voters in the 7th District have a great opportunity to move Michigan forward in next month's election by getting to know Patrick Colbeck. Learn more at his website: www.fixingmichigan.com.

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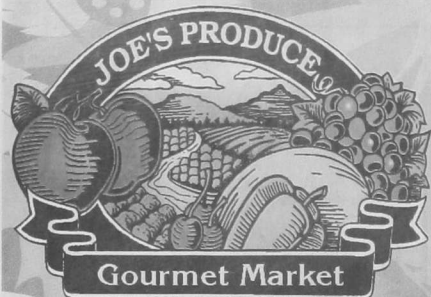
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Churchill 'D' foils Canton bid

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill continues to prove its back row play is just as important as its front row attack.

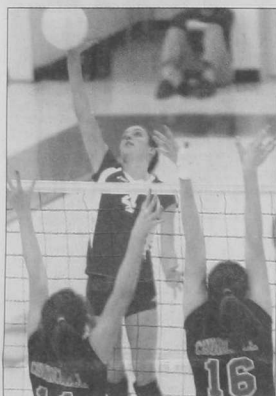
That was no more evident than in Tuesday's 26-24, 25-22, 25-22 KLAA South Division clinching match victory over visiting Canton.

The Chargers, who improved to 35-6-2 overall and 9-0 in the division, were led by senior setter Cory Urbats, who had 26 assist-to-kills and 18 digs, along with senior twins Kara and Nicole Kempinski, who combined for 42 more digs.

"These kids are just relentless and they play very good defense," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. "We give ourselves a chance with great ball control and setting. And in transition, we can score from there. But it's all about the defense."

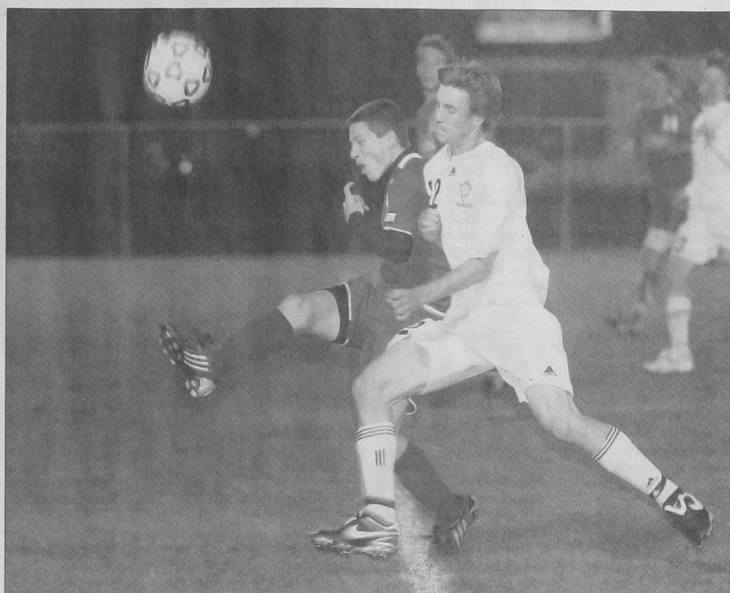
The opportunity was there for Canton (24-8-3, 7-2) to claim a share of the South Division title. But the Chiefs squandered sizable leads in all three sets including 7-0

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Kristen Muir hammers the ball over Livonia Churchill defenders Tuesday night.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton defender Neil Zech (No. 4) is able to clear the ball out of danger despite pressure from Plymouth's Nick Russ (No. 22) during Monday's pre-district game.

Chiefs stay alive in districts

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two key plays within seconds in the final minute of Monday's first half told the tale of the Division 1 pre-district boys soccer matchup between Canton and Plymouth.

Sophomore forward Bobby Budlong's goal off a perfect corner kick with 12 seconds to go in the half put the sixth-ranked Chiefs up 1-0 and the Wildcats nearly answered just nine seconds later.

But a leaping, lunging stop by Canton senior goalkeeper Brandon Laabs denied Plymouth senior Derek Austin's bid to even things

up at halftime and the Chiefs held on for a 2-0 victory at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity soccer field.

"There were three seconds left, we were just trying to put something on net and I hit a pretty good ball," Austin said. "It was a great save by Laabs, I couldn't have hit it any better."

The direct kick by Austin was a laser, ticketed for the top right corner. An airborne Laabs extended his arms and managed to get a hand on the ball, batting it away.

Canton head coach George Tomasso agreed, noting that Laabs (9 saves) "earned his shutout tonight," backstopping the 16-3-2

Chiefs into Wednesday's district semifinal against Livonia Churchill.

"Brandon told me he was blocked for the majority of that shot and he reacted to it," Tomasso said. "I felt his reaction was great, he kept the ball to the side and he made a great save there to keep us up 1-0."

That near-miss wasn't the only time the Wildcats would put pressure on the Canton defense, but Plymouth could not finish.

EARLY ONSLAUGHT

"The boys played great tonight, we had a good game plan going in,"

Please see **SOCCER, B2**

Canton tankers tops in showdown

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It didn't long for Ed Weber to know that Tuesday was going to be a good night for his Canton varsity girls swim & dive team.

The 200-yard medley relay team of Caitlyn Orr, Sara Krebs, Delaney Adams and Destinee Barmore-Hicks won that event with a time of 1-minute, 57.05-seconds — the fastest ever during the 12 years of Weber's Canton coaching career.

That set the tone as the Chiefs rolled to a 111-74 victory over Plymouth, to take over sole possession of the KLAA South.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Caitlin Orr's ability in events such as the 200-yard medley relay helps the Chiefs' cause in meets such as Tuesday's against Plymouth for the division title.

"They all did perfect splits, just like we planned it," said Weber with a grin. The quartet actually needed to motor to finish on top, since Plymouth's 200 medley team of Linda Erickson, Emily Toro, Rachel Huhta and Abbey Kelly finished close behind (1:58.24).

Both the Canton and Plymouth relays made state cuts with their performances.

"We swam very well, we had 20 best times," said Plymouth head coach Doug Schade, whose team now is 6-4-0 overall and 4-1-0 in the KLAA South. "They're just better."

Superior depth continues to drive Canton (7-0-1, 6-0-0), and the Chiefs can clinch the KLAA South outright by winning the division meet on Oct. 29-30.

Schade said it's been a positive season so far for the Wildcats, with "a lot of kids on the doorstep of making (state) cuts, so hopefully they will. We're just going to continue to swim our best, that's all we can do."

Plymouth did get the better of Canton in the relay department, winning both the 200 and 400 free relays.

PLENTY OF LEADERS

According to Weber, the impact of Canton's large senior contingent cannot be downplayed.

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WALT OMOCH

Wearing a special jersey for Saturday's 'Pink Out!' to raise awareness about breast cancer, Whalers netminder Scott Wedgewood stretches to stop a Windsor shot.

Goalie sparks Whalers on 'Pink Out!' night

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Whalers goalie Scott Wedgewood obviously took plenty of notes last season as the understudy to Matt Hackett, because he's been stellar so far in 2010-11.

Take Saturday night, for instance. Wedgewood stopped

10 Windsor shots before the first period was nine minutes old — a span where his teammates could not even manage one.

His confident, sometimes-acrobatic play helped calm the Whalers, who found their game over the final two periods in a 4-1 Ontario

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SIDELINES

Zhang zings it

Plymouth junior Aaron Zhang had an outstanding showing at the recent Division 1 state finals in Midland, defeating Grand Blanc's Jon Plister in the second round before falling to No. 3-seed Andrew Cahn of West Bloomfield.

Zhang, 21-4 this season and a good bet to be Plymouth's first all-state tennis player, "played amazing tennis and led Andy (Cahn) in both the first and second set," said Wildcats head coach Tom Kimball. "These two proved to be two of the hardest hitters in the tournament."

Want proof? Zhang actually broke a tennis ball with one of his serves.

"It was a great experience for Aaron and, as he is only a junior, he is fired up to return again next year," Kimball said.

Helping Zhang gear up for the state finals was Salem No. 1 singles player Jacob Scott.

Although Canton's Chiefs were not represented in Midland, head coach Barb Lehmann praised her team for how well it played at the recent D1 regionals. Canton finished fourth, trailing only power programs such as Ann Arbor Pioneer, Ann Arbor Huron and Saline.

"All of our players made it through the first round and third and fourth doubles made it one more round to give us the best finish we have had in a few years," Lehmann noted.

Murphy 5th, 'Cats 11th

Plymouth sophomore Kelsey Murphy wrapped up her brilliant prep season Saturday with a two-day total of 156 strokes — tied for fifth place overall — at the Division 1 girls golf finals at Eagle Crest.

The Wildcats, meanwhile, placed 11th overall, which accomplished the team's goal of finishing in the top 12, head coach Chris Moore said.

"We were very pleased to beat Brighton (regional champs) and Milford... it was a great experience for such a young team," Moore said. "Each girl was determined to play their best."

"Kelsey finishing top five was not a surprise to me. She practices harder than any other girl in the state of Michigan."

Other Plymouth golfers included Sarah Thompson (177 over two days) and Danielle Allen (214 over two days) with one-day performances from Lindsay Dean (106), Christy Pattison (104), Mandy Kirsch (106) and Carly Curvin (116).

TV grid pairings

The Selection Sunday Show, announcing the first-round pairings for the 2010 MHSAA Football Playoffs, plays to cable television and internet audiences on Fox Sports Detroit and FoxSportsDetroit.com beginning at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24.

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said Wildcats' head coach Jeff Neschich. "We had a lot of scoring opportunities. ... our corner kicks were dangerous. We just needed to get one (but we didn't get the breaks.)"

Plymouth (10-6-3) came out strong to open the game and Austin nearly scored with a header just 6:30 into it, only to be denied by Laabs.

"I give a lot of credit to Plymouth," Tomasso said. "They came out like they were on fire that first 10 minutes."

Chances continued for the Wildcats, to no avail. In the 13th minute, Austin's direct kick hit a wall of Canton defenders; with under four minutes to go in the half a rising shot by senior Mitch Yoder sailed over the crossbar.

But just when it looked as though the teams would enter the halftime break with the game scoreless, Canton broke the ice.

Junior defender Tyler Winningham launched a slicing corner kick into a scrum in front of Plymouth junior goalkeeper Rene Mejia, who like Laabs played an excellent game.

The ball caromed off several players and into the net, with Budlong getting the final touch and the goal.

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"It was a great cross," Budlong said. "It was right on the line (and) it might have went in, but you can't take any chances, you've got to be on the back post to put it in."

"It deflected, the goalie might have hit it out, I don't know. It was just a redirection and I was in the right position."

Winningham said he "was just looking to get it inside the six (goal box)" where his teammates would be waiting and

"hope it goes in."

That goal held up for Canton, and the Chiefs tacked on a crucial insurance goal with 3:40 remaining in the evenly played second half.

Budlong was fouled inside the 18-yard box and senior forward Sean Balnaves came through with a penalty kick tally. The ball went in off the left post.

"It kind of killed the momentum we had," said Neschich, about the Balnaves goal.

But Neschich praised his team for how it played in 2010, good enough to be honorable mention in the state rankings at one point.

"We had a great season, I think it was our best season so far here at Plymouth," Neschich said. "The boys should be proud of what they did and not be all upset because we lost this one."

Of course, for Plymouth's seniors, such as Austin, the defeat marked the end of their prep soccer careers.

"I'm going to miss it, I'm going to miss coach, I'm going to miss all my teammates," said Austin, holding back his emotions. "It's been such a great run. I'm probably not going to play in college, so this is the last real competition I'm going to have in my life."

Salem season ends

Monday's pre-district tilt at Novi didn't go so well for Salem, with the Rocks ousted from the state playoffs after a 4-0 loss to the Wildcats.

"Novi is a very talented and complete team with great quickness," said Salem head coach Ed McCarthy. "We gave our best effort, but it was not enough."

Three of Novi's goals were scored in the second half to put the game away.

With the defeat, the Rocks finished with a record of 9-9-3.

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'Pink Out!' wins on all fronts

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Saturday's annual "Pink Out! for Breast Cancer Awareness Night" at Compuware Arena wasn't just a big success on the ice, where the Plymouth Whalers wore pink hair and pink jerseys while defeating Windsor.

More than 3,100 fans were on hand for the night, many featuring pink dots, hats, ties, T-shirts and painted faces to do their part in helping build awareness about the disease — and, in the process, hopefully generate some dollars to help research a cure.

"This is amazing, I can't believe the amount of support," said Denise Ronayne, director of sales and marketing for the Whalers. "People just came with open hearts and they're supporting all the fundraisers."

There was Thursday's Tip-A-Whalers night at CJ's Brewing Company (inside Compuware), where players waited on tables and earned gratuities that went to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. (The Whalers are owned by Peter Karmanos, whose wife Barbara succumbed to breast cancer in 1989.)

Players and coaches (even head coach Mike Vellucci) went along with the spirit of the event, getting their hair dyed Wednesday at Canton's Lucky Hair Company. A bowling fundraiser took place at Super Bowl in Canton.

There also were specially designed pink jerseys that the team wore during Saturday night's game; each was auctioned off to fans who bid at least \$200. Following the 4-1 victory over Windsor, each Whaler skated over to the person who won their jersey and



RENA LAVERTY

These cheering, pink-clad Plymouth Whalers fans get into the spirit of Saturday night's 'Pink Out!' for breast cancer awareness at Compuware Arena.

presented it.

Inside the arena during the game, pink scarfs were available with a portion of proceeds going to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

And prior to the opening puck drop, all cancer survivors were asked to stand up and be recognized.

TICKLED PINK

Among fans happy to be part of it was Canton's Robert Mitchell, probably the No. 1 fan of all Canton Chiefs high school teams and right up at the top of the list as far as devout Whalers fans are concerned.

He had his hair dyed pink outside Compuware before the game (provided by Lucky Hair Company) and wore a

Whalers jersey, complete with a pink ribbon — the international symbol for breast cancer awareness. (October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.)

"They were collecting donations and I figured I'd do my part like the boys (Whalers) do," Mitchell said. "They dyed their hair pink and that was really good."

"I think it's really good that they do this once a year. Our soccer team is doing the same thing at Canton, we wear pink on our shoes and it's a good cause."

According to Ronayne, this year's festivities were expanded and more publicized than ever, to the benefit of the endeavor.

"You know what happened that was a lot different this

year, we didn't limit it to a game, it was more of a campaign," Ronayne emphasized. "It started two weeks ago with a bowling fundraiser, then with the guys getting their hair dyed earlier in the week, then we did Tip-A-Whalers. So we didn't limit it to just two-and-a-half hours."

Vellucci said he and the team wholeheartedly championed the whole program, right down to getting the pink treatment.

"It's huge with the Karmanos family, but you also saw the response with all the people wearing pink today," Vellucci noted. "Cancer affects everybody, if we can raise some good funds to help the research we're happy to do it."

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WHALERS

FROM PAGE B1

Hockey League victory over the arch-rival Spitfires.

"Off the start they got some early shots," Wedgewood said. "I think we were down 11-0 in shots before we got one. But when you get a start like that you make every save."

Wedgewood (34 saves) also held down the fort early in the third, after Windsor's Eric Locke scored a power play goal to briefly make it a 2-1 game.

"He played great, he made one huge save down there on a two-on-one where there was an empty net and he stuck his pad out," said Whalers' head coach Mike Vellucci. "Wedgie, he didn't get a lot of ice time

last year but he's going to get the bulk of the time this year and he deserves it."

Windsor (5-5-0-1) outshot Plymouth 15-4 in the scoreless first period, but the Whalers (4-4-0-1) quickly got things going in the second stanza of their annual "Pink Out! for Breast Cancer Awareness Night."

For the game, Whalers wore pink jerseys and had their hair dyed. Vellucci and assistant coach Joe Stefan even sported pink hair for the occasion.

Meanwhile, fans also did their part. It was an enthusiastic, mostly pink-clad crowd of 3,127 at Compuware Arena.

"I don't know if they (players) like it, but they didn't complain so to me it's very good," said Vellucci, about the pink theme. "I know getting the hair done was a good team-building thing."

With a laugh, Vellucci added that "seeing me with pink hair made them feel a little better that they did it."

ON THE BOARD

After the first period, the Whalers came out red hot and it paid off at 2:45 of the second with the game's first goal.

Defenseman Austin Levi (Farmington Hills) took a low shot from the left point that was redirected in front by left wing RJ Mahalak. The puck

slithered between the legs of Windsor netminder Jack Campbell (21 saves).

The Whalers built that lead to 2-0 at 3:38, thanks to an outstanding play by center Robbie Czarnik — who returned from the Los Angeles NHL Camp and has skated with a vengeance in his first two games.

Czarnik took a shot from the bottom of the left circle that was stopped, but he made good with his own rebound and gave a triumphant fist pump.

Linemates Rickard Rakell and Stefan Noesen assisted on the goal.

"You saw him score the second goal," said Vellucci, about Czarnik. "He's just a calming influence, he plays well. He's just a really good player, we need his offense and we're very fortunate we got him back."

Like other Whalers who missed part of the season due to NHL camps, such as fellow assistant captains Tyler Brown and James Livingston, that experience is paying dividends so far for Czarnik.

"It (NHL camp) impacted me a lot (because) it shows me how hard you got to work to be at the next level," Czarnik said. "I just have to keep working at that next level while I'm down here, to prove I can play at the

next level."

Czarnik's tally gave Plymouth some breathing room, but it didn't hurt that Wedgewood kept up his end of the bargain.

The 18-year-old netminder stopped a point-blank scoring bid by center Stephen Johnston and, in the final minute of the second period, deflected a blast taken between the circles by defenseman Ryan Ellis to help the Whalers stay up 2-0 entering the third.

But the defending Memorial Cup champion Spitfires sliced that lead to 2-1 on Locke's goal, who pounced on a loose puck in the slot and snapped a high shot over Wedgewood's trapper at 57 seconds of the period.

Plymouth got that one back with 12:25 to play, with the forechecking line of Brown, Alex Alcaide (Farmington Hills) and Garrett Meurs forcing a turnover deep in Windsor territory. Meurs stuffed the puck into a wide-open goal, with Brown and Alcaide picking up helpers.

Noesen then scored with 6:12 left, tipping in a point shot by defenseman Jay Gilbert (2 assists). Starting the play and earning an assist was Czarnik.

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The versatility of Plymouth's Linda Erickson, shown from a meet earlier this season, continues to be a key to her team's success.

SWIMMING

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There are 21 seniors on the team, with Tuesday night marking "Senior/Parent Night."

"Our senior group has a lot of leadership on the team and that does make a big difference on the team," Weber said. "With a group of this, they're going to be missed, not only for what they do in the pool but as members of the team."

One of those key leaders is senior and third-year varsity swimmer Kaitlyn Dugas, who on Tuesday scored points in three events (200 medley relay, 100 backstroke, 100 butterfly).

"We all have very positive girls who the younger girls can look up to," Dugas said. "And because there's so many of us, so many examples, I think that really lends to our success."

She smiled when talking about being part of another team that defeated both rivals at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park for the so-called "Park" championship. Canton defeated Salem last week.

"Being Park champs four years in a row is a little sweet," she said. "But Plymouth has always been one of our hardest competitors and they brought it this year. It was exciting from beginning to end."

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GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS
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Oct. 19 at Canton

200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Kaitlyn Orr, Sara Krebs, Delaney Adams, Destinee Barmore-Hicks), 1:57.05; 2. Plymouth (Linda Erickson, Emily Toro, Rachel Huhta, Abbey Kelly), 1:58.24; 3. Canton (Kaitlyn Dugas, Kelly Bedro, Catherine Irwin, Sara Schmitt), 2:04.05.

200 individual medley: 1. Adams (C), 2:20.82; 2. Orr (C), 2:20.83; 3. Toro (P), 2:21.36; 4. Irwin (C), 2:23.10; 5. Samiha Visai (P), 2:35.60.

50 freestyle: 1. Barmore-Hicks (C), 25.35; 2. Huhta (P), 26.64; 3. Carolyn Stoddard (P), 27.00; 4. S. Schmitt (C), 27.13; 5. Maddy McLean (C), 27.35.

1-meter diving: 1. Robyn Piowar (C), 172.65 points; 2. Brooke Granowicz (C), 136.05; 3. Katy Telebo (P), 132.55; 4. Ariel Magyar (P), 91.80.

100 butterfly: 1. Adams (C), 1:03.28; 2. Erickson (P), 1:03.71; 3. Irwin (C), 1:07.21; 4. Dugas (C), 1:07.91; 5. Lydia Plencner (P), 1:09.60.

100 freestyle: 1. Barmore-Hicks (C), 56.53; 2. Matsui (P), 56.91; 3. Huhta (P), 59.24; 4. Eyster (C), 59.26; 5. Weiner (P), 59.46.

500 freestyle: 1. M. Madison (C), 5:31.03; 2. Stoddard (P), 5:39.45; 3. Krebs (C), 5:42.84; 4. Christine Pray (C), 5:49.04; 5. Kelly (P), 5:49.30.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Huhta, Weiner, Matsui, Stoddard), 1:45.91; 2. Canton (Eyster, S. Schmitt, M. Madison, Barmore-Hicks), 1:46.40; 3. Canton (McLean, Kelly Bedro, Paige Goodwin, A. Madison), 1:50.16.

100 backstroke: 1. Orr (C), 1:04.28; 2. Erickson (P), 1:05.20; 3. Lexi Ethier (P), 1:11.00; 4. Dugas (C), 1:11.27; 5. Visai (P), 1:11.69.

100 breaststroke: 1. Krebs (C), 1:12.45; 2. Toro (P), 1:14.22; 3. Jenkins (C), 1:14.63; 4. Bedro (C), 1:17.03; 5. Lydia Matsun (P), 1:19.64.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Stoddard, Erickson, Matsui, Toro), 3:53.95; 2. Canton (Adams, M. Madison, A. Madison, S. Schmitt), 3:59.66; 3. Canton (Orr, Jenkins, Krebs, Eyster), 4:01.21.

Dual meet records: Canton, 7-0-1 overall, 6-0-0 in KLAAS Division; Plymouth, 6-4-0 overall, 4-1-0 in KLAAS South.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Baseball player sought

The 13-Under Great Lakes Cardinals (formerly the Canton Cardinals) are looking for an experienced travel baseball player for the 2011 season.

The team competes in seven tournaments as well as league play, totaling more than 50 games for the season.

Those interested in playing should contact head coach Dan Hejka, Sr. via e-mail at cardscoach13@gmail.com.

Girls on the Run

Late registration is ongoing for Girls on the Run of Greater Detroit, an affiliate program of the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit. Girls on the Run is a life-changing, experiential learning program that uses running to educate and prepare girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living.

During the 10-week season, girls in grades 3-8 meet twice a week with trained coaches who lead them through fun games, uplifting workouts, and themed discussions on topics like dealing with body image and the media, resisting peer-pressure, making healthy decisions, and contributing to their community.

The season concludes with all girls completing a service project in their communities and running or walking in a special, non-competitive 5k event for Girls on the Run participants and their families. The 20-lesson program costs \$105.00 and is open to all girls in eligible grades at participating schools.

Up to 15 girls will be accepted per team on a first-come, first-serve basis. Parents or guardians must be present in-person, may only register their own daughter(s), and should bring a form of payment. Registration and health history forms are available at the Plymouth YMCA with additional signups now being accepted in person, by fax or by mail at the Plymouth

YMCA. Registrations will not be accepted at schools or by coaches. For more information, please contact the YMCA at 734-453-2904 or visit www.ymcadedetroit.org.

YMCA youth programs

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of youth instructional programs this fall, having the focus on fun, exercise and social interaction through sports instruction.

Programs — open to YMCA members and community members — include Parent/Child Soccer, Preschool and Youth Soccer, Preschool and Youth Basketball, Intro to Volleyball, Preschool T-ball, Tiny Tikes Sampler and Club Kickball. All will run until Oct. 25.

There will be morning and evening classes available. Ages vary by program but there is something for children ages 2-12. For more information, please contact the YMCA at 734-453-2904 or visit www.ymcadedetroit.org.

Co-ed soccer leagues

YMCA Co-Ed Soccer leagues are forming for children ages 4-10 with sessions to Oct. 30. Fundamentals in a safe and fun environment will be the focus.

Planned are one practice and one game per week on Saturdays.

The program cost is \$64 for program members or \$96 for community members.

PREP GRID PICKS

Week 9

Friday, Oct. 22

Adrian (8-0, 5-0) at Plymouth (6-2, 4-1), 6:30 p.m.
Wayne (0-8, 0-5) at Redford Thurston (6-2, 5-0), 7 p.m.
U-D Jesuit (3-5, 0-4) at Redford Union (1-7, 1-4), 7 p.m.
Plymouth Salem (1-7, 0-5) at Canton (8-0, 5-0), 7 p.m.
Livonia Stevenson (3-5, 2-3) at Livonia Churchill (3-5, 1-4), 7 p.m.
Garden City (2-6, 2-3) at Dearborn Edsel Ford (3-5, 1-3), 7 p.m.
Farmington Harrison (8-0, 6-0) at Farmington (7-1, 6-0), 7 p.m.
Dearborn Heights Annapolis (3-5, 1-3) at Livonia Clarenceville (4-4), 7 p.m.
Walled Lake Central (7-1, 5-0) at Westland John Glenn (4-4, 2-3), 7 p.m.
North Farmington (2-6, 2-6) at Waterford Kettering (1-7, 1-4), 7 p.m.
Carleton Airport (5-3, 5-2) at Livonia Franklin (6-2, 3-2), 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 23

Detroit Urban Lutheran (2-6, 1-2) at Lutheran Westland (0-8, 0-5), 1 p.m.

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Westland
10-4 (.714)
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Clarenceville
Central
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Franklin

Urban
11-3 (.786)
92-19 (.829)

Tim Smith

Plymouth
Thurston
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Canton
Stevenson
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Harrison
Clarenceville
Central
North
Franklin

Urban
9-5 (.643)
74-37 (.667)

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Clarenceville
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North
Franklin

Urban
9-5 (.643)
82-29 (.739)

Rocks bounce back for victory

After a slow start in Tuesday's first game, host Salem came around for a 3-0 victory over KLAAS Central rival Livonia Stevenson.

The Rocks thrilled the "Senior/Parent Night" crowd with wins of 25-18, 25-14 and 25-18. Game 1 started off with the Spartans up 11-4, but Salem rallied and caught the visitors 14-14.

There was no stopping the Rocks after that as the team is "really coming together" with contributions from everyone, said head coach Amanda Nies.

Top performers included Lauren Aschermann (10 digs), Nicole Merget (13 kills), Jillian Sommerville (9 kills), Kerry MacDonald (27 assists, 10 digs), Madeleine Vala (10 digs) and Kara Hewett (2 kills, 2 blocks, 1 ace.)

Salem strong at tourney

On Saturday, the Rocks lost

in the Gold Quarterfinals at the prestigious "Beast of the East" tournament involving 30 teams.

In pool play, Salem defeated Ida (25-23, 25-22), Waterford Mott (25-11, 25-14) and Birmingham Marian, the No. 1 team in the state.

"I told my kids before we played you have nothing to lose and everything to gain," Nies said.

Salem responded, losing 22-25 in a close set before earning a 25-18 win in Game 2.

In the playoffs, the Rocks defeated Ann Arbor Pioneer (25-22, 25-12) but fell 10-25, 18-25 to Birmingham Seaholm.

"We just sort of lost momentum and fell apart this match," Nies said.

Merget (61 kills, 21 digs, 12 blocks) was named to the All-Tournament Team while other top players for Salem included

MacDonald (90 assists, 20 digs), Sommerville (30 kills, 11 blocks), Kerstin Johnston (10 aces) and Aschermann (24 digs).

Plymouth sweeps

Sevens were wild on Tuesday as Plymouth defeated Livonia Franklin 25-21, 25-16, 25-16 to improve to 17-7-2 overall and 7-3 in the KLAAS South.

Kayla Bridge tallied seven kills (and 14 digs), Lindsay Stemberger chipped in with seven kills and seven digs, Alex Roberts and Emilee Beyer both contributed seven kills.

Mariah Tesarz (24 digs) and Shayla Smalls (11 set assists, 100-percent serving) also were key players for the Wildcats.

PCA wins on Senior Night

Plymouth Christian

Academy romped to a "Senior Night" sweep over Bloomfield Hills Roeper, with wins of

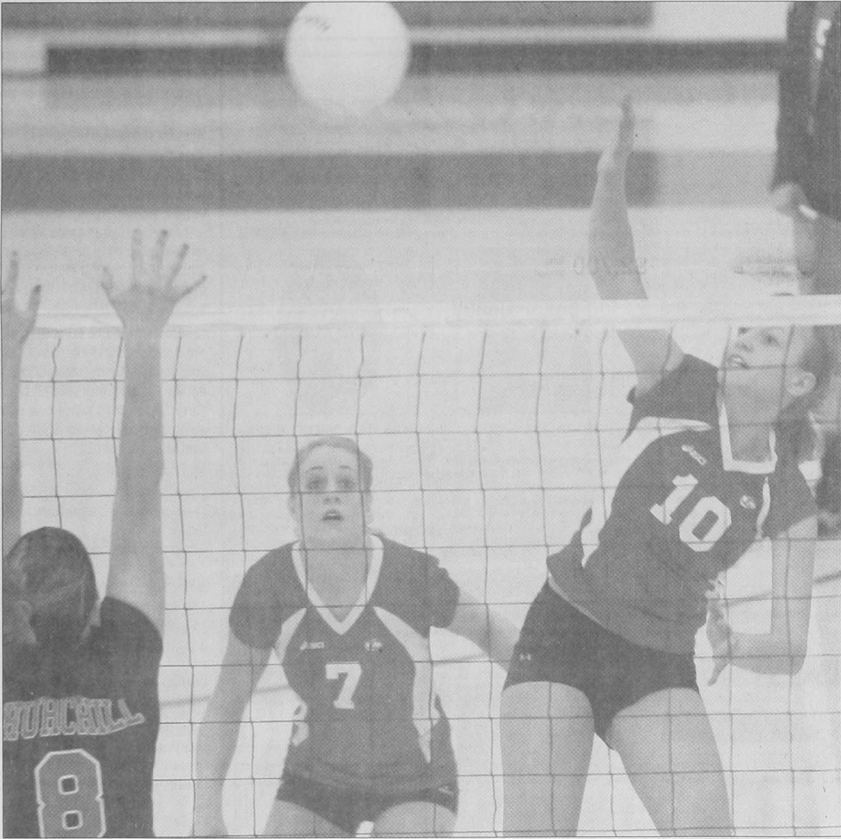
25-16, 25-6 and 25-6. The Eagles upped their record to 18-6-0 overall and 6-0-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference.

Seniors Folake Olojo (10 kills), setter Brianna Harris (28 assists, 16 service points) and libero Abby Barts (4 aces, 19 service points) all played well in their home sendoffs.

Also solid were Kristin Malcolm (15 kills, 4 blocks) and Amy Zinn (5 kills).

"Our seniors really shined tonight," said head coach Kelly Blackney. "Folake Olojo attacked the ball better than she has all year and Bri ran our offense with precise sets. Abby held our defensive line in the back row and did a great job serving. Our team is so proud of our seniors."

Next up for PCA is a Thursday match at Ann Arbor Skyline.



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Livonia Churchill's Nicole Kempinski (No. 8) tries to block a spike kill from Canton's Jordan Tubaro (No. 10). At left for the Chiefs is Maggie Deloy (No. 7).

VOLLEYBALL

FROM PAGE B1

and 18-10 advantages in Game One; 17-12 in Game Two; and 16-11 in Game Three.

"We just did not play aggressively last five points," Canton coach Mary Krysa said. "We got scared when it got close and they (Churchill) played strong and hard at the end. We also struggled in a few rotations. But overall I thought we

played well up to 20 points."

CRUNCH TIME

Kristen Muir, a 5-8 junior outside hitter, proved to be Canton's biggest offensive threat. She finished with a team-high 13 kills and added 28 digs.

Another junior, 5-11 Alaina Turner, collected eight kills and five blocks.

"Kristen Muir is an outstanding athlete as well as Alaina Turner," Grenier said. "They both swing very well.

Canton is a good team. It's a team you don't want to see any time soon because they're so well coached."

When it came down to crunch time, however, it seemed as if the Chargers would dig everything up.

"We knew they liked to go to their big girl number 12 (Emily Norscia) and we stacked our base blockers against her," Krysa said. "We could not let anything touch the ground like they do, and we had to do the same at not allowing anything

to touch the ground against us either."

Canton's Maggie Deloy added six kills and 20 digs, while Erica denBoer finished with 24 digs. Setter Jackie Waite had 20 assists and 13 digs, while Lauren Martin contributed 10 assists.

"We had to make sure she (Muir) did not get frustrated," Krysa said. "We had to rely on others to get points. I thought we did a good job until the last five or seven points."

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All Saints students are on the march in an event from a previous year. The school will hold its annual Bids for Our Kids auction Nov. 12 at Laurel Manor.

School in Canton raises funds through its annual auction

Love Zambonis?

Kim Schulz wants to give you a chance to ride one at a Detroit Red Wings game. Schulz, president of the Parents Club at All Saints Catholic School in Canton, says the group's 11th annual Bids for Our Kids auction will fulfill one lucky bidder's dreams of riding atop the ice resurfacers at Joe Louis Arena.

"I think it's fun. They get Red Wings tickets and a Zamboni ride. They do that before the game," Schulz said.

Other auction items include a Boyne Mountain vacation, a MacBook, iPad, "lots of techy stuff," use of a suite at the Palace of Auburn Hills and a

condo in Orlando, Fla.

Auction and dinner tickets cost \$65 and include a plated dinner, open bar, and late-night pizza service. Check-in will begin at 6 p.m., Nov. 12 at Laurel Manor. Tickets are available online at www.allsaints.com. Click on the ACSC auction icon.

"This is a real great event for us," Schulz said. "We get a lot of support from local businesses and the community. This is a big fund-raiser for us."

All Saints Catholic School isn't associated with any one parish, although three Canton churches, St. John Neumann, St. Thomas a Becket and Resurrection, and St. Kenneth,

in Plymouth, founded it. The Archdiocese of Detroit designated it a regional school.

"We're pretty new. We've been around since 1997," Schulz said. "We draw from the entire area. The tuition and fees students pay is our primary source of revenue and this (Bids for Our Kids) is primary fund-raiser."

The school offers classes for preschool through eighth grade students. Money raised through Bids for Our Kids will benefit the school's operating fund and will help to implement a technology plan over the next several years.

—By Sharon Dargay

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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: Drake's 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 ywfriends@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.widowed-friends.org

Pumpkin patch

Time/Date: Noon to 6 p.m., Oct. 24 and 31; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 21-23, and 10 a.m. to dark, Oct. 25-30

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Pumpkin Patch sales will benefit Forgotten Harvest, a non-profit that rescues surplus, prepared and perishable food for emergency food providers

Contact: (734) 464-0211

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

The Rev. Todd Lackie, pastor of Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia, hopes to give away at least 500 warm garments and blankets on Saturday, Nov. 20.

His church, which offered 10,000 free, gently-used items to the public last summer, is collecting blankets, coats, boots, scarves, sweaters, hoodies, sweatshirts, hats, gloves, snowsuits, and snow pants through Nov. 14. New or used adult and children's items will be accepted.

It's the second year for the warm clothing collection. "Last year, we gave away 140 garbage bags full of coats, hats, gloves, and snowsuits," he

said. "This year we wanted to expand to blankets."

"During these difficult times, we should not take for granted that people have even the basic necessities. Many people in our area will be cold this winter. Hopefully through this appeal to the community, we can care for more people than ever."

Kenwood Church of Christ is located at 20200 Merriman, in Livonia. A drop box is stationed under the church's front canopy and can receive donations 24 hours a day. Matching gloves or sets should be packaged in bags that are tied shut.

Families and individuals

who need blankets or clothing may call the church at (248) 476-8222 to set up an appointment for Nov. 20. Or e-mail to kenwood@kenwoodchurch.org.

"Our big concern is to make sure we service the people who come," said Lackie, explaining why the church uses an invitation process. "We want to make sure we take care of the people there. It helps us understand how many people will show up."

"If you get a family of five come in and they need blankets, coats and gloves, if we're only able to take care of half their needs, we haven't taken care of their needs at all."

— Sharon Dargay

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HOWARD R. MINKE

Age 81, of Grand Rapids (formerly of Rochester Hills, MI) passed away to a place of peace Wednesday, October 13, 2010 after a long illness. Howard is survived by his wife and best friend of 59 years, Hazel; his daughters, Marcia Minke and husband Charles Bachman, Sharon Minke and husband John McMain, Linda Minke, Barbara Bloemsma; his grandchildren, Katrina Bloemsma, Will Bloemsma, Victor Huls, Sam McMain, Emma McMain; and many other family members including his sister, Margaret Simonson. Howard was a mathematics teacher who taught for 31 years at Rochester High School. He was a man of integrity and was always admired for his service to others. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather; his family will miss him deeply. In a tribute from a former student, "Mr. Minke's legacy is not only his family but all of the students who he educated in math as well as life." Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will take place at a later date. If one would like to make a donation, please make them in Howard's memory to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Grand Rapids (805 Leonard NE, GR, MI 49503) or to Holland Home Resident Assistance Fund (2100 Raybrook SE, GR, MI 49546). Arrangements by Zaagman Memorial Chapel, Grand Rapids, MI.



IRVING M. SARIN

Formerly 1st Trumpet with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra 1943 - 1960, Conductor, Teacher & Private Music Instructor. Born Sept 23, 1921 and died Oct 10, 2010. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 52 years Anne E. Sarin, daughters Elizabeth A. Sarin, Jennifer G. Loewenstein, sons, Charles H. Sarin, Edward P. Sarin and four granddaughters Caitlynn, Stella and sisters Becca and Jessa. He touched the lives of many and will be dearly missed. To share in his life please visit:

<http://www.lifestorynet.com/LifeStoryFuneralHome>
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LAMOTT A. WHITEBREAD

Age 90, of Plymouth, passed away October 19, 2010. Loving husband of 69 years to Betty. Beloved father of Jeanne (Donald) Clemens, Richard Whitebread and Ronald (Deb) Whitebread. Proud grandfather of seven, great-grandfather of eight and great-great-grandfather of two. Mr. Whitebread served in the United States Navy during WWII. He served on the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt (CV-42) Aircraft Carrier when it was commissioned on October 27, 1945. He was a longtime instructor for the Plymouth Junior Police. It was with the junior police he would travel and compete in high powered rifle events. A proud life member of the National Rifle Association. Funeral service will be held on Saturday, October 23, 2010 at 12:00pm from the Schrader-Howell Funeral, 280 South Main, Plymouth. Visitation Friday 3-8pm. Memorials may be made to Michigan Parkinson's Foundation, 30400 Telegraph Rd., Suite 150, Bingham Farms, MI 48025-9976. Internment Great Lakes National Cemetery.

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HERMAN "SKIP" WITT

Age 67 of Canton, suddenly October 16, 2010. Loving husband of Sandra. Dearest Dad of Kristin (Carl) Johnson and Jeffrey (Beth) Witt. Dear brother of Terrence (Suzanne), Joy (Terry) McCombs and Suzanne (Susan); and brother in law of Leonard Palinski. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Mr. Witt retired as a US Postal Inspector after 30 years of service. Visitation Wednesday 3-9 PM and Thursday 1-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 64401 W. Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. In state Friday 10 AM until the 10:30 AM funeral mass at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren Road (west of Sheldon) Canton. Internment St. Hedwig Cemetery. To share memories please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

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Improv-inspired show promises family-friendly humor

BY SHARON DARGAY
ONE STAFF WRITER

Len Fisher describes Inspire Theatre's new show as a bit of *Carol Burnett Show*, *Laugh-In* and *Saturday Night Live* all rolled into one fast-paced, 90-minute production.

And it's family-friendly to boot.

"What I wanted to see was kind of old school and currently popular. It's a sketch comedy show, so I wanted to do something similar to the *Saturday Night Live* format, but also the format of *Carol Burnett* and *Laugh-In*," said Fisher, director of the Westland theater.

He borrowed elements from all three to create *Uncle Fuzzy's Serendipitous Cafe*.

Singer/songwriters Kylee Phillips and Brion Reborn will perform but won't appear in sketches as the musical guests did on the *Carol Burnett Show*. The audience may recognize the "Weekend Update" style in the show's news segment. And the cast will twist the *Laugh-In* "joke wall" into a bit about Facebook.

"It's not quite as fast-paced as *Laugh-In*. People my age will remember the joke wall but young people will identify with Facebook," Fisher said.

The show runs Friday-Sunday, Oct. 22-24 and Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 28-30, at 33445 Warren Road in Westland. Curtain is at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and available by calling (734) 751-7057.

SCRIPT DEVELOPMENT

The show is based on improvisation in rehearsals and group writing sessions, the same way the group developed its popular comedy show, KORK-TV.

"After KORK we did our annual musical variety revue. It was music and sketches, borrowed sketches from the

stage and television. It went well. I thought, why not take the idea of writing things from improv sessions and the variety style we've done well over the years?

"I gave the company a premise and then I'd divide it into groups. I'd send them away to different rooms and let them work on ideas and come back and present it," Fisher described the writing process.

He and the troupe recently finished tweaking the script, which has been a work in progress since rehearsals began. Fisher said the actors strive to "keep it clean," focusing on "reality-based humor" in lieu of expletives, sex jokes or drug-related skits.

INVOLVING GUESTS

Although the improvisational work is complete, the show will include audience participation. Two ticket-holders will become silent actors in a soap opera sketch called "Disturbia Lane."

They'll get some off-stage coaching and costuming before the sketch begins and will be placed in a scene about a cocktail party.

"These two people have to die on stage. They just have to die. The woman will just sit there. She has no lines. The script is written to say that Blanch is quiet all evening. And the other person in the scene is poisoned. He as to cough and die."

"Their friends will be in the audience cheering them on."

Fisher doesn't want to give away the scene, but everyone in the audience will be fair game for laughs during a multi-media presentation during the show.

In addition to eight sketches and two musical numbers, the show also includes video shorts. The Inspire Theatre cast includes actors from Westland, Canton, Plymouth, Redford, Garden City and Belleville.



"Uncle Fuzzy's Serendipitous Cafe" cast includes Len Fisher (back left), Gerry Wiatr, Thomas Grimes, Bobbi Gladden, John Donnelly, Toni Hammond (front left), Kelsi Fey and Mitch Hardy.



Thomas Grimes and Bobbi Gladden portray Thurston and Lovey Howell in Inspire Theatre's "Uncle Fuzzy's Serendipitous Cafe."



Thomas Grimes, Bobbi Gladden and John Donnelly rehearse a scene for Inspire Theatre's new show.

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The coffee house is free and is part of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council's Heritage Week celebration. Coffee and refreshments will be offered for a modest price. Other entertainment will include dance and vocal performances by local students. Jones has opened for well-known musicians, including B.B. King,

Bonnie Raitt, Taj Mahal, Robert Lockwood, and more. Known for his personal storytelling style, Jones also is an actor and radio producer and personality. He hosts a show on WDET-FM and has won many awards, including the "2007 Educator of the Year" from the Blues Foundation, and the "Outstanding Blues Writer" and "Outstanding Blues Album" at the Detroit Music Awards.

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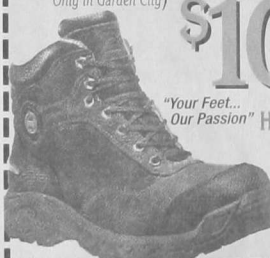
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GET OUT

ART

Art & Ideas

Time/Date: Through Nov. 14

Location: 15095 Northville Road, south of Five Mile, Plymouth

Details: "Diverse Forms, Diverse Meanings," with works by Schoolcraft College Art Faculty, Robert Bielat, Sarah Olson and Ellen Moucoulis

Contact: (734) 420-0775

City Gallery

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, through Nov. 16

Location: Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Paintings and prints by Munazza Naeem, an instructor at the Windsor, Ontario Printmaker's Forum, where she teaches drawing, painting, and printmaking, are on exhibit

Contact: (248) 473-1856

Northville Art House

Time/Date: Through Oct. 23

Location: 215 W. Cady Street, Northville

Details: Figurative juried exhibit with works by more than 60 artists

Contact: (248) 344-0497

Plymouth Community Arts Council

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Thursday, through October

Location: Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Works by Ann Arbor artist Miriam Brysk, "Children of the Holocaust." A reception for the artist runs 12:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 31

Contact: (734) 416-4278

Schoolcraft College

Time/Date: 2 p.m., Oct. 23

Location: VisiTech Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia

Details: Fiber artist, Madelyn van der Hoogt will speak at a program in honor of Margaret Windeknecht and Jean Brudzinski. Refreshments will be served; free

Contact: www.michiganweaversguild.org

COMEDY

Genitti's Hole-In-the-Wall

Time/Date: 8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 23

Location: 108 E. Main, Northville

Details: The Irish Comedy Tour includes comedians Derek Richards, Keith Aherne and Mike McCarthy; \$15

Contact: (248) 349-0522 www.genittis.com

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Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays

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JD's House of Comedy

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m., Wednesday

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Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Shang, through Oct. 23; Angel Salazar, Oct. 27-30

Contact: (734) 261-0555; www.kickerscomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Kathleen Madigan, Oct. 21-23; Collin Moulton, Oct. 28-30; Dave Attell, Nov. 4-6; Mike Lukas, Nov. 11-13; Lisa Landry, Nov. 18-20; J. Chris Newberg,

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

Contact: (248) 542-9900; www.comedycastle.com

CONCERTS

The Ark

Time/Date: The Alternate Routes, Barefoot Truth and The Kin, Oct. 21; The RFD Boys, Oct. 22; The Max Weinberg Big Band, Oct. 23; John Jorgenson Quintet, Oct. 24; Take a Chance Tuesday with LeRoy Bell, Oct. 26; Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, Oct. 27; Chris Buhails and Jo Serrapere, Oct. 28; Los Straitjackets and Big Sandy and His Fly-Rite Boys, Oct. 29; The Verve Pipe Kids' Show and The Verve Pipe - Alternative Takes, an Evening with The Verve Pipe, Oct. 30; The Subdudes; Halloween Spectacular, Oct. 31

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Baseline Folk Society

Time/Date: Third Saturday of the month

Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

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Livonia woman wins fashion design, sewing challenge

BY SHARON DARGAY
OGE STAFF WRITER

Raminta Vilkiene of Livonia has never driven a 1969 Pontiac GTO, but let it inspire her winning garment at a fashion design challenge last month during the American Sewing Expo in Novi.

Vilkiene won first place in the two-day Passion for Fashion Sewing Challenge. During the competition, contestants must draw inspiration from the Challenge theme, shop for fabric and supplies at the Expo, design and construct a garment while on public view. A fashion show caps the event.

"The challenge was we had to pick an old car and be inspired by the car," Vilkiene said. We had 12 contestants and 14 cars. Mine was a 1969 Pontiac GTO. It was a nice orange color, a nice car. I was born in 1972. I told the judges that for me, it's a little difficult because in the Soviet Union, you don't have a fancy car."

Vilkiene grew up in Lithuania and has lived in the United States since 1998. She's married, has two children and began designing and sewing clothing as a child.

"I tried to imagine my mom because that year she was college student who'd probably like to drive that kind of car," she said. "We had to shop inside the Expo. Haberman Fabrics (of Royal Oak) had some interesting upholstery fabric, a graffiti fabric. It was a 1960s-70s fabric that I chose for my skirt."

She selected a double-sided wool jersey in black and orange for a tank top and jacket from Fabrications, a Grand Rapids store. The two pieces are reversible.

"It was a little easier from



Steve Jeffery, president of Baby Lock, presents Raminta Vilkiene of Livonia with a new Baby Lock Symphony Sewing Machine, after she won first prize in the Passion for Fashion Challenge. The model (right) wears Vilkiene's winning garment.

when I participated two years ago. It was a different challenge but I wasn't worried. There was less pressure and I thought I managed my time better," Vilkiene said. "Honestly, until Saturday morning I was not even knowing what I would do for the top. It was a last-minute idea. I liked some of the other pieces I saw and I wasn't sure that I would be chosen the winner."

Judges quizzed finalists about inspiration, technique and the fabrics they used. They considered construction, fit, composition and creativity when selecting the top three garments. Judges

included fashion designer Kenneth King; Annie Diaz of Haberman Fabrics; Joi Mahon, winner of the 2009 Challenge; and Becky Fulgoni, sewing mentor for the contest and a finalist in the 2007 Challenge.

Vilkiene won a sewing machine from Baby Lock and a trip to New York City, N.Y.

"It is a quilting machine, but sewers can use it too, of course. It has a lot of decorative stitching and you can connect it to your computer."

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12 ounces pasta, cooked and drained

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Pour pasta sauce over chicken; top with cheese. Bake an additional 10 minutes or until chicken is thoroughly cooked. Serve with hot pasta.

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1 cup shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese (about 4 ounces)

Brown ground beef in 12-inch skillet; drain.

Stir in pasta sauce and water. Bring to a boil over high heat. Stir in uncooked rotini and return to a boil. Reduce heat to medium and cook covered, stirring occasionally, 14 minutes or until rotini is tender. Remove from heat, then sprinkle with cheese. Cover and let stand 5 minutes or until cheese is melted.

Nutrition Information per serving: Calories 490, Calories From Fat 110, Saturated Fat 5g, Trans Fat 0g, Total Fat 12g, Cholesterol 85mg, Sodium 670mg, Total Carbohydrate 54g, Sugars 8g, Dietary Fiber 5g, Protein 39g, Vitamin A 2 percent, Vitamin C 4 percent, Calcium 20 percent, Iron 30 percent

Putting wholesome food on the table that your family will enjoy doesn't have to take hours to prepare. Registered dietitian and author, Felicia Stoler, offers some simple recipes and tips on how to add more flavor and nutrition into your meals, making meal prep stress-free and fun for the family.

— Keep your pantry stocked and plan ahead. A pasta meal typically takes less than 30 minutes to make. Ragù Old World Style Traditional pasta sauce now has a new, thicker recipe with two servings of vegetables in every half cup. Add some pre-cut fresh, frozen or canned greens as a side dish, and you have a veggie-packed meal.

— Include your kids in the cooking process. This is a great way to spend quality time with your children and teach them the skill of cooking. They love to feel like they can contribute to their family, plus — many kids will eat what they make.

— Use leftovers for lunch. The Ragù No Frying Chicken Parmesan is a classic dish that will help save time. After dinnertime, pack it in a small container or prepare in a hero sandwich for lunch the next day to make less work (and stress) in the morning.

For more tips and recipes, visit www.ragu.com or www.facebook.com/ragusauce.



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A classic Italian-American dish that can be as simple or fancy as you want it to be.

6 servings

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 20 minutes

1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef

4 slices whole grain bread, torn into small pieces

2 eggs

1 jar (1 pound 10 ounces) Ragù Old World Style Pasta Sauce, divided

1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning

1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

12 ounces spaghetti, cooked and drained

Combine ground beef, bread, eggs, 1/2 cup pasta sauce, Italian seasoning and garlic powder in medium bowl; shape into 18 meatballs.

Bring remaining pasta sauce to a boil over medium-high heat in 12-inch skillet. Gently stir in uncooked meatballs. Reduce heat to low and simmer covered, stirring occasionally, 20 minutes or until meatballs are done. Serve over hot spaghetti.

TIP: Try adding a cube of mozzarella cheese to the center of each meatball for an easy but fun recipe twist.

Nutrition Information per serving: Calories 480, Calories From Fat 90, Saturated Fat 3g, Trans Fat 0.5g, Total Fat 10g, Cholesterol 130mg, Sodium 690mg, Total Carbohydrate 61g, Sugars 10g, Dietary Fiber 6g, Protein 36g, Vitamin A 2 percent, Vitamin C 4 percent, Calcium 6 percent, Iron 30 percent.

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Skillet Pasta & Beef Dinner



Sweet & spicy ribs warm up fall feasts

Just because the weather is getting cooler doesn't mean you have to pack the grill away for the season. Fall is a perfect time to prepare a mouth-watering spread on the deck or in the backyard. And whether you're tailgating, having weekend guests or just craving the tastes and smells of the grill, Chili-Glazed Beef Ribs are a great dish for everyone. Sweet with brown sugar and molasses and spicy, with a little help from Tabasco sauce, these ribs will disappear lickity split!

CHILI-GLAZED BEEF RIBS

Serves 6

4 pounds beef back ribs
4 teaspoons original Tabasco brand pepper sauce, divided
½ cup ketchup
½ cup molasses
½ cup white balsamic vinegar
1 tablespoon brown sugar
½ teaspoon salt
Preheat oven to 325° F.

Brush ribs with 2 teaspoons Tabasco sauce. Place in large roasting pan. Cover tightly with foil; bake 1½ hours.

Meanwhile, in small saucepan, combine ketchup, molasses, vinegar, brown sugar, remaining 2 teaspoons Tabasco sauce

and salt. Heat to a boil over high heat; reduce heat to low; simmer, uncovered about 5 minutes to blend flavors.

Preheat grill to medium-low over indirect heat. Brush ribs on both sides with sauce. Place ribs on grill; meat-side down. Cover and continue cooking 15 minutes. Turn ribs over; brush with more sauce. Cook 15 minutes longer, or until ribs are tender. Serve ribs with grilled bell peppers, if desired.

Note: If you prefer, substitute one 4-pound slab pork spare ribs in place of beef ribs. Prepare as above.

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Thick fall sweaters and cozy pants are no excuse to let your craving for comfort food expand your waistline. To keep your appetite at bay during the cool months of autumn, swap traditional baking ingredients with versions that can help you enjoy favorite baked goods without interfering with your weight goals. Read on for a few quick tips and new products that can help you stay on track.

To make over some of those high-fat fall baking favorites, try these quick substitutions:

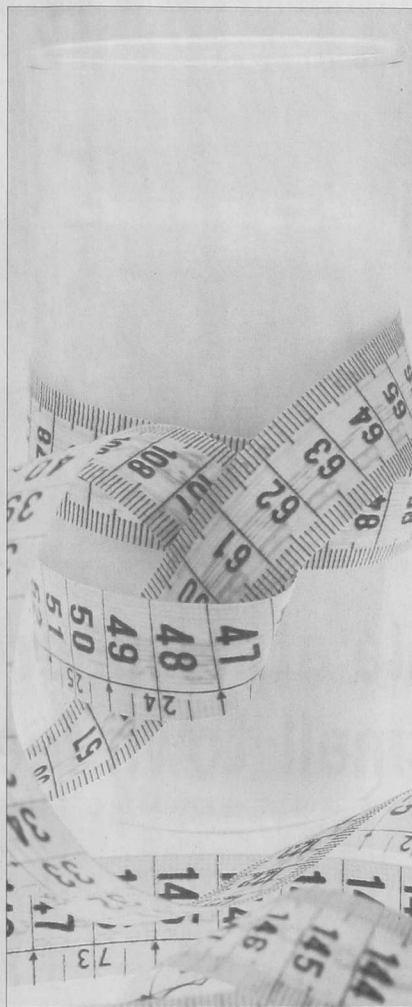
- 1 cup whole milk: 1 cup skim milk
- 1 cup butter or oil: ¾ cup applesauce
- 1 egg: 2 egg whites
- 1 cup cream cheese: 1 cup lower-calorie cream spread for cooking, such as Weight Watchers Reduced Fat Cream Cheese Spread
- 1 cup heavy cream: 1 cup evaporated skim milk

Smart substitutions can help you cut calories by more than half. The basic banana bread slice, for example, contains an average of 325 calories and 12 grams of fat, and fruity bread or carrot cake might sound healthy but can be surprisingly high in fat and cholesterol. Fortunately, a few tweaks on these American favorites can help you cut calories by half.

Simply replace eggs with low-calorie egg beaters, butter with no-sugar-added applesauce, and add whole-wheat flour to your regular banana bread all-purpose flour (mix 1¼ cups whole-wheat and ¼ cup all-purpose flour for a large-loaf pan). And if you are a carrot cake fan, you don't have to skimp on the frosting if you use a rich low-calorie reduced-fat cream cheese. For example, Weight Watchers' new 8-ounce cream cheese spread contains 40 percent less fat than regular cream cheese and is perfect for cooking.

To enjoy warm baked goods and keep everyone in good shape also try serving a veggie quiche instead of a pie. When making a quiche, use fat-free milk, olive oil and low-fat cheese to keep it on the healthier side. Try this recipe for a delicious warm treat that the whole family will love.

Fall Baking



THREE ONION AND SWISS QUICHE

Makes 8 servings

1 tablespoon olive oil
½ cup diced leek, white part only
½ cup sliced shallots
1 cup sliced sweet onions

1 10-inch unbaked pie crust

4 slices Weight Watchers Swiss Cheese slices, cut into thin strips

6 ounces Weight Watchers Reduced Fat Cream Cheese Spread

¾ cup fat-free milk

4 eggs

½ teaspoon Tabasco sauce

Kosher salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 350°F. Heat olive oil over medium heat in large skillet; cook leek, shallots and onion until softened or about five minutes. Set aside. Line pie crust with foil and pastry beads or rice; bake 8 minutes. Carefully remove foil. Place crust on rimmed baking pan. Place onion mixture and Swiss cheese in baked crust. Beat cream cheese and egg in mixing bowl until smooth. Gradually beat in milk, Tabasco, and salt and pepper to taste, beating until smooth; pour into pie crust. Bake 45 minutes or until knife inserted near center comes out clean. Let stand 15 minutes before serving.

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Hayden's Grill and Bar, which opened in September at 39895 Ford Road in Canton, celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by employees, Canton Township officials, Canton Chamber of Commerce members and local residents.

Upscale atmosphere with small-town feel

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

Hayden's: We serve everything from hand-battered cod and perch to tenderloin topper, pastas, chicken dishes, salads and deep-fried Oreos.

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

Hayden's: We liked the building and traffic on Ford Road.

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

Hayden's: We liked the upwardly mobile feel of Canton, yet it still maintains that small-town feeling.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Hayden's: We offer an upscale atmosphere and quality food at a reasonable price.

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

Hayden's: The reaction we get when someone first tries our deep-fried Oreo or Twinkie. I've been told they're so good that it's wrong.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Hayden's: People are looking for a value and we offer great food, service and atmosphere at a reasonable price.



Hayden's Grill and Bar owner Brent Skaggs presents a \$1,000 check to Jill Engle, executive director of the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities in Canton.

HAYDEN'S GRILL AND BAR

Business name and address: Hayden's Grill and Bar, 39895 Ford Road, Canton

Your name and title: Brent Skaggs, owner

Your hometown: Okemos

Business opened when? Sept. 20, 2010

Number of employees: 110

Hours of operation: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to mid-night Friday-Saturday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday

Your business specialty: Upscale American grill and bar

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Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Hayden's: Offer a product or service that you feel great about.

Observer: What's in store for the

future of your business?

Hayden's: We plan on continuing to develop and grow our concept in the Canton area.

CHAMBER CHAT

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.

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.

Benefit concert

Yazaki North America, Inc., of Canton presents a concert to benefit the United Way 6-10



Making a difference

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and once again Molly Maid of Plymouth/Farmington will donate a portion of service fees from each home that it cleans to the Ms. Molly Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides assistance to local domestic violence shelters and organizations. At the end of October, the money collected nationally will be tallied and disbursed to participating Molly Maid locations in the form of a grant. Molly Maid of Plymouth/Farmington will use its grant money from the Making a Difference Drive to benefit First Step of Wayne County, whose mission is to reduce the incidence of domestic and sexual violence and to provide services to individuals affected by these crimes. Tax-deductible monetary contributions can be made by check, payable to the Ms. Molly Foundation and sent to Molly Maid at 36977 Amrhein, Livonia, MI 48150. Last year's drive raised almost \$147,000.

p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, at the Plymouth Roc Bar, 1020 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

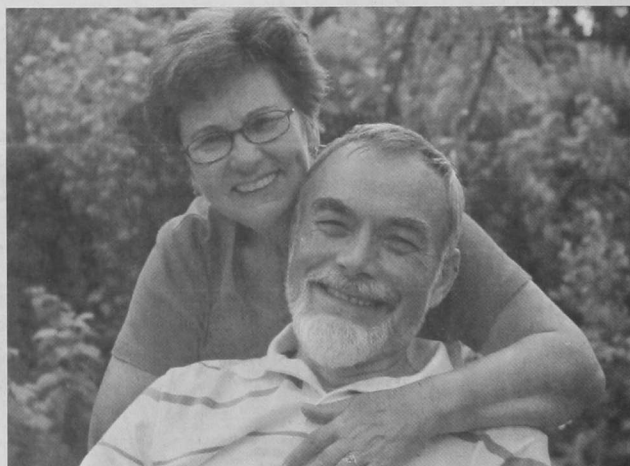
Three bands will be playing. Proceeds from 50/50 drawings and a portion of patrons' food and/or drink bill will go toward United Way of Southeast Michigan.

Health care presentation

The Canton Economic Development Office hosts

a Health Care Reform Presentation for local businesses 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, at The Summit on the Park in Canton.

Admission is free. Topics include Health Insurance Reforms and Group Plan changes, Grandfathered Plan-Concepts, Employer Obligations, Cafeteria Plan Changes and Long Term Care Insurance.



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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Bovitz honored

The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants and its president and CEO, Peggy A. Dzierzawski, recently recognized Canton resident Robert A. Bovitz at its annual awards dinner with the Public Service Award. The evening celebrated those who have made an impact in the accounting industry and in the community.

Bovitz, who was also recently named Canton's Business Person of the Year, was awarded for his dedication to the betterment of his community outside of his role as a CPA. He has received recognition in the past from the MACPA, including the Chair's Service Award and member honors for Outstanding Task Force of the Year.

"Robert Bovitz's greatest contribution has been his forward thinking," said Dzierzawski, CAE. "His philosophy of giving to the community, without expectation of returned favors, demonstrates what a CPA really is, and should be, a public servant."

Bovitz is committed to the arts, and is the president and founding trustee of Trillium Academy, a 725-student charter school focused on fine and performing arts. He also oversaw the construction of the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, and serves on the board of the Downriver Council for the Arts. In addition to his efforts toward the arts, he continues to serve various other charitable and philanthropic organizations such as the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, United Way Allocation Committee, Arbor Hospice, and the Karmans Center.

Bovitz is the president of Bovitz & Co., CPA, P.C., a full-service CPA firm in Trenton and Canton. The firm services include individual, corporate, partnership, estate, trust, and pension and profit sharing tax preparation, in addition to



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Rob Bovitz, of Bovitz CPA, P.C., steps forward to accept the 2010 Business Person of the Year Award from the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

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Medical center

Dr. Jeffrey Rosenberg and Dr. Jeffrey Kimpson announce the grand opening of PRIZM, a revolutionary medical center dedicated to the relief and elimination of pain.

PRIZM Pain Specialists will be located at 6200 N. Haggerty in Canton and hosts its grand opening 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27.

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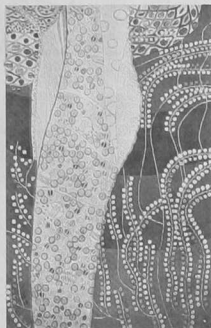
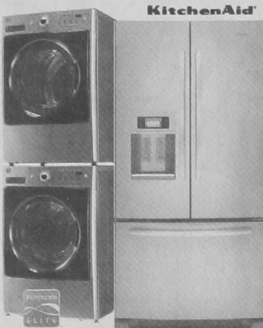
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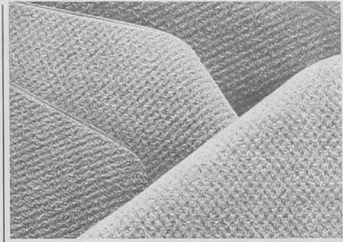
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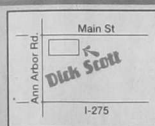
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