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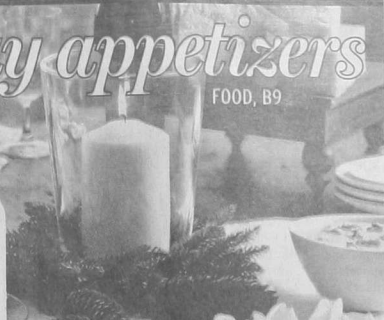
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### Scholar program

The Goddard School in Canton is calling out to all Goddard School alumni to let them know applications are being accepted for its annual \$10,000 Anthony A. Martino Memorial Scholarship.

The scholarship is given to one Goddard School alumnus each year and helps to finance the tuition of the college or university of the student's choice.

The Anthony A. Martino Memorial Scholarship is named in memory of the founder of The Goddard School, an entrepreneur who started several other well-known franchise companies including Amco, Transmissions Inc. and Maaco Auto Painting and Bodyworks Inc. According to Schumacher, Martino was a successful businessperson who worked his way up from humble beginnings to achieve success.

The application deadline for the Anthony A. Martino Memorial Scholarship is Feb. 11, 2011. Eligible applicants can access the scholarship application on Goddard's website at [www.goddardschool.com](http://www.goddardschool.com) under the Communication tab.

### Holiday help

The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit is currently accepting applications for Christmas assistance from residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Applications will be accepted now through Dec. 10.

In 2009, The Salvation Army provided 84,447 Christmas gifts to children and seniors. Plymouth-Canton families in need of assistance should contact the Plymouth Salvation Army Corps Community Center at (734) 453-5464.

The program is reserved for families with children, those with special needs and senior citizens. Applicants must bring a picture ID for each household adult, birth certificates for household children, a current utility bill, as well as proof of household income and expenses.

### Toy drive

The Canton Goodfellows are teaming up with Canton Leisure Services to collect gift items for needy families in the Canton community this holiday season. In an effort to brighten the holidays for Canton's neediest children during the holidays, donations of new and unwrapped toys are being collected through Dec. 10 at several Canton Leisure Services locations.

This year, area residents are encouraged to drop off holiday items to the following Canton Leisure Services facilities: Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway; The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road; and Canton Leisure Services offices, located in the Canton Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

For more information, call (734) 394-5360 or visit [www.cantongoodfellows.org](http://www.cantongoodfellows.org).

# Program keeps toxic waste from landfill

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton has kept 1.8 million pounds of toxic waste from reaching the township's landfill since 2002, according to statistics compiled by local officials who oversee a household hazardous waste collection program.

The findings come from a new report, released by Municipal Services Director Tim Faas, that centers on Canton's efforts to properly dispose of latex paint, flammable liquids, motor oil, electronic waste, propane, acro-

sols, mercury, pesticides, corrosives, lead-acid batteries, bio-medical waste and other potential pollutants.

"Should we not offer this service, all this stuff would end up in a landfill or stored indefinitely in residents' garages, sheds and basements," Faas said.

Instead, Canton collects the materials free of charge from local residents, who simply drop off their hazardous household waste the first Saturday after Labor Day at the township's Division of Public Works, on Sheldon south of Michigan Avenue.

Michigan-based Environmental

Quality Co. properly handles and recycles the waste as part of Canton's landfill host agreement with waste hauler Republic Services, Inc.

The eight-page report, released by Faas and provided to the Canton Township Board of Trustees, says "the township does not incur the cost" of collecting the hazardous household waste because of the contract with Republic.

Greg Pyle, the township's environmental services supervisor, coordinates much of the program. Residents who participate in the five-hour collection merely have to drive up to the

DPW site, remain in their vehicles and let scores of EQ workers take the materials with help from DPW employees, said Bob Belair, assistant township engineer.

"I would be surprised if anybody waited five minutes," Belair said.

A few years ago, local officials used to collect the materials at township hall — a situation they said created traffic bottlenecks along busy Canton Center Road due to the proximity to the municipal complex.

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## One way or another

Larry Krueger, who lives in a nearby subdivision, pedals over to Palmer and Canton Center to take a look at the progress made on the intersection. Drivers and residents have had to find ways through the intersection as construction crews have worked to finish the Canton Center widening project this season.

## New leisure director back to rec roots

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Returning to her recreation roots, longtime Canton Township employee Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz will become the township's new Leisure Services director in January, ascending to the top post of a vast department that has won national accolades and drawn praise from local residents.

Bilbrey-Honsowetz, who has served as Canton's economic development manager since spring of last year, will replace retiring Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin on Jan. 2.

"I'm very excited," Bilbrey-Honsowetz said Tuesday



Bilbrey-Honsowetz

her for the job.

Bilbrey-Honsowetz has spent the last 16 years of her 25-year parks and recreation career in Canton, starting in 1994 when she was hired as community center manager to supervise the construction and grand opening of the Summit on the Park — the township's premier recreation center. She later became rec-

reation and facilities manager and played a crucial role in long-term planning.

"She has a tremendous work ethic, she has a great rapport with people and she has excellent supervisory skills," LaJoy said Tuesday night. "She's a very smart lady, and she will do a great job as Leisure Services director."

Bilbrey-Honsowetz replaces Conklin, who for 10 years has headed a department that has about 60 full-time employees and nearly 300 seasonal or part-time workers.

Bilbrey-Honsowetz will oversee township amenities such as golf courses, local parks, the Summit on

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## Canton Muslims eye another worship center

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A proposed Canton Islamic Center, giving area Muslims another place to worship, could move a step closer within two weeks as the township's elected officials decide a special land use request for a site off Ford Road west of Canton Center.

Muslim leaders hope to convert a ranch house situated between two businesses — the Ford Road Auto Clinic and Canton Power Equipment — into an Islamic Center where no more than 50 people would gather for services.

The proposal comes as the growing Muslim Community of Western Suburbs, with a mosque and school on the northwest corner of Palmer and Lotz, seeks a second place in Canton where area Muslims can worship.

The Canton Township Board of Trustees is expected to decide a special land use request during its Nov. 23 meeting, following a 6-0 vote of support the Islamic Center received Nov. 1 from the local planning commission.

Some who work or live near the proposed site have indicated support for the project.

"I have no problem with it," auto clinic owner David Henneberry said on the night Islamic Center supporters

packed the planning commission meeting. "You guys are all neighbors, and there's going to be more neighbors it looks like. Just as long as we live together good and everything goes smooth, I have no problem with it."

However, some residents from nearby Cobblestone Ridge didn't appear as receptive to the plans.

"I have serious objections about how the traffic is going to work," resident Matthew Stacey said, suggesting the Islamic Center would be better suited in a commercial district.

Angela Wolosiewicz, township planner, said the project's conceptual plan includes a new bypass lane on the south side of Ford Road to allow traffic to go around vehicles waiting to turn into the Islamic Center on the north side of Ford. However, she said any required improvements would be dictated by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

In a separate matter, construction crews this summer already have been working to improve the nearby Ford-Beck intersection, though wider lanes don't stretch to the proposed Islamic Center site.

Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin, also a

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### Diaper drive

Last year the Canton Public Library netted over 17,000 diapers in a drive to help the Canton-based Detroit Area Diaper Bank. So many diapers, in fact, library staff remarked it would fill a truck.

So that's exactly what the library intends to do for the Nov. 17-18 "Stuff the Truck Diaper Drive." "Fat Chef in a Little Coat" owners Steve and David Hulett donated a truck and our director, Eva Davis, is camping out in it during the drive," said library spokesperson Laurie Golden. "Last year, we had a mountain of diapers. We are hoping for even more community support as the need is ongoing."

The drive is part of the Diaper Bank's larger goal of collecting 100,000 diapers by Thanksgiving. As Marybeth Levin, executive director and founder, explained, "The cost of diapers is not covered by WIC, food stamps and, in most circumstances, Medicare, and many in our community are in need. We partner with family services agencies, homeless shelters, domestic abuse shelters, food pantries, senior agencies and other human service agencies to support individuals and families in need."

The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center in Canton. For more information on the drive, call (734) 397-0999, Ext. 1078.

### Senior party



### Helping hand

High Velocity Sports Marketing Director Elaine Matthews (left) teams up with the Canton Newcomers Fund-raising Director Jessica Roland, Newcomer President Lisa Toole, and Treasurer Hollie Arnett to present the proceeds from a recent joint Mom 2 Mom sale to Nancy Spencer (center), President of the Canton Goodfellows. The Canton Goodfellows, 'No Canton Child Without a Christmas' is gearing up to provide over 450 Canton children gifts and their Christmas meal. To adopt a child or volunteer for a shift at the upcoming Canton Goodfellows Newspaper sale on Saturday December 4, 2010 call 734 397 8975 or e-mail Nancy at [johnnancysp@aol.com](mailto:johnnancysp@aol.com). To learn more about the social and charitable work of the Canton Newcomers, e-mail Noreen at [nrybar@yahoo.com](mailto:nrybar@yahoo.com), call 734 981 0486 or visit [www.cantonnewcomers.org](http://www.cantonnewcomers.org).

The P-CEP Senior All Night Party is planning their first fund-raiser 12:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at High Velocity Sports, 46245 Michigan Ave., in Canton.

You will be able to place orders and have the items delivered in time for the Holiday Gift Giving Season. Come shop with top companies such as Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Silpada, Lisa Sophia and more.

All money raised supports the 2011 Senior All Night Party.

### PCA auction

Plymouth Christian Academy invites the community to an "Under the Sea"-themed auction on Friday, Nov. 19, in the school gymnasium.

The evening begins with a silent auction and dinner at 5 p.m. and a live auction at 7 p.m. Bid on items such as a ride on the Red Wings Zamboni, a flight in a B-17 Flying Fortress, vacation packages, an Extreme Bedroom Makeover with a professional designer, electronics, dinners, services, and much more. Dress is casual and child care is available.

Proceeds from the auction will help fund educational programs, scholarships, and technology. Click on "PCA News" on the website ([www.plymouthchristian.org](http://www.plymouthchristian.org)) or call the office for more information, (734) 459-3505.

### 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.pcs.k12.mi.us/>

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\_addison@yahoo.com.

### 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, to Saturday, Nov. 20. From 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. kids from ages 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](http://www.Cantonfun.org) or call (734) 398-5570.

### Holiday workshops

Register now for all the

Holiday Workshops at D & M Art Studios in Canton.

The schedule starts with "All Day Paints" Friday, Nov. 26, (4 hours and 2 hours), with "Animals, Animals, Animals" then move into Christmas Kids Only Fine Art Gift Giving Workshops Dec. 18 and Dec. 23.

The studio holds a ceramic workshop Dec. 8, followed by after Christmas four-hour and two-hour Drawing and Painting Workshops Dec. 28-30.

For more information, call (734) 453-3710 or check the website at [www.dmartstudio.com](http://www.dmartstudio.com) for dates and times for regular fall classes, home school classes and workshops.

### 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; 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](http://Cantonfun.org) or call (734) 394-5460.

### Pom clinic

Youngsters ages 5-14 who would like to be a Junior Canton Chieftette can attend the Kids' PomPon Clinic sponsored by the Canton Varsity Chieftettes. 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, pompons 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 Varsity 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 Chieftette parents Nancy Rodgers at (734) 394-0699 or Karen Sundberg at (734) 394-1583 or e-mail [pomclinic@](mailto:pomclinic@)

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# Canton mom killed in crash was 'true friend' CENTER

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In July, heeding the call of her 32-year-old daughter, Pamela Lawson moved to Belleville from her home in Arkansas, where she'd lived for 20 years.

Stephanie Stone convinced her mother to come back to Michigan by telling her her six siblings "have had you for 20 years, now it's my turn to have you."

Lawson made the move, eager to have the time with her daughter and two grandchildren.

What she couldn't have known was how little time she was going to get. Stone died



Oct. 26 when a 34-year-old Ypsilanti man allegedly driving drunk ran a red light while traveling 70-80 mph and crashed into her car. The crash killed Stone, critically injured her 13-year-old son and left her 11-year-old daughter battered and bruised and calling for help.

"I got four months with her," a tearful Lawson said this week. "The first week (after the accident) I couldn't function, I couldn't do anything. I'd dial her phone number. I just miss her."

Police say Bradley Wayne Howard of Ypsilanti, a repeat drunken driver with a suspended license, was doing at least 70 mph when he ran a red light at Ecorse and Harris in Ypsilanti Township and crashed into the Ford Taurus driven by Stone, whose 13-year-old son, Brandon, was seat-belted into the front passenger seat. Her 11-year-old daughter, Savannah, was belted into the back seat — "Stephanie was very strict about seat belts," Lawson said — and suffered a variety of bruises, according to Lawson. Lawson said Savannah got



On the day she died, Stephanie Stone told co-workers how much fun she was having carving pumpkins with her children, Brandon and Savannah.

out of her mother's battered vehicle and gave her cell phone to someone to call relatives, at whose home the kids had stayed until Stone could pick them up after work. Lawson remembers getting the call and hurrying to the scene.

"They had the wreck covered with a sheet," Lawson said. "That's when I knew she was gone."

Stone's insistence on seat belts was very much in keeping with her personality, according to her mother. Lawson said Stone was a devoted daughter and a great friend, but most importantly, "she was a good mother."

She said Stone and her children loved taking nature walks, playing board games and doing a variety of other things, "as long as they could do them together."

The day she died, Stone had worked her job at the Canton Dairy Queen, where co-workers said she never complained about the daily checklist of tasks and simply went about the business of life.

"Before she left, she was talking about how much fun she was having carving pumpkins with her kids," said Donna Brancart, whose parents own the Dairy Queen. "Our memory of her is of always smiling and laughing.

She didn't take life too seriously, but at the same time she worked hard. She was just honest-to-goodness."

"Her life revolved around her kids," Lawson said. "She spent a lot of quality time with them. She was a true-at-heart mother. She was a friend to everyone she met. There was nothing bad you could say about her. She was a very caring, loving person. That's why it's so hard to accept what happened to her."

But accepting what happened is what Lawson is trying to do. It starts with burying her daughter, something the family hasn't done yet for a couple of reasons. Most importantly, Brandon is still in Mott Children's Hospital (he's expected to be released Tuesday or Wednesday).

But the family also doesn't have the money for a proper funeral, said Lawson, who said Stone's car carried only liability insurance, Howard had no insurance at all, and Stone carried no life insurance.

Lawson has created a memorial account at Key Bank in an effort to raise money. Town & Country bowling in Wayne hosted a pizza fundraiser this week, and Lawson said another fund-raiser — at Buffalo Wild Wings — was in the works.

'Our memory of her is of always smiling and laughing. She didn't take life too seriously, but at the same time she worked hard. She was just honest-to-goodness.'

DONNA BRANCART, Stephanie Stone's co-worker at Dairy Queen

Anyone wishing to donate can go into any Key Bank branch (there are branches in Ypsilanti, Livonia and Ann Arbor) and ask about the account for "Stephanie Holder Stone." Potential donors can also call Lawson directly at (734) 340-2152.

"We started with zero," she said. "We're trying to raise the money. We just want to give her the funeral she deserves."

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planning commissioner, said the Islamic Center locating in a residentially zoned neighborhood would be no different than most other religious institutions.

"They typically always are located in a (residential) neighborhood," she said.

Jim Campbell, a resident who lives just north of the site, sought assurance that pine trees wouldn't be removed so his property would continue to be shielded. Township officials said the trees would remain.

"I don't mind churches, synagogues, mosques, etc.," Campbell said. "I'm just voicing a concern as an immediate neighbor about property values, such as they may be nowadays."

Muslim representatives have said small numbers of people would worship for brief periods at various times during

the day, though not typically during rush-hour times. At most, they have said, no more than 50 people would attend the busiest services Friday evenings.

Muslim leaders have said those who worship at the site will include professionals — doctors, engineers and others — who live in or near Canton and who want good things for their community. According to township officials, the new Islamic Center would include prayer rooms for men and women, as well as four offices.

Meanwhile, the expected vote Nov. 23 by the township board would be only the latest in a series of decisions. If officials approve the special land use, then Muslim leaders still have to come back to the planning commission and the township board to seek approval for a detailed site plan.

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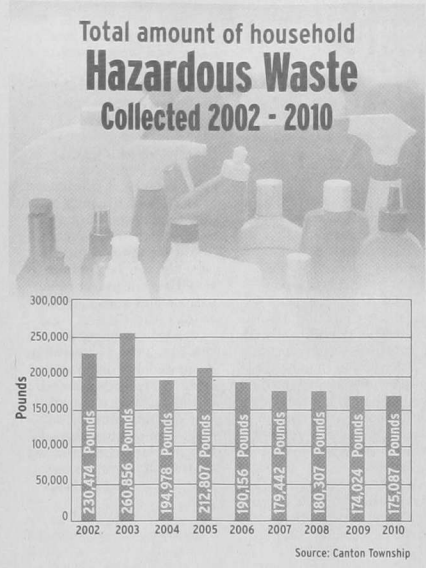
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## WASTE

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Belair described the DPW site as "100-percent better." EQ Co. takes much of the material to a facility where it is burned and converted to energy, Belair said, while other items get recycled in other ways.

"The whole event revolves around recycling," he said. "It's a great event."

This year alone, Faas said, 175,087 pounds of hazardous household waste were collected from 1,041 people, amounting to an average of 168 pounds for each participant.

Latex paint accounted for 70 percent of the material collected, followed by electronic waste (10 percent), flammable liquids (6 percent), bulk motor oil (4 percent), propane (2 percent), aerosols (1 percent) and smaller percentages of other potential pollutants.

The amount of hazardous household waste had a slight uptick from last year's 174,024

pounds, yet it remains far below the largest collection — 260,856 pounds in 2003 — during the nine-year comparison.

The amount of electronic waste — personal computers, laptops, printers, iPods and other gadgets — accounted for 10 percent of this year's waste, double last year's 5 percent.

"There's a lot more electronic technology, and it's turning over faster," Faas said.

Wayne County also sponsored an electronic waste, or e-waste, collection in May at Canton's DPW building, just four months prior to the township's usual household hazardous waste program.

Since 2002, Canton has averaged 1,278 participants a year in the post-Labor Day program, with an average cost of \$49,000 for each event. However, Faas said the township's agreement with Republic Services includes the collection program, meaning Canton "receives an environmental benefit for the community free of charge."

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# Resident response helps cops nab intruder

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton woman's quick response after an intruder entered her house has led to township police nabbing a home invasion suspect as he fled the scene, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said.

The incident happened around 12:30 p.m. Friday when the woman heard an intruder "rattling the door-knob" of her home in the 45000 block of Hanford

between Canton Center and Sheldon roads, Gajeski said.

"She went to the basement, and she could hear somebody upstairs," he said.

The woman called 911, and police quickly arrived, found the front door locked, rushed to the rear of the house and saw a suspect dressed in black

clothing walking away from the home," police said.

"He had a small, flat-screen TV he had taken from the home," Gajeski said. "He jumped over a brick wall and after a short chase was taken into custody."

The incident led to 22-year-old defendant Daniel Renard Marshall being arraigned Sunday in Romulus 34th District Court on charges of first-degree home invasion.

Marshall was ordered

jailed with a \$20,000/10 percent bond, and a not-guilty plea was entered for him. He has been scheduled for a Nov. 19 preliminary exam in 35th District Court in Plymouth to determine whether he should face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

If convicted as charged, Marshall could face penalties ranging up to 20 years in prison for home invasion.

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## Stolen car

Canton police spotted a vehicle at the Marathon gas station at Michigan Avenue and Haggerty that had been reported stolen earlier out of Flint.

Police confronted four occupants of the 2000 Chevy Malibu shortly after 8 p.m. Monday and learned that the driver was, indeed, the owner of the vehicle and had neglected to take it out of a statewide lien system after it had been returned.

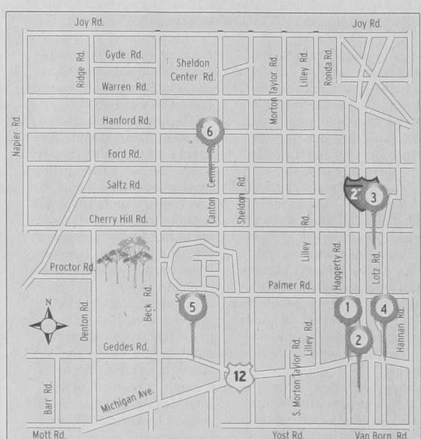
However, police learned during the investigation that a female passenger in the vehicle had a small bag of marijuana and traffic warrants, and another woman was wanted on a felony warrant out of Kentucky for misuse of a computer.

Police arrested both women and planned to have the one suspect extradited to Kentucky.

## Traiblazer taken

A woman told police her 2006 Chevy Trailblazer was stolen when she left it running while she went inside her daughter's house in Westpoint Manor, a mobile home park on Old Michigan, southeast of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty, around 10 p.m. Sunday.

The woman said she was



only stopping for a few minutes, but it was long enough for a bandit to make off with her vehicle.

She also reported her house keys, rakes, a garbage can and other items were inside the Trailblazer.

## Cars ransacked

A woman told police two of her vehicles had been ransacked on Ranglewood Court, southeast of Cherry Hill and I-275, around 9 p.m. Nov. 3.

The woman reported that

cash was taken from a purse left inside a 2006 Volkswagen Jetta and an iPod was stolen from a 2002 Dodge Durango. She said both vehicles had been left unlocked.

The woman said the vehicles were parked in her driveway.

## Erratic driver

Canton police arrested a man who was driving erratically shortly before 2:30 p.m. last Thursday in the area of Michigan Avenue and Lotz.

Police had been alerted to the driver by another motorist who said the offender had nearly hit him on I-275.

Police stopped the suspicious driver in his Monte Carlo after seeing his vehicle on Michigan Avenue, where

it was swerving from lane to lane and nearly hitting other vehicles.

Police could smell the odor of intoxicants on the man, who also told authorities he had taken a Vicodin before he drank beer. He was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor or drugs.

## Probation violation

Police went to the area of 46000 Geddes west of Canton Center amid reports a man was causing a disturbance Sunday morning.

Police learned the man had a warrant out of South Lyon for a probation violation involving marijuana possession, so he was arrested. Officers made arrangements to turn the man over to South Lyon authorities.

## Drink and dash

Canton police arrested a man and a woman who were visibly intoxicated after they left Bailey's Pub & Grille without paying their tab shortly after 11 p.m. Saturday.

The man told police his credit card had been rejected and he had other cards that didn't have sufficient funds. He and the woman refused to try to call anyone to come and pay the tab.

The couple already had left the bar by the time police arrived, but they were arrested in the parking lot for defrauding the bar and for public intoxication.

— Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

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There will be a pre-bid meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16, 2010 in the Salem High School construction trailer, located at 46181 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the bidding requirements, schedule, project scope of work, and to answer any question that bidders may have. Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.

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## DIRECTOR

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the Park, the Canton Sports Center complex and the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

"Canton is home to some of the most beautiful parks and popular family destinations in the metro Detroit area," she said. "I look forward to maintaining the level of success that Director Conklin has set as a standard for the Leisure Services Department."

In a landmark achievement, Canton captured the 2008 National Recreation and Park Association Gold Medal Award for U.S. communities with populations of 50,000 or more.

Bilbrey-Honsowetz will have a starting annual salary of \$107,222, compared to Conklin's \$124,048 after a decade on the job.

Bilbrey-Honsowetz lives in Canton with husband Michael. She received her bachelor of science degree in recreation from Eastern Michigan University, and she worked as a recreation supervisor in Ypsilanti Township before she was hired in Canton.

LaJoy lauded Bilbrey-Honsowetz for her tireless efforts as Canton's economic development director, and he said he is confident she will bring the same work ethic to her new role as Leisure Services director.

"It is an honor to appoint (her) to this position," he said. "She is a proven leader who brings to this position the experience, enthusiasm and energy that is needed to direct our award-winning Leisure Services Department."

LaJoy hasn't announced a decision about the economic development manager position.

Local officials have said Bilbrey-Honsowetz's role in spurring economic development was, to some extent, tied in with Canton's recreation programs. Trustee John Anthony has said local parks and recreation offerings can help to lure not only residents, but also businesses.

Bilbrey-Honsowetz agreed and said she will work to sustain top-tier parks and recreation services.

"I believe Leisure Services can help market the community," she said.

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# Members of 'Greatest Generation' treated to Famie film

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

People carry the strangest things in their wallets. Take Rose Kaupp, for instance. Mixed in with the coins and currency is a rivet, one of the many used to build the B-24 bombers at the Willow Run Bomber Plant during World War II.

The war effort heralded the work with a "We Can Do It" poster featuring Rosie the Riveter, and while Kaupp wasn't that Rosie, she was a riveter. In fact, as an 18-year-old, the Manchester resident placed the first rivets in the first bomber to roll off the assembly line at Willow Run.

"It wasn't hard, but it was tedious," Kaupp said. "I'd put the rivets in and someone would set them."

While Kaupp was working in the heart of the Arsenal of Democracy, Fred Millard was storming Omaha Beach on D-Day. The Northville resident, who was born in Plymouth and grew up in Livonia, was in the first wave of American soldiers to jump off a landing craft into battle.

"We were the first ones in. They dropped us in nine feet of water," Millard said. "The first thing I did was throw my gun away. Who was I going to shoot underwater?"

Millard and Kaupp were among the special guests at a recent screening of Keith Famie's *Detroit, Our Greatest Generation* at the Westland Senior Friendship Center. Sponsored by American House, seniors were treated to lunch and the movie, documenting World War II as experienced by those who lived and worked through it.

### 'INCREDIBLE INDIVIDUALS'

"After working on this production, I can say that had it not been for these incredible individuals, the war may have had a very different result," said Famie, who spent more than a year creating the film.

Some 300 seniors, many of them veterans, were praised for their efforts as members of the "Greatest Generation."

Stand tall and hold your heads high," Westland Mayor William Wild said in a videotaped statement. "We recognize you, we value your bravery and strength. We recognize



Fred Millard and his wife Shirley were among guests at the 'Detroit, Our Greatest Generation' showing. Millard said executive producer Keith Famie "told me I was the star of the movie."

the burden you carried. Know how proud we are of you."

"Your experience is unique in the history of mankind," Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said. "Sometimes we lose perspective and take our rights and freedoms for granted. We should thank you, veterans, for what you did."

The experience may have been more than unique for Millard, an 18-year-old private who joined his unit in Sicily, where "they told me don't unpack, we're leaving." They marched all night and early the next day, before he stepped on an anti-personnel mine. He was severely injured and spent more than five months in the hospital after his buddies were able to get him out.

"They couldn't get me out right away; they had to hide me and come back for me," he said. "They put me in a little ditch and gave me all of their water. It was getting dark and I heard soldiers marching by. I looked and it was the Germans."

Millard lost a lot of friends on the beach at Normandy. He used a trick that he learned swimming at his aunt's lake-front cottage to propel himself through the water to save his life that day. He made it to the beach, where he worked his way to safety, passing the bodies of soldiers, many of whom he knew.

"I lost a lot of good friends that day," Millard said.

He made that trip two more times, first to go back and retrieve a gun that he took apart and cleaned, then to find a bandolier filled with bullets.

A decorated veteran, Millard is still being recognized for his bravery 66 years later. On Sept. 10, he received a letter from Graham Paul, consul general of France in Chicago, informing him that he has been named a Knight of the Legion of Honor.

"My fellow countrymen will never forget your sacrifice," Paul wrote.

### HANDFUL OF RIVETS

Kaupp didn't get such tributes, just a handful of the plane rivets, one of which she carries with her. She took the job at Willow Run because it paid well. She had left home at age 16 because her father didn't want her to go to school anymore.

Kaupp lived in Detroit when she took the job at the bomber plant after it opened. She met her late husband, Gene, there and when he asked her to move to Ypsilanti to be closer to him, she didn't think twice. He never served in the military because "he worked in a factory where he was needed," she said.

"We worked nine hours a day, it was mostly women," she said. Famie was inspired to do the film following the loss of his father, a bombardier on a B-17 during the war. He got help from Bob Gillette, founder of American House, in bringing it to fruition.

"Without the support of Bob Gillette, the story never would have been told about what Detroit did for the Arsenal of Democracy," Famie said.

He added that the 80-some-



Agnes Wayne shares a laugh with Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano who told the seniors their experiences during World War II "is unique to mankind."

thing veterans like to talk, "but we don't listen."

"The sad thing about society is we see them walking in Knart and all we see is an 89-year-old shopping, but you can bet that in some way they were involved in the war effort," he said.

Famie is working on another documentary about Vietnam veterans, which will premier Jan. 28 at the Fox Theatre. According to Famie, his latest film is "an opportunity to tell a story that's never been told."

"Our Vietnam vets are becoming the caretakers of our World War II veterans and the guardians of our current military," Famie said.

While *Detroit, Our Greatest Generation* has turned Famie into a spokesman for veterans, it also has a message for young people.

"The significance of the film is to help young people understand what it means to get old," he said.

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## Doctor takes pain out of bunion surgery

For decades, the thought of bunion surgery was synonymous with painful and long recovery. Many felt that bunion pain was preferable to undergoing surgery because it is commonly referred to as being the most painful surgery out there.

Today, breakthroughs in bunion surgery, either the Keller or Tri-Correctional Bunionection SM, have set a new standard in painless surgery with significantly faster recovery. Dr. W. Steven Watson of Canton Foot Specialists is one of only five



Watson

physicians in Michigan who is trained, and experienced, in performing the Tri-Correctional surgery. Operating out of Garden City Hospital and the Oakwood Hospital System, he and his staff have not only mastered the new technique, but they understand the importance of treating the psychological aspects of pain.

The initial office visit includes a review of the options for which is the appropriate surgery for that patient, and every visit thereafter includes a review of the Wong-Baker pain gauge, and effective pain management, if pain exists. The staff knows the importance of listening, looking for clues for the cause of pain and offering solutions.

The absence of pain is a major factor in faster healing, but the functional differences in these surgeries are also critical to recovery. Making the incision on the side of the toe, not the top, minimizes pain and scarring. Repositioning the bone, not just removing the bunion, fixes the cause of the bunion, so recurrence is rare. Being able to walk in street shoes so soon after surgery accelerates the return to work and normal activities.

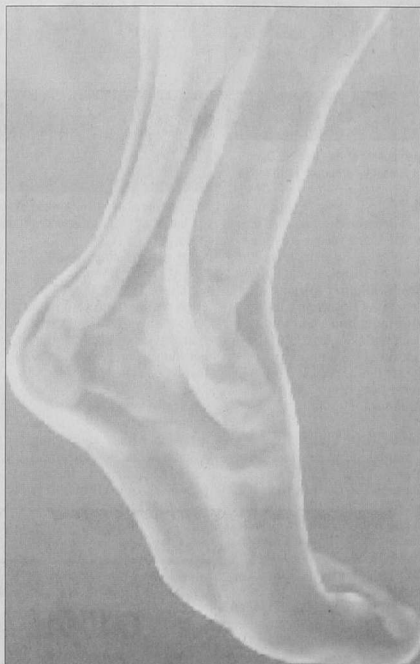
A bunion is the result of a misaligned toe joint, usually involving the big toe, and is one of the most common complaints of the foot. It results in an enlarged and painful big toe joint. Heredity plays a large part, but wearing ill-fitting dress shoes or sports shoes can accelerate the bunion's growth.

Because the big toe bears most of your body's weight every time your foot pushes off the ground, a bunion can make every step a painful event and finding shoes to accommodate the swollen joint can be nearly impossible.

The old method of surgery allows no weight-bearing activity for weeks, requiring the use of crutches or a walker. It results in a long scar on top of the toe, and this, only after as much as six months of recovery before returning to normal activities.

The Tri-Correctional surgery is radically different in several very important ways:

- Limited weight-bearing activity is allowed as soon as four days post-surgery.
- The patient can wear normal shoes in as little as 2-3 weeks.
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- The return to normal activities is usually three-six weeks.
- Pain after surgery is mini-



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mal.

However, the Tri-Correctional Bunionection SM is not suitable for every patient. At older ages, that big toe joint is the most common site of arthritis in the foot and the joint can be unstable, lack sufficient bone mass or have degenerated from gout or osteoporosis.

In cases where the patient's condition or other factors such as age or lack of mobility would prohibit a more complex foot surgery, the Keller Bunionection SM can be used for a severely arthritic toe joint. This technique also surgically removes the bunion, but in this case soft tissue is repositioned between the bones in the big toe joint to cushion it as it replaces the damaged bone that was removed. As in the Tri-Correctional method, recovery is minimal and post-operative pain is nearly non-existent when the surgery is performed in this method.

Lee Boslooper, of Grosse Ile said someone told her years ago to never let anyone mess with your feet. However, she had a bunion and arthritis in her toe, and everything hurt her feet.

Watson performed a Keller Bunionection in August.

"From the initial consultation, to the surgery and the follow-up appointments, everything was wonderful," Lee said. "His staff is so kind and caring and Dr. Watson knew

exactly what I needed."

After only three weeks, Lee was back in a regular shoe and she's walking a mile a day now.

Inherent in the Tri-Correctional or Keller Bunionection, as performed by Watson is pain management, and specifically, the prevention of pain. During surgery, anti-inflammatory medications as well as anesthetics are injected into the surgical site, thereby rendering the post-surgery experience to be virtually pain-free, often without the need for narcotic pain medicines.

As one of five surgeons in Michigan who are trained in the Tri-Correctional surgery, Watson said that "many physicians stay within the training they received as a resident physician. I've always wanted to know more than just the book knowledge and to find what works best," he said.

Bunions have been the silent cause of chronic pain, limiting daily activities and a search in catalogs for elusive relief. Watson is bringing a solution that offers freedom from pain, and a speedy return to a full and active life.

Lee's advice: "Don't put off having the bunions removed. Don't live a life of misery because you don't have to anymore; it's fixable. It's a wonderful opportunity to get yourself back on your feet, pain-free."

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## CHAMBER CHAT

### Health care presentation

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

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

### Chamber map

The Canton Chamber of Commerce announced plans to produce a new Canton Area Map. This new map will show Canton's growth and showcase the community. The chamber has again contracted with NovoPrint USA, a firm with a national reputation for producing accurate, professional maps.

Officials called the map "a great tool to communicate information about your business to residents, other

businesses and visitors." The chamber will distribute these maps in response to inquiries to give directions to specific business or residential locations.

According to chamber officials, benefits of advertising in this high-quality piece include:

- Over 10,000 full-color maps will be printed and distributed through the Chamber. Additionally, they will be used in the recruitment of new business, relocation programs and marketing by our local businesses.
- As an advertiser, the design of your ad will be done at no charge.
- This map will be one of the most direct ways to advertise and promote your business, products and services to your fellow Chamber members as well as to others in the Canton Michigan Area and beyond.

To find out more about this project, or to schedule a personal appointment to discuss this project, contact the NovoPrint representative, Joe Hartung, at (734) 718-0878, or e-mail him at [Joe@novoprint.com](mailto:Joe@novoprint.com).

### December luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its December Holiday Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Dec. 1, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The cost for lunch is \$20 (advance member registration), \$30 (non-member) and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

December's Holiday Luncheon will feature Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Madrigal Singers and Chamber Choir. We will be collecting toys and gifts for Canton Goodfellows "No Child without a Christmas program." Each guest is asked to bring an unwrapped toy or gift.

December's Holiday Luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is proudly sponsored by Huntington Bank and Saint Joseph Mercy Health Systems. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.



## Grand opening

A ribbon-cutting was held Friday, Nov. 5, by Salvation Army Thrift Store to celebrate their grand opening. The Salvation Army Thrift Store is located at 43403 Joy Road in Canton. Attending this event were employees, Canton Chamber of Commerce members, Canton Township officials and local residents.

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

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support their goal of "we make fixing things easy."

When Chris Hall, president of RepairClinic, and the management team decided to make appliance repair videos available to their customers, they wanted to do it right. "Producing professional repair help videos was the next logical step in customer service," said Hall. "Visual clarity with step-by-step accurate instructions was vital if this idea was going to work. We wanted the videos to be the next best thing

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# Ford Field frenzy

## P-C marchers second at state finals

BY DIANE HANSON  
CORRESPONDENT

After a stellar fall competition season, the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band captured the Flight I second-place trophy with a score of 87.12 at the 31st annual Michigan Competing Band Association State Finals Saturday at Ford Field.

Nearly 20,000 spectators took in some or all of the performances of the 44 top high school marching bands from around the state — 11 in each of Flights I, II, III, and IV (flights are determined by school enrollment with the largest schools in Flight I) — that competed in the daylong, colorful, musical, marching extravaganza.

"The kids did absolutely wonderful," said marching band director Sheldon Frazier. "The show is now complete and beautiful. I am so proud of all of the kids in the PCMB."

The band's 10-minute competition performance entitled, "The Source," a dramatic, musical, marching portrayal of the movement from darkness to the goodness of light, delighted the audience and produced a new addition to the Ford Field gridiron. For the first time in the season, the band rolled out enormous yellow and white tarps, covering most of the marching area for the 215 marchers to navigate while traveling at a fast pace and playing challenging music. The visual was spectacular, but presented a few glitches for the hometown team.

"This was the first time we unveiled the tarps, so there were bound to be a few bumps in the road," noted Frazier. "Even with those bumps, to still finish so well is a testament to the wonderful performers of the PCMB."

Referring to the huge tarps, junior drum major Grace Wine pointed out, "We were going for the whole general effect thing. And for the first time we used them, it was an amazing performance. We dealt with the glitches and we know what we need to do to be more prepared now for nationals."

Senior tuba player Scott Hawkins agreed.

"We pulled it off very well for the first time," he said. "There were a few discrepancies, but we recovered extremely well."

Senior drum major Mike Wolf was very pleased with the overall performance.

"We threw down the best show of our season," he said.

MCBA executive director Mack Pittard is astounded by the complexity and skill of today's marching band performances.

"The bands that are in the top end in their classes have increasingly more music demands, more marching demands and more poise demands than I ever thought of doing when I was in band in the 60s," he said. "It's really amazing what they're being asked to do and the fact that they still rise to that level. You keep thinking at some point they will max out and they won't be able to achieve what they're asked to do, but so far they have."

And Pittard had nothing but kudos for the band booster organizations.

"They also must have a very encouraging and a very hard working parent group," he said.

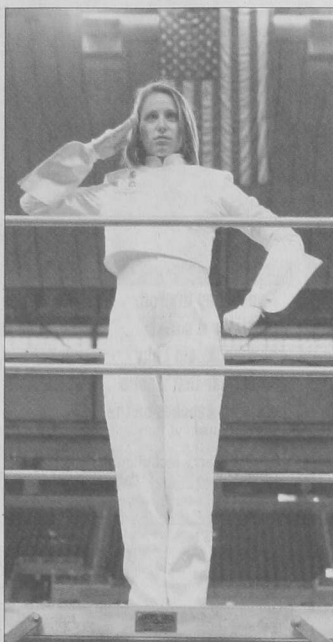
The hometown team will be competing next in the Bands of America Grand National Championships at the Indianapolis Lucas Oil Stadium Nov. 11-13.

Frazier said he and his staff are working on "re-tweaking" with the addition of the tarps as they prepare for their nationals performance. And he is confident in his band's abilities.

"Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it," he said. "Plymouth-Canton is now, and forever will be, one of the boldest bands to hit the field."

Championships this year went to: Flight I — Walled Lake Central, 88.45; Flight II — Muskegon's Reeths-Puffer, 90.41; Flight III — Ferndale, 83.62; and Flight IV — Newaygo, 80.19.

Other area bands included in Flight I — Novi, eighth, 77.21; Flight II — Farmington Harrison, seventh, 78.80; Farmington, eighth, 78.07; Milford, 10th, 72.35; South Lyon, 11th, 71.90; and Flight III — Redford Thurston, sixth, 74.82.



PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON

Senior drum major Kaitlyn Tracy signals the judges that the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band is ready to begin their award-winning performance of "The Source" at the MCBA State Finals Saturday at Ford Field.



The hometown marchers, including from back left, Ben Wohl, Anthony Duda, Nolan Singer, Katie Nymberg and Brian Katafiasz concluded their 10-minute award-winning competition performance at the State Finals Saturday in a spectacular display of bright yellow and white.



Color guard member Natalie Serduik adds a touch of dark mystery to Plymouth-Canton's award-winning performance at the Michigan Competing Band Association State Finals Saturday at Ford Field.



Choreographed movements, like the ones executed by the brass section including trumpet players Keith McGuire, left, Kyle Hegarty and Garrett Wojick, add much to the general effect scores of a marching band's performance.



The entire Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, including trombone players Alex Harden, left, Nick Battishill and David Nymberg, and John Bohanan on saxophone at right, go through a uniform change during their 10-minute production of "The Source," depicting the movement from darkness to the goodness of light.



The huge, bright, yellow and white tarps added a new dimension and challenge to PCMB's State Finals performance as they were rolled out for the first time Saturday at Ford Field. The 215 marchers, including from back left, saxophone players Collin McCoy and Dan Smith, Rebecca Krupp on tuba, Jessica Hodge on baritone sax and Scott Davidson on tuba, met that challenge.

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### OUR VIEWS



Canton honors its veterans twice today (at an 11 a.m. ceremony in Heritage Park and at a 7 p.m. ceremony at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill).

## Veterans Day

### Our service members deserve our thanks and prayers

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, a temporary cessation of hostilities was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in the First World War, then known as "the Great War."

Commemorated as Armistice Day beginning the following year, Nov. 11 now has become the day that Americans pause to give thanks to the men and women who have answered the call to duty and served in the armed forces.

Today is Nov. 11, Veterans Day. At flag poles and veterans memorials, people will gather for ceremonies recalling the bravery of soldiers, airmen, seamen and Marines (Canton remembers its servicemen and women twice today, 11 a.m. in Heritage Park and 7 p.m. at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill). Sadly, most of the people who will be at those ceremonies will be veterans. It's a federal holiday and, for many people, Veterans Day is a day off - no work, no banks, no mail delivery, no government offices open.

That should not be the case.

Today we are a country at war, and the cost of our War on Terror since Sept. 11, 2001, is mind-boggling. In economic terms, our country has spent more than \$700 billion on the military operations. If you look at that amount as a stack of \$100 bills, the cost of those two wars, if those bills were laid out end-to-end, would circle the earth almost 34 times.

But the ultimate cost of war is something much more valuable - the lives of our service men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice. More than 1,200 Americans have died since Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan was launched in October 2001. In the war with Iraq, which was declared over on Aug. 31, took another 4,422 American lives. The wounded in both wars is well in excess of 34,000.

Although we may be weary of fight, it is important to honor the servicemen and women who risk their lives to defend our freedoms now and in wars past. Hundreds of thousands of young men and women have put themselves in harm's way. It's up to us to recognize their efforts.

If Veterans Day has a message, it's to remind us of the human costs. As Rod Powers on the military page of about.com wrote: "One thing is certain. The one thing we can never forget is the cost of war - any war - is high. The price tag is not measured only in dollars. It's measured in the loss of the most valuable asset of all - the price of war is measured in the loss of human lives."

Our troops depend upon our unwavering support. We must give them nothing less. It is a lesson we learned in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Our veterans deserve our thanks. Because of their sacrifices we remain the land of the free and the home of the brave.

So on this Veterans Day, pause for a moment and say a prayer. Pray for the those who have been wounded, and their families. Pray for those who have given their lives. Remember the dead and honor the living. Be forever grateful for their service.

### COMMUNITY VOICE

#### Would you buy an electric car? Why or why not?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



**"Electric car? Yeah! I think fuel costs are going to continue to soar."**

**John Somerville**  
Plymouth Township



**"I would buy the Volt. Potentially it's cost-effective. Would I buy another car that's not a hybrid? It depends on the cost."**

**Terry McCullough**  
Canton



**"No, not until they cost the same as a regular car."**

**Chris Harris**  
Belleville



**"Maybe, for the whole 'go green' thing."**

**Emily Wang**  
Canton

### LETTERS

#### Bad picture

I am the parent of a couple of Plymouth High School kids and while I was very happy for the Plymouth football team winning the playoff game against Canton, I was very disappointed in your choice to put the picture of the two Canton players crying on the front page of the sports section.

As I said, I too, am glad Plymouth won. I know that when there is a winner, there has to be a loser, and I do think responsible journalism always presents both sides. However, I think that could have been accomplished without including that picture. These are high school athletes, not professionals.

Also, I'm sure you are aware of the unique environment at the PCEP Park and must know that these kids all have classes together throughout the week. You did not use good judgment and I hope you will reconsider if a similar situation arises in the future.

**Alie Ahearn**  
Plymouth

#### Keys for the 7th

The road we have been travelling on in recent years has indeed been bumpy and filled with uncertainty. Unemployment is rampant. Government spending is out of control. Traditional virtues such as liberty, hard work and personal responsibility are

becoming marginalized.

We need bold, principled leadership rooted in the principles of our Founding Fathers, not politics as usual. Nov. 2 marked a major milestone in the return to these principles. I am honored to have earned your vote as the next state senator of the 7th District and I assure you that I am already hard at work to ensure that we adhere to these principles going forward.

We have a great leadership team in place ready to turn around Michigan's fortunes. I am truly excited about the future of Michigan. All of us should be able to take a collective look at our future and come to the conclusion that it is once again "morning in Michigan!"

In what I hope is a breath of fresh air, I would also like to assure you that my campaign platform was not merely campaign rhetoric. It will be my focus during my term of service. The seven keys for the 7th District that I will be working toward are:

1. Become No. 1 job growth state in nation
2. Implement effective health care solutions
3. Cut spending and lower taxes
4. Promote educational excellence
5. Respect our Constitution
6. Adopt real transparency
7. Promote honesty and integrity

I would be honored to have your continued sup-

port as we confront the challenges inherent with these objectives. Freedom is not free. Not only does it require the vigilance of our men and women in the armed forces overseas, it also requires the vigilance and service of folks like you and me at home.

I encourage you to stay involved in the political process. I encourage you to go beyond the rhetoric about upcoming issues and research the sources of any assertions made by both sides of the issues. Do not trust your opinions to third-party sources seeking to serve as the arbiters of truth. Many of these "truth" sources are simply stealth marketing organizations for one side of an issue or the other. There is no substitute for doing the research yourself.

As your next state senator, I will likely be faced with difficult votes on imperfect bills. Through it all, I pledge transparency as to the reasons for my votes and I pledge to represent you with integrity in the conduct of my service on your behalf. My votes will be based on the following principles consistent with the views of our Founding Fathers: limited government, personal liberty and personal responsibility.

I look forward to serving you and unleashing the potential of fellow Michiganders in what the Declaration of Independence refers to as our "pursuit of happiness."

**Patrick Colbeck**  
Canton, state senator-elect

### COMMENTARY

## There are some reasons for cautious optimism in Michigan

As I look around our tattered region, and indeed our tattered state, the old fable of the blind men and the elephant seems particularly relevant.

You know the story: Several blind men are asked to use their sense of touch to describe an elephant (no, it isn't a joke about Republicans).

One man puts his hands on the elephant's solid flank and says the elephant is like a wall. Another grabs the elephant's tail and says the elephant is like a rope. A third feels one of the elephant's massive legs and declares the elephant is like a tree trunk. And so on.

There are several variations on the story, but the point is that all of the blind men are correct - and all are also wrong. Each has accurately described his limited experience of the elephant, but none are able to grasp the entire picture, or put their disparate descriptions together to come up with the whole elephant.

That's the way it is in Michigan right now when one looks at the public conversations surrounding the state's long economic slide, Lansing's annual budget battles, and the pain felt locally when cities, suburbs and school districts wield the budget axe.

Interest groups and constituencies of every stripe - taxpayers, workers, business owners, municipal employees, local politicians, the poor, retired people, college students - each have a different take on how the downturn has affected them and how to make things right. Each group

has a different emphasis, depending on how Michigan's nearly 10-year recession (we never recovered from the last national recession) has touched it.

All of them are right. Yet none is able to describe the whole picture, which seems like a prerequisite to getting us out of the mess.

Many taxpayers, be they business owners or everyday citizens, say they're overburdened with state taxes and fees, especially since the state tax overhaul of 2007. At a time when wages for many people are stagnant or falling, and the recession has cut into business profits, they say, don't balance the budget on our backs.

That seems like a reasonable demand. At the other end, local politicians are in a bind when both state shared revenue and tax receipts are dropping. They cut programs, impose pay freezes, exact concessions from unions, lay people off - and are still outpaced by falling revenue. We've had enough, they tell the state, goe somebody else's ox.

None of us wants to pay higher taxes, nor do we want to see a decrease in services like firefighting, police protection and emergency medical response, so that seems like a legitimate point of view, too.

There are many other groups, each of which sees part of the picture: workers, public and private, who have been laid off, or who have seen open jobs go unfilled and have been doing more with less with no end in sight; students at public colleges and universities, who are paying more tuition as state support for their schools declines, and who face a poor job market when they graduate; and retirees, some of whom have lost pensions or have no or

limited health benefits. Even state officials, who, from their point of view anyway, have been trying to cut the state out of decline for nearly a decade.

You get the idea.

Last week, Michigan voters elected Republican Rick Snyder to be the state's next governor. An educated, successful businessman - he has both an MBA and a law degree, ran the computer company Gateway and started his own investment firm - he will undoubtedly see the state's problems from a business perspective.

But there's evidence, too, that he will be able to shift perspectives and examine other points of view, that he won't have blinders on as he tries to take in the whole picture.

He hasn't antagonized labor unions, and even won the endorsements of a couple. He doesn't come from a political background, and thus isn't beholden to the special interests that are often behind veteran officeholders. He's reached out to the city of Detroit, and grabbed Democratic votes from the suburbs. And he's tapped the Democratic Speaker of the House, Andy Dillon, a former gubernatorial candidate himself, to be the state treasurer.

Those who don't share his run-government-as-business views have good reasons to be wary, but Snyder's unconventional style and his inclusive approach so far are reasons for cautious optimism.

Good luck, Rick. Here's hoping you can see that whole elephant.

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GUEST COLUMN

Celebrate Canton during Community Foundation Week

The Open Door Food Pantry's collection and distribution of some 1.3 million pounds of food hit a bump earlier this year when an old cooler it had used for about 10 years broke. The Canton Community Foundation jumped in with a grant to purchase a new, larger cooler and needed pallet jack to help the pantry feed the growing numbers of families in need.

The quick response is only one of many examples of what can be accomplished when a foundation forms partnerships to fulfill basic community needs. The grant to help Open Door was made through the foundation's Community Fund and the Jim and Linda Demmer Donor Advised Fund.

Without a foundation to collaborate and resolve the problem the food pantry may well have been significantly hampered in its mission to feed families in these tough economic times.

That's why the CCF will join more than 700 other foundations throughout the U.S. as it celebrates collaboration and innovation during Community Foundation Week, Nov. 12-18. The more than 20-year-old celebration is designed to raise awareness about the important roles these philanthropic organizations play in communities.

Created in 1989, CCF has grown over the years, not only in the size of its financial endowment, but in its role as a regional philanthropic leader with an ability to delve deep into a community or region to assess and prioritize needs, and to develop and deliver solutions.

As the struggling economy limits resources for communities and the number of families in need continues to grow, CCF is more determined than ever to bring our community partners together to find innovative and effective solutions to some of our most challenging problems.

CCF plays three equally significant roles. As a grant maker, the foundation provides for basic needs such as the new cooler for Open Door, grants to Gleaners

and annual college scholarships. Grant making requires the foundation to have its ear to the ground to know a community's basic needs and any gaps that may need filling.

As a philanthropic leader, CCF is a resource for non-profit organizations and professional advisors. In October, 2009, some 85 nonprofit leaders and professional advisors attended our first annual philanthropy summit. Nonprofits were given tools and tips to help grow their organizations, while professional advisors were educated on the potential of charitable giving for their clients.

Our successful Veterans Educational Summit in September illustrates how the foundation can partner with other organizations, veterans groups, for example, to provide needed information to veterans about their benefits and how to obtain them.

Our third role as a philanthropic advisor allows other organizations, such as Plymouth Christian Academy and the Plymouth-Canton Symphony to use us for fund administration. Our role allows us to take that burden off of other organizations so they can concentrate on their missions.

In its 21 years, the CCF has provided more than \$2 million in grants to address needs and problems. We are poised to grow and address more needs in the Canton area and west Wayne County suburbs. We can and will provide the leadership required to tackle real-life issues.

In this week of celebrating community foundations, we ask our fellow residents, nonprofit organizations and potential donors to learn about the CCF and the roles we play in the community.

You can learn more about us on our web site at [www.cantonfoundation.org](http://www.cantonfoundation.org). We are also on Facebook. Your interest will continue to help CCF thrive and work toward creating a vital and caring community in which neighbors continue to help neighbors.

Joan Noricks is president of the Canton Community Foundation. You may reach her at (734) 495-1200 or at [jnoricks@cantonfoundation.org](mailto:jnoricks@cantonfoundation.org)



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MORE LETTERS

Election thanks

I would like to thank the voters of the 20th House District for your overwhelming support on Nov. 2.

As your next State Representative, I look forward to working with Governor Rick Snyder to reinvent Michigan - making government smaller, more efficient, and more customer friendly. We have great challenges ahead of us, and your elected officials in Lansing will need your ideas, support, and prayers as we move forward.

I would also like to recognize Northville School Board Trustee Joan Wadsworth for her energetic and well-run campaign. I look forward to working with her, and all our school district, city, and township officials in the coming years.

As our transition activities continue in the coming weeks, I will be updating residents on my new contact information both in Lansing and in the district. As always, I welcome your ideas on how we can move forward and reinvent Michigan together.

Kurt L. Heise  
State Representative-Elect  
Plymouth Township

Thanks for support

I want to thank all of you who supported my candidacy for State Senate. The results indicate that 5,429 people went out of their way to cast a vote for me - an Independent candidate with a limited budget and all volunteers.

Nevertheless, I received more than 5 percent of the vote this year, while all previous Independents have never received more than 3 percent of the vote. I am deeply grateful to have received over 10 percent in my hometown of Plymouth Township and the City of Plymouth.

The Republican and Democratic Parties spent over \$300,000 each on their candidates. This money came from outside the District.

I am very glad that I did not engage in any negative mailings, negative television commercials or any robo-calls. I did not accept one penny from special-interest groups, and I am proud of our clean and positive campaign.

I want to thank the people of this Senate District for their insight and independent spirit. You inspired me with your kindness, your intellectual honesty and your belief in me.

Congratulations to the winner, Mr. Colbeck. I wish him the best of luck in Lansing. I hope he heeds the message of the election results: that moderate, sensible leadership is what will best serve the people of this District.

John Stewart  
Plymouth

Legalize marijuana

In Michigan, you must be prescribed by a doctor to legally smoke marijuana.

There is no legitimate reason why it should be illegal, especially since it's one of the least harmful drugs today. The sole reason marijuana is illegal today is due to an uninformed knowledge of the drug, and has been given a bad reputation. Throughout the course of history, no one has ever overdosed

on marijuana. The known uses go back further than 7000 B.C. and was last legal when Ronald Reagan was a boy. In total, it has been illegal for less than 1 percent of the time it's been in use.

Marijuana also doesn't affect your decision making abilities anywhere near as much as alcohol, which intoxicates the user nearly twice as much as marijuana. People are also less dependent on marijuana than they are on alcohol, even less dependent than those who drink caffeine.

The marijuana plant, also known as hemp, has many different uses such as, cloths, plastics, bio-fuel, that come with numerous benefits. One of these examples is how one acre of hemp will produce about 1,000 gallons of biodiesel or methanol in comparison to the approximate 300 gallons per acre of corn.

I believe that marijuana should be legalized. It would have many uses and benefits for everyone. There are many ways to do this, including starting clubs, petitions for legalizing the use of marijuana, education classes about the whole truth of marijuana and by voting "yes" to marijuana legalization.

Erk Rikkonen  
Farmington Hills

Time's up for DST

At this time of year, as in the spring, we're confronted with the plague of an outdated fossil - Daylight Savings Time - in this case, the coming off period or return to natural time which occurs on Nov. 7. The "springing ahead" and "falling back" transitions play havoc with one's senses and are of little benefit. Simply put, it's time to repeal this anachronism!

DST actually began during World War I as a scheme to milk more working hours out of factories. It was continued on into World War II and has been in place ever since. To me, it's unnatural to mess with the clock this way as it throws off man's cicada rhythms. When these time changes occur, it can take days or weeks to return one's sleep patterns. Nature wisely ignores these artificial adjustments - the sun rises and sets as usual and the birds start chirping at daybreak, regardless if the clock says 6 a.m. or 7 a.m.

Furthermore, the United States has never followed a uniform timetable for DST. For many years, sections of Indiana didn't adhere to it. Today, Arizona and Hawaii don't use it.

During the summer, the extra hour of morning darkness is an inconvenience for travelers. The fact that the sun sets at 10 p.m. serves no purpose to anyone other than stargazing beachcombers. As the fall/winter approaches, the earth travels farther away from the sun, shortening the days, yet when DST would then be useful, it's at that time that it ends. The clock reverts and darkness falls at 6 p.m. then. If anything, DST should be in place year-round.

Finally, until a couple of years ago, the annual calendar end date of DST was Oct. 31 or Halloween night, which gave the little nippers an extra hour of night-shrouded trick or treating. Now, DST ends on Nov. 7, which makes no sense. If anything, at least let's return to the Oct. 31st end date.

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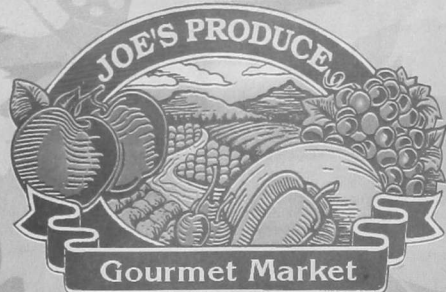
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# Eagles flex muscle in regional semifinal

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Hard-hitting Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity volleyball team rarely let up on the gas Tuesday night.

The Eagles rolled from beginning to end to sweep Bloomfield Hills Roper in a Class D regional semifinal matchup at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes.

PCA's 25-8, 25-10, 25-14 triumph advanced the team into today's regional final (7 p.m.) against Oakland Christian, one of the Eagles' top rivals in the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference.

But when Plymouth Christian hit a brief patch of turbulence during the clinching game against the Roughriders, albeit with the Eagles still up by a comfortable 19-13 lead, head coach Kelly Blackney called a timeout.

"I just told them we were playing flat, and that's kind of been our nemesis, kind of losing the momentum when we make a few errors," Blackney said. "So I really wanted to focus on that and get them centered on (that) we were still ahead, but we don't want to make those silly mistakes."

Blackney said finishing Tuesday out strong (which PCA did, with a 6-1 run) is impor-

## VOLLEYBALL REGIONAL

tant because the Lancers are next up.

### RIVALRY RENEWED

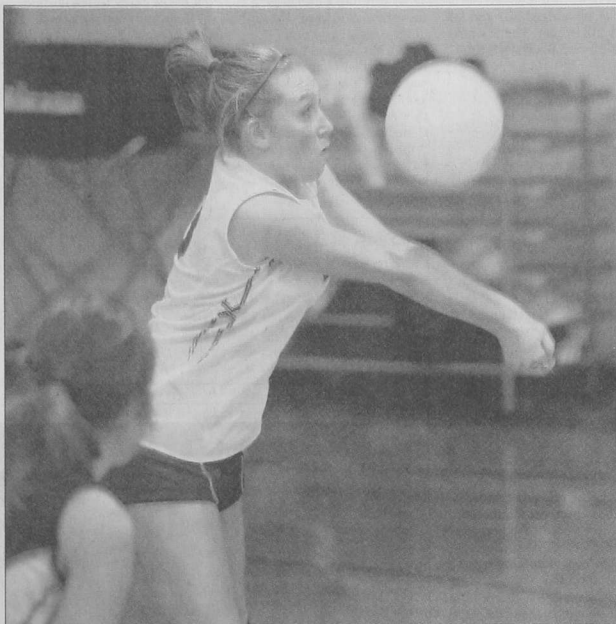
It should be another evenly matched contest, as was a MIAC showdown Oct. 14. That night, PCA needed to win games four and five for the victory.

Junior middle hitter Kristin Malcolm (14 service points, including six aces, six kills Tuesday) and senior libero Abby Bartes are eagerly awaiting another go with the Lancers — winners earlier Tuesday against Parkway Christian.

"It's a great thing. We are so excited," said Malcolm, who sparked PCA Tuesday with 14 service points, six aces and six kills. "We're ready to beat them again, and they are our favorite opponent. We love to play them. It's a big rivalry."

Concurring was Bartes (14 service points, six digs, two aces), noting that the team "can't wait, we just think it's going to be a really good game."

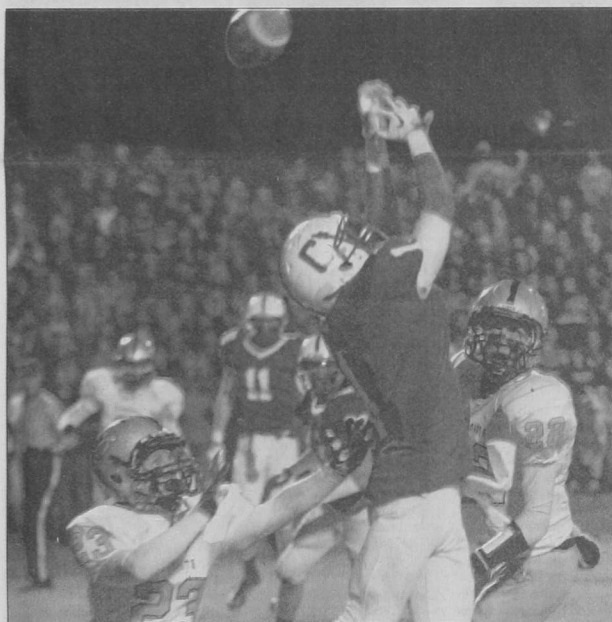
For that to happen, Blackney said her team (now 27-9-2) will need to be more resilient than



BILL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

PCA libero Abby Bartes shows her superb defensive ability during a recent victory over Oakland Christian. She'll try to do the same in today's regional final, also against the Lancers.

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BILL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Encore ahead?

Last Friday, Plymouth shocked top-ranked Canton 17-7 with strong play from the likes of the Emminger brothers — sophomore Nate (No. 23, left) and senior Phil (No. 22), shown breaking up a pass intended for Canton senior Kevin Buford (No. 1). The Emmingers and the rest of the Wildcats will look to reprise their underdog role at 1 p.m. Saturday when they visit Novi-Detroit Catholic Central. Both teams sport 9-2 records.

# Salem 10th at finals

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sparked by standout freshman Kayla Kavulich, Salem's varsity girls cross country team placed 10th overall at Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 finals.

Kavulich set a new Salem school record with her time of 18 minutes, 25.4 seconds, which earned her 27th overall at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

The effort also garnered Kavulich All-State kudos, not to mention high praise from Rocks head coach Dave Gerlach, who called her "an unbelievable talent who stepped right into high school competition and made an immediate impact."

Salem had five other runners finish the 5,000-meter course in less than 20 minutes, with a sixth nearly joining them.

Those who cracked the 20-minute plateau were junior Adrianna Beltran (85th, 19:20.7), sophomore Shannon Flynn (103rd, 19:30.8), senior Victoria Tripp (120th, 19:36.70), sophomore Madison Goodpasture (150th, 19:54.7) and sophomore Emily Bizon (151st, 19:54.8).

Senior Kara Booms, mean-

while, took the 199th spot with a time of 20:39.8.

Grand Haven captured the D-1 team title with 135 points, followed by Traverse City Central (154), Rockford (167), Northville (159) and Pinckney (174). Placing 19th with 474 points was Livonia Franklin, in what was the Patriots' first trip to the state finals.

## PCA finishers

In the Division 4 finals, Plymouth Christian Academy's boys team had two runners finish the race, although one had to deal with a leg injury sustained during the second mile.

Sophomore Trevor Baloga finished with a time of 18:54.8, while Jimmy Parks (also a sophomore) required 20:29.7 to finish.

But PCA head coach Jennifer Lemieux said Parks "wrenched his leg and was in extreme pain, but continued on."

Parks was injured at approximately 1.5 miles, when he was accidentally spiked and tripped.

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## GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

## SIDELINES

### Youth grid showdown

Are you ready for some junior football?

Circle this Sunday on your calendars. The Plymouth-Canton Steelers and Canton Lions freshman football teams will square off at the WSJFL Super Bowl hosted by Lincoln High School. The contest is slated to begin at 11 a.m.

Following that, at 1 p.m., the junior varsity Steelers and Ypsilanti Braves hook up for some more helmet-knocking football. Come on out to Lincoln and support the youngsters, your future "Park" high school performers.

### Sherwood qualifies

Madonna University senior Sarah Sherwood (Salem) made it three-for-three, placing third in Saturday's 2010 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's cross country championship held at Riverside Park in Grand Rapids.

Sherwood, the only MU runner to appear at the NAIA nationals, posted a clocking of 18 minutes, 27 seconds in the 5,000-meter race. It was just four seconds off of her school record time and 20 seconds behind eventual winner Rachel Steil of Aquinas College.

Sherwood will be making her third straight appearance in the NAIA's Saturday, Nov. 20, in Vancouver, Wash.

Aquinas captured the team title with 25 points, followed by Indiana Tech (62), Siena Heights (81), Cornerstone (82), Madonna (136), Davenport (171) and Concordia (190).

Other MU finishers included Inta Grinvalds, 30th (20:40); Cassie Yarnell, 31st (20:43); Emily Bambach (Livonia Ladywood), 21:03; and Devan Walley (Livonia Franklin), 55th (26:41).

### Scholar-athlete time

Application deadline for the 21st annual Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Award program is approaching fast. The MHSAA again will award 32 \$1,000 scholarships to student-athletes of member schools for the 2010-11 school year.

Students applying for the scholarship must be graduating during the 2010-11 school year, carrying a 3.50 grade-point average (on a 4.0 scale) and must have won a varsity letter in a sport in which the MHSAA sponsors a postseason tournament prior to their senior year. Applicants also are required to show involvement in other school/community activities and submit an essay on the importance of sportsmanship in educational athletics.

The MHSAA will offer 30 scholarships for both boys and girls on a graduated basis across its traditional class structure, including 12 scholarships (six boys and six girls) from Class A schools; eight (four boys and four girls) from Class B schools; six (three boys and three girls) from Class C schools; and four (two boys and two girls) from Class D schools.

Two at-large minority selections, regardless of school size, also will be chosen.

The scholarships may be used at the institutions of higher learning the winners attend during their first year at those colleges. The program is underwritten by Farm Bureau Insurance.

Students should check with their school administrators to learn how to apply and learn the exact deadline information for the Scholar-Athlete Award program. Administrators must submit their nominees to the MHSAA during the first week of December.

More information is available on the MHSAA's website at [www.mhsaa.com](http://www.mhsaa.com).

# Canton grad loves being Lady Ocelot

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

## THE MACUGA FILE

**Who:** Schoolcraft College freshman Lauren Macuga, a 5-foot, 4-inch libero for the Lady Ocelots volleyball team.

**Preps:** Macuga graduated in 2010 from Canton High School. As a Chief, she was captain her senior season and earned All-KLAA, All-Region and third-team All-Observer honors for her play at libero. She also set a school record for defensive digs in a season.

**Next:** She plans on playing one more season with Schoolcraft. After that, she would like to transfer to a four-year college and continue playing volleyball. Her major currently is business and marketing.

**Family:** Lauren's parents are Janet and Jack Macuga, of Canton.

Lauren Macuga's wide smile whenever she competed this fall with Schoolcraft College's women's volleyball team pretty much summed up how much of a blast her freshman season turned out to be.

Macuga, a 2010 graduate of Canton High School and a record-setting Chiefs player, excelled at libero for the Lady Ocelots.

And Saturday, although Schoolcraft (22-15 overall) was eliminated in the semifinals of the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II District E tournament, Macuga earned all-tournament honors.

Oh, by the way, when Macuga wasn't busy literally digging it for SC, she hit the books in her major of business and marketing.

"Between keeping my grades up,

attending all the practices and playing in the games, it makes for a pretty well-rounded schedule," Macuga said. "I couldn't imagine doing anything else, though."

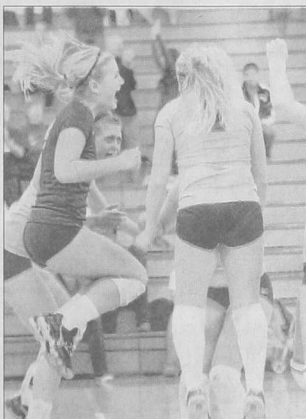
There aren't any other girls from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park who teamed up with Macuga at Schoolcraft, but one somewhat strange scenario was being teammates with three former Livonia Churchill players. The Chiefs and Chargers were arch rivals in Lauren's senior season.

"I never expected to be on the same side of the court as them," Macuga said. "But I'm thankful these days. My best friend, Taylor Kerr, was Churchill's libero from last season. I never thought we'd be digging together!"

## NO BUMPS

According to Macuga, the transition from prep to junior college "has

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JOHN KEMSKI

Pumped up about scoring a point during a recent match is Schoolcraft College freshman libero Lauren Macuga (No. 4, left), a 2010 Canton High School graduate.





# Wildcats prominent on All-Observer girls golf squad

## FIRST-TEAM

**Becca Bubenheimer, Jr., Liv.**  
Stevenson: The junior was runner-up at the Livonia Franklin Invitational, added a third at the Livonia Ladywood Invitational and finished 10th in the KLAAs Kensington Conference Tournament.

"Becca was our lowest scoring player in nearly every match she played and certainly will be one of the best players on our team next fall as she continues to improve in the off-season," Stevenson coach Jason Delo said of the team MVP. "She worked diligently on her game throughout the season and helped our team improve our scoring average by nearly 20 strokes."

"Becca made great improvements in her game and was everything a coach could ask for in a player."

**Maggie Lentz, Sr., Mercy:** A four-year varsity player, Lentz averaged 87.4 for 18-hole tournaments and 40.9 for nine-hole dual meets.

She shot 82 on the Spruce Run Course in the Traverse City Invite, 83 at the Holt Tournament (sixth) and 81 in the Catholic League meet for a third-place finish.

Lentz shot 91-87 at the D-2 state meet and tied for ninth place. She is a four-time All-Catholic golfer and an all-state honorable mention the last two years. A repeat member of the all-area first team, Lentz scored 45.3 or lower in eight of nine duals with a pair of 38s.

"Maggie was a team leader (and two-year captain)," coach Vicki Kowalski said. "She hurt her back at mid season and had to stay out of competition for a week. She came back real strong and led the team down the stretch to a third-place finish at the state finals."

**Brenna Hammond, Soph., Mercy:** The sophomore, a second-team selection last year, averaged 45.5 for dual meets and 89.5 for tournaments. Hammond shot an 80 on the second day of the Traverse City Invite and was the No. 1 Division 2 golfer that day on the Spruce Run Course at Grand Traverse Resort. She was the regional runner-up with an 87.

"She had a lot of scores in the 80s and low 90s," Kowalski said. "We hope to see all her scores below 90 and to see her get into the 70s next year."

"She played No. 2 most of the season. A couple times we put her at No. 1 when Maggie (Lentz) was injured, and I thought she handled that quite well. She just goes about her business on the golf course, and I think she's going to be a good team leader next year."

**Kelsey Murphy, Soph., Plymouth:** Murphy built upon her strong freshman season to really come into her own as a sophomore, averaging 39.5 per nine and 76 per 18 while being medalist at all eight dual meets.

She also was medalist at the KLAAs conference meet, with an

## 2010 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS GOLF FIRST TEAM

Becca Bubenheimer, Jr., Liv. Stevenson  
Brenna Hammond, Soph., F.H. Mercy  
Maggie Lentz, Sr., F.H. Mercy  
Kelsey Murphy, Soph., Plymouth  
Jordyn Shepler, Jr., Liv. Churchill  
Sarah Thompson, Soph., Plymouth

## SECOND TEAM

Maddy Asta, Sr., F.H. Mercy  
Jaclyn Burdette, Soph., Liv. Churchill  
Sophie Kollin, Fr., N. Farm-Harrison  
Molly Laird, Fr., N. Farm-Harrison  
Kelsey Shaw, Sr., F.H. Mercy  
Elena Vlachos, Sr., F.H. Mercy

## COACH OF THE YEAR

Chris Moore, Plymouth

## HONORABLE MENTION

Canton: Chloe Luyel; Kelsey McQuigall; Paige Olsler; Plymouth: Danielle Allen, Lindsay Dean, Christy Patterson, Mandy Kirsch; Franklin: Lexi Smith, Mariah Barcus; Stevenson: Sarah King, Madelyn Omielanski; Churchill: Nicole Kruse, Maggie McGowan; Ladywood: Sara Even, Christina Briden, Nicole Salter, Michelle Nelson; N. Farm-Harrison: Kayley Frey; Mercy: Maggie McGee, Sarah Mentone; John Glenn: Michelle Bishop; Farmington: Erin Moore; Salem: Gabby LeBlanc.

18-hole score of 74, and chalked up victories at the Fox Creek, Bedford, Birmingham Country Club and Knollwood invitational. She finished second at the Forest Lake invite.

Murphy, a tireless worker who helped spark the Wildcats to the Division 1 state meet for the first time, was named to the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association Super Team which

culls top golfers from all divisions, said Plymouth coach Chris Moore. "Kelsey is just a tremendous talent who works so many hours beyond our practice schedule," Moore emphasized. "She's unbelievable, the time and commitment she puts in is second to none. All the accolades she won she earned and deserved."

**Jordyn Shepler, Jr., Liv. Churchill:** The junior co-captain was medalist five times as the Chargers posted an 8-2 dual-meet record in the KLAAs South Division.

The team MVP averaged 43.3 per nine and 91 per 18-hole events. Shepler placed fourth in the KLAAs Kensington Conference Tournament and helped the Chargers recapture the Livonia Public Schools title.

"Jordyn's work ethic and leadership is what every coach would like to see from all their players, the drive to improve," Churchill's Paul Worley said. "Her senior season should be an exciting one to follow."

**Sarah Thompson, Soph., Plymouth:** With best friend Murphy by her side, Thompson put together a remarkable season, averaging 43.5 strokes per nine and 88 for 18.

Her career best (for 9 holes) 39 earned her medalist honors and other highlights included finishing eighth at the KLAAs conference tournament, third at the Bedford

Invitational (out of 120 golfers, with a personal best 82 for 18) and second at the regionals, with an 83 score.

Another tireless worker, Thompson geared up for her prep season by winning the Junior PGA summer tournament.

"She learned this year that, by keeping her emotions in check her scores went down tremendously," Moore said. "She just had to have that confidence in herself. I knew she had a great game, she just had to believe in herself."

## SECOND-TEAM

**Maddy Asta, Sr., Mercy:** Asta ended her prep career with a solid senior season in which she averaged 95.3 for 18-hole events and 47.3 in dual matches. Her best 18-hole score was an 89 at the Oakland County and Catholic League meets. She shot a low of 40 in duals.

"Maddy really came on strong this year," Kowalski said. "She was a varsity 'B' player last year. She just really worked hard on her game over the summer."

"She was a real joy to coach. She received the Coach's Award, because we all knew of the hard work she put in to be in the starting lineup this year."

"She was named a team captain by her peers. She was a real good team leader in her senior season."

**Jaclyn Burdette, Soph., Liv. Churchill:** The sophomore saved her best round of the year with an 88 at the regional to earn a qualifying spot in the Division 1 state finals at EMU's Eagle Crest Golf Club where she posted rounds of 95 and 102.

Burdette averaged 47.7 per nine and had an 18-hole average of 93.8 (second only to Shepler). She was medalist in three dual matches.

"Jackie has worked hard on her short game this season," Worley said. "And with that kind of dedication, she will see her scores drop even further next season."

**Sophie Kollin, Fr., N. Farmington-Harrison:** The freshman averaged 94.2 for tournaments and 45 for dual matches. She shot 82 at the Oakland County Division 2 meet, and she had a 91 at the Bedford Invite.

Coach Bruce Sutton recounted a story from the regional in which Kollin hit into the rough and played the wrong ball by mistake. "A couple holes later she asked me what the penalty was for hitting the wrong ball," Sutton said.

"None of the girls knew what had happened. She self-reported herself. No one else would have known."

"She's such an honest young lady, and she's always trying to better herself. She has a lot of integrity. Potentially, she and Molly (Laird) will own just about every record before they graduate."

**Molly Laird, Fr., N. Farmington-Harrison:** Laird is following in the footsteps of older sisters Emily, Veronica and Sarah — all

of whom were good high school golfers. The freshman was a D-1 state qualifier, shooting 93 at the regional. She averaged 46.3 for nine holes and 100 for 18 following the state meet.

"She didn't play her best in the state final, but she made it," Sutton said. "There were hundreds of other girls who didn't make it. I'm very proud of her this year. She did come a long way, for Molly built a putting green in her bedroom, because that's one part of her game she needed to work on. She continued to putt and putt as much as she could and did improve that."

"She's looking to uphold the Laird family name. The record book is just full of Laird names. Each one of those (sisters) went to the state final to watch Molly."

**Kelsey Shaw, Sr., Mercy:** In her third varsity season, Shaw averaged 92.3 for 18 holes and 46.9 for nine. The senior golfer was Mercy's second-best player in the state meet, shooting 93-91. Shaw shot 88 in the Traverse City Invite, 90 at Holt and 91 in the Raisin River Invite in Monroe for a top-10 finish. Her best dual score was a 39.

"She had a real mature attitude this year," Kowalski said. "She was all business on the golf course. She came into her own this season. She's thinking about playing in college, maybe at a smaller school in Michigan like Albion or Alma."

**Elena Vlachos, Sr., Mercy:** Vlachos was the team's third-best golfer in the D-2 state meet with scores of 94 each day. A senior who made the second team last year, she averaged 93.4 for 18 holes and 47.5 in duals. Vlachos shot 87 on the Wolverine Course at the Grand Traverse Resort and 89 in the Oakland County meet. Her dual highlights were a 41 against Sacred Heart and 43 versus Divine Child. A three-year varsity golfer, Vlachos is an academic all-state player and a team captain with Lentz, Shaw and Asta.

"Elena has been a real solid player for us these last two seasons," Kowalski said. "She was an awesome competitor for the Mercy golf team. At the same time, she was always kind to opponents. Many coaches commented on her great sportsmanship."

## COACH OF THE YEAR

**Chris Moore, Plymouth:** For the first time in the nine-year history of Plymouth High School, the girls golf team reached the state finals. The Wildcats finished 11th there, but that didn't diminish what Moore and the team accomplished in 2010.

Plymouth also sailed through the KLAAs South Division, winning it with a record of 10-0.

According to Moore, having a roster of talented, enthusiastic and willing-to-learn golfers made it a season to remember on many



Becca Bubenheimer Stevenson



Maggie Lentz Mercy



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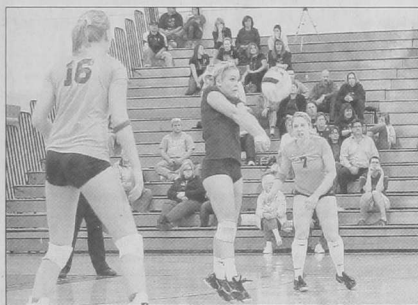
Chris Moore Plymouth coach

levels. "It's a great honor (Coach of the Year)," he said. "It just shows that the kids work hard. They make me look good."

Moore, who has coached the Wildcats since the program's inception in 2001, said making it to the state meet was "a great experience for such a young group of girls. It was unexpected, it was a great experience and now we're looking forward to next year and try to improve on where we finished this year."

Plymouth's young lineup, featuring co-MVPs Kelsey Murphy and Sarah Thompson, could do just that in 2011. A big reason for continuing success, next to talent itself, is how the girls built up Moore's coaching philosophy.

"We talk about perseverance, never giving up, trying to keep your emotions in check," Moore noted. "Just going out there and having fun, giving your best and if your best isn't good enough that day then don't worry about it. You can always improve."



Bumping the ball is always-determined Lauren Macuga (middle) during Schoolcraft College volleyball action. Flanking Macuga are teammates Amber Aldrich (No. 16) and Jessica Macari (No. 7).

## MACUGA

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been pretty smooth," both academically and as a volleyball player.

"The pace of the game is much faster, but I feel like I adjusted well," Macuga said. "The girls are all at a high level of play, which makes our team play a lot more exciting and focused."

"We had summer workouts and weren't allowed to touch a ball for so long. I remember the first day we did, I was in awe of the talent. Our team's practice level is some of the most impressive volleyball I've ever seen on practice days."

Getting pointers from Schoolcraft's coaching staff (led by Rich Lamb) has quickened the transition, and Macuga said she really enjoys the team bonding that comes with bus rides and hotel stays on the road.

"The traveling is great. I love staying in the hotel with all of the girls and going out to dinner as a team," she said. "Some of the bus rides can be long, but it's worth it."

## GETTING PREPPED

Macuga said her experience playing for Canton definitely helped set her up for college volleyball.

"We're always a very strong program in volleyball (at Canton)," she said. "I started playing volleyball my sophomore year, and wasn't sure about it at first."

"Canton's coaches taught me about the game and I quickly learned to love it."

She loves it so much that she is thinking about coaching younger players during the off-season, perhaps for the High Velocity Hurricanes club.

"The game has taught me to have the desire to want to excel more and more both on and off the court," Macuga said. "I always find myself pushing harder."

"The sense of enjoyment that comes from winning as a team is phenomenal. I couldn't imagine giving that up, plus I want to share it with others." All they'd have to do to get on board about the joys of volleyball is to take a look at Macuga's beaming face.

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# Franklin takes 19th at state finals meet

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Livonia Franklin girls cross country coach Dave Bjorklund knew duplicating his team's surprise regional showing was going to be a tough act to follow.

The Patriots, who qualified for Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 finals for the first time in school history, wound up 19th in the 27-team field with 474 points in the meet held at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Grand Haven captured the team title with 135 following by Traverse City Central (154), Rockford (167), Northville (159) and Pinckney (174). "We did not finish as had

as we had hoped, but with that being said, they all did a pretty good job and they all ran close to their personal bests," Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund said. "I think they just put everything they had into the regional to try and qualify, and then winning it."

"Running at the state meet is tough and nobody runs on that course, but overall I was proud of the girls. They did a great job."

Senior Megan McPherson, the regional champion, earned All-State honors for the first time in her career by finishing 13th overall in 18:03.0.

"She was happy, but she wanted to go under 18:00 and was pretty darn close," Bjorklund said. "Her goal was to make sure she made All-State (top 30). It

was good she finally made All-State because she was 32nd as a sophomore and was hurt last year as a junior. When she was a freshman she had a back injury and we didn't know how good she was."

Exchange student Pia Klein, a senior, was next for the Patriots in 101st with a time of 19:30.3.

The Neunkirchen, Germany native was one of the big reasons why Franklin enjoyed its finest season in school history.

"The day before practice started I got a call from my athletic director Ron Hammye that we had an exchange student," Bjorklund said. "At our first meet (South Lyon Invitational) she was eighth (22:08) and just got better every meet."

"Over there (Germany) she was on a track team where she had high jump, hurdles and sprints. She had never run anything outside of the track. She is just a pure athlete."

"One of the parents said she was a 'Gift from God.' I have her in advanced placement calculus. She's just a great kid with good grades and sound character."

Franklin's other three point scorers were senior Leslie Gomez, 182nd (2:14.2); senior Megan Wickens, 183rd (20:15.9); and junior Tiffany Lambie, 194th (20:30.6).

The Patriots' non-scorers were senior Kelly Walby and junior Madeline Herman in 213th and 214th, respectively, in 20:52.6 and 20:52.8.

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# Second annual sacred music concert honors Felician Sisters



The Presentation Chapel at the Felician Sisters' Motherhouse in Livonia will be the setting for a "Concert of Sacred Music."

PHOTO BY KAREN VAMAS

BY SHARON DARGAY  
OGE STAFF WRITER

Barbara Glinski of Farmington Hills loves classical sacred music and beautiful spaces.

Louis Canter, music director for the Archdiocese of Detroit, does, too.

They'll bring both together Sunday, Nov. 21, at Presentation Chapel at the Motherhouse of the Felician Sisters of Livonia.

The event, "Concert of Sacred Music," starts at 2 p.m. at the chapel, 36800 Schoolcraft. Patron tickets are \$100 and include reserved seating, and a cocktail and hors d'oeuvre reception after the concert, along with an opportunity to meet the performers.

Supporter tickets are \$20.

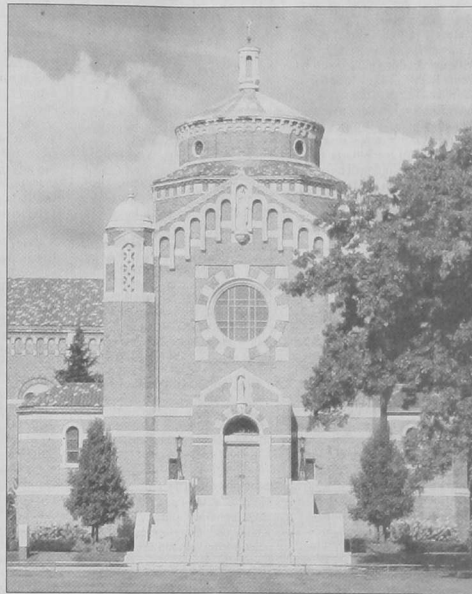
Tickets are available in advance by calling (313) 701-8683 or e-mailing to musicconcert@wowway.com. Tickets also will be available at the door.

Proceeds will benefit the Felician Sisters, who are celebrating 135 years of ministry in education, health care and the Church.

"It's love of sacred music that started this and a desire to give wonderful musicians a chance to sing in sacred spaces and honor the Sisters," Glinski said.

Elizabeth Mihal, soprano and Andy Langlands, baritone, will sing Handel's *And He Shall Feed His Flock*. Lisa Agazzi, mezzo soprano, will perform Schubert's *Ave Maria*. Hektor Qyteti will play *Meditation* on violin. And the Sisters and Ladywood's Angelic Chorale will sing Palestrina's *Jesu, Rex Admirabilis*. The program also includes Julie Holowell, Charles Walker and Canter.

Canter also will perform, as he did during the first annual sacred music performance held last year at the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament in Farmington Hills in honor of Cloistered Dominican Nuns.



The exterior of the Presentation Chapel in Livonia

"I got to play the organ last year in a cloistered area," Canter said. "Each of the chapels has its own beauty."

He said the monastery's chapel is a smaller space with more light from the outdoors. The Presentation Chapel is filled with mosaics, art work and stained glass.

"This is a concert of the senses. There is an audio experience, but a visual experience as well," he said.

Glinski fielded at least one telephone call from a ticket buyer

who wondered about the chapel's interior.

"He said 'I drive by there all the time and always wondered what it looks like inside.' He's bringing his girlfriend to the concert. We also have a couple celebrating their wedding anniversary."

She said the chapel holds a maximum 500 individuals.

Serving with her and Canter on the planning committee are Jan Krysz, Jo Obloy, Sue Sajdak, Sr. Mary Cynthia Ann Machlik, Sr. Mary Renetta Rump and Sr. Mary Francis Lewandowski.

## Worship and bagpipes come together at 19th annual service

BY SHARON DARGAY  
OGE STAFF WRITER

The feast of St. Andrews is Nov. 30, but St. James Presbyterian Church in Redford will celebrate with bagpipes and dinner on Sunday, Nov. 14.

"If the Presbyterian Church had a saint, that would be the saint," said

the Rev. Paul Bousquette, pastor at St. James, explaining the significance of the holiday.

"After Christ died, the disciples all scattered. St. Andrews is the disciple thought to have made it to Scotland."

St. Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland, where his feast day is a national holiday. The Presbyterian

church has its roots in Scotland. Bousquette said his church celebrates a few weeks before the actual feast day so that it doesn't coincide with Thanksgiving Day weekend.

The church will mark the event with a 10 a.m. worship service, followed by dinner.

The St. Andrews Society Pipe Band

will play bagpipe music during the worship service and at the dinner.

"This is our 19th year. The St. Andrew's Society bagpipe band has been with us all 19 years," Bousquette said. "We have Amazing Grace played on the bagpipes and there isn't a dry eye in the place."

Advance tickets for the dinner

are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, 4-11. Tickets at the door are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. Youngsters, 3 and under, are admitted for free.

The dinner and fellowship will be held in Calvin Hall at the church, 25350 W. Six Mile. For reservations call the church at (313) 534-7730.

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NOV. 11-17

Alternative Christmas

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, 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, Nov. 14  
**Location:** 6800 Drake, between Maple and 14 Mile, in West Bloomfield  
**Details:** Congregation B'nai Moshe continues its 100-year anniversary celebration with a Hungarian dinner commemorating their founding ethnicity. The synagogue will honor its roots with goulash and chicken paprikash, stuffed cabbage and more. Adult dinner, \$29; children 5-12 pay \$18.  
**Contact:** (248) 788-0600

Birmingham Temple

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20  
**Location:** 28611 West 12 Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Gabriel Boklosky, first violinist of Phoenix String Quartet in Ann Arbor performs, accompanied by Michelle Cooker. "An Evening of Diverse Repertoire" is part of the Vivace Music Series. Tickets are \$23 for non-members, \$20 for temple members and senior citizens, 62 and over, and \$12 for students under 18  
**Contact:** Joyce Cheresch at (248) 788-9338 or Ann Sipher at (248) 661-1348

Composer festival

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 13  
**Location:** Birmingham First United Methodist Church, 1589 Maple, between Southfield Road and Cranbrook, Birmingham  
**Details:** Gilbert Martin will lead the festive 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 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

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 14  
**Location:** Congregation B'nai 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, tea pots, and more  
**Contact:** (248) 788-0600

Grief during holidays

**Time/Date:** 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14  
**Location:** Faith Community Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** GriefShare presents a program designed to help those who have lost loved ones cope with the holidays. Topics include using the holidays to heal, handling parties and invitations, and dealing with traditions and other changes. A \$4 donation covers the cost of the workshop  
**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 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 available on Saturday  
**Contact:** (734) 421-7620

Movie series

**Time/Date:** 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14

**Location:** The Corners: A Campus for Caring 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 available by reservation for a fee  
**Contact:** (248) 406-4255

**Pomegranate Guild**  
**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14  
**Location:** The community room of the Prentiss Apartments, located on 10 Mile east of Greenfield in Oak Park  
**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 the children's Holocaust Memorial in Texas  
**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 of needy families at Christmas. The church is partnering with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and has committed up to \$1,000 for the fund-raiser to benefit the needy in our area. Tickets are \$15 and all proceeds will help approximately 15 families through the Salvation Army  
**Contact:** (734) 464-0211

St. Andrew's Day

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. worship service followed by dinner and entertainment  
**Location:** St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford  
**Details:** Dinner with bagpipe entertainment; pre-sale ticket prices for dinner are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, 4-11. Tickets at the door are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children.  
**Contact:** (313) 534-7730

Trivia fun

**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 trivia. Minimum of two players on a team. Cost is \$15 per person, ages 18 years and up. Pizza and snacks included. Cash bar available  
**Contact:** Dave Chiola at (248) 752-2340 or the parish office at (734) 421-6130

NOV. 18-NOV. 24

Christmas Charity Fair

**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth  
**Details:** Nonprofit organizations will be on hand with information about their missions. Shoppers can donate to a cause rather than purchase gifts for those hard-to-buy folks on their Christmas lists. Charities include Appalachian Service Project, Baldwin Center, Music program and Academy of PFJMC, Cass Community Social Services, Crop Walk, First Step, Habitat for Humanity, Healing Heroes, Heifer International, Joy of Jesus, Kris and Sarah Kapler, missionaries, Methodist Children's Home Society, Michigan Council on Alcohol Programs, and Salvation Army  
**Contact:** (734) 453-5280

Ladies Night Out

**Time/Date:** 6-9:30 p.m. Nov. 19  
**Location:** St. Damian GYM/Community Room, 30055 Joy, Westland  
**Details:** A night of pampering and shopping for the holidays, with manicures and massages available from many vendors. Admission is \$5 and includes finger foods, desserts, and refreshments. Cash bar available. Must be 13 years or older to attend with adult  
**Contact:** (734) 427-1680

NOV. 25-DEC. 15

Concert

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Dec. 11  
**Location:** Ward Presbyterian Evangelical Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville  
**Details:** The Detroit Handbell Ensemble, along with area handbell choirs, will perform music of the Christmas season in this free concert  
**Contact:** (248) 374-5969

Concert

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Dec. 11  
**Location:** Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth Street, Wayne  
**Details:** Sounds of Life Benefit Concert,



Gabriel Boklosky, first violinist of Phoenix String Quartet plays Nov. 20 at the Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills.

featuring Bishop RJ Shackelford; \$20 donation with proceeds benefitting Life Pointe Church  
**Contact:** (734) 486-3210

**Concert**  
**Time/Date:** 4 p.m. Dec. 12  
**Location:** 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** The St. Aidan Adult Choir, along with the St. Aidan Children's Choir, and St. Aidan Contemporary Ensemble, directed by Mr. Ray Schmidt, will present their 29th Annual Christmas Concert. Admission is \$5 and two non-perishable food items.  
**Contact:** (734) 425-5950

Santa Lucia breakfast

**Time/Date:** Saturday, Dec. 4  
**Location:** Faith Covenant Church, 35415 West 14 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**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) 788-7094

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AWANA

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays  
**Location:** Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** AWANA program for children from kindergarten-fifth grade  
**Contact:** (248) 426-0096

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 disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.  
**Contact:** Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net

**Livonia Unity**  
**Time/Date:** Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, Livonia  
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**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.  
**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township  
**Contact:** John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

**New Life Community Church**  
**Time/Date:** Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m.; Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays  
**Location:** 42200 Tyler, Belleville  
**Contact:** (734) 846-4615 for information

Nicole's Revealal

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday  
**Location:** YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford  
**Details:** KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer  
**Contact:** (313) 531-2334

**Our Lady of Loretto**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday  
**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford  
**Details:** Scripture study  
**Contact:** (313) 534-9000

**Ward Presbyterian**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Mondays  
**Location:** Room A101, 40000 W. Six

Mile, Northville  
**Details:** Learner's Bible study is held  
**Contact:** (248) 374-5920

Clothing bank

**Canton Christian Fellowship**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday  
**Location:** 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty  
**Details:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need  
**Contact:** (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

Crafters wanted

**First United Methodist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 23  
**Location:** Eight Mile and Taft in Northville  
**Details:** 3rd Annual Community Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at the church. A great opportunity for local entrepreneurs and artists to showcase their talents and products to hundreds of local customers. Booking now  
**Contact:** For details and to reserve a place, e-mail to: Pat Breslin at fumbazaar@gmail.com. Learn more about Village Banking at www.FINCA.org

**Riverside Park Church of God**  
**Time/Date:** Oct. 22-23  
**Location:** 11771 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Applications are being accepted for the annual fall craft show. Rental spaces are 8-by-5-feet and can be reserved for one day at a cost of \$20 or two days for \$30. Tables an additional \$5  
**Contact:** (734) 464-0990; download an application at www.riversidepark-church.org  
**St. John's Episcopal Church**

**Time/Date:** Oct. 9  
**Location:** 555 South Wayne Road, Westland  
**Details:** Looking for crafters, vendors for a fall craft sale  
**Contact:** (734) 721-5023

**St. Thomas a'Becket**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4  
**Location:** 555 S. Lilley, Canton  
**Details:** Accepting applications for handmade crafts only for 20th annual Christmas Craft Show  
**Contact:** craftshow@abecket.org or (734) 844-1232

Fellowship dinner

**St. James Presbyterian**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month  
**Location:** 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford  
**Details:** Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and dessert: The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the meals  
**Contact:** (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-7730

Food Bank

**New Hope Church**  
**Time/Date:** 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only  
**Location:** is 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton  
**Contact:** Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

Moms

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday, MOPS, 7-8:30 p.m., first and third Thursday, MOPSnext. Both programs run through May  
**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPSnext supports mothers of school-aged children. The theme will be "Mology: The Art & Science of Mothering" for MOPS and "Boundaries" for MOPSnext  
**Contact:** Rebekah Creeden at (734) 524-0283 for MOPS and Susan Magner at (248) 478-3643 for MOPS

**Dunning Park Bible Chapel**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays  
**Location:** 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford  
**Details:** MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope  
**Contact:** Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

Pet-friendly service

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m., Sunday  
**Location:** Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** All Creatures ULC sponsors the service which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available

after the service. All Creatures ULC describes the gathering as non-denominational and Christian. Water is available for dogs  
**Contact:** (313) 563-0162

Prayer

**Nardin Park United Methodist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday  
**Location:** 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests  
**Contact:** (248) 476-8860

St. Edith Church

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church  
**Details:** Music, singing, prayer  
**Contact:** Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906

St. Michael's Church of Livonia

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday  
**Location:** Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia  
**Details:** Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction service follows. (734) 261-1455

Senior citizens

**Riverside Park Church of God**  
**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m., third Thursdays  
**Location:** 11771 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Senior adults, age 50 and over, enjoy social interaction and food  
**Contact:** (734) 464-0990

Singles

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Time/Date:** Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program  
**Location:** 2000 E. Main St., Northville  
**Details:** Single Place Ministry meets; cost is \$5  
**Contact:** (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday  
**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others who are ready to help cope or become involved in the other social activities offered by Widowed Friends.  
**Contact:** (313) 534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m., Sunday  
**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville  
**Details:** Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation  
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ELIZABETH "BETTY" F. ELLIOTT

Age 87, of Plymouth, passed away on November 7, 2010. Loving wife of 61 years to William G. Beloved mother of Beverly (Tom) Simmonds and Patricia (Thomas) Welland. Proud grandmother of Eric and Carl Welland. Dear sister of William (Ruth) Wiseman and the late Robert Wiseman. Also survived by cousins; Gloria Cann and Norman (Peggy) Van Dine, sister in law, Evelyn (Donald) Riteour and by many loving nieces and nephews. Betty was a proud member of the D.A.R. in Plymouth. Many knew Betty for her beautiful paintings and for her gift as a wonderful writer. She also loved music and nature but above all else, her family is what she cherished most in life. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Friends may join the family on Saturday November 13, 2010 from the First Presbyterian Church 701 Church St., Plymouth from 10:00am with a memorial service at 11:00am. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association 20300 Civic Center Dr. Ste. 100, Southfield, Michigan 48076-4166 or to the Humane Society of Huron Valley P.O. Box 7026 Liberty Station, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107-7026.



GRACE EVA ERICKSON

Age 89, November 8, 2010, of Westland. Beloved wife of Delbert. Loving mother of Ron (Libby), Joan (Joe) Bolek, Arthur (Nancy), Charles (Deby), Janice (Dennis) Wilson and Gregory (Pansy). Also survived by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Visitation Wed 2-8 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N Newburgh Rd (btwn Ford & Cherry Hill) Westland. Funeral service Thurs 11 am at the funeral home. Memorial Contributions to Alzheimer's Association or Grace Moravian Church, 31133 Hively, Westland, MI 48186. To share a memory please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

RAYMOND G. LAMPRON

Age 87 of Canton passed away on Oct. 14, 2010 from heart failure. He was a loving husband to Mary for 60 years before she died in 2003. He is survived by his brother Bob, his children: Dennis "Dino" (Leslie), Michael, Valerie (Larry) Gildo & Carol (Don) McCulloch; his grandkids: Renee, Sheryl, Scott, Denise, Jud, Mike & Stan; step grandkids: Joanne, Suzanne, Nicole, Danette & Rob; great grandsons: Nick, Thomas & Nathan; step great grandsons: Jake & Luke. We all miss our brother, Daddy, Grandpa, Poppy and good friend. Memories shared on facebook of Sheryl J Gildo.



CARL NICHOFF

November 6, 2010, age 79. Beloved husband of Sofia, dear father of Mary (Kenneth) Libbing, David (Elizabeth) and Michael (Stephanie). Loving grandfather of Samuel, Carlo, Alexander and Alicia. Brother of Sylvia Polderskye. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, Tuesday, November 09, 2010. Carl was laid to rest at Parkview Memorial Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church or to Pancreatic Cancer Research. Care and services were entrusted to the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton.

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# Run, walk, bike or drive through holiday lights



A bicyclist decorated his head rather than his bike, during a previous Bike through the Lights.

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

If you have a knack for holiday decorating, try heaping the ornaments, bows, lights and wreaths on two wheels and head for the fourth annual Bike through the Lights Wednesday Nov. 17 in Westland.

You might win a prize and chances are you'll turn heads even if you don't.

Beverly Watts, Wayne County's parks director, expects 500-600 bicyclists to pedal along Hines Drive past the 35 giant lighted displays that make up Lightfest.

"The word is getting out and momentum is building," she said, describing the bike event. "We have a contest for the best decorated bikes. One of our winners one year had dressed (his bike) like Santa Claus. I've seen a bike completely in lights and one like Rudolf the Red-nosed Reindeer. They are very creative."

Please see **LIGHTFEST, B7**



Reindeers take Santa's sleigh for a night flight in this exhibit at Lightfest.



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Bicyclists ride along Hines Drive during a previous Bike through the Lights.

# LIGHTFEST

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The top three winners will receive prizes. The first 300 individuals who register for Bike through the Lights will get long sleeve T-shirts. Everyone will be treated to food after the event.

The family-friendly bike ride will start with check-in from 5:30-6:45 p.m. at the Merriman Hollow Area, which is the entrance to Lightfest, at Merriman and Hines Drive. The event will start at 7 p.m.

Riders will follow the road to the Warrendale picnic area and then return to the starting point. All must be equipped with a light and helmet.

Fees are \$20 through Nov. 16 and \$25 on event day. High school students and children pay \$12. Proceeds will benefit the Friends of Wayne County Parks. Entry forms are available at [www.wayne-countyparks.org](http://www.wayne-countyparks.org) or call (734) 261-1990.

**RUN, DRIVE**

The bike ride is one of three events that will help kick off Lightfest, which runs from Nov. 18-Dec. 31 on more than four miles of Hines Drive.

The Wayne County Lightfest 8K Fun Run/Walk starts at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, with check-in at 5:30 p.m., at Merriman and Hines Drive. It ends at the Warrendale Area, off Warren Avenue, east of Telegraph in Dearborn Heights. Participants can park at either end and ride a shuttle

## MORE LIGHTS

- The Boulevard Tree Lighting and Red Kettle Campaign Kickoff, 6:15 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12 in Kellogg Park, in downtown Plymouth: Music performances by the Salvation Army Brass Band and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Choir. The boulevard trees will be lit and refreshments will be provided. The first 100 guests will receive a free gift-filled stocking.
- Northville's Holiday Lighted Parade, 6:30 p.m., Nov. 19 in downtown Northville: Lighted floats and vehicles, marching units and bands. Look for 700 area Girl Scouts marching with collection boxes for mittens.
- Santa's arrival and tree lighting, 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26 at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth: Santa, Mrs. Claus and Christmas Carol will arrive by fire truck and after a welcome ceremony will be escorted to his house in the park. Children may visit with him until 8 p.m.
- 32nd Annual Tree Lighting, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, at Summit on the Park in Canton: Seasonal entertainment and activities both indoors and outside, refreshments and visits with Santa.
- Nov's Light Up the Night, 6-9 p.m. Dec. 3 at the Novi Civic Center: Seasonal entertainment, children's activities, ice carving demonstrations, marshmallow roasting, light refreshments, craft show, holiday tree/wreath lot and a visit from Santa highlight the event. The holiday tree will be lit at 6:30 p.m. Kids can get a hands-on, close up look at vehicles such as a snow plow, fire truck and police car at the "Tons of Trucks" display.
- Annual Christmas tree lighting, 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 7, on the south side of City Hall in Livonia: Sing holiday carols with the Livonia Civic Chorus, visit Santa, make holiday crafts, watch a magic show and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. Refreshments will be served at Civic Center Library.

# Event brings 1960s, 70s musicians together

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Bob Harris says his show this weekend is like nothing ever seen in entertainment history.

The Redford resident and author of the book, *Motor City Rock and Roll: The 1960s and 1970s*, will bring dozens of performers together for live shows and a free autograph session from 5-10 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 13, at Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Racho, in Taylor.

Performers for "Motor City Music Legends" will include Mark and the Mysterians, The Shades of Blue, Benny and the Jets, The Contours, and Jose Riohas.

Many other musicians and celebrities will be on hand to autograph items for

free. The group includes Jeff Lehman of Looking Glass, recording artist Kat Orlando, comedian George Young, and MC 5's Dan Murphy, among others.

"I started out with a few, but before knew it I had over 70 tables gone," said Harris, describing the autograph session. "Not all are artists. There are some stores, a poster guy is going to be there. They are all going to be there signing autographs on whatever you want to walk in there with — a book or a picture."

Doors will open at 5 p.m. and the show will start at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance from Gibraltar Trade Center and \$10 at the door. Children under 12 pay \$3. Parking is \$2.

Harris staged a similar but smaller show in December 2009 that drew about 1,500 individuals. He decided to try it

again, but contacted more musicians for the upcoming show.

"I'll be there selling my book. But I don't care about me. These guys are still playing. Over 90 percent of them are still playing in a band. They are the ones who need the exposure. It's their livelihood."

Harris said he'll have photographs of rock stars, Motown legends and country singers, along with newspaper clippings that he has collected over the years on eight display tables at the show.

"We expect 3,000 people at this show. It's something totally different in the entertainment business. There have never been so many recording artists signing autographs for free under one roof."

For more information call Gibraltar Trade Center at (734) 287-2000 or Harris at (313) 399-8285.

## GET OUT



DAWN HELMANN

Raga Bop Trio will perform at the Jazz Cafe Nov. 19-20 at Music Hall in downtown Detroit.

## ART

**Art & Ideas**  
**Time/Date:** Through Nov. 14  
**Location:** 15095 Northville Road, south of Five Mile, Plymouth  
**Details:** "Diverse Forms, Diverse Meanings," with works by Schoolcraft College Art Faculty, Robert Bielat, Sarah Olson and Ellen Mourcoulis  
**Contact:** (734) 420-0775

**City Gallery**  
**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, through Nov. 16  
**Location:** Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Paintings and prints by Munazza Naem, an instructor at the Windsor, Ontario Printmaker's Forum, where she teaches drawing, painting, and printmaking, are on exhibit  
**Contact:** (248) 473-1856

**Detroit Artist Market**  
**Time/Date:** 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, Nov. 13-Dec. 23; preview party is 5-9 p.m., Nov. 12  
**Location:** 4719 Woodward Ave., Detroit  
**Details:** Annual Art for the Holiday Show includes jewelry, glass, metal, ceramic, photography, accessories, paintings, drawings, sculpture, books, cards, framed prints and more for sale. Admission to the preview party are \$10 for Detroit Artist Market members and \$20 for non-members  
**Contact:** (313) 832-8540

**Northville Art House**  
**Time/Date:** Through Dec. 3  
**Location:** 215 W. Cady in downtown Northville  
**Details:** 6th Annual Northville Holiday Art market with hand-crafted work in pottery, fiber, jewelry and painting for sale by local artists  
**Contact:** (248) 344-0497  
**The Gallery@YT**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Nov. 29  
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**JD's House of Comedy**  
**Time/Date:** Various show times  
Wednesday-Saturday evenings  
**Location:** 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield  
**Details:** Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday  
**Contact:** (248) 348-2420 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

**Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia**  
**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays  
**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Phil Palisaul, through Nov. 13; Daniel Dugar, Nov. 17-20; Chrissy Burns, Nov. 24-27  
**Contact:** (734) 261-0555; [www.kickerscomplex.com](http://www.kickerscomplex.com)

**Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle**  
**Time/Date:** Mike Lukas, Nov. 11-13; Lisa Landry, Nov. 18-20; Dave Landau, Nov. 26-27; Paul Mecurio, Dec. 2-4; O'Brien & Valdez, Dec. 9-11; David Dyer, Dec. 16-18; Dan Grueter, Dec. 30-31  
**Location:** 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak  
**Contact:** (248) 542-9900, [www.comedycastle.com](http://www.comedycastle.com)

## CONCERTS

**The Ark**  
**Time/Date:** Mindy Smith, Nov. 11; Enter the Haggis, Nov. 12; Frog Island Festival Revival - Ark 14th Annual Fall Fund-raiser, Nov. 13; The Flatlanders, Nov. 14; Melissa Manchester, Nov. 16; Danielle Ate The Sandwich, Nov. 17; Graham Colton, Nov. 18; The RFD Boys, Nov. 19; Gandalf Murphy & The Slambovian Circus of Dreams, Nov. 20; Shawn Colvin, Nov. 21; To Katzman, Nov. 23; Matt Watroba,

Nov. 26; Mr. B presents Steve Nardella Band Reunion featuring George Bedard, Nov. 27; Gemini, Nov. 28; The Belleville Outfit, Nov. 28; Matt White, Nov. 30; JJ Grey & Mofro, Dec. 1; Lil' Ed & The Blues Imperials, Dec. 2; Orpheum Bell, Dec. 3; The Gibson Brothers, Dec. 4; Over the Rhine, Dec. 5; John Berry, Dec. 6; Lee Murdock; No. 7; Greensky Bluegrass, Dec. 8; 9th Annual Concert for Peace, Dec. 9; Lucy Kaplansky, Dec. 10; The Electric Guitar Summit, Dec. 11; Cairn to Cairn, Dec. 12; Decembersongs, Dec. 14; Delbert McClintock, Dec. 15; Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band, Dec. 16; Crossroads Celi, Dec. 17-18; Riders in the Sky, Dec. 19; Fred Eaglesmith, Dec. 31  
**Location:** 316 South Main, Ann Arbor  
**Contact:** (734) 763-8587; [www.theark.org](http://www.theark.org)

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# Foundation benefits from art exhibit sales

Art & Ideas Gallery in Plymouth wraps up "Diverse Forms, Diverse Meanings" — works by Schoolcraft College art faculty — by donating 20 percent of sales from the exhibit to the Schoolcraft College Foundation. The exhibit ends Nov. 13. Works are by Sarah Olson, Ellen Moucoulis, and Robert Bielat. "What unites the three of us as artists is our fluency in our respective media," Olson stated. She is a mixed media artist who is showing layered, mixed media paintings. Sculptor Robert Bielat creates raw, dramatic metal sculptures that reflect the aging post-industrial landscape. Painter Ellen Moucoulis has shown her work extensively throughout Michigan and the Midwest. In her "Homage" series, she emphasizes the raw, physical drama of animals and nature. She says the series of paintings demonstrates the synchronicity of thought of artists from different times in history, and from different cultures. "It's an example of how we are all connected. I chose to revisit and reinterpret themes and images that captured my imagination, using animals to magnify and exaggerate emotion," including humor, she adds. The Gallery is open 1-7 p.m. Saturday and by appointment. It's located at 15095 Northville Road, Plymouth; (734) 420-0775.

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### Political funnies

The Capitol Steps will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, in Canton. The comedy troupe pokes fun at elected officials through sketches and song parodies and has recorded 30 CDs. Most cast members have worked on Capitol Hill. Although not all of the current members of The Capitol Steps are former Capitol Hill staffers, taken together the performers have worked in a total of 18 Congressional offices and represent 62 years of collective House and Senate staff experience. No subject is off limits for this bunch. Show may contain adult subject matter and language. Tickets are \$48 for all seats. Groups of 15 or more may purchase group rate tickets for \$36 each. Tickets are available online at [CantonVillageTheater.org](http://CantonVillageTheater.org) or by calling (734) 394-5460.

## Comedy brings back big hair, 1960s music

Canton-based D2 Productions will present the recent Broadway musical comedy hit, *Hairspray*, Nov. 18th-21 at the Riverside Arts Center in Ypsilanti.

The musical, set in 1962 and filled with laughter and romance, is based on the 1988 New Line Cinema film written and directed by John Waters. It tells the story of 16-year-old Tracy Turnblad, a big girl with big hair, who dances her way onto televi-

sion's most popular program, "The Corny Collins Show."

The cast features Maggie Williams as Tracy, Nick Rapson as Link, Wendy J. Krekeler as Penny, Martin Hunter as Seaweed, Gabriella Granados as Amber, Linzi Joy Bokor as Velma, Jeff Faust as Edna, and Dave Cooper as Corny Collins.

*Hairspray* is directed by Jake Zinke and produced and assistant directed by

Kyle M. Farr with music and vocal direction by Mike Williams and choreography by Amanda Bashista.

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# It's a HOLIDAY PARTY!

## Bring an appetizer to share

If finances are tight this year, celebrate the holidays by hosting a shared small plates party where everyone can get together to have fun without breaking the bank. Small plates continue to be hot in trendy restaurants because people love to sample little bites and taste a variety of dishes. Ask each guest to bring an appetizer and a bottle of wine or non-alcoholic drink. With a collection of nibbles and libations, you're ready to party.

### Decor

Set a festive mood. Pillar candles, strings of lights, evergreens and holiday music will create a merry atmosphere at a nominal cost.

For an elegant tone, use china plates and wine glasses if you have them. But don't use fragile or expensive ones that would leave you devastated if they break.

### Food

The buffet will grow as guests arrive, but to provide for the first guests, have a cheese board ready. It takes no time to prep and is always popular.

Consider an Irish cheese board to introduce guests to new tastes. Cheeses labeled "Kerrygold," imported from Ireland, come in a variety of types to please every taste, and are widely available in local supermarkets. These cheeses are made with milk from grass-fed cows raised on small family farms; no growth hormones are used.

For your cheese board, try Dubliner, a crowd-pleasing, full-flavored cheese with

a balanced sweetness and the bite of an aged Parmesan. Or consider Kerrygold Aged Cheddar, noted for its rich, round flavor and smooth body. It was a gold medal winner at the 2010 World Championship Cheese Contest. Blarney Castle, a creamy and mild, semi-soft, part-skim cheese, offers a pleasant contrast.

Other flavorful Irish cheeses include Dubhallow, a farmhouse cheese from renowned Irish cheese maker Mary Burns; and Ivernina, a hard cheese aged for three years to bring out complex flavors. For a store locator for these Irish cheeses, go to [www.kerrygold.com/usa/locator.php](http://www.kerrygold.com/usa/locator.php).

### Logistics

Set up separate stations for food and wine to keep traffic moving. Clear off kitchen counters so guests can prep their dishes. Have extra platters and serving utensils available for people who forget to bring them.

Purchase a few extra bottles of wine and non-alcoholic drinks to start the party off and to ensure there is enough to drink if guests forget to bring their contribution. If you end up not needing the extras, repurpose for the next festive occasion.

Here are some delicious appetizer recipes to share. Some ingredients, such as smoked salmon, are pricey, but a little goes a long way. Each recipe makes 24 pieces. The recipes can easily be doubled or tripled, depending on the length of the party and the appetite of your guests.

made one day before serving. To serve, bring the dip to room temperature or warm in a double boiler or gently in the microwave, to soften. Scatter the remaining walnuts over the top. Perfect with celery hearts, sliced fennel, endive leaves, and thin wedges of crisp apples.

### SMOKED SALMON, LEMON BUTTER AND CHIVE TARTINE

Makes 24 pieces

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup (4 ounces) Kerrygold Salted Butter, at room temperature

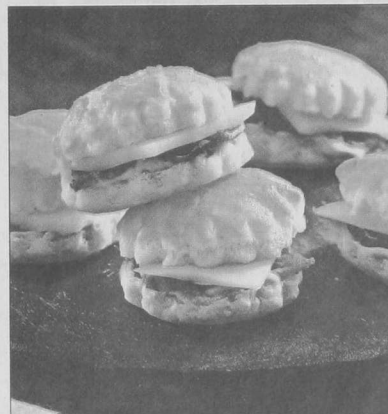
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel  
2 teaspoons freshly squeezed lemon juice  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
4 to 6 slices firm white bread (country, potato, etc.)  
8 ounces smoked salmon, sliced thin  
2 tablespoons minced chives

Combine the butter with the lemon peel and lemon juice. Stir in the pepper. Best if made one or two days before using. Keep refrigerated. For serving, the butter should be very soft.

To make the tartine, cover the entire surface of each piece of bread with a single layer of smoked salmon. Trim the crusts from the bread and cut into  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch squares. Spread a small amount of butter in the middle of each piece. Sprinkle  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon chives over the butter.



Crostini with Blarney Castle Cheese and Sundried Tomato Pesto.



Aged Cheddar and Bacon in Puff Pastry.



Smoked Salmon, Lemon Butter and Chive Tartine.

### CROSTINI WITH BLARNEY CASTLE CHEESE AND SUNDRIED TOMATO PESTO

Makes 24 pieces

1 cup (about 4 ounces) sundried tomato halves

24 slices French bread (baguette) cut  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch thick

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup slivered almonds

3 tablespoons olive oil

$\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon paprika or Spanish pimenton

$\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon minced fresh thyme

$\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon kosher salt

1 package (7 ounces) Kerrygold Blarney Castle cheese

Heat oven to 350°F.

To reconstitute the tomatoes, put them in a shallow bowl and cover with  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups simmering water. When cool, drain the tomatoes and reserve the water. Meanwhile, arrange the bread in a single layer on a cookie sheet and toast in the oven until lightly browned, about 8 to 10 minutes, turning once. Place the almonds in a single layer on another cookie sheet and toast until lightly browned, about 5 to 8 minutes; watch carefully to prevent burning.

Roughly chop the tomatoes then pulse in a food processor with the almonds and oil. Add  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of the reserved water, the paprika, thyme, and salt. Process until smooth but not pureed, using a rubber spatula to push down any of the pesto that accumulates on the side of the bowl. Best if made a day before serving.

Cut 24 slices of cheese  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch thick. Spread about  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon of the pesto on each piece of toasted bread. Top with a piece of cheese. Serve at room temperature.

### AGED CHEDDAR AND BACON IN PUFF PASTRY

Makes 24 pieces

2 tablespoons flour

1 piece (12 x 12 inches) frozen puff pastry, defrosted

1 egg yolk

6 ounces sliced bacon cut into  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch pieces

3 tablespoons Dijon mustard

1 package (7 ounces) Kerrygold Aged Cheddar cheese

Heat oven to 375°F.

On a floured work surface cut the puff pastry into 24 scalloped or straight-edged 2-inch rounds. Or use a scalloped 2-inch tartlet pan as a cutter. Combine the egg yolk with 2 tablespoons water and brush a little of the mixture across the top of each piece. Bake according to package instructions. Meanwhile, in a frying pan large enough to hold the bacon in a single layer, cook bacon until lightly browned and not too crispy. Transfer to paper towels.

To assemble the appetizers, using a serrated knife, carefully cut the puff pastry in half like a hamburger bun. Spread  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon mustard on the bottom of each piece. Place a piece of bacon on the mustard. Cut 12 slices of cheese just less than  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch thick and cut the cheese slices in half; place a piece on the bacon. Top with the other half of the puff pastry. For serving, arrange the puff pastry on a cookie sheet and warm in a 275°F oven until the cheese just starts to wilt, 5 to 7 minutes. Variation: Instead of bacon and mustard, spread puff pastry with fruit chutney.

— Courtesy Family Features

### DUBLINER CHEESE, HONEY AND WALNUT DIP

Makes about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  cups

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup plus 1 tablespoon roughly chopped walnuts

$\frac{1}{2}$  cups whole milk

2 tablespoons Kerrygold Salted Butter

2 tablespoons flour

$\frac{1}{2}$  cups (5 ounces) grated Kerrygold Dubliner cheese

$\frac{1}{2}$  tablespoons honey

Heat oven to 325°F.

Place the walnuts in a single layer on a cookie sheet and toast until lightly browned, about 5 to 10 minutes; watch carefully to prevent burning. Transfer to a small plate to cool. Heat the milk in a small pot over low heat just until a bubble begins to break on the surface; remove from heat. In another small pot, melt the butter over medium heat. Just before it starts to foam, while whisking, add the flour. Cook, stirring frequently, until the mixture forms a smooth paste and pulls from the bottom and sides of the pot. While whisking vigorously, add the milk in a steady stream. Continue to whisk to keep the flour mixture from creating lumps. Stir until smooth and creamy. Lower the heat to simmer and cook the sauce 5 to 7 minutes. Stir from time to time.

Gently stir the cheese into the sauce to reach a smooth, silken consistency. Remove from the heat and add the honey and  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of the walnuts. When cool, refrigerate. Best if



Just Baked is creating cupcakes in Faygo flavors.

## Bakery adds Faygo to its cupcake line

BY SHARON DARGAY  
OSE STAFF WRITER

Pam Turkin says it's only fitting her new line of cupcakes include Faygo orange, red and grape pop flavors.

"I grew up in Detroit. Who doesn't like Faygo Red Pop?" said Turkin, owner of Just Baked, a gourmet cupcake business with stores in five locations including Livonia. "Faygo I've learned actually started as an icing flavor company. It seems natural to lend itself to baked goods."

The new fruity-flavored cupcakes, sold under a special licensing agreement with Faygo, debut today, Thursday, Nov. 11 at Hiller's and Busch's stores. Suggested retail price for a six-pack is \$6.99.

Turkin said she had considered selling the Just Baked cupcake brand to grocery stores and other

retail outlets, but didn't find the perfect fit until she met with Faygo representatives.

"When the Faygo idea came up we thought it would be the perfect way to go, without diluting our specialty cupcake business," Turkin said. "These are more fruity, colorful and smaller than what we carry in our stores. They are so kid-oriented and nostalgic."

Turkin, who opened Just Baked in 2009, said she "always" had a recipe that included Faygo in her arsenal of treats. She eventually put the recipe to the test after appearing on a local morning television program and submitting it to the station's Web site.

"It's funny because I actually did it because didn't want to put one of our recipes that we do in our store on their Web site. We do more gourmet, complicated cupcakes. This (Faygo cupcake) is fruity and

fun."

Turkin said someone from Faygo saw the show and contacted her. The rest is cupcake history.

Just Baked stores are located in Ann Arbor, Royal Oak, Novi, Canton and Livonia.

Red Velvet Cheesecake is fast becoming the most popular cupcake sold in her five stores. Fat Elvis, a concoction of banana with peanut butter is another favorite.

Pumpkin pie, pumpkin cheesecake and sweet potato also fly off the shelves in the fall.

"Sweet potato has a graham cracker crust and mashed sweet potatoes in the batter. We actually double bake it with marshmallows and pecans."

Just Baked offers 50 different cupcake varieties in addition to special occasion cakes. For more information, visit [www.justbaked-shop.com](http://www.justbaked-shop.com) or call (248) 255-1441.

### Wine tastings

Livonia – Taste Pinot Noir – the perfect choice for Thanksgiving dinner – 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17 at d.vine fine wines, 17386 Haggerty. The session will include a variety of Pinot Noir wines, with the focus on American producers. The cost is \$20 per person; \$15 per d.vine club members. A \$5 rebate will apply to orders placed at the tasting. Call (734) 432-3800 for reservations. Membership in the wine club is \$34.99 and includes two bottles of wine, and 10 percent off all wine purchases, as well as 15 percent off all re-orders. Members also receive discounted tasting events, and invitations to special wine maker events.

### Vegetarian Thanksgiving

Livonia – VegMichigan, the state's largest vegetarian organization will present its 11th Annual Thanksgiving Day Celebration and Potluck, 1-2:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 25, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile. Doors open at noon. The group asks participants to bring a vegan dish (no animal products) that will serve eight people. Attendees also may bring a musical instrument to play or game to share. Turtle Island Foods will provide meatless Tofurky roasts. VegMichigan is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that promotes awareness of the health, environmental and ethical benefits of a plant-based diet. Supported by memberships, donations and volunteers, VegMichigan offers classes, lectures, dinner club outings, special events like the annual VegFest, and an e-newsletter with more than 6,000 subscribers. For more information call (877) 778-3464 or visit [www.vegichigan.org](http://www.vegichigan.org).

### In time for Thanksgiving

Canton – The Canton Farmers Market returns for a special Harvest Market, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 21, at Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge. This special market will feature an assortment of fruits and vegetables in addition to specialty products made by local Michigan vendors, who will be onsite both indoors and outside. Find such items as turkeys, farm eggs, apples, spices, cider, natural meats, stuffing, artisan bread, pies, smoked fish, salad greens, squash, pie pumpkins, summer sausage, pasta, sauces, mustards, dried peppers, seeds, salsa, frozen blueberries, nut brittles, jams, frozen pickles, hand cut jerky, pierogi, and pasties for your Thanksgiving table. Vendors also will sell flower arrangements, homemade dog treats, natural soaps and gift bas-

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kets. Pre-orders are also being accepted by most of the vendors. Visit [Cantonfun.org](http://Cantonfun.org) under the Farmers Market tab for contact information to place an order for pick up during the Harvest Market. Winter Markets at the Cady-Boyer Barn also have been scheduled on these dates: Feb. 13, 2011, March 13, 2011 and April 10, 2011. For more information call the market manager at (734) 398-5570 ext. 5 or via e-mail at [cantonfarmersmarket@canton-mi.org](mailto:cantonfarmersmarket@canton-mi.org).

### Coffee deal

**Southeast Michigan –**  
Dunkin' Donuts and the Detroit Auto Dealers Association (DADA) are working together to raise funds for the Oakwood Center for Exceptional Families and give customers a deal on freshly brewed coffee. Metro Detroit residents can visit any one of the more than 200 participating DADA member dealerships in southeast Michigan and pick up a free promotional travel coffee mug along with coupon books to Dunkin' Donuts restaurants. Customers can take the travel coffee mug to any participating Metro Detroit Dunkin' Donuts location for unlimited 99-cent refills until the end of the 2011 North American International Auto Show, Jan. 23, 2011. Mugs with the same unlimited 99-cent refill offer also are available for \$3.99 at participating Dunkin' Donuts locations this month, or while supplies last. For every mug purchased at a Dunkin' Donuts location, \$1 will be donated to the Oakwood Center for Exceptional Families, which serves families with special needs children throughout south-eastern Michigan.

### Apple contest

**Statewide –** The Michigan Apple Committee is searching for the best recipes featuring apple varieties grown in the Great Lakes State. Amateur cooks may visit [MichiganApples.com](http://MichiganApples.com)/contests for details on how to submit their favorite apple recipe in the 3rd Annual Michigan Apple Recipe Contest. Winners will be announced by the end of February 2011 and will receive a Kitchen Aid gourmet mixer. Entry deadline is Jan. 31, 2011. Recipes must include at least one Michigan apple variety. Past winners have included Cheesy Apple Quiche, Roasted Rome and Feta Salad and Apple and Sausage Frittata. The winning recipes may also be featured on recipe cards distributed by the Michigan Apple Committee at select retailers and farm markets in the Midwest. For more information call (800) 456-2753.

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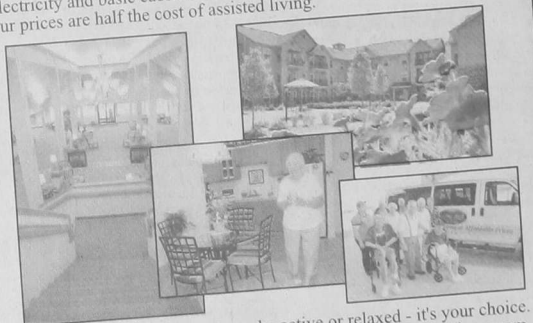
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## Library resources big help with foreclosure

These are tough times for many homeowners facing foreclosure, but helpful information can be found for free through your local public library. Timothy Sherman, adult services librarian for the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in downtown Plymouth, compiled this list of print and electronic resources:

### BOOKS

*The 250 Questions You Should Ask To Avoid Foreclosure.*

Epstein, Lita (2007)  
 Avon, Mass.: Adams Media.

*Stop Foreclosure Now: Save Your House If You Can, Save Your Credit If You Can't.*

Segal, Lloyd M. (2007)  
 Bloomington, Ind.: Author House.

*The Foreclosure Workbook: The Complete Guide To Understanding Foreclosure and Saving Your Home.*

Douglas, Carla (2007)  
 Longwood, Fla.: Xulon Press.

*The Foreclosure Survival Guide: Keep Your House or Walk Away With Money in your Pocket.*

Elias, Stephen (2008)  
 Berkeley, Calif.: Nolo.

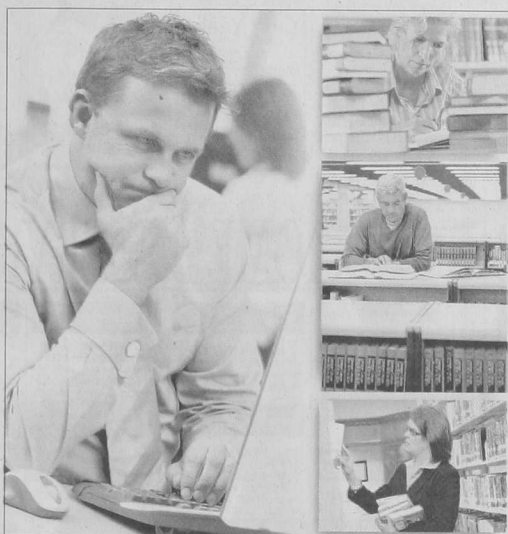
*Foreclosure Self-defense For Dummies.*

Roberts, Ralph R., et al. (2008)  
 Hoboken, N.J.: Wiley Publications.

### ON THE WEB

U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has information on avoiding foreclosure including the Emergency Homeowners Loan Program (EHLPL).  
[hud.gov](http://hud.gov)

Local HUD information can be found at:



[www.hud.gov/local/index.cfm?state=mi&topic=offices](http://www.hud.gov/local/index.cfm?state=mi&topic=offices)

HUD approved housing counseling agencies  
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Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA)  
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[www.msgha.info/counseling\\_search/](http://www.msgha.info/counseling_search/)

[index.jsp](http://index.jsp)

"Save the Dream" Program enacted by President Obama - June 23, 2010.  
[www.michigan.gov/msgha/0,1607,7-141-45866\\_47905-177801--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/msgha/0,1607,7-141-45866_47905-177801--,00.html)

Green Path Debt Solutions, non-profit credit counseling offers free assistance  
[www.greenpath.com/](http://www.greenpath.com/)

Federal Trade Commission (FTC) avoiding foreclosure scams  
[www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/](http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/)

[credit/cr42.shtm](http://credit/cr42.shtm)

Wayne County Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program  
[www.fightmortgageforeclosure.com/](http://www.fightmortgageforeclosure.com/)

Resource list from the State Bar of Michigan  
[www.michbar.org/public\\_resources/foreclosure\\_links.cfm](http://www.michbar.org/public_resources/foreclosure_links.cfm)

The Farmington Community Library and many others in our area also have helpful information related to foreclosure. Elise Streit, head of the adult reference desk at the Farmington Hills branch, said her library has done a couple programs on foreclosure issues.

A realty company presented a program there. The Farmington Library has on its website home page, farmlib.org, "Recession Resources."

"We got together with other libraries in our consortium," Streit said of the MetroNet consortium, including Southfield, West Bloomfield, Canton, Rochester Hills, Bloomfield Township and Birmingham Baldwin. The Hills branch of the Farmington library is on 12 Mile between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads.

"Recession Resources" is also available as a brochure.

In addition to offering information on foreclosures, the Farmington library has volunteers who can help with resumes and job hunting, Streit said. That's helped in the wake of staff limitations.

"Our patrons just love them. The volunteers really have helped us a lot," Streit said, noting one volunteer is from the Michigan Works! job help government program.

O&E staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this report.

## Written fee pact is best

Q: I sit on a condominium board and I am working with a law firm now that does not have a fee agreement with us. I have asked for one and they have indicated that they generally do not provide one. What is your opinion?

A: The State Bar of Michigan and any legal marketing or governance firm will strongly recommend that there be a written fee agreement with every client spelling out the terms of the engagement, the means of compensation and any other relevant factors.

There may also be discussion concerning the ramifications if the bill is not paid and what happens when the work is completed as it relates to the retention of the file. In my judgment, not having a fee agreement is not only not smart for the law firm, but even more dangerous for the client, and if your attorney



Robert Meisner

is not willing to enter into a fee agreement with you, get another attorney.

Q: A friend of mine sent me information about a seminar on the so-called HOA Syndrome (a so-called Two-Tailed psychiatric disorder). Do you know anything about it?

A: Believe it or not, there is an actual workshop that has been scheduled for Las Vegas which is designed to discuss homeowner association board members, property management companies and their attorneys knowingly inflicting emotional, psychological and physical damages on homeowners. They refer to this as an HOA Syndrome. A "professor" will be giving a free lecture on the topic of the HOA Syndrome. This is, in my judgment, another way for some "professionals" to try to create a new avenue for compensation.

Q: I am wondering how the so-called moratorium and/or delay on Bank foreclosures are going to affect our condominium association?

A: Not well. Banks are reluctant to foreclose on properties where there is no equity in the unit and there is no opportunity for them to recoup the balance owing on their loan, but at the same time they inherit the obligation to pay assessments and costs, and, potentially, attorney fees to the association. In some cases, banks are intentionally not foreclosing in order to avoid having to assume this responsibility which, as community association attorneys, we believe should be dealt with through legal process. Additionally, the fact that foreclosures are being delayed only delays the time when banks will be obligated to pick up the slack in terms of attorney fees, costs, assessments and interest owed on the unit as well as the bank's ownership obligations. You should discuss these issues with your hopefully knowledgeable community association attorney in order to take advantage of the best course of action available to you.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$995 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$249.50 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit [bmmeisner@meisner-associates.com](http://bmmeisner@meisner-associates.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

### HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 26-30, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>Canton</b>		
43501 Argonne Ct	\$125,000	
492 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr	\$140,000	
7451 Embassy Dr	\$205,000	
4189 Forest Bridge Dr	\$195,000	
2227 Pinecroft Dr	\$72,000	
330 Roosevelt St	\$120,000	
47092 Southgate Ct	\$256,000	
2632 Woodcreek Ct	\$250,000	
43709 Yorktown St	\$142,000	
<b>Garden City</b>		
5707 Cardwell St	\$93,000	
32580 Dover St	\$45,000	
33710 Leona St	\$38,000	
<b>Livonia</b>		
28684 Bayberry Pt E	\$105,000	
16834 Farmington Rd	\$92,000	
18907 Filmore St	\$125,000	
9701 Garden St	\$100,000	
19264 Glen Eagles Dr	\$235,000	
10234 Haller St	\$55,000	
29824 Hathaway St	\$92,000	
35707 Hees St	\$70,000	

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 26-30, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>Beverly Hills</b>		
17099 Kirkshire Ave	\$183,000	
22031 Village Pines Dr	\$285,000	
19628 Wilshire Blvd	\$290,000	
30150 Woodhaven Ln	\$360,000	
<b>Birmingham</b>		
1084 Chapin Ave	\$460,000	
920 Chester St	\$250,000	
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565 Haverhill Rd	\$650,000	
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3290 Chestnut Run Dr	\$540,000	
590 E Breckenridge Ln	\$335,000	
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3792 Lincoln Rd	\$649,000	
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1816 S Hill Blvd	\$700,000	
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28880 Arnel St	\$134,000	
29236 Arlington Way Ct	\$245,000	
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27800 Forestbrook Dr	\$197,000	
29340 Hemlock Dr	\$174,000	
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40493 Pinetree Rd	\$143,000	
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11738 Appleton	\$28,000	
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18516 Dalby	\$14,000	
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### Career Seminar

A Real Estate Career Seminar will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Rd, Suite 100, Plymouth. For more information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or laiello@kw.com.

### Investors

"Knights of the Round Table" — Local experts present the latest developments, practices and tools in every field of real estate investing. Presented by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Thursday, Nov. 11, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Club Venetian, 29310 John R, north of 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742. ([www.REIAofOakland.com](http://www.REIAofOakland.com))

### BIA

•Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present a Certified Graduate course, "Sales & Marketing For Remodelers," on Wednesday, Nov. 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Association Offices, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of Builders Professional Group, will present the course on how to survive and thrive in today's business environment with a continuous supply of clients and leads. Course graduates will be able to use the benefits of marketing for the growth of their businesses, to generate and qualify sales leads, make effective presentations and sales calls, implement strategies to gain agreement and close sales, and provide exceptional customer service leading toward satisfied customers.

This course counts toward National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Certified Graduate Associate (CGA), Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) and Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) designations. It also counts toward continuing education credit for CGA, CGB, CGR, Certified Aging-In-Place Specialist and other NAHB designations. Registration is \$175 per person for members of the NAHB Professional Remodelers Council, \$195 per person for BIA members and \$225 per person for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at [www.builders.org](http://www.builders.org).

•Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present three-hour Continuing Competency courses required by the state of Michigan for renewal of a Residential Builder's License or Maintenance & Alterations Contractor's License. One three-hour course is required per license cycle. The sessions will be offered as follows:

• Thursday, Dec. 2, from 1-4 p.m. at The Pointe, 5085 Lakeshore Road in Fort Gratiot, MI

• Monday, Dec. 13, from 1-4 p.m. at

Association Offices, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield

Don Pratt, CGB, CGR, CAPS or Wake-Pratt Construction will present the courses. Each session will cover one hour in each of the three required areas: legal issues, codes and safety issues. Registration is \$55 per person for members of BIA and for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at [www.builders.org/events](http://www.builders.org/events).

•Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present the three courses required for National Association of Home Builders Certified Aging-In-Place (CAPS) designation on Monday, Dec. 6; Tuesday, Dec. 7; and Wednesday, Dec. 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at Association Offices, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

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#### CROSSWORD PUZZLER

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- 1 Have a hunch
- 5 Lean
- 9 Meadow murmur
- 12 Volcanic emission
- 13 Cabbage
- 14 Overhead trains
- 15 Classical poet
- 16 In detail (2 wds.)
- 18 Granules
- 20 Frankfort's st.
- 21 Anger
- 22 Flower product
- 26 Downpours
- 29 "Aye, aye" follower
- 30 Stout
- 31 Beside oneself
- 32 Kind of talk
- 33 Timber
- 34 Sister
- 35 Iota
- 36 Date palm locales
- 37 Rushed off

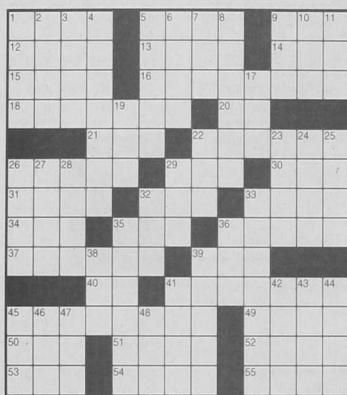
## DOWN

- 39 Wallet filler
- 40 Ouch!
- 41 Dizziness
- 45 Knickknack stands
- 49 Powder, to some
- 50 Lid
- 51 Missing
- 52 Mouse target?
- 53 Camp bed
- 54 Is idle
- 55 Dozes off
- 1 Dud
- 2 Chalet feature
- 3 Villain's work
- 4 Dipping
- 5 Go rollerblading
- 6 Back muscles
- 7 Down
- 8 With a cold
- 9 More timid
- 10 Panhandle
- 11 Mi. above sea level
- 12 Embers, finally

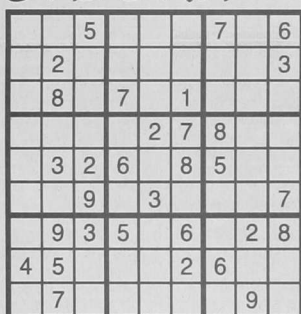
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PAH POEMS ETA  
MRI ORLY STEP  
CROCS OH  
SM FLU BRENDRA  
HEW SPARKLERS  
ALEE IRA FRAT  
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E U S E E W E A H E G C Q C Z  
H A U B A M Z D Y H B P I A T  
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S H O T G U N T H I B K M M R  
Q P L C G N V X E I W O R D A  
D T G F S K I D Z A D J M D E  
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8 2 9 7 9 6 1 5  
2 9 2 5 1 6 7 8  
6 1 5 9 7 2 6 1  
7 8 1 2 6 1 9 5  
2 5 6 1 9 4 8 6  
8 1 6 5 7 4 2 9  
9 4 2 8 2 9 1 6

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Word Search  
Sudoku  
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# AUTO MARKET IS LOOKING UP AFTER STRONG OCTOBER

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By Dale Buss

Traditionally, October is a relatively uneventful month in the U.S. automotive calendar, stuck between the new-model excitement of September and retailers' typical end-of-the-year push for sales.

That's why major American automakers were just fine with industry-wide October sales of 949,644 units. Though they were about flat with September's sales, October results improved by 14 percent over October 2009 sales of 763,050 units, representing yet another increment of year-over-year improvement in a market that now is sustaining a modest but firm recovery.

October sales, always the third lowest month for unit sales, clocked at a Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate (SAAR) of about 12.2 million units, the best monthly performance in more than two years except for August of last year, which was anomalous because of the government's popular Cash for Clunkers program.

"We were very encouraged by what appeared to be a general strengthening of the overall sales environment in October," said Dave Zuchowski, executive vice president of sales, Hyundai Motor America, which posted a 38-percent increase in

sales over October 2009.

October's sales provided "signs of a steady recovery and bode well for the auto sector," said Don Johnson, vice president of U.S. sales operations for General Motors, which posted a 4-percent sales increase. Rising demand, he added, will begin to "speed up the industry's recovery." Johnson said that "consumers are now more willing to come back to the market to replace their old vehicles."

The results supported the consensus industry view that full-year U.S. auto sales will end up at 11.5 million to 12 million units. Ford executives floated the expectation that sales would rise overall to about 13 million units for 2011, and GM's Johnson - while not blessing a specific projection - said that "we don't see it radically different from" such expectations.

But auto-maker executives also cautioned that the industry's recovery will continue to progress only as long as the U.S. economy as a whole shows growing improvement. "The story we see is a little brighter this month but tempered by slow employment growth," Johnson cautioned. The rate of employment growth will determine just how fast the recovery progresses.

"We are seeing some positive



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response from the overall market," said Jim O'Donnell, president and CEO of BMW of North America, "but with little job growth and only slight increases in consumer spending, our dealers have to fight for every sale."

At Nissan North America, where October sales improved 16 percent, Al Castagnetti, vice president and general manager of the Nissan division, said the company thinks consumer confidence is improving and buyers "feel a little more confident about their jobs."

So automakers scrap for every purchase, flush with 2011 models and, at this point, with production and inventories generally under control so that they aren't forced to undercut their progress with hefty incentive programs.

"The business is moving from 2010s being sold at big discounts to 2011s sold at a premium," said Jeremy Anwyll, CEO of Edmunds.com. "The 2011s are doing OK, so there is some

indication that consumers are willing to pay more for the newer models. They're hesitant but feeling a bit better."

As a case in point, Johnson said that 76 percent of GM's stock at the end of October were 2011 models, and 85 percent of its dealers' stocks were new-year models compared with a stock comprised of just 49 percent of 2010 models a year ago.

At Ford Motor Co., which continues to rip through 2010, the inventory of 2010s also has been chopped and as a result, transaction prices are up, sales executives told reporters. About 63 percent of Ford's total sales in October were 2011 models and more than 70 percent of its inventory was 2011s.

"The industry as a whole has a much more disciplined approach to the market now," Johnson said. "There's little risk that any manufacturer will have to launch anything like an incentive war."

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