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Anyone who brings a frozen turkey (minimum 18 pounds) to the Fox Classic Pro Shop will receive free greens fees and a cart for 18 holes of golf that day. All turkeys will be donated to the Plymouth Community United Way and Salvation Army.

#### Siblings serve



Plymouth High School, and his sister, Airman Danielle Gomrick, who graduated in June, have joined the U.S. Marines and U.S. Air Force, respectively.

Cpl. Gomrick became a Marine Sept. 11, 2009, completed combat infantry school in November 2009 and security forces training in March 2010, and is stationed in Kings Bay, Ga.

Airman Gomrick completed Air Force basic military training Oct. 15. She is training in aerospace medical technology at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

#### Harvest market

The Canton Farmers
Market returns for a special
Harvest Market Sunday,
Nov. 21, to ensure that
market goers can enjoy
local, harvest-fresh food on
their Thanksgiving tables. A
variety of locally grown and
produced food will be available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at
Preservation Park, located at
500 N. Ridge Road.
This market will feature
an assortment of freshly
harvested fruits and vegetables in addition to specialty products made by
local Michigan vendors, who
will be onsite both indoors
and outside. In addition to
finding everything needed
for a farm-to-table holiday
meal, shoppers will also find
flower arrangements, dog
treats, natural soaps along
with lunch vendors-Jacques'
Tacos & Canton Center
Bakery plus coffee, tea and
hot chocolate.
For more information
about the Canton Farmers
Market and its vendors,
check out the Market webpage at www.Cantonfun.
org or call (734) 398-5570,
Ext. 5.

# Slavens survived Republican 'wave'

BY DARRELL CLEM

Politics.
Slavens defended her 21st
District seat for a second
two-year term after she
edged Levi, a small business
owner, by a mere 880 votes
among 35,520 ballots east in
a district that includes most
of Canton, Belleville and Van
Buren Township.
"In the last two years, I
have made sure I'm available

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# Local Tea Party brewed success in state races



The Tea Party movement that flexed its muscles nationally Tuesday by helping elect dozens of Republicans to the U.S. House of Representatives is claiming success at the state level as well.

Patrick Colbeck of Canton Township, the Republican state senator-elect from District 7, which includes Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton, was an early member of the area's Rattle With Us Tea Party and enjoyed support from fellow members, who distributed literature, worked phone banks and

made donations to his campaign.
"Patrick was one of us.
We liked his message," said Sharon Lollio of Canton, treasurer of Rattle With Us.
Colbeck 'had his roots' in the Tea Party movement, said Bill Ballenger, a former state representative and senator and the editor of Inside Michigan Politics.
"That was where he had his base of support," Ballenger said.
Colbeck, 45, is an engineer

said.
Colbeck, 45, is an engineer and management consultant who advocates smaller, less expensive government and lower taxes. Lollio, whose husband Marco owns a

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# Canton pays tribute to military service

Canton Township officials will honorarea servicemen and women who have served and who are currently serving in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard, and Reserves with a "Salute to Service" ceremony 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

The public is encouraged to attend this free event, presented by the Canton Community. Doors will open at 6 p.m. for audience members to enjoy exhibited military memorabilia displays prior to the start of the formal stage presentation at 7 p.m., featuring music by Workman Elementary School Choir, under the direction of Keri Mueller.

The evening's welcome will be presented by Canton Township Trustee and Marine Todd Caccamo. The keynote address will be presented by Don J. Mooney, a retired

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In addition to the evening tribute to service members, Canton Township will honor its veterans at the annual Veterans Day ceremony. What: Annual Canton Veterans.

What: Annual Canton Veterans Day Ceremony Where: Canton Veterans Memorial in Heritage Park, west of the Canton Township offices, 1150 S. Canton Center, When: 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 11 More info: For details, e-mail johnscott44@yahoo.com or call (734) 397-8975.

Division.

Mooney will share first-hand accounts of how he landed at Inchon and faced

the enemy forcing them back to Seoul, Korea, and across the 38th parallel.

A short video presentation, featuring the personal recollections of local Korean War veterans, will be introduced by Canton Township Trustee John Anthony. In addition to the formal presentation, the Michigan Military Moms will be on hand collecting items for servicemen and women who are currently serving overseas.

The following items will be accepted at this Salute to Service event: Beef Jerky and/or Slim Jim sticks; individual cans of tuna; Ramen noodles; power/energy bars; and pudding cups.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. For more information on the Salute to Service evenony, call (734) 394-5460 or visit Cantonfun.org.



## Happy huddle

# **Pain center invests** \$3.5 million in hope

Michael Adams has suffered debilitating back pain since he fell off a roof three years ago while repairing an air conditioner.

Adams, 50, isn't sure he'll ever get to return to his building maintenance job, but he longs to ease his chronic pain enough to do simple chores like mowing the lawn.

He and wife Monica have new hope after finding Prizm Pain Specialists, a new Canton-based medical center at 6200 N. Haggerty, north of Ford.

"Id love to get rid of the pain," Adams said, "but I'd be tickled to death if I can just reduce it by 50 percent."

His latest hope comes from a small device — a spinal cord stimulator — that one of Prizm's doctors, Jeffrey Rosenberg, expects to implant in his back. It delivers tiny doses of electricity to transform the pain into a signal the brain interprets as a pleasant sensation.

"He'll feel a humming instead of pain," Rosenberg said. "One patient described it to me as a warm humming."

Adams will get a hand-held device he can use to turn the spinal cord stimulator on or off.

It's only one of many approaches Rosenberg, business partner Dr. Jeffrey Kimpson and nearly 30 other employees offer at Prizm, a former Allstate insurance claims center transformed with \$3.5 million into an 18,000-square-foot painmanagement center. Prizm incorporates medical, behavioral, pharmaceutical, physical, interventional and therapeutic disciplines to treat pain, whether it's caused by injuries, cancer, chronic headaches, wounds, multiple sclerosis, shingles, arthritis, degenerative disc disease, diabetic neuropathy or other medical conditions. One patient may need pain medication or injections, another may benefit from psychiatry and still another may opt for alternative medicine such as acupuncture, said Michael Humphries, a registered nurse, Prizm executive director and practice manager.

Prizm continues to roll out its broad-based approach to easing pain, and coming weeks will bring amenities such as a yoga center and a pharmacy for a 500-plus patient base that has steadily grown since the center opened in September. Rosenberg said pain not only causes physical discomfort, it also often leads to emotional

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Dr. Jeffrey Rosenberg of Prizm Pain Specialists talks about how he is helping patients. In the background is Mike Humphries, Prizm executive director and practice manager.





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# Kickoff planned for holiday giving, shopping season

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITE

The 2010 holiday season in Plymouth launches Friday with an event that puts an emphasis on both shopping and giving.

The official ceremony to light up trees on the downtown Main Street boulevard is scheduled for 6:15 p.m. Friday on Main between Ann Arbor Trail and Penniman. The tree-lighting is being done in conjunction with the kickoff of the local Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign, and the eeremony will start with a performance by the Salvation Army Brass Band. Capt. Daniel Hull of the

Salvation Army Brass Band. Capt. Daniel Hull of the Salvation Army's Plymouth Corps will say a few words, as will Mayor Dan Dwyer. Teresa Moriarty, volunteer and special events director for the Plymouth Corps, said

it's been years since there's been a formal event to start the Red Kettle drive.
"It'll be quite lovely, I think," Moriarty said. "I think it'll be just a nice way to kick off our campaign."
The event will also include the throwing of the switch to turn on the boulevard lights.
The Plymouth Corps will be handing out candy-filled Christmas stockings to the first 100 people at the event, and will also be collecting nonperishable food items for its emergency food pantry. Food donors will be entered in a drawing for gift certificates from downtown businesses.

The Plymouth Corps'.

nesses.

The Plymouth Corps' fund-raising goal for the season is \$315,000, Moriarty said — \$225,000 from the Red Kettle campaign and \$90,000 in cash donations to its office. Bell-ringers will

presents

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database of more unan 1,200volunteers. "We're very fortunate," she said.

The money raised will go
toward the Corps' local relief
efforts, as well as programs
such as its Tiny Tots preschool, summer day camp
and tae kwon do classes.

Though the fund-raising has a holiday focus,
Moriarty said, the demand
for Salvation Army services
is year-round, especially
given Michigan's struggling
economy.

economy.
"We have demands all year — food demands, rent demands, utility demands year-round.... Need knows no season," she said.
The Plymouth Corps also had a \$315,000 fund-raising goal during the last holiday

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season — and reached it.

"Every year, it just amazes me how generous the community is," Moriarty said.

During the campaign, bell-ringers will be on the streets — and at local shopping centers and supermarkets — from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Monday through Saturday. The campaign continues through 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24.

through \* pans recovery 24.

The Plymouth Corps' service area includes Plymouth and Plymouth Township and Canton Township.

Tony Bruscato, director of operations for the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, said that despite the slow economy, things are starting to look up for many downtown retailers. Last

said.
"This year, I think maybe
the Christmas season would
be a plus for them," he said.
"I don't think anybody's getting rich. ... I think things ar
more stable."

To volunteer as a bell-ringer for the Plymouth Corps' Red Kettle campaign, sign up via the website www.ringbell.org, or call (734) 453-5464. Donations can be mailed to Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth MI 48170.



Police are looking for these two suspects in connection with a strong robbery at the Speedway station at Ford and Lilley.

# Police looking for Speedway suspects

Two suspects are being sought by Canton police following a strong-arm robbery early Thursday morning that involved the theft of cigarettes inside the Speedway gas station on the southeast corner of Ford and Lilley roads.

roads.
One of the suspects tus-sled with a male employee, but no one was seriously injured, Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said. "One of the suspects appeared to distract the

employee while another suspect went behind the counter and stole cartons of cigarettees," Schreiner said. The incident happened around 3:30 a.m. Thursday when the two suspects entered the Speedway station, robbed the store of cigarettes and fled the scene in what police said appeared to be a red Ford Taurus or similar vehicle. It wasn't immediately known how many cartons of cigarettes the suspects took. Canton police are seeking the public's help identifying the two suspects. One was a white male and the other was a black male, as shown in photos captured by a surveillance camera and turned over to authorities.

Anyone who has information about either suspect—or both—is asked to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400.

Anonymous tips also may be made to Crime Stoppers by calling (800) SPEAK-UP or visiting the Web site at www.1800speakup.org. Crime Stoppers will pay as much as \$1,000 for a tip that leads to an arrest.

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## Salvation Army sets up for annual Thanksgiving drive

BY BRAD KADRICH

With its major food drive rescheduled for spring, the Plymouth Salvation Army is counting more than ever on donations to help meet the needs of the 500 families offi-cials estimate will seek help getting a Thanksgiving dinner this year.

cials estimate will seek help getting a Thanksgiving dinner this year.

The rescheduling of the major food drive came as local churches turn their attention to helping their own members. The result is that the Salvation Army's food pantry shelves are more bare than usual.

"Companies and churches are taking care of their own folks, which is a positive," said Laturie Aren, the Salvation Army's director of family and community ministries. "The negative is that we are seeing greatly reduced donations to the food pantry. The trickle-up effect has caused a significant downturn in the amount of donations we have received."

The Salvation Army will accept donations of food through Wednesday, though cash donations will be welcomed right through Thanksgiving. Donations of turkeys (some 500 frozen turkeys are needed) will be accepted the week of Nov. 15, Aren said.

Among other Thanksgiving

accepted the week of Nov. 15,
Aren said.

Among other Thanksgiving staples needed in large quantities are stuffing, cranberries, yams, broth, gravy (cans are preferred), corn, green beans, macaroni and cheese, potatoes, fruit, cereal, soup, canned spaghetti, rolls, rice, tuna fish, American cheese and boxes.

Salvation Army officials also point out donations should be checked for expiration dates. Food that has passed its expiration date cannot be included in the Thanksgiving giveaway.

Donations can be dropped off at the corps offices on Main Street just south of Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. Some businesses are also collecting, including Suicide Kings Tattoo Parlox, located at 42122 Ford Road (west of Lilley) in Canton. With food being accepted through Wednesday, Salvation Army officials plan to sort and box the donations Nov. 19, then distribute them the weekend before Thanksgiving (Nov. 20-22).

Aren said donations will

before Thanksgiving (Nov. 20-22).

Aren said donations will be put to good use, with an increasing number of local families asking for assistance. The Plymouth Salvation Army serves Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

"The need exists for an increasing number of Plymouth and Canton families, including single working individuals and retired adults on fixed incomes," Aren said.

For more information, contact Laurie Aren, director of Family & Community Ministries, at (734) 453-5464 or via e-mail at laurie\_aren@usc.salvationarmy.org.

#### **BPW** meets

Canton Business &
Professional Women meet 68:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, at
Palermo's Restaurant, 44938
Ford Road in Canton.
Author Theresa Rich, who
wrote Staying Sane in Crazy
Times," will be the guest
speaker. RSVPs are requested
by Nov. 4.
For more information, call

#### Shopping extravaganza

Shopping extravaganza

Bentley Elementary School sponsors a "Holiday Shopping Extravaganza" 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12.

More than 20 vendors will be on hand to sell a wide variety of specialty products.

Companies such as Lia Sophia, Avon, Phoenix Trading, Tastefully Simple, and Partylite will be there along with many more.

A full list of companies can be viewed at the Bentley Elementary web site: http://bentley.pccs.kl2.mius/
There will be door prizes to win throughout the evening and a \$1 donation is suggested at the door to support the Bentley PTO. Bentley Elementary School is located at 1100 S. Sheldon in Canton. For more information on the evening, e-mail shirley\_addisson@yahoo.com.

#### Youth Block-in

Youth Block-in
Canton's popular after school hang out spot, The BLOCK Youth & Teen Center, is turning into an all night Block-In party Friday, Nov. 19, 11-17 can have plenty of fun, hangout and spend the night with their best friends. The kids will be busy with games, activities and food, including dinner, a midnight snack and breakfast.

Students in grades 6-12 can enjoy a fun, teen-friendly atmosphere with all of their favorite activities. The BLOCK, located at 44237 W. Michigan Avenue, provides a computer lab with internet, Nintendo Wii, Guitar Hero, Rock Band, Pool Tables, Air Hockey, Foosball, a big screen TV, a quiet study room and a cafe for snacks and small meals, all in a safe and supervised environment.

BLOCK-IN fee is \$20 for residents and \$25 for non residents. Register today at www. Cantonfun.org or call (734) 398-5570.

#### Montessori open house

Plymouth-Canton
Montessori School hosts an
open house on Thursday, Nov.
If, for parents interested in
enrolling their children in its
pre-school or kindergarten
programs. Teachers and staff
will be on hand from 5:30-7
p.m. to provide classroom
tours of the school which is
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#### Tricks and treats

United Home Health Services, a home care company located in Canton, was transformed into a Hansel and Gretelthemed candyland Oct. 29 for the benefit of the children, grandchildren, and friends of United's staff. The office
was bustling with princesses, superheroes, ninjas, pumpkins, and goblins as the wide-eyed trick-or-treaters went
from office to office gathering treats. "It was a fun day for both the kids and the staff;" noted UHHS President
Penny Rhein. "It was a nice change of pace and our staff really got into the spirit!" In addition to the trick-ortreating, the costumed children made popcorn hands, had fun with tattoos, and enjoyed Halloween doughnuts.

ing parents questions about the Montessori programs and materials that are specially designed for this age group," said Linda Myers, the school's administrator. "It's also a wonderful opportunity for us to talk with families in our community and acquaint them with the variety of culturally rich activities we offer young children."

Teachers and staff will be available at the Open House to give tours and answer questions. Children are welcome, and light refreshments will be served.

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In addition to its pre-school and kindergarten programs, PCMS provides before and after school day care. The school also offers a fun and stimulating summer program that includes lots of arts and crafts, picnics, outdoor time, music, stories, games and field trins.

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For additional information about the November 11 Open House and programs available at PCMS, call (734) 459-1550

#### Summit open house

Get a close up look at the wide-range of comprehensive services and amenities the Summit on the Park has to offer during a special Open House on Saturday, Nov. 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Whether you're interested in learning about the latest fitness trends from Boot Camp to Zumba classes, or personalized fitness assessments and motivational workout programs, you'll have an opportunity to meet staff and get information about programs and services that interest you. The Summit on the Park offers a Fitness and Aquatic Center, Aerobics Studio;

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Gymnasium, racquetball court and indoor track; steam room and sauna; and Kids' Corner Child Care Center; and all the tools needed to achieve a healthy and active lifestyle. For more information about this special event and membership to the Summit on the Park, visit Cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

#### Block party

Shop Canton Block Parties are designed to allow folks to find out what's going on around the Canton Business Community and what's to come around. Parties are scheduled 8:30 a.m., Nov. 9, at Hayden's Grill & Bar, 39895 Ford Road, or 5:30 p.m. Nov. 10 at Antonio's Cucina Italiana, 2220 N. Canton Center.

Call the Canton Chamber of

#### Pom clinic

Pom clinic

Youngsters ages 5-14 who would like to be a Junior Canton Chiefette can attend the Kids' PomPon Clinic sponsored by the Canton Varsity Chiefettes. Participants will learn pompon basics as well as a short dance routine. So come and join the fun.

The clinic takes place 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Canton High School Gym in the Phase III building, Cost is \$45 per child, which includes a T-shirt, pom pons and a snack. Discounts for multiple siblings are \$76 for two family members and \$94 for three family members.

Parents are invited to come see their daughters perform at

noon on clinic day and all participants attending the clinic will be invited to perform at the Canton Varisty Basketball game on Dec. 7.

Same day registration is from 8:30-9 a.m. the morning of the clinic. PRE-REGISTER by Nov. 12 and save \$5.

For more information contact Chiefette parents Nancy Rodgers at (734) 394-0699 or Karen Sundberg at (734) 394-1583 or e-mail pomclinic@cantonchiefettes.com

#### Nuns in charge

Nuns in charge

"Put the Nuns in Charge," a long-running comedy from the author of "Late Night Catechism," is coming to St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church in Canton 7 p.m. Friday, Jan.28.

Ticket prices range from \$20 for non-reserved seating and go up to \$75 for front row seats. All tickets include a dessert afterglow. All proceeds will go to two great causes - St. Pat's Food Pantry in Detroit and World Youth Day.

Child care will be provided for a small donation. Tickets must be purchased in person with cash or check at St. Thomas a Becket, located at 555 S. Lilley Road in Canton, south of Cherry Hill Road.

Contact the church at (734) 981-1333 for further information.

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# Tonda student honors mom in prose

Justin Crouch saw the things his mom does for him — she goes to his football games, she takes him out to eat, she makes him cinnamon rolls every morning — and a thought popped into his head. Moms are cool. So Justin, an 8-year-old third-grader at Tonda Elementary School in Canton, decided he'd like to share that opinion with others. Since his mom, Kim, is an accomplished attorney and author, Justin figured he knew exactly how best to get the word out about how cool moms are. He wrote a book. "My mom is cool and I wanted to write about how moms are cool," said Justin, the son of Kim and Julust Crouch of Canton.

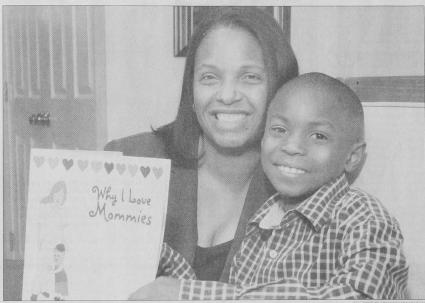
Justin's first literary effort, Whu Love Mommies, was a

of Kim and Julius Crouch of Canton.

Justin's first literary effort,
Why LLove Mommies, was a summer-long work while visiting his grandmother in St.

Louis. He did the writing and, when it was time to illustrate it, he talked to the illustrate it, he talked to the illustrate. The had an "in" there, too, because he settled on Samantha Newman, the artist who also illustrated Mother to Son:
Words of wisdom, inspiration and hope for today's young
African-American men, the book Justin's mother wrote, too.
With his experienced author-mom watching largely from the sideline, Justin worked with Newman on the various pieces of art he wanted included in his book.

"He worked with (Newman), decided which pictures he wanted on every page," said



Author Justin Crouch and the inspiration for his book, Kim Crouch. The book

Kim Crouch, an attorney with General Motors. "There were things he didn't like and asked her to change. He really knew what he wanted."

There were other decisions to be made. Marketing, for instance. The family, in consultation with Justin, has scheduled a book signing in St. Louis, where Kim Crouch's family resides. They'll do

another one locally, though none has been scheduled yet. And they had to decide how much to charge for the book, which was self-pub-lished through Kim Crouch's publishing company, First Generation Publishing, Justin had a figure in mind, but mom wanted him to be a little more realistic

"He wanted to charge \$10

or \$20," said a chuckling Kim Crouch, who has a second edi-tion of her own book due out in December. "We had to have a conversation about that. I told him to research other children's books, and he found out they were between \$5.95 and \$7.95, so that's where we settled."

Teaching their children

new to Julius and Kim Crouch.
Their two eldest sons, Julius
III and Justin, have created a "make-believe" company Kimsaid she's seriously considering "filing paperwork on. The company revolves around
Julius' love of movies and the films he's created and edited
using his flip video camera.
"We're really trying to instill
entrepreneurship in them

What: Justin Crouch's first book,
"Why I Love Mommies"
How: Published by First
Generation Publishing
Why: "Because I wanted to show everyone how cool moms are Where: Available for \$5.95 at

because we believe there has to be a paradigm shift based on what we've seen in the economy," Kim Crouch said. "You can't simply say 'get good grades and get a job." As we've seen, there aren't that many out there.

"We try to tell them go to school, learn as much as you can and start your own business because the only person who can guarantee you a job is you. You are CEO of your life."

Justin, whose activities include playing for the Canton Lions, is already thinking about a second book, Babies About the House, inspired by his 1-year-old brother, Jaden (he's also got an 11-year-old brother, Julius III). Jaden, it seems, has a propensity for digging things out of the trash. "It'll be about having a little brother around," Justin said. All of which leaves mom and dad feeling extremely proud. "The truth is Justin did all this by himself, he wrote it, he's taken this process and exercised a lot of ownership over it, which is something we felt be should do," Kim Crouch said. "You can't believe how unbelievable proud we are."

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West Middle School teacher Lori Strachan's sixth-grade economics elective recently studied stocks, bonds, IPOs and General Motors. Student Turner Donlin volunteered his dad, Jim Donlin, a Quality Launch Manager for General Motors to come to school with a new Chevy Volt, an electric vehicle many consider critical to GM's survival The Volt is a big hit with the students.

#### ON CAMPUS

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# SLAVENS FROM PAGE AT

to my constituents with town hall meetings and coffee hours. I've tried to be responsive," Slavens, 52, said. "I've been very available to the community, and I'm going to continue to do that."

Levi actually bested Slavens by 1,469 votes in Canton, where both candidates live, but Slavens cemented her nail-biting victory after Democratic stronghold Van Buren Township supported her with 62.2 percent of the vote compared to Levi's 37.6 percent.

"Lori was a good candidate and worked very hard, but she was rehatively new to the political scene," said Card Berry, who chairs the Wayne IIth Congressional District Republican Committee. "That doesn't mean she shouldn't have won."

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Some political observers viewed the 21st District race as one Republicans could, indeed, win. Berry wasn't sure how much money the GOP pumped into Levi's campaign or whether a higher-spending campaign could have made a difference.

"It's hard to predict," he said. "Should we have spent more money or less money? I don't know."

Slavens conceded she was worried that too many Democrats would stay home and not vote, considering many political pundits had predicted a Republican surge long before Election Day.

"This was a really weird election year, and I think there was some confusion with some of the vot-



Lori Levi (left) surprised political veteran Shannon Price in the Republican primary, then nearly upset incumbent Democrat Lori Levi in Tuesday's general election.

ers," Slavens said. "But I also had support from some Republicans. I have people who knew me that I have worked with and who were happy with me."

Slavens also has said voters embraced her job-creating advanced battery bill and her push for trimming legislative salaries and health care benefits.

Although both parties accused the other of negative campaigning, Berry said he believes the state Democratic Party may have hurt Levi's campaign with false allegations that she wanted to cut Social Security benefits and chop away at Medicare.

"Those are federal issues," Berry said. "It was pure negative advertising."

tising." Ballenger, however, said nothing

that emerged during the campaign could detract from a hard-working campaign Slavens waged to defend her seat amid a threatening political environment.

"She managed to survive by (less than) a thousand votes," he said. Slavens has cited job growth, budget reforms and a timely school aid bill as priorities for the new Michigan Legislature.

Levi, who had waged a nearly year-long, aggressive campaign, acknowledged her "underdog" status in a post-election statement she issued to her campaign workers. She advanced to the general election after defeating GOP primary rival Shannon Price, who had the support of many party heavyweights.

"Our primary opponent's

strong Republican Party ties were expected to carry him through the primary," Levi wrote, "but through hard work and a team that knocked on thousands of doors, we surprised everyone and won the primary."

Levi conceded that the general election posed "an even tougher challenge" as she faced a Democratic incumbent who had "vastly more financial resources" than she did.

"In the end, it was more than we could overcome," Levi said, "but in the process, we got the attention of elected officials in Lansing and the district, and our message was heard."

Levi also said she spread her message of smaller government, lower taxes and support for job-creating businesses by campaigning "with honesty and integrity."

Even in an election year that saw many Republicans sweep to power and reclaim the state House, some political observers said local districts don't always follow the pattern. For Slavens, it was her strong support in Van Buren Township that ultimately saved her from the GOP tidal wave.

"Demographics always have something to do with it," Berry said.

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will seek another political office
or run for the state House in two
years. For now, she has simply
urged her supporters to remain
involved in their local communities, local governments and "keep
up the fight."

# **TEA PARTY**

trucking firm that's been hit hard by the economic downturn, said Colbeck understands what a lot of people are going through.

Rattle With Us activists, Lollio said, were also impressed with work ethic he displayed during the campaign.

"Pat walked the neighborhoods faithfully. He knocked on doors of people and met them face to face," she said. "That speaks of a man's character right there."

Lollio is confident Colbeck will be able to effectively take to Lansing the Tea Party's desire for smaller state government.

"I think we're going to do some good things up in Lansing," Colbeck said.

Though herself a Tea Party label to name what she said was a broader push for smaller government. "I just consider it Americans saying enough is enough," she said.

Colbeck agreed.

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Republicans Kurt Heise, the winner in the 20th District Michigan House of Representatives race, and Lori Levi, who narrowly lost to incumbent Dian Slavens in the 21st House District, also enjoyed support from members of the Rattle With Us group, Lollio said.

But their main goal was to elect Colbeck. "Patrick was the guy we were really pushing," she said.

Heise also said he thinks he'll be able to promote the Tea Party's agenda.

'If Tea Party people stand for limited government, smaller government, lower taxes and a respect for the law, then I think they will be happy with how I conduct myself in Lansing," he said.





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the quality of life for our patients and not to have drugs sold on the street," Humphries

whose back pain has persisted for three years. Rosenberg said patients deserve a chance to enjoy their families, take their dogs for walks, remain as pro-ductive as possible. "We want to give them hope," he said.

# Student teacher connects with kids through Locks of Love gift

Teachers can get pretty creative with their lesson plans, but Heather Gee took a recent math lesson a cut above, one might say.

Gee, a Canton Township college student who pre-student-teaches one day a week at Farrand Elementary in Plymouth Township, turned a planned haircut into a math problem in a second-grade classroom last week.

Students guessed her hair's length, then how much she'd have left if 12 inches were cut off. Then, a student got to measure her blond tresses, which came in at 29 inches.

The exercise was Gee's way of explaining that her hair was about to get drastically shorter. On Saturday, Gee had 13 inches of hair lopped off at Salon International in Plymouth, donating the braided hair to Locks of Love (she had planned for 12 inches but decided to donate a bit more). "They were all really excited and they all thought it was really interesting," said Gee of her students' reaction last week. The lesson, she said, helped prepare the students for her new appearance, which might "freak them out" if not mentioned beforehand.

Locks of Love is a Floridabased nonprofit that provides natural-looking hair pieces to children and young adults who have lost their hair because of medical conditions. Gee, 21, who wants to become an elementary school teacher once she graduates from Eastern Michigan University, said that since she deals with children, donating her hair to that cause would be a good way to connect further with them.

"I had heard about (Locks of Love) but I had never thought of doing it myself," Gee said. That is, until an acquaintance asked, months ago, whether she was planning such a donation.



Heather Gee of Canton Township, left, with stylist Lisa Willard and the 13 inches of braided hair Gee donated to Locks of Love on Saturday.



Stylist Lisa Willard snips off Heather Gee's braided hair, which was donated to Locks of Love, at Salon International in Plymouth on Saturday.

"I thought it would be a great thing to do," she said. Her hair was 22 inches long at the time, she estimated. Gee, who has worn her hair long for years, said she was reluctant to look at the newly shampooed hair snipped off Saturday by Lisa Willard, her longtime stylist at Salon International. "For the first minute I was like, 'I don't want to see the braid. I don't want to see the braid. I don't want to see the braid. I don't want to see it, "she said. But she's comfortable with her new appearance." I went to school today, and everyone noticed," she said. Willard, of Westland, says

she's been cutting Gee's hair for at least 10 years. The Locks of Love donation was some-thing they often discussed, she

of Love donation was something they often discussed, she said.

"She always was asking me to measure her hair, and (say) how short it would be if she cut off 10 inches," said Willard, who also styles the hair of Heather's mom, Lisa Gee.

Willard said she cuts hair for Locks of Love donations every so often, and that one client made a hair donation three times (Willard cut it twice).

Heather Gee said the donation is something she'd do again. "It might take a few years to grow it back."

Gee, who is minoring in science and hopes to teach that subject, said she wants to get into the profession in order to help change the negative attitude some children have toward school and get them motivated about education. "I hope I can make a difference in children's lives so they look forward to going to school," she said.

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# Arts council starts 42nd year of volunteer program

The Plymouth Community Arts Council has kicked off their 42nd year of bringing Art to children in Plymouth-Canton area schools.

The Art Volunteer Program, founded in 1969, currently includes 19 public and private schools and over 400 volunteers. For the 2010-II school year the PCAC has provided 57 portfolios to be housed at the participating schools as well as 70 supplementary portfolios, 16 sculpture units, 12 culture boxes and dozens of art books available for check out at the PCAC by registered AVP volunteers.

In 1969, PCAC officials said, Joanne Winkleman Hulce had a vision of providing art enrichment to the Plymouth area schools. Together with other members of the community and a grant from the Plymouth Canton School Board of Education, she founded the Plymouth Fine Arts Council in the State of Michigan organized to provide services in the arts to the schools, according to PCAC officials. A year later, it became the Plymouth Community Arts Council, and boasted close to 60 members. Out of this original group came the Elementary Visual Program, also known as the Picture Lady" program, intended to bring art into the classroom on a regular basis. Over the years, adults and children alike have fond memories of a "Picture Lady" or fart Mom" coming to their school.

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classroom about the artist or genre.

Art Volunteers need no experience, as the PCAC trains and educates parents, grandparents and friends who are willing to share art in the classroom.

Preschool art enrichment is also offered by the PCAC in the way of Preschool Art Classes including "You and Me Together" (for the younger child with a parent or caregiver) and "Littlest Artist Studio" (a fun and inspiring program for 4- and 5-year-olds).

Those interested in volunteering may check with their school or contact the Arts Council by calling (734) 416-4278, stopping by the PCAC at 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth or by e-mail to tamara@plymoutharts.com.



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Pam Turkin, owner of Just Baked (with stores in Livonia, Ann Arbor, Canton, Royal Oak and at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi), shows off her cupcakes that were baked for a special America's Thanksgiving Parade Company party to unveil the DTE Energy float and to announce legendary radio Hall of Fame member, Dick Purtan, as Co-Grand Marshal, recently. Turkin has been a Parade Company supporter for many years and party goers loved her cup cakes





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# Power of the sun

# Couple taps into solar energy, federal tax credits

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK DBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kurt and Tanya Schultz were looking for ways to cut their energy bill and live in a more environmentally-friendly

home.
What they installed on their What they installed on their ranch home on Pembroke Street was nothing new — solar panels on roofs have been around for years — but what is unique about their photovoltaic system is a grid-tied array and a battery backup system. The Schultz home is the first in Livonia to install such a system and obtain tax credits. Not only has the couple cut their bills, but they also will receive a rebate from DTE Engery.

Engery.
"We decided to do this because it is apparent that we and people around the world are consuming too many fos-sil fuels," said Kurt Schultz,

an attorney in Plymouth.
"The demand for coal and oil has increased. Our demand has increased, along with the demand in other countries. China's demand will increase 400 percent. Renewable energy will be the way to go."

#### A SUNNY CONVERSION

The photovoltaic technor turns the sun's light energy into electrical energy.

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After passing through a component called an inverter, the direct current (DC) electricity generated by the solar panels is converted to alternating current (AC). The system isn't cheap. The solar hardware cost about \$19,000, plus \$4,000 for installation. The Schultze shred Hartland Electric for the installation. Schultz expects that they will receive about one-third of that expenditure back in a reimbursement from DTE. About \$22 million is available from DTE Engery for residents through the Solar Currents



Kurt, Tanya and daughter Cassidy Schultz stand in front of their home. The couple recently installed solar photovoltaic panels on their home to capture solar energy and receive tax credit and reimbursement to cover portion of the installation's cost.

program, according to DTE spokesman Scott Simons. DTE receives all rights to any Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) allocated to that renewable generation, while the Schultzes will receive a credit on their energy bill for the next 20 years.

About 145 customers participate in the program, according to Simons.

"The installation is offset by an average of \$22,000, based on an average system size of 4/s kilowatts, over 20 years," he said.

#### TAX CREDIT ADDED

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The couple will also receive a 30-percent tax credit on the total cost of the materials, permits and installation.

"So we are basically getting two-thirds off the bottom line price," Schultz said.

This system allows for Schultz of lick a switch during a power outage to a battery

backup system to run the electricity, while the solar panels recharge the same backup system. Previously, grid-tied systems would be shut down during a power outage because of the dangers of the possibility of "backflow" of energy circulating into a "down system," which could cause injuries, Schultz said. "So in essence, one's array would be shut down and useless during a power outage," Schultz said. And if the sun isn't out during inclement weather to recharge the battery backup during a power outage, Schultz's system has a bypass to allow for a generator to power the house or to recharge the battery system. Schultz can monitor how much energy is generated from the sun online and what each panel is collecting. Six panels were installed on the house's roof, four facing south toward the street, and two others fac-

ing west to catch the late after

Schultz expects the couple will get the payback in five years. He expects a rate of return on his investment of 100 percent because the price of energy is always going up, Schultz said.

"The panels feed the grid, we sell it to DTE and we're offsetting our monthly bill," Schultz said.

The family started with the couple of the said. FIVE-YEAR PAYBACK

The family started using the solar panels about two weeks ago. Schultz pulled out his laptop and showed how he can monitor the amount of energy collected by the panels. They had gathered enough solar energy in one week to power 121 computers for a day or 367 light bulbs. The carbon dioxide that has been offset by the system is equivalent to what two trees would process. The family started using the

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# **Buddy's restaurant owner Robert Jacobs rises to the occasion**

In many ways, Robert Jacobs runs his business as he does his life. Professional and private interests intersect at various points along the way. As owner of Buddy's Pizza, the entrepreneur and businessman continually tweaks his restaurants' offerings, dives into Buddy's nonprofit causes and looks forward to growth and change. He also, of course, enjoys plenty of good meals, whether it's a fresh Caesar salad and a bowl of Grandma-style chicken noodle soup, a slice of gluten-free or multi-grain pizza, or a sampling of crisp, light chicken tenders.

During his non-work-inge hours the Birmineham

light chicken tenders.
During his non-working hours, the Birmingham resident supports and donates time to various cultural institutions, tries new foods at various restaurants and constantly tweaks his health and fitness regime, looking forward daily to being the best man he can be.

#### BUSINESS EVOLVES

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"Running a successful business means keeping up with change, tuning into competition, evolving with the times," says Jacobs, whose father, Bill Jacobs, purchased Buddy's in 1970. The original restaurant had been around since 1936 and still is operating today on Conant in Detroit. (See related story on Buddy's history). At the time of the purchase, Jacobs was a college student who jumped into the family business part time (he attended the University of Michigan and Wayne State University Law School) before joining full time.

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Law School) before joining full time.

The family opened a second location in 1978 in Warren and, from there, the business expanded to nine locations (Dearborn, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Royal Oak, Bloomfield, Auburn Hills and Detroit, Mack Avenue).

Bill Jacobs died nine years ago. Shirlee Jacobs lives in Florida. Jacobs has one sister, Monni Must, who is a Sylvan Lake-based professional photographer. She does not work for the company, but often donates time to a variety of Jacobs' charities, just as he donates time to a variety of Jacobs' charities, just as he supports her. (Must and her daughter, Sabrina, published a book, Living Witnesses: Face of the Holocaust; visit www. livingwitnesses.net for more information.)

#### LOVES TO EAT

"Tlove to eat," Jacobs says, quite simply. So running a 500-employee restaurant operation is a good fit for him. We're comparing, shopping, experimenting, checking out other pizza and always finetuning the menu ... a lot of R&D goes into this." Jacobs says his "organization chart" is loose. "I guess you could say we have GMs and managers at the locations, and a chief operating officer." At the main office in Farmington Hills, Jacobs works closely with Wesley Pikula, who pretymuch is Jacobs' right-hand man.
"He's been here I think

"He's been here I think for 35 years," Jacobs says of Pikula. "We have a lot of people who have been here for many, many years. Our philosophy is all about a 'leadership of caring."

And keeping the pulse of customers' needs. In fact, last year, Jacobs added gluten-free pizza to the mix. The wheat-free fare is endorsed by certified celiac organizations. (Celiac disease is a disorder resulting from an immune reaction to gluten, a protein found in wheat and related grains and present in many foods.)

"There are very few gluten-

toods.)
"There are very few glutenfree pizzas out there that taste
great," Jacobs says. "We consider our gluten-free pizza the
best on the market."

Beyond wanting to offer the best options possible for his customers and beyond addressing the population's needs (researchers believe nearly 1 in 100 Americans are gluten-intolerant, while many more don't know they are), Jacobs also discovered nearly five years ago some intolerfive years ago some intoler-ances related to his own health that also were the impetus for



Buddy's owner, Robert Jacobs.

offering foods for those with

offering foods for those with allergies.

"I am very sensitive to food and have been watching what I eat more closely these days," says Jacobs, who was diagnosed with Guillain-Barré syndrome, an autoimmune disorder affecting the peripheral nervous system, usually triggered by an acute infection.
"When I learned of this syndrome I told myself, 'Everything will be OK, and I'll do what I have to do to get through it.' I was tough."
The trim, fit and energetic Jacobs insists that Buddy's always has made healthy fare.
"Healthy food is not a revelation. It's not like I got sick and changed. It's more like I'm more in tune with mine and others' specific dietary needs now," he says, while enjoying a Caesar salad (without croutons) at the restaurant's "mother ship" location in Farmington Hills.

One of Jacobs' fitness trainers is a celiac (a person allergic wheat and gluten) and shed even more light on living gluten-free.

#### YOGA STUDENT

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Besides a healthy diet,
Jacobs also practices yoga
three times a week.
"In my yoga training, the
instructor will say, 'Go to
your edge and relax.' It helps
immensely,' says Jacobs, who,
with his bald head and lean
physique, would make an
excellent yogi extra in a movie
"I've been learning to slow
down."

down."
Working out is also part of his daily regime. "It's a way of life," Jacobs says. "My nervou system is still not what it was but it's so much better due to

but it's so much better une co-exercise."

He also enjoys traveling, vis-iting museums, collecting art, reading and sports.

Jacobs reflects about the quality of his life as he does a good pizza. The more pure, the better, he believes.

"The secret to good pizza is quality with a lot of TLC and consistency," he says. Using Wisconsin, brick-style cheese, which melts well, helps too.
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make things fresh every day and we don't cut corners." Quality comes in the way of a delicious salad dressing as well. The antipasto salad, for example, is a big seller due in part to its dressing." We do a great job with the dressing," he says, adding that the mix-

ture features a spiced red wine vinegar and oil. Of course, he won't say what type of spice. Nor will he reveal exactly what makes Buddy's popular chicken strips so light and crispy. Other men favorites include the minestrone soup and the brownie with vanilla ice cream and Sander's hot fudge.

Jacobs notes that the company is always looking to improve and expand offerings. Recently, it initiated a food-shipping program.

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As for community involve-ment, Jacobs and his busi-ness are always participating in several programs at once.
Years ago, he began work with the Capuchin Soup Kitchen of Detroit, just as his father did.

"Since our success is based on food, it seemed natural to help others with food." Since 1977, Buddy's Pizza has donat-ed more than \$1.2 million to the soup kitchen through its "Slice For Life" benefit.

Jacobs also is involved with pro-grams at the Detroit Institute of Arts, The Henry Ford, the Detroit

Zoo, Beaumont Hospitals, the Cleveland Clinic, U-M, Karmanos Cancer Institute, Michigan, Jewish Sports Foundation (as was his father) and more.

This year, the Michigan Restaurant Association named Buddy's a co-winner for the Restaurant Neighbor Award, a national program established by the National Restaurant Association to honor and recognize restaurant operators who go above and beyond in supporting their communities. Speaking of supporting the community, Jacobs, a big sports fan, offers a special program that pertains to the Detroit Lions.

"If the Lions score 31 points, those at the game can bring in their tickets for a free cheese pizza," he explains the day after the Lions' huge win against the St. Louis Rams. On that day, a total of 120 people so far had come in after the game to claim their cheesy prize. The giveaway program mixes his commitment to sports with his passion for pizza and community support.



# With GM, don't let emotions sway investment decision

Q: Dear Rick: I read your column a couple weeks ago about General Motors stock sale. I disagree with you and believe that GM stock is as close to a sure thing as you can get. GM is producing better quality cars and the fact that they have lowered their costs is all good news for the company. I think in light of these facts, along with the fact that a successful General Motors is good for Michigan, you should recommend the new stock.

A: I agree that GM is producing better quality cars. There is a national consensus that the quality of GM cars has improved. You are also correct that GM has gotten a better hold on costs. The company has reduced labor costs and that certainly will help the bottom line. However, even though I agree with you on these issues and that a successful General Motors would be great for Michigan, I still cannot recommend the initial public offering at this point in time.

As I mentioned in my previous article, emotions can

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As I mentioned in my previous article, emotions can
not enter into the equation. I
believe that when it comes to
recommending an investment,
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relevant factor.

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As a Michigan resident, I would love for GM to regain its financial strength. I want GM



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to happen is irrelevant when making an investment

when making an investment decision. When I consider an investment, I follow a series of guidelines. I recognize these guidelines are not perfect and I may miss an opportunity. However, the guidelines factor into the decision-making process the importance of risk management for all investors. I am willing to give up an occasional winner to protect myself from the all to of frequent loser. I like an investment that has been around with a track record and that's not General Motors. The GM which was once the largest corporation in the world no longer exists. The GM of today is made up of many of the same elements as the old General Motors but it is a new company. It has new management and a new evolving culture. Because it is a new company with a limited track record, I can't recommend the IPO for the new GM.

I have found that my guide-

I have found that my guide lines smooth out the roller

coaster ride thus, reducing the emotional swing that all too often leads investors to make bad investment decisions. I also received a letter from a reader who said all of us in Michigan should be buying General Motors Stock as a sign of support. While I do think that is a nice gesture, my job as an investment adviser is to make sound decisions for my clients.

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Buying General Motors
Stock as a sign of support is a symbolic gesture, however, it is not an investment. That doesn't mean you want to lose money rather it means that making money is not your primary goal. Of course, when it comes to showing support and loyalty, the gesture should go both ways. I only hope corporations show loyalty to their shareholders.
Investors need to focus

shareholders.
Investors need to focus and remember why they are investing money. It may not be politically correct to say, but as investors the focus is the return on investment. That should always be the primary objective when investing your hard-earned money.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric reade can submit questions at moneymat ters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com



Makayla McCoskey of Farmington Hills was recently named America's Thanksgiving Parade Que the Princess Fairytale Float during the 84th America's Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit.

# No injuries in Canton house fire

No one was injured Friday when a Canton home sus-tained significant damage from a fire. Canton Public Safety offi-cials got the call around 12:30 a.m., a 911 call of a house fire in the 42000 block of Greenwood.

Both fire and police units

occupants had exited the structure. In full turnout gear and self-contained breathing apparatus, firefighters entered the building and found heavy

smoke and fire in the base-ment. The fire was extin-guished using two 1¾ inch hose lines

Public safety officials said the cause of the fire is cur-rently under investigation. No injuries were reported, but there was significant damage to the structure, officials said.

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# Teen is Thanksgiving parade queen

This Thanksgiving Day,
Makayla McCoskey will break
one of her favorite holiday traditions. But that's okay.
Rather than watching the
84th America's Thanksgiving
Parade on television,
McCoskey of Farmington Hills
will be in the parade, waving
to the crowd from the Princess
Fairytale Float.
"I was shocked! I was
not expecting it at all," said
McCoskey, 17, referring to
the announcement that she
had been named America's
Thanksgiving Parade Queen.
McCoskey, who plans to be
a neurogeneticist, received a
\$1,500 scholarship to be used
at a college of her choice. The
University of Michigan tops
her list.
According to Tony Michaels,

Parade Company, the scholarship was developed "to recognize women who invest their time in their community, perform well in the classroom and have knowledge of our great Detroit traditions."

"To graduate with a 4.0 is my biggest goal right now," said the senior from North Farmington High School.
Theatre, the National Honor Society, student government, the Farmington Hills Mayor's Youth Council, and Reverse Mentoring, a program McCoskey co-founded where students tutor older adults in current technology, keep the energetic teen busy.

The role of queen, McCoskey said, "means much more (to me) than just a crown, banner and riding on the Princess Float. It provides a wonderful opportunity to be a positive role model and to get involved in numerous community out-

reach events."

McCoskey is especially excited about the opportunity to throw out the first pitch at a baseball game next season. She will also make appearances at the VIP Rooftop Party, a fund-raiser for The Parade Company, and the Target Fireworks.

On parade day a pink-

Company, and the Target Firreworks.

On parade day, a pink-speckled float will inch along Woodward Avenue with the newly crowned queen and her court aboard. Waving from the grandstands will be the queen's parents, Walter and Julie McCoskey, and her sister, Monica, 14.

It doesn't matter if you watch the parade in person or on television, said McCoskey. For her, the parade "allows everyone to come together, forget about their daily struggles, celebrate their blessings, and enjoy a magical, fun-filled experience."



# Halloween event aimed to end Lions' curse

An event was held Halloween
Night to help "break the curse"
of the Detroit Lions.
But even planning the event
must have had an impact
because, earlier that day, the
Lions defeated the Washington
Redskins. It was the Lions'
second win of the season as
quarterback Matthew Stafford
returned to the lineup.
That evening, restaurant staffers dressed up in
Halloween costumes. The
event, organized by a member
of the band performing at the
restaurant, featured music, a
palm reader and even a "priest"
who showed up to deliver the
Lions from the curse.
"We had about 100 people
here and everybody enjoyed
it," said John DeAngelis,
manager at Zorritos Mexican
Restaurant and Cantina on
Plymouth Road.
The event was the brainchild
of band member Eddie Cooper.

Plymouth Road.

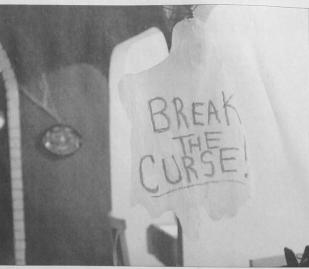
The event was the brainchild of band member Eddie Cooper.

"It was his idea to break the curse," DeAngelis said. The restaurant, the former site of Draft, changed to a Mexican menu in January.

The restaurant has more plans for holiday activities and promotions, DeAngelis said.

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# Miss Farmington aims to strike out hunger with local event

Miss Farmington Jenny Fernandez wants to strike out hunger, literally.

The Harrison High School senior is excited to invite the community to a special fund-raiser, Helping Hungry Hands, a bowling and vendor event to benefit Gleaners Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan.

The event is set for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River, near Drake, in Farmington Hills.

A \$20 donation includes three games of bowling, shoes, pizza and pop. Anyone who brings canned goods will receive one free game of bowling with the donation.

The event will also feature an auction, a raffle and a chance to do some holiday'shopping at a variety of vendor tables that will be set up.

Fernandez said she's thrilled to be able to host the fund-raiser to help her Miss Farmington platform.

"I am thrilled, 'she's said. 'It's amazing, (Geno Grabinski, assistant general manager at Drakeshire Lanes) knows how passionate I am about ending

hunger.
She's excited for her friends, family and the entire community to come together for a great afternoon to benefit the cause. "It's going to be a lot of fun," she said. "They'll see people they know, and they'll get to help feed their neighbors, because it's all staying in Oakland County."
Grabinski said he thought of the fund-raiser idea when he was a judge at the Miss Farmington pageant in July.
"Jenny was talking about wanting to feed the hungry, and I thought maybe we could do a bowl-athon," he said. "We're looking to have a great turnout that day."
Fernandez's friends are already supporting the cause. They brought bags of canned goods to the bouling alley this week.
"I know Jenny has been talking about this for a long time," said Allie Voigt, a senior at Farmington High School. "It's important for me. I'm very excited, it should be a good time."
For more information about the event, call (248) 417-6362.



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# Canton's playoff run ends in OT

Canton played "rope-a-dope" for 80 minutes Wednesday with No. 1-ranked East Kentwood in the Division 1 boys soccer semifinal at Holt.

Extra effort by junior forward Mitch Posuniak resulted in a Canton tally just 4:40 into the second half to make it 1-1. And, with a little more luck around the East Kentwood goal during an outstanding second half, the Chiefs would have snapped a 1-1 tie and earned a trip to the finals.

But East Kentwood's relentless offensive frepower proved too much as the Falcons scored three OT goals for a 4-1 victory. Canton (20-4-2) held on for a while in overtime, as the field was tilted toward Chiefs' senior goalkeeper Brandon Laabs.

"They are unstoppable, they just play one-touch and their guys, some of them have so many moves it's just too hard to stop them," said Laabs, whose 12 shutouts played a major role in Canton's excellent season. "We did very good in regulation, but in overtime they just kept coming."

In past seasons, Nermin Crnkic's tie-breaking goal at 6,05 of OT would have finished the contest. But under new MHSAA rules, soccer overtimes are comprised of two, 10-minute periods regardless of how many goals are scored.

The Falcons sealed the deal with anticlimactic markers by Dzenan Catic (with 10 seconds to go in the first OT) and Dino Duratovic in the second extra

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# SHOCK



With Plymouth's stunning 17-7 victory over Canton official, Wildcats' junior quarterback Shaun Austin (No. 8) and junior lineman Tyler Goble celebrate Behind Goble is senior Brennen Beyer (No. 7).

# Fired-up Plymouth defense stuns top-ranked Chiefs

Nobody except the football players in silver and white would have believed it possible a couple of hours earlier? Plymouth rudely pulled the championship carpet from under the cleats of their rival Canton Chiefs.

Featuring a snarling defensive mojo and just enough offense, the Wildcats upset the No. 1-ranked Chiefs 17-7 Friday night in a Division 1 district final at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

After junior quarterback Shaun Austin took the final

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Shocked and dejected, Canton's Matt Gunnis (No. 54) and Tyler Kinloch watch as Plymouth players celebrate Friday's 17-7 win in the district finals

# GIRLS VOLLEYBALL DISTRICT FINALS

# Salem comes up short

BY CHRIS JACKETT

CORRESPONDENT

Two close losses deflated Salem's volleyball squad Thursday, allowing Novi to sweep up the pieces and claim a fourth-straight district championship.

The No. 7 Wildcats (42-4-1) edged No. 26 Salem 25-23, 26-24, 25-13 on Northville's court, ending Salem's season at 30-9-3.

Although the Rocks never had a lead in the first game, they came out of a timeout down 13-8 and tied the score at 17. Several errors by Novi's offense offset the solid combination Novi senior Laura Subject (33 assists) and junior Victoria Rose (10 kills) created, allowing Salem to tie the score at 23.

been a force for us all season. She gets better and better every game."
With the score tied, Subject connected with Rose for another kill and senior Erin Hoomaian (27 receptions, 18 digs) saved a ball from going out the back end of the court, allowing senior Erica Robb (15 kills) to get her slow start going with a 180-degree volley that landed in the center of Salem's zone where there was a hole, giving Novi a 25-23 victory in the first game. Salem seniors Nicole Merget (9 kills) and Jillian Sommerville (7 kills) dominated the second game as the teams traded the lead 11 times and Rose continued with kill after kill for Novi. "They're our go-to players." Salem assistant coach Kelly Jascot said of Merget and Sommerville. "They did well and played their hearts out. They did step up."



# PCA stops Warriors

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After Plymouth Christian defeated host Lutheran Westland in Thursday night's Class D volleyball district final, the victorious Eagles hugged each other and hoisted the championship trophy. PCA (26-9-2) earned the hardware thanks to a 25-18, 25-23, 25-17 triumph which lifted the Eagles into the regionals.

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The Warriors watched, then walked off the court with their eyes downcast — Lutheran Westland finally lost in the districts, ending a hot streak of

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## SIDELINES

#### That's it for Wildcats

That's it for Wildcats

Plymouth's varsity volleyball team knew it had a
tough assignment anyway,
going up against favored Novi
in Wednesday's Division I district semifinal at Northville.

But the Wildcats found out
they would have to take the
court without their starting
libero, senior Mariah Tesarz,
who had an emergency
appendectomy, head coach
Kelly McCausland said.

Although Novi swept
Plymouth 25-17, 25-15, 2520 and eventually won the
district title the next night
against Salem, McCausland
said "The girls rose to the
occasion anyway" without
Tesarz availabe.

"Junior Tayler Pastor
stepped in to take the position and she did amazing
with 30 digs," the coach said.
"Kayla Bridge also had a solid
night with seven kills and 18
digs."
Other solid efforts were

night where solid efforts were turned in by Dani Risi (eight kills), Shayla Smalls (1) assists) and Jess Scott (14 assists). Plymouth finished with an overall record of 21-13-4.

#### MU spikers win

Junior Megan Fricke's double-double-double-carried the Madonna University women's volleyball team to a 25-18, 25-8, 25-21 triumph Thursday against host Cornerstone University at Mol Arena in Grand Rapids.

Fricke finished with 14 kills and 13 digs as MU locked up second place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Liz Dempsey (Livonia Franklin) chipped in with 13 digs and eight kills, while Karie Altman contributed 10 kills as the Crusaders wound up 14-2 in the WHAC.

Setter Evia Prieditis also handed out 30 assist-to-kills, while Amanda Koszela finished with 13 digs.

Cornerstone falls to 15-24 overall and 6-10 in the WHAC.

The Crusaders, who improved to 29-8 overall, receive a first-round bye and will begin the WHAC playoffs Friday in Fort Wayne, Ind., where first-place Indiana Tech will be the host.

MU, the second seed, will face the winner of Tuesday's quarterfinal match between Aquinas College and Cornerstone.

#### Ocelots stay alive

Ocelots stay alive
It took five sets, but
the Schoolcraft College
women's volleyball team
outlasted Columbus State
(Ohio) Community College
in the quarterfinal round of
the NJCAA Division II District
E Tournament Grand Rapids
CC's Ford Fieldhouse.
The Lady Ocelots improved
to 21-13 overall with a 23-25,
25-19, 22-25, 25-22, 15-13 win
and moved into Saturday's
semifinal against top seed
Oakland CC (40-5).

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# Two Eagles soar into D4 state meet SHOCKER

Hot on the heels of a fine, fifth-place finish in their conference meet, Plymouth Christian Academy's boys cross country team is sending two representatives to this weekend's Division 4 state finals.

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Sophomores Jimmy Parks
and Trevor Baloga qualified
thanks to excellent performances Oct. 30 at the D4
regionals at Willow Metropark
in New Boston.

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Parks finished seventh with
a time of 18-minutes, 33.81seconds while Baloga's time
of 18:36.92 earned him ninth
place and a trip with Parks to
Brooklyn for Saturday's chamstooship run.

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Plymouth Christian's Jimmy Parks (No. 57) and Trevor Baloga (No. 54) stay in front of the competition during the Oct. 30 Division 4 boys cross country regionals at Willow Metropark. Parks and Baloga finished seventh and ninth respectively, qualifying for Saturday's state finals.

20:24.25), sophomore Steven Zomermaand (31st, a personal best time of 20:39,83), sopho-mores Jacob Nichols (34th, 20:49.05) and Ian Rose (43rd, 21:22.09). Plymouth Christian finished fourth in the team stand-ings. They accumulated 81 points and trailed first place Lutheran Westland (38),

Sand Creek (61) and Newport Lutheran South (74). Meanwhile, the Eagles placed fifth overall at the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference meet earlier last month with Parks named to the All-MIAC team (he finished fifth, 18:08.2).

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Plymouth's second-ever play-off win (the Wildcats defeated Saline on Oct. 30) was 'so muc-sweeter' than the first one. "We're district champs, we beat our rivals," he said, before rejoining the celebration. "It couldn't get any better right now."

#### ANSWERING THE CHALLENGE

Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk's team (9-2) will face either Novi-Detroit Catholic Central or Northville next Friday or Saturday. But for nov it was time to savor a monume

tal win.

"I thought the defense played their hearts out," Sawchuk said.
"Those kids, I challenged them all week. Canton is the number one-ranked team in the state right now and they're going to come at you like they do every week, every game.

ngnt now and they're going to come at you like they do every week, every game. "And you'd better match their toughness. Because if you don't, it's going to be a long night." Sawchuk said the win was special for reasons beyond the obvious. Two defensive leaders (linebacker Tony Rhodes and defensive back Adedamola Adebiy) missed the game due to injuries, enabling several others to step in — such as sophomore Nate Emminger, who made six tackles, had a key interception and scored the night's first TD on a 6-yard pass from Austin. "We had Faris Abraham, and Phil Schultz and a young JV guy came in, Stefan Turrentine, they came in and did an awe-some job," Sawchuk said, "(and Emminger), he's just a football player, man."

The Chiefs, meanwhile, must have thought what was hapnen-

The Chiefs, meanwhile, must have thought what was happen-ing wasn't real. They had been favored by many to roll into the D-1 finals, set for Nov. 27 at Ford Field in Detroit. They bur-Ford Field in Deurosa ied opponents every week with quick-strike offense and punish ing 'D.' "Our defense played well



Charging ahead for a few more yards Friday night is Plymouth senior tailback Donte Fox (No. 5), who escapes the grasp of Canton senior Jeff Straub (No. 31). At right for the Chiefs is senior Ben Poirier (No. 60).

enough for us to win," Canton head coach Tim Baechler said moments after he and his play-ers had to watch the Wildcats hoist a trophy they had planned

on winning.

"It's a fickle time of year," he said. "We talk about mistakes, and I can't believe how many penalties we had. We couldn't

"But credit Plymouth, they had an absolute peak perfor-mance tonight."

#### BIG MISCUES

The Chiefs, who finished 10-1, still outgained Plymouth by a 236-182 margin. But there were too many glaring mistakes to

too many glaring mistakes to overcome.

After Plymouth scored in the first quarter on a 6-yard TD strike from Austin to a wide-open Emminger, the Chiefs could have answered just three plays later.

But senior back Davion Stackhouse couldn't reel in an over-the-middle pass from senior quarterback Ben Merbler that probably would have made it a 7-7 game.

the Plymouth 30-yard line with about 6:30 to go in the first half, stopping a promising drive. In the third quarter and the score still 7-0, Merbler fumbled a fake handoff near midfield that Plymouth senior Donte Fox scooped up and raced 51 yards into the end zone to double the Wildcats' lead. "I was trying to get outside and make something happen," Merbler said. "I just didn't take care of the ball. We didn't take care of th

#### GLIMPSE OF HOPE

GLIMPSE OF HOPE
Plymouth's defense finally
made a mistake that Canton
capitalized on with 29 seconds
to go in the first half.
Sawchuk blamed blown coverage for a 27-yard touchdown
pass from Merbler to senior
back Kevin Buford (169 all-purpose yards, including returns) in
the front left corner of the end
zone.

zone. In the second half, the only scoring came on a 45-yard field goal by Plymouth senior Kyle Brindza with six minutes left in

goal by Tymoutines left in the third.

Barchler said the Chiefs kept stumbling in attempts to rally, although he added that Plymouth's speed on the defensive line "caused some problem and they were getting off their blocks pretty well."

Another Plymouth contributor was senior running back Jerel Jenkins, who rushed 13 times for 65 yards.

Austin's favorite receiver was senior Jake Morris (5-58), including a 31-yarder.



Canton's varsity boys soccer team celebrates on Oct. 30 after winning the Division 1 regional championship at Dearborn Edsel Ford. The Chiefs then lost an overtime heartbreaker to No. 1-ranked East Kentwood in the semifinal

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

YMCA youth programs

and social interaction through sports instruction.
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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. 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.ymcadetroit. org.

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#### ANOTHER LEVEL

ANOTHER LEVEL

"They have an amazing team," said Canton head coach George Tomasso, goalkeeper on the Chiefs' 1994 state championship team. "They have a lethal strike, they're very deadly at times. It's not just one, it comes in multiples."

Tomasso added that East Kentwood "hit another level of ball control" in overtime. "Their pace skyrocketed."

East Kentwood head coach John Conlon, whose teams won the state title in 2007 and 2008, said he was slightly concerned because of the way Canton defended his many playmakers in the second half.

"I thought once we got our legs under us and got into the overtime, had a little break, I thought we'd be all right," he said.

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said.

There might have been some frustration building on the East Kentwood sidelines during the latter stages of the second half, however.

Laabs and Canton's sparkling defense held off the Falcons as long as possible. With about seven minutes to go in regulation, a sliding tackle by senior midfielder Sean Balnaves denied onrushing Crnkic from zeroing in on Laabs.

A few minutes later, Laabs

But the Chiefs could not put anything together to test East Kentwood goalkeeper Ryan Warsen and the Falcons finally broke through.

Crnkic took control of the ball in front of Laabs, then spun himself around before drilling his shot from about eight yards into the goal.

'I was just trying to react as best as I could," Laabs added.

'But I just couldn't really get to it in time."

East Kentwood came out firing to begin the evening, and nearly scored just 2:30 into the game when Alec Goorhouse ripped a shot from the left side of the goal box.

Laabs got a piece of it, and Canton junior defender, Connor Furgason (outstanding throughout) cleared the ball

Connor Furgason (outstandir throughout) cleared the ball away as it dribbled along the goal line.

goal line.

Then, at 25:34 of the first half, junior defender Tyler Winningham was yellow-carded after a collision with

carded after a collision with Duratovic.

Not having the solid player helping out in front of Laabs for 10 minutes proved crucial Just over three minutes later, Catic's sharp-angle shot from the right flank banked in off the left post.

BACK TO EVEN

However, the Chiefs rebooted during intermission and didn't take long to even things

Sophomore forward Bobby Budlong's throw-in started a sequence that ended with Posuniak's goal.

After taking a pass from some forward Phil Baciak, Posuniak hit the post but got the rebound and rammed the ball inside the right post. But although a couple headers came close, the Chiefs couldn't again solve Warsen. "We kept our pressure going and we had opportunities," Tomasso said. "To have opportunities on a team like this is amazing. East kentwood is truly one of the best high school teams I've ever seen. To play with them for 80 minutes is rewarding as is."

Despite the loss, the Chiefs have plenty to look forward to in 2011.

"We haven't had a run like this since '98,' Tomasso said.
"Last year, when they were freshmen, sophomores and juniors they got to the regional final and they got one step further.

further.
"Our seniors had a great run this year, and this is great experience for our future players."
Junior midfielder Nathan Bergeson said the experience i's going to help us out a lot. We're going to know what to expect. We'll have to work harder, train harder to get back here."
East Kentwood's Conlon

back here."
East Kentwood's Conlon could see that happening.
"I think their sophomore and junior classes are fantastic," Conlon said. "They're going to be back here, I would be willing to bet."

# All-Area selections prove their net worth

FIRST-TEAM SINGLES
Aaron Zhang, Jr., Plymouth:
Zhang not only went 20-4 at
No. 1 singles for the Wildcats, he
became the first Plymouth player
to win a KLAA Kensington
Conference championship
and stands a strong chance to
become the school's first AllState representative.

"Aaron has combined some
natural skills as an athlete and
tennis player with his dedicated commitment and work
ethic to become the best player
in Plymouth High School history, said Wildcats' coach Tom
Kimball. There are times he hits
the ball so perfectly, and so hard,
that your jaw just drops."
Zhang, selected Plymouth's
MVP, set school marks for his
won-loss record and for reaching
the second round of the Division
Istate finals. He was the lone
performer from PlymouthCanton Educational Park to
advance to Midland.
Bad news for KLAA rivals:
Kimball said the junior "is fired
up to return again next year,"
when he will be team captain.
Stephen Payne, Jr., Liv. Franklin:
No. 1 singles player, finished 26-

when he will be team captain.
Stephen Payne, Jr., Liv. Franklin:
The junior captain, Franklin's
No. 1 singles player, finished 26-3 overall.
Payne, a first-team All-Observer pick last year, captured the Division 1 regional and three other tournaments while advancing to the MHSAA finals where he won his first-round match before falling to eventual state runner-up Joe Dube of Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.
Payne was also a semifinalist in the KLAA Kensington Conference Tourney.
"Stephen's improvement this year has been substantial," Franklin coach Dawn Fallu said of the All-State honoree.
"Opponents which gave Stephen trouble last year were no trouble his year - he came off with decisive wins."
"On and off the court he has."

Shown true grit, determination and leadership.
Walter Woods, Sr., Liv. Franklin:
Another repeat first-team All-Observer performer, Woods finished the year at 29-2 overall as he captured the KLAA Kensington Conference and Division 1 regional tournaments at No. 2 singles.
Woods also captured two tournaments and earned All-Livonia honors this fall.
The four-year letter winner

a junior.
At the MHSAA finals, Woods

At the MHSAA finals, Woods won his first-round match handily (6-1, 6-2) before taking eventual state champion and No. I seed Michael Dube of Novi-Detroit Catholic Central to three sets (6-2, 6-7, 6-0).

"His second-round match was truly the best of the entire season and probably of Walter's four-year career," Fallu said. "He truly showed his determination and drive after a few in-season tough three-set matches. Walter definitely finished his high."

Brock Foster, 5r., Salem: The second-year captain wrapped up a superb prep career, with an 18-2 record at No. 2 singles for the Rocks.

Head coach Bill Nelson said.

Brock 'demonstrated leadership on the tennis court as well as the classroom' with a 3.9 grade-point average and selection as a KLAA Scholar Athlete.

"He was a finalist in the KLAA tournament even after sustaining a sprained ankle and undergoing knee surgery last year," Nelson said.

One of Foster's top highlights was a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Brighton's Trevor Houston in a KLAA crossover matchup.

Ryan Hansz, Sr., Canton: The straw that stirred the drink for the KLAA South champion Chiefs, Hansz defeated all conference opponents at No. 1 singles except for Plymouth's Zhang.

The second-year All-Observer choice enjoyed big wins over Novi (in straight sets) and Grand Blane and advanced to the regionals but lost in the second round to the No. 1 seed.

Chiefs' cach Barb Lehmann said the senior's growth as a player the last two seasons has been 'due to his own commitment' off the court.

"He is a very focused player, dedicated and has a really keen sense of strategy," Lehmann said.

"He's very proud of what he's accomplished but he's also very humble:

John McOnald, Sr., Harrison.

McDonald was a four-year varsity singles player for the Hawks. He was a regional finalist and Division 2 state qualifier this year and last at No. 1 singles.

the state meet, losing to the No. 2 seed from East Lansing. "It has been a privilege and an honor to have coached John McDonald for the past four years," coach Joe Ludwig said. "He has dedicated himself to improving his game and has suc-ceeded.

improving his game and has succeeded.

"His attitude on and off the court is exemplary. Throughout his high school and USTA career, John McDonald has demonstrated the highest level of sportsmanship. He is an example for all rising tennis stars to emulate."

manship. He is an example for all rising tennis stars to emulate."

FIRST-TEAM DOUBLES

David Bur, Sr., George Paul, Sr., N.
Farmington: Playing No. 1 doubles for the Raiders in the highly competitive OAA Red Division. Bur and Paul compiled a 12-12 record and won a Division 2 regional championship in Oakland County.
"David and George did a great job this season," coach Whitney Wasielewski said. "We have a very tough schedule, and they held their own and were able to compete in every single match they played.
"They're hard workers and have been a part of the North Farmington program for four years. They brought a lot of experience and wisdom to this team.
"David and George played their hest tennis at the regional

years. They brought a lot of experience and wisdom to this team.

"David and George played their best tennis at the regional, where they were able to win the tournament, beating Rochester Adams in the final."

Josh Perrin, 57., Sott Devine, Sr., Salem: The senior tandem combined to go 12-2 this season at No. 1 doubles for the Rocks. They capped their year off by finishing second at the KLAA tournament.

Nelson lauded their exemplary work ethic and overall excellence as student-athletes. Both are KLAA Scholar Athletes who also excel for other Salem variity teams.

"Josh's work ethic was one of the many things that singled him out as an outstanding representative of Salem Tennis," said Nelson about Perrin, a twoyear captain.

Nelson said Devine "demonstrated a great work ethic and desire to improve his game by coming early and staying late."

Josh York, Sr., Paul Franchina, "Sr., U.S. Stewsnor. This dynamic duo repeated as first-team All-

#### **ALL-AREA TENNIS**

2010 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS TENNIS TEAM FIRST-TEAM SINGLES

FIRST-TEAM DOUBLES

SECOND-TEAM SINGLES

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Salem: Jacob Socti, Dion Walker;
Canton: Nirmal Pathak, Steve Price,
James Bodge, Loke Freeman, Plymouth
Matt Dwan; Churchill: Jalen Woods;
Franklin: Brandon Kozyn; Stevenson:
Josh Rochette, Yune Sabatini, John
Glenn: Mitch Dean, Carlo Tejado, Nik
Hubbard, Brett Huby; Garden City;
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Farmington: Max Kohl.

Observer performers from a year ago after posting a 26-5 record this fall.
York and Franchina were Division 1 regional, Monroe Classic, Stevenson Quad, Brighton Invitational, Spartan Invitational and Livonia City champions. They were also semifinalists in the KLAA Kensington Conference Tournament.
"They exhibited exemplary sportsmanship and were a very difficult team to beat," Stevenson coach Don McCathney said. "Josh and Paul were both great leaders and as seniors provided the team with great direction and kept their teammates focused."



Aaron Zhang Plymouth



Stephen Payne Franklin











David Bur N. Farmington









Scott Devine Salem







# CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 2010-4

# ARTICLE V. WASTEWATER DISCHARGE CONTROL

The City of Plymouth adopted Ordinance No. 2010-4 by second reading on Monday, November 2, 2010.

The entire ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's office, as well as on the City Website. The document can be viewed at the City Clerk's office during normal business hours of Monday thru Friday from 8:00am until 4:30pm.

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That's Plymouth Whalers goalie Scott Wedgewood (No. 29, left), posing with a young fan during Tuesday's Sticks and Pucks event at Compuware Arena.

# Kids 'vote' for Whalers

Plenty of youngsters didn't have school on Election Day so they voted for the Plymouth Whalers instead.

The Ontario Hockey League team gave Observerland parents an attractive option for their kids, especially those who happen to play hockey.

Youngsters enjoyed a free Sticks and Pucks session at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township, and later enjoyed a pizza party and autograph session with members of the Whalers.

Sticks and Pucks is more low-key than a normal hockey clinic anyway, and the kids got plenty of time to meet and interact with Whalers players — several who have already been drafted by National

Hockey League teams, such as goalie Scott Wedgewood. An example of the low-key approach of the day, Wedgewood didn't strap on his goalie pads for the interactive skate and instead donned a ball cap and carried a regular hockey stick instead of his usual goalie stick.

"It's hard to say who has more fun at Sticks and Pucks sessions, the skaters or the Whalers," said Natalie Shaver, Whalers sales and marketing administrator. "We've found many kids and their parents becoming repeat customers over the last few years, where they sign up and ask to skate with their favorite players. There's plenty of time for interaction and a fun time."

# VOLLEYBALL

HOLD IT

After allowing Salem to score four straight points, Novi called a timeout while up 18-17. When play resumed, the score-board read 18-18 and match officials declined requests from Novi's coaching staff to re-check the scores.

The Rocks used the mishap to build a 22-19 and 24-21 lead, looking to tie the match at one game apiece with just one more point. But the Wildcats had other plans, scoring four straight to win 26-24 after Subject set Robb up for two kills, senior Savannah Green earned a serving ace and Rose blocked a kill attempt by Merget.

"Salem is a very competitive team. Everything goes out the door when it's everyone's last game," Fisette said, adding, "I was never really worried. I believe in them so much. They don't tend to crack. This team can do it."

Merget got a kill out of the

don't tend to crack. This team can do it."

Merget got a kill out of the gates to give Salem a quick lead in the third game, but several Wildcats jumped in on the action and a few Rocks mistimed their hits as Novi took a 12-4 lead.

A timeout in midst of that streak didn't help Salem, as Subject faked a set and tapped the ball over the net after a long series of saves by both squads, giving Novi a 14-5 lead.

"That second game, when we were up 24-21 and we couldn't (close it out), that kind of deflated our energy and our momentum. It's hard to come back from a loss like that,"

said Jascot, who filled in for ineligible head coach Amanda Nies. "She missed the coach's meeting deadline by a couple days. I think the girls stepped it up, though. We didn't quit. We started off slow, but we picked it up." Salem tried to battle back in the final contest, but the Wildcats could taste victory when they took a 20-10 lead. Up 23-13, Novi senior Kaley Bowles narrowly got a kill in along the right sideline and then set up junior Lesley Harrington for a kill toward the core of Salem's defense, which shattered the Rocks and gave Novi another district championship with a 25-13 finale.

"All around, our seniors, in general, had great leadership throughout the season and in this tournament," Jascot said. Senior Kerstin Johnson added four kills for Salem, while senior Kerry MacDonald had 25 assists. Sophomore Abigail Dworzanin chipped in with two serving aces and junior Katie Vincent had four digs.

#### SALEM TOPS LIONS

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Meanwhile, the Rocks needed four sets on Wednesday to get past South Lyon in the district semifinals.

After losing the opener 20-25, Salem bounced back with 25-14, 25-14 and 25-21 wins.

Merget sparked the Rocks with 15 kills, seven digs and three aces. Other key Salem performers included Sommerville (11 kills, 5 blocks), Dworzanin (9 digs, 7 kills), MacDonald (35 assists) and senior Lauren Aschermann (5 digs, 3 aces).

# **DISTRICTS**

nine wins and four titles.

"I hate losing," said Warriors' head coach Kevin Wade. "We gave it a good effort. I told them it's OK to lose when you work as hard as you can, someone has to lose.
"It was a good match, we gave it everything we had but they're better than us."
The match was a back-andforth affair for most of the first two games, which might have bothered previous Plymouth Christian teams, said head coach Kelly Blackney.
That didn't happen
Thursday, with the team collectively shrugging off any hitting errors or defensive lapses along the way and ultimately taking it to the Warriors (17-25-4).

TOUGHING IT OUT

This whole season we've been working on our mental toughness," Blackney said.
"That's one of the things in years past that we've been kind of weak on.
"So finally, in our district when we're facing a tough opponent, we had to figure out what we were made of out there. We couldn't get away with just hitting the ball over, we had to be strategic in our placement. We had to be tough."

One of the key players for the Eagles, senior setter Brianna Harris (29 assists, five kills), said the team's mindset going into the night was to "definitely come out strong, maintain a lead and control the game."

That's how Game I started, with PCA going up 4-1 following a pair of spike kills from junior middle hitter Kristen Malcolm (I4 kills, 18 digs).
The Warriors didn't cave in, however, with a three-point service points, 26 digs) putting Lutheran Westland up 11-9.

service sting from Junion libero Taylor Wiemer (eight service points, 26 digs) putting Lutheran Westland up 11-9. But PCA freshman outside hitter Jennifer Malcolm's sideout made it 11-10 and gave junior outside hitter Amy Zinn (15 digs, eight kills) a chance to serve. A three-point surge followed, featuring an aggressive spike from the middle of the floor by senior libero Abby Bartes (18 digs). "She (Bartes) was really key," Blackney said. "She's always moving on defense and anticipating the ball."

Harris, likewise, charged

pating the ball."
Harris, likewise, charged in from the back for a nifty tip, helping PCA edge toward game point and senior middle hitter Folake Olojo (four kills) clinched the opener with a four-point run.
Game 2 was even closer than the first set, with a one-point differential much of the way.

No LATE RUN
Lutheran Westland actually barged ahead 18-15 thanks to four service points from junior Erica Killian (11 assists), with junior Amanda Terranella's perfectly placed tip accounting for one of those.

It was 20-19 for the Warriors when an official ruled that a Lutheran Westland kill attempt sailed long for a PCA point—although it looked as though an Eagle tipped the ball as it went over.

went over.
That evened the game and the Eagles finished it off on a spike by junior Sarah Howard (four kills) and tip by Kristen Malcolm.

Malcolm.
"Those calls happen," Wade
said. "We went back and forth.
... Our goal is to keep it close as
long as possible and make that
late run, and we just didn't do

Breaking open Game 3 for PCA was Harris, with a five-point service run (including an ace) to give the Eagles an 18-10 advantage.
Blackney said her team has a lot going for it entering Tuesday's regional opener at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes. The Eagles will face the winner of the Bloomfield Hills Roeper district.
"Kristen and Folake did a lot of good things up there (at the net) but we also had a good outside attack from Amy Zinn and a good right-side attack from Jenny Malcolm," the PCA coach stressed.

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Other top contributors for the Warriors included Terranella (seven kills, six blocks), freshman Leah Refenes (eight assists), junior Marisa Hahn (15 digs) and senior Alyssa Shirkey (nine digs). "We expended a lot of energy in the first two sets," Wade said. "And losing the second set made the biggest difference in the whole match. If we win the second set it's 1-1, they might be a little more tense.

"... I'm not saying we win the

"... I'm not saying we win the match, but you make it a lot more interesting rather than have them so loose and care-

free."
According to Wade, who in five seasons has compiled a record of 152-52-17 along with four appearances in the regional finals (and reaching the finals in 2008), the hope is the players coming back in 2011 will remember watching another team celebrate on their floor.

another team celebrate on their floor.

"We've got a good solid core coming back," Wade said. "I feel bad for the semiors, they put a lot of energy and effort into it and came up short. But in terms of underclassmen, they get to say 'OK, we lost, 'get them to think about this for a while."

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# **SIDELINES**

Altman high marks

Madonna University women's volleyball player Karie Altham (Taylor/ Allen Park Cabrini) has been named to the 2010 ESPN Academic All-District IV first team.

The junior biology major, who carries a 3.98 grade-point average, was the only student athlete from a member Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference institution to be selected and the only NAIA player on the first team.

Altman currently leads the WHAC with 457 total kills (3.7 per set), which places her 22nd among NAIA schools. She also ranks 17th in the nation in hitting percenfage (.369) and ranks third in the conference in total blocks (125).

#### Volleyball tryout

The Madonna University women's volleyball team will be hosting an open tryout for all unsigned high school seniors and junior college players at 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at the MU Activities Center. For more information or to confirm attendance, contact assistant coach Brian McClain at (248) 495-5307.

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# Holiday greetings

## Cards spread cheer and nonprofits' messages

Nonprofit organizations are gearing up for the holiday season by selling greeting cards that help raise awareness of their missions and funds for their causes. For the fifth year, Seedlings Braille Books for Children is selling 12 different greeting card designs in two sizes by Pumpernickel Press. Sixteen large cards per box cost \$18 and a box of 10 smaller cards is \$10. All designs are fine art embossed cards, made from premium grade, recycled paper, printed with agri-based inks and Made in the USA, including the packing material.

The proceeds from the sale of the cards help Seedlings provide high quality, low cost children's literature in braille to visually impaired children locally and around the world.

Cards are available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday at the Seedlings' office, 14151 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 427-8552 for directions and more information. Or visit www.seedlings.org/donate.php, for a look at all of its new card designs.

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Here's a sampling of other local nonprofit holiday cards:

• Michigan Humane Society Cards, by Skidmore Studio in Royal Oak, feature a cover illustration with a dog and cat at a warm, safe and loving home. The message inside says "May all your wishes come true this holiday season." The back of the card carries the MHS logo and message. Each box of 15 5- by 7-inch cards and 16 envelopes costs \$10.95 plus tax.

Buy cards from the MHS Shop Line at (800) 866-9189, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays



or from the online store at www.
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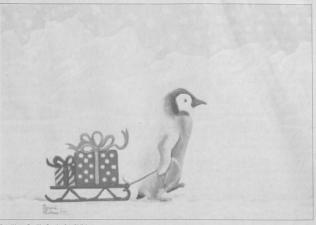
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Capuchin Soup Kitchen Christmas cards offer messages of peace and raise funds to help the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph continue its ministry to the needy in the Detroit area. Each of Its two soup kitchens serve approximately 2,000 hot meals daily. Approximately 300,000 pounds of food is distributed to families each month. Ten cards cost \$10 and 20 cards cost \$18. Visit www.cskdetroit.org to download an order form. Or e-mail questions to Stephanie Murray at smurray@cskdetroit.org. The Capuchin Soup Kitchen administrative office is at (313) 579-2100, Ext. 215.

• HAVEN

The 2010 HAVEN Holiday
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the message that reads: Warm
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# Boy Scout gives dogs a warm home

Matt McClintock likes dogs

pure and simple.

And he's pretty handy with a paint brush and saw.

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So, it was a natural choice for the Livonia resident to build and donate dog houses for his Eagle Scout project in Troop 271.
"I like to build things," said Matt, 13, an eighth grader at Holmes Middle School. "And I did it because I like dogs." After touring the Michigan Humane Society (MHS) to earn his dog care merit badge last year, Matt wrote a letter to the organization. It was part of a school assignment requiring students to write business letters.

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"They responded and that started the ball rolling," said his mom, Connie McClintock, adding that the tour helped raise his awareness of animal abuse." Matt wanted to do something for the dogs."

He collected bottles and cans to raise funds for the project and solicited local businesses for supplies. He also recruited other Scouts, a few adults — his dad, Vince, among them — to help with the hands-on construction from plans supplied by MHS.
"I'm thankful for the many donors that helped me with the project because I couldn't



Vince and Matt McClintock (left), along with Mike, Zac and Roger Cebulski, work on a doghouse together for Mat's Eagle Scout project.

have done it without them,"
Matt said.
H.A. Smith Lumber &
Hardware in Farmington Hills
discounted the wood and Ace
Hardware in Livonia donated

paint.
He and his helpers built six dog houses that MHS'
Animal Cruelty Investigation
Department will supply to out door canines in need of warm shelter this winter.
"They are awe some dog."

the root adheres to the struc-ture.

"The top is supposed to come off and has hinges, but we thought some accidents could happen, so we decided to make it slide into a slot," Matt explained. "It still comes off. We added some shingling and a drip edge."

The structure also is raised off the ground.

Matt previously helped his

off the ground.

Matt previously helped his dad build an extension on a barn and they built a prototype dog house that will stay in their backyard for "Patches."



#### **PET PROJECTS**

Matt received the Brittany Spaniel for his eighth birthday. "Tikke to throw a ball to patches and he likes to play with plastic bottles. I don't know why. I also like to go for walks with him."

Matt put in about 70 volunteer hours on the project. The team charted approximately 250 volunteer hours in total. A carpentry merit badge was incorporated into the work for those who helped out.

Matt must collect one more badge — in fitness, swimming, world citizenship or personal management — to attain his Eagle Scout rank.

He hopes to finish his requirements by the end of the year.

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owners.

The program is available by appointment to qualifying pet owners Monday-Friday at any of MHS' three veterinary centers, located in Detroit, Rochester Hills and Westland. Cost for sterilization surgery is \$35 per cat or kitten and includes age-appropriate vaccinations. For appointments and to confirm eligibility, call (248) 283-5655, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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For more information about

# Music, displays, speakers mark Veterans Day

A "Salute to Service" ceremony, recognizing military personnel in active duty and veterans will start at 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 11 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill,

Canton.

The event is free and will feature military memorabilia displays and live music by the Workman Elementary School Choir. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

Don J. Mooney, who is retired from

the U.S. Marine Corps, will give the key-note address. He enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve on June 23, 1948 and was assigned to B Company, 8th Infantry Battalion 2nd Division. Mooney will share first-hand accounts of how he landed at Inchon and faced the enemy forcing them back to Seoul, Korea and across the 38th parallel. Local Korean War veterans will offer their personal recollections through a video presentation.

The Michigan Military Moms will be on hand collecting items for service men and women who are currently serving overseas. The following items will be accepted at the event: beef Jerky and/or Slim Jim sticks from beef; individual cans of tuna fish; Ramen noodles, pudding cups, power/energy bars.

For more information on the Salute to Service call (734) 394-5460 or visit Cantonfun.org.

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NORTHVILLE
The Northville Christmas Market opens at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, with the annual illuminated Christmas Parade. It will run 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20 and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 on Main Street. The event will include 60 artisan and craft booths, free carousel rides, treats. Free admission. Visit www. michiganchristmasmarket.com.

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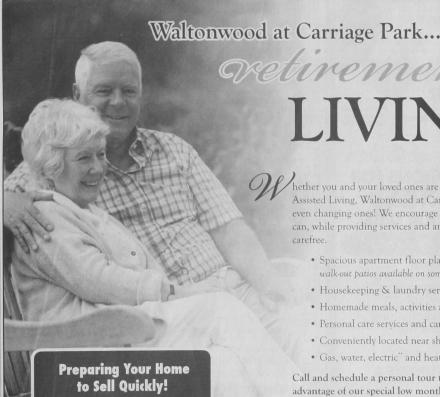
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Their workout complete, the women gather around the snack table. Fitness instructor Stella Schelske of South Lyon has joked with the women at Faith Covenant Church this morning about their workout, reminding them of Halloween candy they've recently eaten.

The weekly 'Faith, Fun & Fitness' sessions are Thursday morning at Faith Covenant Church at 14 Mile and Drake in Farmington Hills. The current session will wrap up soon with a Thanksgiving potluck, with the next session to start in January.

It's kind of like a Mother's Morning Out,' said church member Jean Jacquin of Farmington Hills. She likes that Faith, Fun & Fitness draws women of all backgrounds and ages, including young moms.

"They can come and have their children babysat," she said, adding one Japanese mom with young twins was grateful for the help at the church.

Jacquin began attending when the sessions started in the early 1980s. Her daughter was then 1. "She's now 30," Jacquin said with a smile.

"We also take walkers outside."

bers.

Each morning begins with roughly an hour of exercise, with aerobics done to Christian music, followed by snacks and a program. A recent program was on cake decorating, and Thursday, Nov. 4, Faye Buchan of Warren was the speaker.

'Tm showing how to do gift boxes with fresh flowers on too." Buchan said. "These are

top," Buchan said. "These are my examples here," she added,



ointing to festive and colorful

pointing to festive and colorate gift boxes. Just before Buchan began, the women focused on the 23rd Psalm's meaning, with some translation into Japanese. Keiko Olsen of Commerce Township was invited by originator Jan Larson, who now lives in California but visits Michigan in summers.

summers.
"With the winter weather the exercise is not built into your daily life," Olsen said. "This is one time

life, Olsen said. "This is one tim you're going to exercise." Olsen also likes the speak-ers. She's originally from Japan and has been in the U.S. for 19 years. She's attended the church program about eight years and is among women who volunteer at the Hills church in planning

at the Hills courch in planning-programs.

"We've got a lot of Japanese ladies," said Nancy Sjogren of Novi, one of several women who coordinate Faith, Fun & Fitness.

"A lot of expatriate familles," Sjogren said, noting others have come from Germany and other countries. "We've got an age-range- too.

range, too.
"You learn from each other,"
Sjogren said. "It's fun and interesting."

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The child care for preschoolers is helpful, said Sjogren, whose kids are 14, 12 and 8.

"Some of them used to come with me when they were younger," she said.

Additional information is available through the church office, (248) 661-9191. Jacquin noted the group starting in January generally goes through Easter time.

"It brings the ladies together,"

January generally goes through
Easter time.

"It brings the ladies together,"
added fitness instructor Schelske
who's in her fourth year teaching
at the church, "The whole bodymind-spirit health, what health
and fitness is all about."
Faith Covenant Church also
hosts a 10–11:30 a.m. Monday
Spotlight program which provides an environment where
non-native English speakers can
listen to English, practice speaking and form friendships.

There are nine women who
assist as conversation partners,
with six helping with child care.
The group of 25–30 is open to
both women and men. Sessions
of Spotlight are wrapping up, but
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Guest speaker

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School open house

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 Location: 10450 Joy, in Plymouth and 4101 E. Joy, in Ann Arbor Details: Both Spiritus Sanctus Sisters of Mary, Mother of the

Eucharist. The Academies place a priority on faith development along with a challenging and integrated curriculum. All of the Academy students are accepted into the Catholic high school of their choice Tour the campuses, talk with teach ers and students, and meet the

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NOV. 11-17

**Alternative Christmas** 

day, Nov. 13

Location: St. Fabian Parish, 32200 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills Details: Charities will sell items that can be used as gifts. All of the money goes to the charity itself. Hope Lutheran Church collaborates with the parish on the annual event Contact: (248) 553-4610

Anniversary dinner Time/Date: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday.

Details: Congregation B'nai Moshe

Composer festival Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Saturday

Location: Birmingham First United Methodist Church, 1589 Maple, between Southfield Road and Details: Gilbert Martin will lead

the festival choir of more than 100 voices performing his own works. Tickets are \$5 at the door Contact: (248) 646-1200

Day of Reflection

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Nov. 13 Location: St. Columban Parish, 1775 Melton, Birmingham Details: Widowed Friends presents a "Day of Reflection," with guest

a bay or Reflection, with guest speaker Edward Gray, author of "Essence of Grieving." A box lunch and beverage will be provided. Registration is \$15. Deadline for payment is Nov. 9 Contact: Rose at (586) 726-0844 or Shirley (248) 333-3284

Gift Bazaar

ime/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday

Location: Congregation B'na Moshe, 6800 Drake, south of Maple

West Bloomfield

Details: One-stop shopping for all of your gift needs for the holidays and other special occasions. Among the featured items are books, baby clothes, toys, doll clothes, arts and crafts, jewelry, women's wear, sweaters, hats and accessories, handbags, home decor, tax ports and more the second of the second tea pots, and more Contact: (248) 788-0600

Grief during holidays

Location: Faith Community Church

14560 Merriman, Livonia **Details:** GriefShare presents a program desiged to help those w

Contact: (313) 682-7491

Holiday Bazaar

Time/Date: 4-8 p.m., Nov. 12 and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 13 Location: Garden City Presbyterian

Location: Garden City Presbyteriar Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road, Garden City Details: Lots of booths, along with a cookie walk, Christmas boutique, and a silent auction. All-You-Can-

Eat turkey dinner served from 5-7 p.m. on Friday. Cost of the dinner is \$7 for adults, \$4 for kids 4-12, under 3 eat free. Lunch and snacks will be Contact: (734) 421-7620

Movie series Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov.

**Location**: The Corners: A Campus

Details "The Communities, 2075
Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield
Details: "The Commercialization of
Childhood" looks at the effects of
children's advertising on the health
and well-being of kids. Susan Linn,
director of the coalition Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood will lead a question and answer session after the film. Sponsored by Temple Shir Shalom's Preschool Free admission; babysitting avail

Pomegranate Guild

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14 Location: The community room of

**Details**: The group studies and creates Judaic needlework. At this meeting it will sew and stuff teddy bears for charity and finish projects for Special Olympics and

Contact: (248) 661-5337 Share the Bounty

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Nov. 12 Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia Details: The annual fund-raiser includes decadent sweets and chances to win handmade items and gift baskets for the benefit. proceeds will help approximately 15 families through the Salvation

Contact: (734) 464-0211

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. registration:

7:30 p.m. start, Nov. 12 Location: St. Damian Community Room, 30055 Joy, Westland Details: A night of fun playing

2340 or the parish office at (734) 421-6130

NOV. 18-DEC. 15

Santa Lucia breakfast

Time/Date: Saturday, Dec. 4 Location: Faith Covenant Church 35415 West 14 Mile, Farmington

Bills
Details: The event includes a breakfast, procession, performances by the St. Lucia choir and children's groups at the church. Tickets are \$10 each for the 7:25 a.m. seating and \$15 for the 10:55 a.m. or 12:40 p.m. seatings
Contact: (248) 788-7904

Concert

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Dec. 11 **Location**: Ward Presbyterian Evangelical Church, 40000 Six Mile,

Ensemble, along with area hand-bell choirs, will perform music of the Christmas season in this free

Contact: (248) 374-5969

Contact: (734) 425-5950

**ONGOING** 

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m.

Wednesdays Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414

**Details**: AWANA program for chi dren from kindergarten-fifth grade Contact: (248) 426-0096

Classes/study

Classes/study
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second
Monday of the month
Location: 34567 Seven Mile,
between Farmington and
Newburgh roads, Livonia
Details: Open Arms Bible class for
adults with developmental disabiliites and special needs. Includes

ties and special needs. Includes

Livonia Unity

and Friday Therapeutic Qigong

7-8:30 p.m.

Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

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## MARRIED IN AUGUST

Kaitlyn Elizabeth

Kaitlyn Elizabeth
Dickerman and Bradley
Brzezinski were married
Aug. 20, 2010 at St. John the
Baptist Catholic Church in
Ypsilanti. The Rev. Robert
Pietla officiated.
The bride, daughter of
Timothy and Nancy Roddy
of Plymouth, is a graduate of
Plymouth christian Academy
and Eastern Michigan
University: She teaches at
St. John's Catholic School in
Jackson.
The groom, son of Thomas

St. John's Catholic School in Jackson.

The groom, son of Thomas and Deborah Brzezinski of Brooklyn, is a graduate of Columbia Central High School, Michigan State University and Palmer College of Chiropractic. He is in practice at Plentz Chiropractic Clinic in Brooklyn.

Kristine Gough was Matron of Honor, and bridesmaids were Diana Rotondo, Kristen Porchia, Shelly Harney, Mary Kate Holland, Elizabeth Singer, Amy Silveus, and Charlene Jamula. Lydia Marano was the flower girl. Kevin Laverty was the Best Man and groomsmen were Jeremy Angott, Matthew Dickerman, Matthew Roddy,



Brzezinski-Dickerman

Brian Singer, Ryan Coppes, Ian Scott, and Chris Ristau. Ring bearers were Joseph Marano and Parker Gough. A dinner reception at The Inn of St. John in Plymouth followed the ceremony. The bride's aunt and uncle, Mark and Deborah Umlauf of Plymouth, hosted a brunch the following morning at their home.

The couple lives on Lake Columbia.

## **AUGUST 2011 WEDDING PLANNED**

Meghan Marie Smith and Joseph Michael Torres announce their engagement. The bride, daughter of Janet C. Goldner-Smith of Livonia and Richard Smith of Novi, plans to graduate in 2011 from Grand Valley State University with a bachelor's degree in nursing. Her fiancé, son of John and Christine Torres of Livonia, is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He currently is a student in economics at Grand Valley State University.

An August 2011 wedding is planned.



Smith-Torres

#### **60TH ANNIVERSARY**

Richard and Helen Peltz of Garden City celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Thursday, Nov. 4. They were married in 1950 at St. Johns Catholic Church in Dearborn Heights. Soon after they were married Richard left for duty in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper. Helen was a homemaker.

They have lived in the Same house in Carden City. Richard and Helen Peltz of Garden City on their wedding day.

They have lived in the same house in Garden City since 1955. They have three

children, Debbie (Rick) Baur Pam (Dan) Closser, and Jeff (Denise) Peltz. They also have 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. They celebrated their spe-cial day with a surprise anni versary dinner on Nov. 5..

#### MARRIED IN AUGUST

Clinton Kane and Sara
Niskanen were married Aug.
20, 2010 in Traverse City.
The bride, daughter of
Lauri and Karol Niskanen of
Farmington Hills, graduated
in 2001 from Farmington
High School. She earned a
bachelor's degree from Central
Michigan University and is
pursuing a master's degree
at Saginaw Valley State
University. She teaches physical education for Traverse City
Area Public Schools.
The groom, son of Steve
and Anna Kane of Traverse
City, graduated in 1996 from
Traverse City Central High
school. He is a sales representative for Lipari Foods.



The couple lives in Travers

#### **AUGUST BIRTH**

Hospital.
She weighed 8 pounds 7 ounces and measured 21.5 inches.
Proud parents are Amanda
Ruth and Chad Evan Campau
of Livenia

Proud parents are Allianus
Ruth and Chad Evan Campau
of Livonia.
Grandparents are Ronald and
Barbara Campau of Livonia, Sally Dimmer of Livonia, and Mike
and Carol Dimmer of Walled Lake.



# Park programs feature feathered friends

Birds, ducks and other fowl

Birds, ducks and other row take center stage this month at Huron-Clinton Metroparks this month.

Catch a glimpse of migrating waterfowl as they pass through Kensington Metropark in Milford. Bring binoculars to "Ducks on the Move," at 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 21, at the park's nature center. Spotting scopes will be available for closer viewing. The program is designed for ages 10 and older and costs \$2 per person. Preregistration required. Call (248) 685-6603.

Youngsters can explore wild turkeys through stories, hands-on objects and photos, at Turkeys & Tots, 11 a.m., Sunday, Nov., 21 at the activity center in Hudson Mills Metropark, 8801 N. Territorial in Dexter. They'll also make a fun Thanksgiving centerpiece. Fee: \$2 per child, adults are free. Preregistration is required. Call (734) 426-8211.

"Chickadee Chow-Down at 2 p.m. Nov. 26, gives visitors a chance to feed songbirds by hand along the nature trails at Kensington Nature Center in Milford. The park will provide the sunflower seeds for feeding. The program is free but preregistration is required at (248) 685-0603

Kensington's Nature Center also will offer a "Beaver Full Moon Walk" at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 and "Reptiles in the Lobby," at 2 p.m. Nov. 28.

Participants will discover the sights and sounds of the woods under the monlight during the guided night walk. The fee is \$2 per person. There is no fee for the reptile program that will introduce participants to some of the critters that make Kensington Nature Center their home. Preregistration is required for both programs at (248) 685-0603.

#### METROPARK CALENDAR

General: 2010 annual parking and boat launch permits are available at the park office. Vehicle entry per-mits are \$25; senior citizen \$15. Boat mits are 3.53, Senior citizen 515, Bot Jaunching permits are \$30; senior citizen \$15. The HCMA and Oakland County Parks permits, valid within both park systems, are \$48. Daily entry fee is \$4.

#### KENSINGTON

Park office at (248) 685-1561 or (800) 477-3178. The Nature Center office phone number is (248) 685-0603. Pre-registration required for programs and a \$2 fee per person

programs and a \$2 fee per person unless stated otherwise. Park hours are 6 a.m.-10 p.m. daily.

Webelos - Geologist: Saturday,
Nov. 13, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. All requirements for this badge will be met during this indoor/out-door program. Fee: \$5 per Scout.

Preregistration required.

Junior Girl Scouts - Rocks Rock:
Sunday, Nov. 14, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 14, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. all requirements for this badge will be met during this indoor/out-door program. Fee: \$5 per Scout. Preregistration required.

Leave No Trace Camping for Scouts: \$2 pt. 1 pm. A. Scouts:

Scouts: Saturday, Nov. 20, 1 p.m. All requirements for this badge will be met during this indoor/outdoor pro-gram. For ages 10 and older. Fee: \$5 per Scout. Preregistration required. Ducks on the Move: Sunday, Nov. 21, 2 p.m. Catch a glimpse of some migrating waterfowl as they pass through Kensington. Bring binocu-lars. Spotting scopes will be available for closer viewing. For ages 10 and older. Fee: \$2 per person. Preregistration required. Beaver Full Moon Walk: Sunday,

Nov. 21, 7 p.m. Discover the sights and sounds of the woods under moonlight on this guided walk. Fee: \$2 per person. Preregistration



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# Nov. 13 health fair marks Diabetes Day

The University of Michigan Comprehensive Diabetes Center will present its fourth annual U-M World Diabetes Day Health Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, 3200 Boardwalk, Ann

Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, 3200 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor.

All kinds of diabetes will be covered, including type 1, type 2, pre-diabetes and diabetes during pregnancy. A special emphasis will be placed on avoiding diabetes and/or its complications by maintaining a healthy lifestyle. This year, more interactive booths have been added, giving visitors a chance to participate in exercises, select fake food portions to "Rate Your Plate," and guess the sugar and fat content of foods and beverages.

Those who register in advance are eligible for door prizes, but walk-ins also are allowed. For advance registration by Nov. 10, visit www.med.umich.edu/diabetes/or contact (734) 763-0177 or diabetes@umich.edu.

At the U-M World Diabetes Day Health Fair, clinical and research professionals from the U-M Comprehensive Diabetes Center and the U-M Health System will provide the latest information on diabetes prevention and treatment, based on groundbreaking research at U-M.

In addition to the exhibits in the Michigan Ballroom and lobby, there will be two presentations in the Petit Room:

9:30 a.m.: "Diabetes Headlines: What Are People Talking About?" with Dr. Jennier Wyckoff, assistant professor of internal medicine and medical director of the U-M Health System's Adult Diabetes

U-M researchers looking for participants to join their clinical studies will be present to explain what their studies involve and who is eligible. For most studies, participants are paid after they successfully complete requirements. If applicable, study medications are provided at no charge as well. Many studies need healthy subjects to serve as 'controls,' as well as individuals with diabetes. For more information on clinical studies at U-M, visit www.umclinicalstudies.org.

Education Program

• 12:30 p.m.: "Mindful Eating & Diabetes" with Sacha Uelmen, director of the U-M Health Systems Adult Diabetes Education Program, Division of Metabolism, Endocrinology & Diabetes The health fair offers attendees the chance to talk one-on-one with U-M diabetes experts on such topics as food portion control, mindful eating, glucose monitoring, weight loss, sick days, nutrition and more.

Other U-M health professionals will offer information on the effects of diabetes on the eyes, kidneys, heart, and teethy gums.

gums.
Free blood glucose, cholesterol, and blood pressure screenings will be available. The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan also will offer kidney screen-

ings.
Free body-mass calculations and waist-to-hip ratios also will be available to assess obesity and determine the likelihood of developing type 2 diabetes. Diabetes medical supply and pharmaceutical companies will be on hand to display their latest products and to answer questings.

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Type 2 diabetes is on the rise in Michigan and the United States.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that the number of Americans diagnosed with diabetes increased 13.5 percent between 2005 and 2007. The American Diabetes Association estimates that 24 million children and adults in the U.S. currently live with diabetes - which represents about 8 percent of the population - and an additional 57 million people are at risk for type 2 diabetes, the most common type.

#### MEDICAL DATEROOK

#### **NOVEMBER**

Alzheimer's discussion

#### Diabetes support group

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will pres-ent "Seeing is Believing" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, in the hospital's auditorium. Participants will learn how to look for patterns in their blood sugar levels so that changes in diet, exercise and medications car be more effective in controlling their diabetes. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile; Livonia. (734) 655-8950

#### Baby basics

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St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer a class in infant care and breast-feeding from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 13, in classrooms 1 and 2 at the hospital, 36475 Five Milein Livonia. The class will teach the skills of feeding, bathing, diapering, skin care, soothing and safety. Participants should bring a stuffer animal or doll to use during a demination on how to hold the baby when breastfeeding. The fee is \$55 per couple. To register call (734) 655-1162 or visit stmarywnercy.org and click on "classes and events."

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#### Parkinson Foundation

#### Memory screening

#### **ONGOING**

#### Alzheimer's Association

# Learn about incontinence at 'Ladies Night'

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will present a program about bladder control issues for women Wednesday, Nov. 17, at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

The Ladies Night Out program, "A Woman's Little Secret – Women and Incontinence," will include blood pressure screenings, bone density screen-

ings, and massage from 5:30-7 p.m., and a speaker, Dr. John Frederick Harb, from 7-8:30 p.m. Harb is a urologist at St. Mary Mercy. He will discuss bladder control and the many different kinds of urinary incon-tinence, and will answer any questions in an "Ask the Doctor" format.

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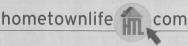




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Sunday, November 7, 2010

# Companies Hiring for the Holidays

Help

Wanted

Who's looking for seasonal workers Anthony Balderrama, CareerBuilder Writer

Bach year retail stores seem to put up holiday decorations earlier than the year before. One moment students are grabbing notebooks and glue bottles from the back-to-school displays, and the next an oversized inflatable turkey is advertising Thanksgiving decor.

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Although you might think that the store decorations and displays don't give you time to catch your breath between the summer and holiday season, don't forget that more action is going on behind the scenes. In November and December, shoppers spend money. Whether they're buying clothes or electronics or opening a new savings account because of a bank promotion, they have money and want to use it. To handle all of the extra traffic, companies hire new workers. And if you've ever looked for a job, you know the process takes a few weeks. You don't often apply for a job and get hired the same day. That's why companies begin their search for holiday workers in advance.

In other words, if you're thinking that a seasonal job sounds good for you, you should start looking right now. Whether you want some extra spending money or you'd like to get your foot in the door at a company, a seasonal job might be the right fit for you. To help you find the jobs hiring seasonal employees right now, we've put together the following list:

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Number of openings: 150
Sample job titles: Holiday designer, holiday decorator, holiday help

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al merchandisers ation: New York, Washingto , Boston, Los Angeles, Las Vegas

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Industry: Technology
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Location: Nationwide

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recruiter Location: Nationwide

Location: Nationwide
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Company/Sofa+Mart and
Oak Express: www.careerbuilder.com/
Jobs/Company/Oak+Express
Industry: Retail furniture
Number of openings: 100
Sample job titles: Sales manager trainee
Location: Nationwide
Red Ventures: www.careerbuilder.com/Jobs/

Red Ventures: www.careerbuilder.com/Jobs/ Company/Red+Ventures Industry: Online marketing and sales Number of openings: 300 Sample Job titles: Analyst, Web developer, sales

consultant Location: Charlotte and Miami

Ross Stores: www.careerbuilder.com/Jobs/ Company/Ross+Stores Industry: Retail Number of openings: 1,000 Sample job titles: District manager, store manager assistant store manager, store protection specialist

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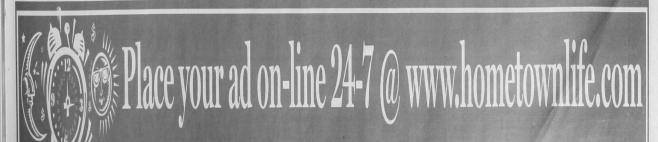
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