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#### Pet benefit

Showroom of Elegance in Canton hosts a pet-friendly "Paw-tastic Benefit" party, welcoming all furry friends and their owners from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at the jewelry store located at 6018 N. Canton Center Road in Canton.

The event will offer free pet-grooming services and "pawdicures" will be available from Aussie Pet Mobile; pet photos by Jill Andra Young Photography; and people have the chance to win raffle prizes and compete in a "Pet Look-Alike" contest.

The store will also donate 10 percent of any jewelry purchase made between the hours of the event to the Humane Society of Huron Valley.

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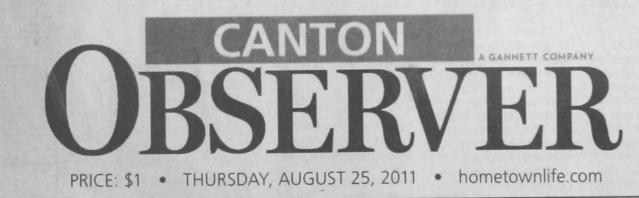
#### Remembering 9/11

With the 10-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks of 9/11 approaching, the Canton Observer is looking for remembrances of that day among its readers. Do you remember where you were or what you were doing that day? Did you have a connection to someone lost in the attacks? Do you have a story to share?

We'd like to hear it. E-mail editor Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@ hometownlife.com, and please include a contact phone number.

#### **Butterflies fly**

On the cusp of walking through the doors at South Canton Scholars Charter Academy as the brand new charter school's first class of students, more than 600 local children - and their families - will gather 12:45-1:45 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, at the school for an early celebration of the school's opening in September. During the event, nearly 600 butterflies will be released to symbolize how incoming students will be able to spread their wings and cover wide ground, intellectually and socially.





Adult Services Librarian Ophelia Lo calls up Volume 1, Number 1 of the Nov. 11, 1974, Canton Observer & Eccentric.

# **Going digital** Library program puts papers in a new place

#### **By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer**

When the Canton Observer debuted on Nov. 11, 1974, its lead story featured departing township Supervisor Phillip Dingeldey reflecting on his 32-year political career and recalling how the community's population had increased from 5,322 in 1960 to 27,200 in 1974.

That compares to the last U.S. Census tally of 90,173

\$10,000 or more.

• On May 9, 1996, an editorial pushed for the Plymouth-Canton school district's first Canton-based middle school, and a political cartoon bemoaned a new round of I-275 roadwork.

Thanks to a Canton Public Library project, Canton Observer editions dating back to November 1974 can be found in digital PDF form on the library's website at www. cantonpl.org.

school ballgames, Canton's steady growth, old elections, long-ago crimes - virtually any topic including obituaries and classified ads.

Lo called the digital project critical to preserving a slice of Canton's history as the library has faced aging microfilm technology.

"It's like the end of an era," she said.

The library sought bids and hired Lakeshore Document Services of Muskegon to perform a series of steps to digitally transform the microfilm and ready it for the library's database. Newer editions since July 2000 already had been readied every six months for the website, but older newspapers faced the risk of disappearing from library archives. Friends of the Canton Public Library President Rhoda Wolshon said the project was one the group believed was worthwhile to help preserve the community's history. She said the Observer archives can help library patrons of all ages, from students to retirees

# **Board eyes** process for new trustee

**By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer** 

After formally accepting Canton Township Trustee Todd Caccamo's resignation Tuesday night and lauding his nearly seven-year stint, remaining elected officials have embarked on a process to choose his successor.

It marks the first time the township board has had to fill a vacancy since Supervisor Phil LaJoy, then a trustee, resigned in late 2002 after he won a state House seat.

Barring a special-called session, Caccamo attended his last trustee meeting Tuesday as he plans to officially step down Aug. 31 due to increased job responsibilities with GE Aviation.

LaJoy has announced he will accept letters of interest and resumes from Canton residents who want to be considered for an appointment to fulfill Caccamo's term, which ends late next year.

LaJoy said letters should include a name, address, birthdate, political party affiliation and a statement that the applicant is a registered voter.

Moreover, letters should include a statement indicating a reason for seeking Caccamo's post, along with a summary of involvement in organizations and activities that benefit the community.

Letters must be signed, dated and submitted to the supervisor's office, 1150 S. Canton Center, by 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9.

The part-time elected job pays \$12,000 a year, but the board this year agreed to give back 5 percent to match employee concessions - a move officials have said put the pay level at \$11,400

South Canton Scholars Charters Academy is located at 3085 S. Canton Center Road in Canton.

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The same debut edition contained a story detailing a league championship by the unbeaten Plymouth Salem football team, an ad featuring the Marlboro man and a report on fears by local officials that the township wouldn't get a fair rebate from the state sales tax.

Every old edition has chronicled Canton's past:

• On Jan. 30, 1975, a story detailed how local residents jammed auto showrooms to cash in on new-car rebates.

 The Aug. 12, 1985, edition chronicled a development boom and featured an ad by Manufacturer's Bank offering 6.75 percent interest on a money market account of

The project, spearheaded by Adult Services Librarian Ophelia Lo, involved securing \$5,500 from Friends of the Canton Public Library and hiring a company to digitally convert 131,400 images from 146 rolls of microfilm dating from November 1974 to July 2000, after which the library already had online editions.

"It is totally amazing," Lo, a 23-year library employee and longtime Canton resident, said. "We did this because we thought the paper played an important role in the growth of Canton Township.'

Students, history buffs, Observer readers and others curious about Canton's past now have an easy-touse source to document past

"And the more things we

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LaJoy said the township board ten-

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**Outgoing Canton Township Trustee Todd** Caccamo, whose resignation is effective Aug. 31, accepts congratulations from Supervisor Phil LaJoy Tuesday.

# Canton tackles fake gun problem

#### **By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer**

Misusing a fake gun to frighten or threaten someone could lead to real consequences - fines or jail time under a new ordinance rolled out Tuesday by Canton officials.

The new measure, expected to become effective Sept. 22, tightens rules and gives local police and prosecutors broader powers to combat incidents involving replicas or facsimiles of handguns, shotguns, machine guns,

rocket launchers and other toy versions of weapons.

"Those replica guns look very real," Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek said.

And while fake guns typically have an orange spot on the barrel's tip, authorities here and elsewhere have found that some owners paint it black to make it look real.

Canton has had at least one incident involving a fake gun being brandished during a roadrage incident, Nemecek said. Township Attorney Audrey

Robinson said such incidents, even those involving pranks, could potentially have dire consequences if a fearful motorist becomes distracted and drives off the road. She also cited cases elsewhere involving paramedics who felt threatened by a fake gun after arriving on the scene of a medical emergency

"I think the intent of this (ordinance) is to protect the public as well as law enforcement against the use of a weapon that is not actually intended to be a weapon," Robinson said, adding later, "This isn't the 5-year-old in the back of Mom's minivan playing with a toy gun."

Nemecek said in a worst-case scenario, someone using a fake gun at a crime scene could be wounded or even killed if they point a replica toward arriving police officers.

"We don't want to run into a situation where an officer uses deadly force," he said.

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# Village Faire back at Canton park

Step back in time and enjoy Canton's annual Village Faire Sunday, Aug. 28, at the Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge Road in Canton.

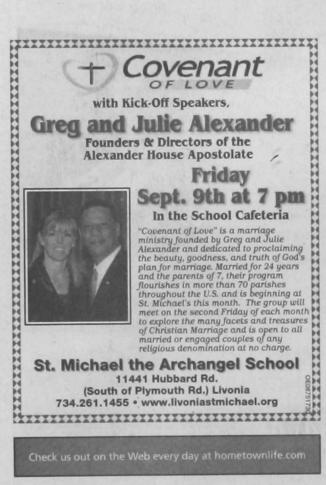
This annual event takes place 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and organizers say it "will provide many educational and entertaining activities that the whole family can enjoy."

Celebrate Canton's rich history and heritage while watching historical demonstrations. There will also be music, face-painting, a petting farm, guided tours of the Bartlett-Travis House and more. The event will offer a variety of activities for the whole family.

And don't miss the tasty corn roast sponsored by the Canton Lions Club.

bands will be on sale at the event, and pre-registration is not necessary. Come early to the event to stroll the grounds and enjoy the best in fresh Michigan-grown produce and local handmade crafts at the Canton Farmers Market onsite at Preservation Park every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Oct. 16.

Residents of all ages are welcome to this fun event, sponsored by Canton Leisure Services in partnership with the Canton Historical Society and the Canton Lions Club. No registration is required. To learn more about Village Faire, visit Cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460



All-you-can-eat wrist-

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

#### **CHIEFETTES FUND-**RAISER

Date/Time: Aug. 30-Sept. 1, 4-10 p.m

Location: Jimmy John's, 770 Penniman, Plymouth Details: The Canton Chiefettes are having a fund-

raiser at Jimmy John's, which is donating a percentage of all sales to Canton Pom Pon.

#### **CRAFTERS WANTED**

Date/Time: Saturday, Dec. 3, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: St. Thomas a'Becket Church, Canton Details: St. Thomas a'Becket Church is accepting applications for crafters for their Christmas Craft Show (homemade crafts only, please). Contact: All interested crafters e-mail craftshow@ abecket.org

**GOLF FOR HOCKEY** 

Date/Time: Saturday, Aug. 27, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Location: Hickory Creek Golf Club, Ypsilanti Details: The Plymouth, Canton, Salem Boys Varsity Hockey Team's 13th Annual **Golf Outing Fundraiser** includes a \$10,000 Hole- in -one contest, prizes for closet



AROUND CANTON

### Love packages

Sandy Stoecklein helps Cameron Gray put together Lov-Paks at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton after Aug. 14 worship services. The packages of toiletries, books and small toys were for Fort Street Presbyterian Church in Detroit's homeless ministry and the Wayne County Family Shelter.

to the pin, longest drive, first place, skins, and door prizes. Golfers receive donuts/bagels for breakfast, a hot dog at the turn and a buffet dinner. Cost is \$120.00 per player or \$425.00 a foursome. Contact: To register please

contact Patti at berlin. patti@yahoo.com

**GRIEF WORKSHOP** Date/Time: Eight-week workshop beginning Sept. 12, Mondays from 7-8:45 p.m. Location: Ward Presbyterian Church, 6 Mile and Haggerty Details: Ward Presbyterian Church sponsors an eight-week grief workshop, "From Grief to New Hope," a free workshop open to anyone who is grieving after the death of a loved one and presented by Cathy Clough, Founder/Executive Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Contact: For registration information call Barb at Ward Presbyterian Church, (248) 374-5943.

**MOPS MEETINGS** Date/Time: First-third Fridays, 9:15-11:30 a.m. Location: St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth

Details: The St. Edith/St. Kenneth Catholic Parishes' Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group invites all mothers with children aged newborn through kindergarten to join. The group provides the encouragement, nurturing, and support and features a schedule of activities that include speakers, crafts, and group discussions. Contact: Heather at (734) 437-9517 or e-mail stekmops@gmail.com, or visit www.stekmops.org

#### **GRIEF SUPPORT**

Date/Time: Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26, from 7-9 p.m.

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth Details: Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Parish in Plymouth is sponsoring "Grieving with Great Hope,"

a four-week grief support series for Catholics who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Speakers will include Fr. John Riccardo from OLGC as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry. The workshop will offer spiritual hope, practical guidance, fellowship with other grievers as well as time for private reflection and prayer.

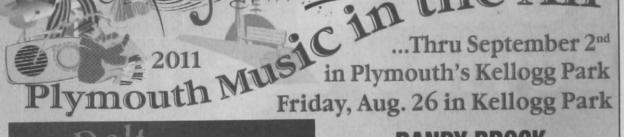
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**RANDY BROCK** 



The Randy Brock Group was formed in 1996 as a power trio with Randy Brock on guitar, Mike Rowe on Bass and Brian Deming on the drums. The line-up now features Sam Galizia on drums and Karl Goebel on keys. For the past 12 years, the band has been a staple of the Detroit live music scene developing their style and talent and have gained a reputation as one of the hardest working bands in Detroit. In addition to local venues, the band has played all over the country and opened for some of the most legendary names in music such as Journey, Ted Nugent, Eddie Money and CCR.

# ALALASA

Save the Date Future Friday Performances of Plymouth Music in the Air:

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# Township sends retirees off in style

#### By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

Amid applause, two Canton employees who worked a combined 62 years for the township received an appreciative send-off Tuesday by township board officials who honored their longtime service.

Township Engineer Tom Casari, a 27-year Canton employee, plans to leave in mid-September for a new job as deputy director of public service in Northville Township.

Mike Karll, a 35year Canton employee, departs Aug. 31 for a position in Plymouth Township.

**Township Supervisor** Phil LaJoy commended the "tremendous job" Casari has done since he became the first township engineer in 1984. Casari also headed the entire Public Works Division, providing what LaJoy called "excellent leadership" while acting as "an incredible problemsolver, a loyal friend and mentor" to all employees in the Municipal Services Department.

LaJoy read a long list of Casari's accomplishments, outlined in a formal resolution approved by the seven-member township board.

Casari served on the Wayne County Federal Aid Committee, the Intersection Action Committee, Pheasant Run Roadway Managers Association, Michigan Risk Management Authority Public Works Advisory Committee and the Western Townships Utilities Authority Technical Advisory Committee, among others.

Municipal Services Director Tim Faas also has commended Casari's commitment to his Canton job, saying he could rely on Casari to finish any project he started. LaJoy said Casari has been instrumental in trying to help Canton secure federal funding to improve the I-275/

ing to improve the I-275/ Ford Road interchange a project that nonetheless still eludes local officials. Karll, public works

superintendent, formerly served on the AFSCME (American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees) Local 3860 union board as vice president and as the Public Works Division union steward prior to that.

Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin commended Karll for always answering the call when he had situations such as rainflooded streets and neighborhoods that brought him to work at all hours of the night.

"We appreciate all your service and sacrifice," she said.

McLaughlin read from a formal, board-approved resolution honoring Karll, saying he "has demonstrated outstanding loyal-

Retiring township engineer Tom Casari, who worked for

director of public service in Northville Township.

Canton for 27 years, accepts a proclamation from Supervi-

sor Phil LaJoy. Casari leaves next month to become deputy



Canton Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin thanks Mike Karll for his service at Tuesday's board meeting. Karll, who worked for the township for 35 years, will take a position in Plymouth Township Aug. 31.

ty and excelled at leadership by working his way up from laborer to public works superintendent." Casari and Karll each received copies of the framed resolutions approved in their honor.

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### FAKE

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The new measure received a first reading Tuesday by the Canton Township Board of Trustees. It is expected to receive a second reading Sept. 13 and become effective Sept. 22.

It's not illegal to have a fake weapon, Robinson said. Rather, authorities would have to believe the owner intends to threaten, harass or frighten someone else before issuing a misdemeanor citation.

Nemecek said the offender could face a misdemeanor charge punishable by \$500 or 90 days in jail.

However, Nemecek said it has long been a felony, with potentially higher penalties, to use a fake weapon or to even imply a weapon during a serious incident such as a robbery. The new ordinance would make it unlawful "to carry, possess, brandish, aim, point, exhibit or display to any other person a replica or a facsimile of a firearm in such a manner as to frighten, threaten, harass, panic or annoy any other person."

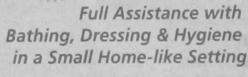
Carrying or concealing a fake gun "under or near the driver's seat, glove box or dashboard" also could result in charges if authorities believe the intent was to scare someone else.

"There has to be intent to be charged under this ordinance," Robinson said.

Until now, local ordinances hadn't address the fake weapon issue. The new measure provides a mechanism for dealing with incidents that aren't felony in nature.

"It's just another tool our police officers have in their toolbox," Nemecek said.

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# PUBLIC SAFETY



Lifeguards (front, from left) Matthew Lewis, Sorin Oprican, Amy Zinn and Max Mills were honored by the Canton Township board, including trustees (back, from left) Pat Williams, John Anthony, Syed Taj and Todd Caccamo. Not pictured, but also honored, is lifeguard Justin Shannon, who couldn't make Tuesday's meeting.

# Lifeguards honored for rescue effort

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

Five lifeguards praised for saving a 4-year-old boy who nearly drowned in a Summit on the Park swimming pool were honored for their efforts Tuesday night during a Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting.

The little boy had gone to the Summit's Aquatics Center with his mother on June 21 and was seen face down on the bottom of a pool area marked 3 feet and 6 inches deep.

Canton Leisure Services Director Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz has said the lifeguards "did a great job" of rescuing the little boy, who was treated by the lifeguards and Canton paramedics before he was taken to the University of Michigan Hospital.

Trustee Pat Williams said Tuesday the lifeguards' efforts were "heroic."

Here's the role the life-

guards played:

• Matthew Lewis was on duty guarding a deep end of the Leisure Pool when he saw the little boy face in a shallower pool area. He blew one long whistle blast to alert co-workers, then jumped into the pool and rescued the child from the water.

Lewis placed the unconscious boy on a backboard where the child received help breathing and chest compressions from other lifeguards.

• Justin Shannon was guarding the Lap Pool when he heard Lewis' whistle, and he immediately cleared that pool and responded to the Leisure Pool to help. Shannon checked for the boy's pulse with negative results and told co-workers who began efforts to help the boy breathe.

Shannon also began chest compressions while his co-workers continued

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#### Indecent exposure

A Chicago man was cited for indecent exposure after he was seen running naked through the an apartment complex southwest of Joy Road and I-275 around 4:15 p.m. Monday, according to a police report.

Police went to the scene and saw the naked suspect near a building as a crowd had formed to watch him. The report indicated the suspect was breathing heavily, sweating profusely and appeared incoherent.

A police officer escorted him to a patrol car and noticed the odor of intoxicants. One witness said the suspect had approached him, prompting him to lock his car doors. The witness said the suspect then took his clothes off and began walking down the middle of the parking lot.

Canton paramedics arrived to treat the suspect, who is 23 and visiting from Chicago. He told authorities he drank beer, smoked marijuana and "did a little of everything" prior to the incident, the police report said.

The suspect was taken to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia for treatment and later issued a citation for indecent exposure.

#### **Metal heads**

Police were investigating reports of scrap metal stolen from a Dumpster near a business on Baron, southwest of Koppernick and Haggerty, sometime prior to 8 a.m. Monday.

A new company had recently moved to the location and was removing scrap metal and placing it in a Dumpster, accumulating \$1,000 worth of it.

A man from the business told police any suspect taking the scrap metal would likely have needed heavy machinery to lift it.

A nearby resident reported hearing loud noises near the business.

#### Vehicles violated

A woman notified police after someone ransacked three vehicles at her family's home on Castleside, southeast of Gyde and Ridge roads,

#### **CRIME WATCH**

around 3:15 a.m. Sunday.

The woman heard the garage door of the home open as she was sleeping in a bedroom above the garage, according to a police report. She looked out the window and noticed a dome light on in a relative's 2006 Mercury Mariner. It had been parked outside the garage and had a garage door opener in it.

She went downstairs and learned that two other vehicles — a 2010 Lincoln and a 2011 Ford Taurus had been entered in the garage.

In all, items reported missing from the vehicles included an iPod Nano, \$500 in cash and a GPS unit.

#### **Retail fraud**

Police went to Walmart on Michigan Avenue, just west of Belleville Road, amid reports of a retail fraud incident involving fighting shortly before 9:30 a.m. Aug. 17, according to a police report.

The report indicated that a male suspect and a female suspect had stolen baby formula and was putting it in a pink bag and a black purse before trying to leave the store, where an employee approached them.

The male suspect, described as a 51-year-old white male from Wayne, stopped, but the other suspect, described as a 35-year-old white woman from Wayne, tried to run away. She was caught and was accused of spitting, swinging at store authorities and kicking.

Both suspects were arrested and facing charges related to the retail fraud.

#### Absconded with iPad

A man told police his Apple iPad was stolen from his Nissan Frontier while it was parked in front of the Hungry Howie's Pizza store on Canton Center north of Cherry Hill between 6:25 p.m. and 6:35 p.m. Monday.

The man admitted leaving his vehicle unlocked while he went inside the pizzeria for 10 minutes. He left the iPad in the front passenger seat. He said the iPad was valued at \$1,084.

#### Funny money

Police went to the Emagine the-

ater on Ford Road east of Lotz after employees found a \$20 counterfeit bill while counting money in a drawer, according to a police report.

The counterfeit bill was reported about 2 p.m. Sunday. Whoever passed the fake bill wasn't believed to have been in the theater when police arrived. The bill was taken by police and placed in evidence.

#### **Car break-in**

A woman called police after her car was broken into while it was parked outside the Plymouth-Canton Montessori School at Joy and Canton Center roads about 4 p.m. Saturday.

The victim told police the parking lot had been full because of an event at a nearby U.A.W. hall. The window of her car had been broken out, and her purse was taken. She told police she had tried to hide her purse by wrapping it in a sweatshirt.

She said the purse contained her identification, \$60 in cash, bank cards, a home alarm key pad and a cell phone.

The purse was later found in a nearby Dumpster, though the report didn't indicate what items if any had been recovered.

#### Apartment invasion

A man who lives on Edinburgh Drive, northwest of Ford and Lotz roads, returned to his apartment to find that someone was inside, according to a police report.

The incident happened shortly before 11 p.m. Aug. 17.

The man told police he was returning home and was unlocking his door when he heard noises inside. He entered and went to his bedroom to find that someone had gone through his belongings and apparently exited through a window.

The man told police \$2,350 in cash was taken along with assorted jewelry worth over \$900. It appeared a suspect had pried open a window screen to leave the apartment.

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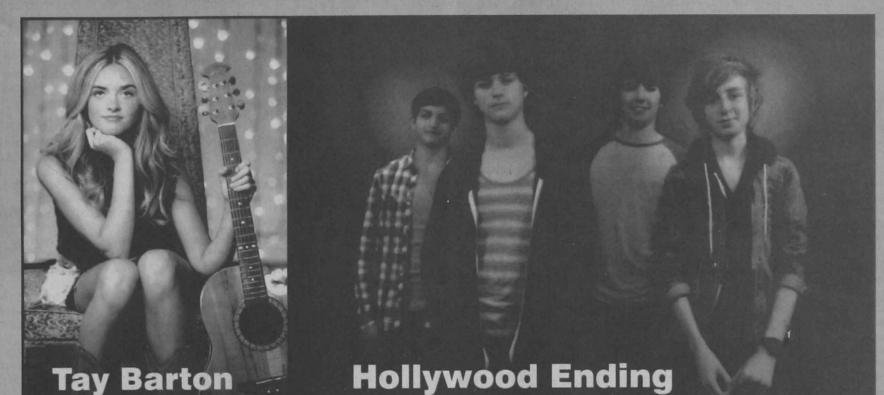
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### TRUSTEE

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tatively expects to interview finalists for the post during a 7 p.m. meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 20. The session will be open to the public.

LaJoy said he hopes the board can decide Caccamo's successor a week later, during a board meeting at 7 p.m. Sept. 27.

LaJoy and other board

members gave Caccamo a warm send-off Tuesday, adopting a resolution saying he "served the Canton community with passion, enthusiasm and integrity, working tirelessly to reduce government spending even when it meant a reduction in his own earnings."

Caccamo has counted reduced pay for elected officials as one of his proudest accomplishments, along with other

spending cuts.

The board also honored Caccamo for his service in the U.S. Marines, which prompted a one-year leave during his township service, and the resolution said he worked hard "to make Canton stronger and smarter to sustain us for a brighter future.'

LaJoy told Caccamo "it has truly been a pleasure working with you."

Caccamo acknowledged that he and some of his

colleagues "used to fight like cats and dogs" when he was first elected, but he said other board members ultimately helped him grow and became what he considers "true friends."

Caccamo said his first priority has been to residents, "and I hope over the years I haven't let them down."

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can put in digital form, the less room it will take up in the library," Wolshon said.

That has become important in a library touted as the state's busiest singlebranch library.

As Lo led the project, she said she had support from others such as Adult Services Department Head Rebecca Havenstein-Coughlin and library Director

Thanks to a project spearheaded by **Adult Services** Librarian Ophelia Lo, Canton Observer editions dating back to 1974 can be found on the library's website.

Eva Davis. She also had help on the project from library employees Carol Kuchta and Brad Czerniak.

"Canton has been such a fast-growing community," Lo said. "For people who want to trace back to the old days, it's important for them to have a tool they can use for that.'

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### RESCUE

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to work on the boy until he began to breathe.

 Lifeguard Sorin Oprican was on duty in the Lazy River area of the Aquatic Center when he heard Lewis' whistle and rushed to help. Oprican established an airway on the child and

used a BVM resuscitator to help him breathe. While assisting, Opri-

can saw the boy begin to show signs of life by opening his eyes.

 Lifeguard Amy Zinn was on break at the Aquatic Center when she heard the call for help and rushed to the scene, grabbing medical equipment and helping others use the BVM resuscitator to help the boy breathe. She also noticed him begin to show signs of life.

• Lifeguard Max Mills also was on break when he heard Lewis blow the whistle, and Mills immediately responded to the pool area and grabbed an AED, or automated external defibrillator, on his way. Mills applied the AED

the AED to his co-workers. Lewis, Oprican, Zinn and Mills attended Tuesday's meeting; Shannon couldn't make it. Township officials say all of the lifeguards, who received certificates of recognition, were heroic in their

efforts to save the child.



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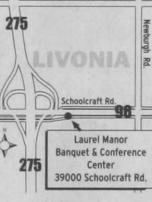
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Pamela Lemerand, director of the Autism Collaborative Center (left) thanks Canton Newcomers fundraising director Jessica Roland and Community Relations director Paige Botts for a \$1,000 donation from proceeds from their recent Mom2Mom sale.

# Newcomers mark 40th with new name, mission

From the moment they arrive, long-time residents, new arrivals and everyone in between will be greeted by the friendliest folks in the community—members of the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors Club.

Guests will spend the evening socializing and meeting area neighbors at the 2011/2012 season adult kickoff meeting. Carrabba's Italian Grill will be providing delicious fare and beverages will be served. The meeting takes place 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, at the Sunflower Clubhouse at 45800 Hanford in Canton.

"We're proud and happy to formally announce our new organizational name from the former Canton Newcomers to the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors Club because we not only welcome people who have recently relocated, but we also invite those who have already made Canton their home and want to meet additional friends, participate in interest groups, and donate to local charities.

all while having great fun" said Co-President Noreen Rybar.

The award-winning club is celebrating its 40th season with a new name, logo, website and sponsor, all while retaining the best the club has to offer.

With the support of Canton's fine jewelry collection Showroom of Elegance, the club hosts a monthly general meeting with an activity or speaker of interest the first Wednesday of each month, from September through May. Interest groups also meet monthly and include Book Club, Ladies Bunko, Chick Flick, Couples Social, Euchre, Mom/Dad and Tots, Playgroups, Let's Do Dinner, Scrapbooking, Walking and more.

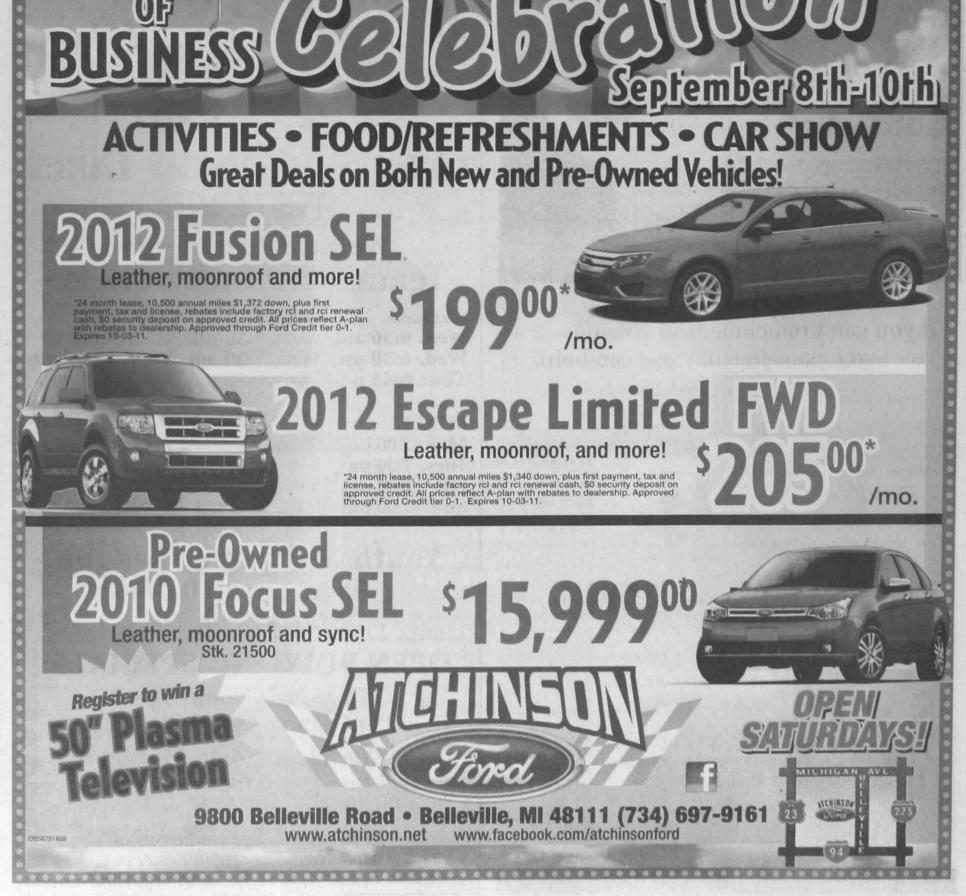
"We never seem to tire of each other," said Interest Group Co-Chair Cindy Koldys. "The general meetings are terrific, but interest groups are attended by a smaller number, so you get a chance to know members on a more personal level." Meeting topics for this season include a November Holiday Extravaganza special event auction to kickoff the shopping season; Healthy Hearts; You're Wearing What?; Canton Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin; and a 40th club birthday party.

The public can attend one monthly meeting and one interest group, with no obligation to join. The club's dues for the entire season are \$20, which includes a holiday dinner, pizza/bingo night with prizes for everyone and a family picnic.

The club is a Canton Chamber of Commerce member, offers business sponsorships and is looking for local restaurants to be their "Tasty Treats" meeting sponsor.

To RSVP or learn more about the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors Club, including requesting a complimentary September newsletter available shortly before the Sept. 7 kickoff meeting, visit www.cantonnewcomersandneighbors.org, e-mail Rybar at nrybar@yahoo. com or call (734) 981-0486.





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LOCAL NEWS



Shari and Bob Bilkie were on hand to dedicate the Miracle League of Plymouth's new field.

# 'Miracle' happens as field opens

#### **By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer**

A couple of years ago, Deb Madonna closed her eyes and envisioned a field where specialneeds children who had no place to play baseball could come and enjoy America's pastime like all the other kids.

On Saturday, she opened her eyes and there it was.

Madonna, the selfappointed "first wom-an baseball commissioner" in baseball, joined co-chair Bob Bilkie and builder Ted Barker for the opening day of the Miracle League of Plymouth, the league designed to provide athletic opportunities to special-needs players.

"It was fun to build it," Madonna said. "I saw the picture in my mind, and (Barker) built it.'

Hundreds of fans were there Saturday, including dozens of players, as the completion of the project came about. Madonna and Bilkie, who cochair the Miracle League of Plymouth, spearheaded a \$1.1 million fundraising effort, including paying for the \$500,000, softsurface field on Theodore behind Central Middle School. The complex is complete with grandstands, dugouts, a concession stand and restrooms.

Mostly, though, it'll be complete - starting with Saturday's beginning of league play - with the sights and sounds of young people enjoying the game of baseball. That game has been a passion of Bob Bilkie's his whole life, even when he couldn't play it.

"I couldn't play Little League ball until I was 12," said Bilkie, who with wife Shari contributed \$150,000 for the naming rights to Bilkie Field. "I had to hang over the fence and watch. You don't know the pain of wanting to participate until you know you can't.

"I know these kids had the same kind of pain, just coming from a different place," Bilkie added. "I knew this would open up a whole new world for them."

The Miracle League of Plymouth is part of the national Miracle League movement, and Madonna and Bilkie traveled all over the country looking at fields, gauging the right way to do things. When they were

done, Plymouth had just the third such Miracle League field in Michigan; the other two are in Southfield and Bridgeport, near Saginaw.

In addition to the donation from Bilkie, other major donors include the Buhr Foundation, the Helppie Foundation and the Klopcic Family Foundation. The Miracle League also benefited from a \$250,000 state grant. The Detroit Tigers will make a \$40,000 donation if Miracle League can match it. The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, too, played a major role, agreeing in 2009 to a no-cost lease of the site by the Miracle League.

Stephanie Davis, program director for the national Miracle League Association, commended the community for what has been accomplished.

"What an amazing job your community has done with this complex for your kids," Davis said. "I see fields all over the country, and you have come up with an amazing complex. You really pulled off a miracle for your kids."

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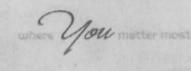
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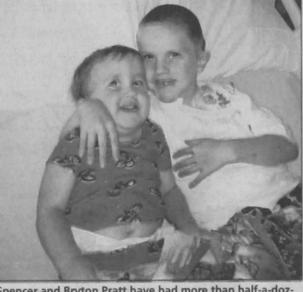
Canton's Ashka Salon & Spa hosts its second annual Give Back Week to benefit Spencer and Bryton Pratt, who were born with similar birth defects.

# Spa hopes 'Give Back' week changes lives

The team at Ashka Salon & Spa hosts their second annual Give Back Week in honor of Spencer and Bryton Pratt, Sept. 12-17.

Alongside other initiatives spa employees will be volunteering their time to host a week-long 'Beauty-A-Thon" at their facility, located at 242 N. Canton Center Road, with 100 percent of the proceeds being donated to The Pratt brothers. Ashka's team members will be donating their time and offering 25-minute chair massages for \$20, haircuts for \$25, pedicures for \$30, facials for \$40 and express Keratin treatments for \$50.

Owner Jozie Hogarth said her team is "excited to invite the Pratt Brothers into their Ashka Fam-



Spencer and Bryton Pratt have had more than half-a-dozen failed surgeries and have missed months of school.

the fistula and to repair the mis-connection. "Because he received immediate care from Lastly, Ashka Salon & Spa will be donating 10 percent of all regular service, retail and gift card sales this week and will host an on-line raffle for a \$500 AVEDA Gift Basket, which can be found at www.ashkasalon.com.

**Consumer expo** The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Downtown Development Authority will present the bi-annual Consumer Expo on Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Summit on the Park. The expo will be held from 5–7:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

"The Consumer Expo is an initiative of the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Canton DDA to encourage the public to get to know their business neighbors," said Tracey Rettig, President, Canton Chamber of Commerce. "The expo is a great opportunity to learn firsthand about the businesses in our community. Attendees have the opportunity to meet local business owners and learn about the great products and services they have to offer.'

The Consumer Expo is held twice annually in February and September, and features over 50 businesses from the community who display their products and services to the public. Participating businesses include banks, insurance, travel agents, pet services, carpet cleaning, and many more. Each vendor gives away a door prize, admission is free and the expo is open to the public.

The Consumer Expo is proudly sponsored by Atchinson Ford Sales, Inc., and Molly Maid.

#### **Golf outing**

Each year the Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts an annual golf outing. This year the outing will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at Pheasant Run Golf Club of Canton. This event is open to the

#### CANTON CHAMBER CHAT



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The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Downtown Development Authority present the semi-annual Consumer Expo on Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Summit on the Park.

public, and there are various packages available for purchase.

• Golf for Four Package, \$600 — Includes golf with cart for four, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, buffet dinner, prizes, gift package and more.

• Golf for Four Sponsorship Package, \$650 — Includes golf for four with cart and a hole Sponsorship, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, buffet dinner, prizes, gift package, signage at the course, recognition at the dinner.

• Individual Golf, \$150 — Includes golf with cart, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, buffet dinner, prizes, gift package, and more.

• Dinner Only — \$35. This year, the outing offers something a bit different than the traditional golf outing by introducing an outing based on the Ryder Cup format. A Challenge Cup focuses on the larger team accomplishment. Teams are formed and pairings are created where everyone is on a level playing field for two 9-hole match plays. This allows all golfers, regardless of their skill level, to contribute points for their team in the hopes of winning the Canton Chamber Challenge Cup.

With a proven handicap system, a "level the playing field" exists of any match by starting a team "up" in the match instead of "all square" or by moving a team forward or back a tee from where their opponent plays from. Each match is worth one point. Any match that finishes "All Square" (tied) is "halved" and each team receives a half-point. Each half or full point moves the team closer to claiming the Challenge Cup.

Tee and Green sponsorships are available and affordable. Anyone interested in purchasing a sponsorship can contact the Chamber at (734) 453-4040.

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ily." Spencer, 6, and 2year-old Bryton were born with a similar birth defect.

"The sad part is their suffering is unnecessary," Hogarth said. "The medical help they need is currently available, but not in their home state of Texas."

A tracheoesophageal fistula (TEF) is essentially a point of fusion or connection between the trachea and esophagus. TEFs often lead to severe and/or life-threatening pulmonary complications, as food particles can enter the lungs and/ or air can enter the stomach and intestines. The brothers, according to Hogarth, have had over six failed surgeries and months of missed school, and are "still in a great need for advanced medical treatment." As the situation progresses, developmental concerns are increasing for both boys, she said.

Hogarth said one of , Ashka's stylists had a baby boy last July born with a TEF. He received surgery shortly after being born to take care of the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital he is a happy, healthy and developmentally on-track one year old," Hogarth said. "(The stylist) was ecstatic to be able to nominate The Pratt Brothers to be the recipient of Ashka's second annual Give Back Week. All The Pratt Brothers need is the same help her baby received ... their lives do not need to be filled with unsuccessful surgeries and unnecessary debilitation."

In addition to the Beauty-A-Thon, a silent auction will be conducted through Sept. 17 and will feature many gift cards, services and items. It includes assorted gift cards from local restaurants including Hayden's, Red Olive, and Fleming's Steak House. Also, front row tickets for the Detroit Tigers, Red Wings Legend's Club tickets and tickets for a University of Michigan football game are included. Autographed Red Wings Memorabilia, gym memberships, Amazon.com gift certificates, personal training, handbags and jewelry will also be included.

"The leadership of Ashka Salon & Spa, along with their team members, feel very fortunate to have been in business for eight years," Hogarth said. "We are very grateful to the community for supporting a locally owned small business and for committing to purchase environmentally responsible products."

The Give Back Week is "one small way to show our thanks and pay it forward," Hogarth said. "We want our guests to feel confident that each dollar spent at Ashka is reinvested in environmental causes, local careers and economy and giving back to those in need."

Call (734) 414-9980 to schedule a Beauty-A-Thon appointment, and mention the Beauty-A-Thon when booking as these appointments are limited and subject to availability.

Ashka Salon & Spa is located at 242 N. Canton Center Road in Canton.

#### **CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS**

#### **Hearth and home**

Fireside Hearth & Home announced the grand opening of the newest store, and the Canton Chamber of Commerce will host a ribbon-cutting to mark the event.

The chamber and store officials will cut the ribbon 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at the new store located at 42679 Ford Road in Canton.

Fireside Hearth & Home is the national retail brand of Hearth & Home Technologies Inc., the world's leading fireplace and hearth products manufacturer and service provider. The 4,500square-foot enhanced showroom is oneof-its-kind in the Detroit area, offering a wide variety of interior and exterior applications for hearth products from

the industry's top brands of Heat & Glo, Heatilator, and Quadra-Fire.

Three years ago in the worst economy Michigan has ever experienced the Withers Family entered into the Hearth Industry and developed Fireside stores in the Michigan area. The Withers' credit a new and refreshing attitude toward customer service and residential remodels in contrast to focusing on the depressed builders market.

Tia Withers, daughter of Tom and Rhea Withers, will be the manager of the new Canton store. The new Fireside Hearth & Home Gallery hours are Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (734) 844-1164.

## Bagel Sale! Friday, August 26th &

Saturday, August 27th



#### By Rick Bloom **Guest Columnist**

ith all the turmoil in the markets and the world economy, it's amazing how fast summer is going. Labor Day is just around the corner and kids are heading off to

college. When I went to college (yes, quite a few years ago), we lived in a

**Money Matters** simpler time than **Rick Bloom** today. Whether

an incoming freshman or a senior, there are some things that parents and college students need to address before the fall semester

begins. When kids head off to college it's important to remember they are 18legal adults - and, thus, a whole set of different rules apply to them. One of these deals with medical care. When an individual turns 18, his or her parents no longer have the legal right to be involved as they were before.

This issue is particularly important when it comes to health care. In cases of medical emergencies, parents, just by the fact that they are parents, have no rights. Because of this, it is important to have declarations for medical care for your children. If something happens, you don't want to be shut out when it comes to your children's medical care.

Parents who do not have declarations for medical care may find in cases of emergency, the only way they can have access to their children's doctors and be involved in the medical decisions is to go to court.

No one wants to have to go to court, especially in an emergency. Therefore, having a declaration for medical care for your child is essential. Parents can find a free declaration for medical care form on my website www.bloomassetmanagement.com that should fit the great majority of needs. Download the declaration for medical care form by clicking on Legal Forms under the Bloom University tab.

When it comes to health care, nothing is easy and don't assume anything. If your child is currently under your health care plan, confirm that he/she will continue to have coverage even if they are going to an out-of-state institution. It's also a good idea to review what other health care options your child may have. Many universities offer plans that are sometimes very competitive. In some situations it may make sense to use one of those plans. Either way, make sure you confirm your child's coverage.

Speaking of coverage. If your child is taking valuables with them it may be important to have insurance on those items. Some cf those items may be covered under your current homeowner's plan while others may not. Contact your homeowner's agent to determine the coverage. Keep in mind that not everyone who goes to college needs some sort of homeowner's protection.

When your child goes to school they will be inundated with charge card offers. They'll get free T-shirts, free water bottles and more for signing up for a charge card. It is imperative that you sit down with your child and have one of those discussions about charge cards. The number of college kids graduating with substantial debt, that's not related to tuition or books, is amazing. What many of these kids are finding out is that when they graduate, their poor credit scores hinder their chances of obtaining a job.

In today's competitive job market, you need every advantage you can get. Having a charge card is important, however, knowing how to properly use a charge card is even more important. Even if your child rolls their eyes at you, it is important to have that conversation regarding charge cards as well as other areas of personal finance.

Good luck to those who are getting ready to go to college. Whether it's your first year or your last, I believe that a good college education is probably the best investment you'll ever make. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@ hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his website at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

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# Make sure student covered Memorial service set for **community** activist Dumas

Mary E. Dumas, a community activist who served for 14 years on the

Wayne County Commission in the 1970s and 1980s, died Aug. 17 after a five-year

Mary E. Dumas battle with ovar-

ian cancer. She was 89. A memorial service will be held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at the R.G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Road, Livonia. Visitation will start at 1:30 p.m.

Dumas was educated at Pershing High School in Detroit, Wayne State University and the University of Wisconsin from which she graduated with honors in languages and broadcasting.

Prior to Dumas' career on the commission, she was active as president of the Livonia School Board Advisory Committee, secretary of the Livonia Charter Revisions Committee, a volunteer probation officer and elected to the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees. She received numerous awards for her leadership in civic, political and professional organizations, and was appoint-

ed to several state and national commissions.

Gov. William Milliken appointed her to the Michigan Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee. Milliken cited her for a program she conceived, developed and conducted called "A Day at Jackson" where young offenders spent the day with prisoners serving life sentences at Jackson State Prison. The program's intent was to scare the participants straight. Word of the program reached Washington, D.C., and Dumas was invited to testify before the Senate Committee on juvenile jus-

tice. Dumas was elected to the 28-member Wayne County Board of Commissioners in 1972. She was

the only Republican and the only woman on the board at that time. During her 14-year term, she served on numerous committees including the National Association of Counties Crime and Public Safety Steering Committee, the Wayne County Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee and the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments.

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Dumas is survived by her husband, Victor, and children Cordelia, Charles and Julianne, four grandchildren and one greatgrandchild.

The family is asking that in lieu of flowers contributions be made to the Salvation Army Bed and Bread program or the Michigan Humane Society.

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**OUR VIEWS** 

# Back to school These tips can ease transition for many

It's been a great summer for kids in Plymouth and Canton — lots of summer camps, special programs and events to fill each day — but, those days are dwindling in number, as we approach back to school time.

Students will return to the routine of getting up early, doing homework and learning new things when school starts on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

For some students, this transition can be scary and somewhat dreadful. An area education expert, Wie Pan, who is executive director of Huntington Learning Center of Canton, takes note of this, and offers parents and students some tips.

We think they're worth sharing with our readers.

"End of summer is bittersweet for some children, while others are much more fearful about going back to the classroom," said Pan. "No matter what your child's demeanor, it is beneficial for parents to prepare their child for the change."

Pan offers these six tips to get your child ready to head back to school.

1. Take your child back-to-school shopping. Spending a day together buying school supplies and maybe even a new back-toschool outfit is a fun way to get into the school mode and a good opportunity to let your child tell you the things he or she thinks will help make him or her successful. It's also a good chance for parents to have one-on-one conversations with their children about any goals they have for the year and how they can be supportive of their children.

2. Introduce your child ahead of time to another classmate or two. A few weeks before the first day of school, reconnect with friends from last year who will be in your child's new class. If your child is new to the school, look around your neighborhood to find other children of the same age. A back-to-school night may be a good opportunity to meet other classmates, too.

3. Plan on getting extra help. For students who struggled in the previous school year, the idea of going back to school may be especially stressful. Summer is a great time to build skills and improve weaker areas, but if your summer was focused on other things, now is a great time to investigate supplemental education services for your child. Talk to his or her teacher in advance about problem areas and how the two of you can work together to get your child off on the right foot. 4. Set an optimistic tone. As a parent, you have a lot of influence on your child's attitude toward school. Show him or her through your actions that learning is fun and a part of everyday life. Teach your child to value effort and hard work. Your child needs to understand, too, that failure is something we all experience. What matters is how we learn from it and move forward. 5. Be prepared. Many schools have an orientation before school starts, which gives parents the information they need about school supplies, dress code, required forms, transportation and more. Being organized and on top of all school requirements will minimize first-week stresses for both you and your child. 6. Meet the teacher. Your school may host a meet-your-teacher day, which is a great opportunity for your child to get to know his or her new teacher before the first day. If not, ask the school if you and your child can come in another time before school starts. Get familiar with the school layout and other school resources that will help your child (the guidance counselor and speech therapist, for example). Let your child's teacher know that you look forward to working together this year. These tips can be useful in reducing the back-to-school nerves and anxieties for students and parents. Parents should set that positive tone about school, long before the bell rings on the first day. But, that's just the beginning - support throughout the school year is necessary. Partnering with your child and with his or her teacher in the education process is important in leading kids down a productive and perhaps even enjoyable educational experience.

#### **COMMUNITY VOICE**

#### What's the best thing you've done this summer?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I went to Europe with the kids. That was a lot of fun." Denise Negrue

Denise Negrus Plymouth



"Riding my four-wheeler and swimming." Katie Wheaton



"Going to swimming lessons (at Summit on the Park)."

Hannah Whitaker Canton



<sup>&</sup>quot;I went to Tennessee to visit old friends. We used to live there for a few years."

#### LETTERS

#### Put aside partisanship

A two-member panel from the Wayne County Elections Commission recently turned down language to recall state Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton. I applaud the panel for their decision.

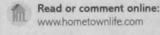
Representative Slavens and I do not always agree on the issues and, oftentimes, we have voted at odds with one another on bills before the Legislature. But as elected officials, we have both upheld our duty to vote on the legislation before us. While I firmly believe that a recall process is an important part of a representative government, it should be reserved for cases of malfeasance or unethical behavior by our elected officials and not invoked because a legislator has an opposing philosophy to our own or simply casts a vote.

It is unfair to taxpayers to spend their money on recall elections when an elected official does the job that they were elected to do. If we disagree with a lawmaker's philosophy or voting record we can work to vote them out of office at the next election. These recall election attempts have done nothing but further the partisan fighting and take attention away from the real issues - creating an environment that promotes job growth and responsible government spending. I, for one, will not compromise my conservative values. These conservative values include treating those who oppose me with respect. The overwhelming majority of voters in my district elected me in November to help fix Michigan. I will continue to uphold my campaign pledge to promote legislation that restores fiscal responsibility to our state government and encourages job growth. On issues where we may disagree, rest assured that I will continue to listen to your ideas with respect. These are not simply words. Since the beginning of my service in January, I have demonstrated a sincere willingness to reach across the aisle to work together to fix Michigan. I currently serve as the co-chair of the bipartisan, bicameral SE Michigan Caucus where we are developing joint strategies to return our state to prosperity for all. It is time to put aside the vindictive partisanship exemplified by these recall efforts and allow our elected officials to focus their efforts on doing what they were elected to do.

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Well, Mr. Lembesis, I want you to know the source of my "lies" – THE PLYMOUTH-CAN-TON SCHOOL DISTRICT. As an individual with an MBA in Finance who has managed a small business and worked for a large corporation in the finance discipline, I work very hard at presenting accurate information. I would never be foolish enough to presume that I could make a factual Business Tax and by pushing to eliminate government impediments to economic development

• Promoted health savings accounts - and pushed for Michigan to opt out of nationalized health care, leaving health decisions between the doctor and patient, not federal bureaucrats

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 eliminating a huge projected deficit

• Worked to refocus our education system on results

Promoted true transparency
from our government

• Labored to ensure that our Constitution is upheld in every government decision.

After years of decline, our state is beginning to get back on the path to prosperity. Keep up the good work, Pat.

Tom Marchesano Plymouth

#### AYP is 'ridiculous'

AYP testing and proficiency requirements are ridiculous. A mandate for 100 percent proficiency by 2014 contradicts

proficiency by 2014 contradicts reality, there is no such thing as



Brad Kadrich, Community Editor Susan Rosiek, Executive Editor **Grace Perry,** Director of Advertising Patrick Colbeck state senator Canton

#### No name-calling

When I authored my guest column regarding teachers' salaries and benefits in this newspaper, I expected to be challenged by people with intelligent differences of opinion. What I did not expect was to be called out in public as a liar and a writer who "makes things up." That was exactly, however, the unsubstantiated attack of Bill Lembesis, a teacher from Canton. statement without first checking thoroughly with the source of the data.

Specifically, the average annual teacher salary is \$68,000 and total benefits cost \$39,000 for the 2011-2012 Budget which amounts to a total of \$107,000. In your letter you quote a starting salary of \$40,000 and add to it a benefit cost of \$17,000, which you claim is my number.

If you read my letter correctly, you will see that it states that "health care costs" per teacher total \$17,000, not total benefit costs. I am also confused as to why you would choose to use my "made up" number in your example. Hopefully you can understand that there is a difference between starting salary and average salary and between health care costs and total benefit costs.

As a professional, I can accept an honest difference of opinion on this issue, but what I cannot accept is a public challenge to my integrity, especially being called a "Liar." As far as I am concerned, you owe me a public apology, although I don't expect to receive one.

In my unedited letter, I called for a public discussion on the projected 2011-2012 budget deficit (which actually was the main premise of my original letter and not merit-based pay). I welcome intelligent and informed discussions but not small-minded name-calling and unfounded accusations.

> Donald M. Zaksek Plymouth

#### **Colbeck doing well**

In his first few months in office, our new state senator, Pat Colbeck, has worked hard for us and has performed well. During this short time, Pat has:

Fought any and all new taxes

• Improved the climate for businesses to create jobs - by helping to replace the onerous Michigan perfection! And standardized tests might provide a reflection of already known demographic data, too late to have any value.

Punishment as the solution is reflective of turn of the century management behaviors for unskilled manual labor. Punishment for failure to exceed these ridiculous "standards" will just make matters worse — the cheating in Atlanta schools is a prime example.

Continued reliance on these broadly proven failures to "reform" schools and provide accountability hint at the unwillingness of those who hold the purse strings to embrace strategies that work. Fear of change or upsetting the apple cart is no doubt the root of this unwillingness.

We could make progress if real change were embraced. Change such as:

• Curriculum development and implementation at the building level.

• Curriculum and assessment of learning progress focused on an individual student's strengths.

• Older students teaching younger students.

• End the use of the Carnegie Unit (AKA seat time) for earning credit.

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> Chuck Fellows South Lyon

Elizabeth Wheaton Canton

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Joan Jasin of Canton competes in the freestyle.

estyle.

# Senior Olympians go for the gold

By Ken Abramczyk Observer Staff Writer

Nearly 800 seniors participated in activities last week ranging from bocce ball to swimming in the seventh annual Western Wayne County Senior Olympics.

The event attracted senior athletes from 16 western Wayne County communities. The games kicked off at Nankin Mills in Hines Park with a breakfast for the seniors. **County Executive Bob** Ficano, U.S. Rep. John Dingell, Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey and West-land Mayor William Wild attended the opening ceremony. Ficano lit the Olympic torch with the help of Kirksey, Wild and Dingell, before sending the athletes to the first of five days of competition.

On Wednesday, 18 participants swam in the 50yard backstroke, breast stroke and freestyle events at the Livonia Community Recreation Center. Patrice Milnek of Northville and Sue Hurn of Livonia were the big winners for the women, win-



istered for games and for each event they paid an additional \$2.

Anyone interested in participating in next year's games can apply as early as April, Peters said. The games included

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ning gold and silver medals in the backstroke, breast stroke and freestyle swimming in the A category (ages 50-59).

Other gold medalists in other age groups were Mary Skamiera of Canton, Dorothy Skupinski of Canton, Joan Jasin of Canton and Ruth Miller of Livonia.

David Edwards, William Anderson, Donald Sprague and Melvin Tockstein, all of Westland, and Al Kopack of Redford won gold medals in the men's races.

In one of the bocce ball categories, Flora Murray, 88, of Livonia and Luigi Aronne, 91, of Dearborn won a gold medal again after taking silver last year. The two have won gold medals every year prior to last, according to Karl Peters, recreation supervisor at the Livonia Senior Center.

"They were very proud of that," Peters said.

Other bocce gold medal winners included Luigi Colone and Joe Vassallo, both of Livonia, and Clara and Roger DeLuca of Northville. Bocce ball was played at the Italian American Club in Livonia.

Peters said the nearly 800 participants was a record number. "It's had a snowball effect," he said. "The numbers get larger every year.

"You see how much fun they have and it makes it all worthwhile."

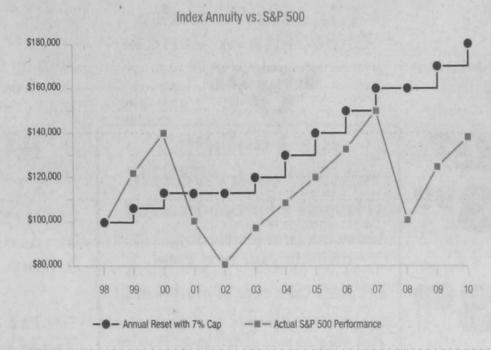
The participants wore their Senior Olympic shirts at the bocce ball competition. "They are very competitive," Peters said.

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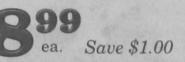


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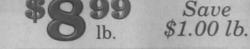
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### 2011 FOOTBALL PREVIEW - PT. 2



Whether on offense or defense, Plymouth's Donte Fox (No. 5) makes things happen for the Wildcats. Here, he blocks a Novi-Detroit Catholic Central punt during a 2010 playoff game.

# Wildcats won't rest on laurels

**By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer** 

There's no telling what a football team can accomplish once players start to believe they're good

Last year, the Plymouth varsity grid squad went down that road all the way to Ford Field in Detroit winning four straight postseason contests before bowing to Lake Orion in the Division 1 final.

In the Wildcats' path during that hot streak were some pretty formidable opponents in crosscampus rival Canton, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central and

gearing up for college football. And veteran head coach Mike

Sawchuk is smart enough to know that the past won't matter one bit once the 2011 season opens (11 a.m. Saturday against Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central in the Big Prep Day Showdown at Eastern Michigan University).

#### It's not automatic

"We got some kids still that got to buy in," Sawchuk said. "I don't care how much talent you have, there's so many little things that have to happen for you to get to where we got last year. . 'You have to have some luck. You got to keep everybody healthy, you got to keep everybody out of trouble. You got to

get a break here or there." Make no mistake, however. No coach is going to proclaim all is rosy before the first snap.

The fact remains Plymouth (11-3 overall, 7-2 in the regular season in 2010) is a strong team that should be a force in the KLAA South Division.

Also, Sawchuk likes the physicality being shown by his players during the preseason two-adays and that there seems to be plenty of competition for spots in the lineup.

That includes quarterback. The player who piloted the postseason run, Shaun Austin, is being

Austin, a senior, probably still has the inside track. He showed the ability to excel under pressure during the playoffs, particularly a last-minute drive to score the winning touchdown against Rockford (on a fourth-down aerial to Beyer)

But Sawchuk likes having Eiland in the wings. If Austin starts at quarterback, Eiland will be a primary target at wide receiver.

"The kid's an athlete," the coach said about Eiland. "He can be a mismatch."

Other wide receivers in the mix are senior DJ McMillan

#### PCA football may return in future

Despite the Plymouth Christian Academy football season being cancelled, the move does not mean the sport could return at some point in the future, according to school Principal Mark Wood.

"We have cancelled our football program for the upcoming season due to the small number of young men interested in playing," Wood wrote, in an e-mail to the Observer. "There is still a strong desire to provide a solid football program to our students and families, and we will continue working hard to generate the interest level necessary to sustain an effective football program at Plymouth Christian Academy."

Athletic Director Rick Swilley enthusiastically started varsity football in time for the 2010 season, but a lack of players resulted in a winless season for coach Mark Rumschlag.

#### **Knights win** Balconi

Walled Lake Northern defeated Canton on penalty kicks to win Saturday's Gary Balconi Invitational, as the Knights tripped up all three Plymouth-Canton **Educational Park teams** in the process.

Prior to the finals, Northern defeated Plymouth and Salem. Rocks head coach Ed McCarthy said his team struggled all day on offense, with a 0-0 tie against Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (although Salem advanced via PKs) followed by a 2-0 loss to Northern and 1-1 tie with Ann Arbor Huron.

Rockford.

But two stalwarts from 2010 (kicker Kyle Brindza, Brennen Beyer) have graduated and are

# No 'Cats on Salem sked

**By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer** 

The annual "Black and Blue" game between Salem and Plymouth signified the start of another high school football season

But that tradition has been scrapped at least for the 2011 season - as Salem head football coach Kurt Britnell opted for his squad to kick off against a different opponent.

The Rocks will visit Ann Arbor Huron for a 7 p.m. Friday contest while Plymouth's Wildcats will travel to Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium for an 11 a.m. Saturday tilt against Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central.

According to Britnell, his decision to face a different team in the opener was no slight against the Wildcats - a Division 1 state finalist last year.

He stressed that the move was done to give his team a chance to face a variety of opponents.

During Britnell's first two seasons at the Salem helm, the Rocks played both Plymouth-Canton Educational Park rivals during the regular season and had the chance to face them again in the KLAA crossover conference.

Add the potential of a district matchup and that would be tough for any team, let alone one in rebuilding mode as Salem is.

'The thing I'm trying to do is, when we get to where we're supposed to get, which I think is going to be soon, we could potentially play Canton or Plymouth three times in a season," Britnell explained. "Because if we're 1-2 in our division, chances are it's going to be Canton and Plymouth. We're already scheduled to play Canton in Week 9. We're going to be in the same district draw.

'So there's potential that you could play

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challenged by junior "X-factor" Jamarl Eiland, who impressed coaches during practices with laser-beam throws.

and juniors Nate Emminger and Matt Janke.

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Salem's lone goal was scored by Blake Townes, on an assist from Chris Dierker.

#### Holes-in-one

Chalk up a few more holes-in-one at Fox Hills in Plymouth.

Two came Aug. 17 at the Fox Hills Strategic Course, by Deborah Turchan and Alex Wrocklage.

Turchan, 56, of Northville, used a driver to sink a Top Flight ball into the cup of the 112-yard No. 4 hole.

The 16-year-old Wrocklage, of Plymouth, aced the 105-yard No. 10.

Meanwhile, the Strategic also was where 14-year-old Ryan Fogoros of Canton sank a hole-in-one. He used a 9-iron and a Wilson Ultra ball. His ace was at the No. 1 hole, also from 105 yards out.

#### Marcus Houston (No. 31 in this file photo) is sprinting into his third season as a starter and playmaker for Salem's varsity football team.

# Call to arms for young Rocks

#### **By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer**

The third year of Salem head football coach Kurt Britnell's regime could be the charm.

Britnell's first two teams went a combined 3-15, so any improvement in the won-lost record in 2011 will be welcomed with open arms.

And the strong arm of junior quarterback Jacob Deprez will be a primary reason if the Rocks' fortunes take an upward turn. The first test is at 7 p.m. Friday at Ann Arbor Huron.

"He gets the game, he's like a coach on the field at a young age," Britnell said. "We saw that last year even on JV. He just gets it.

"He worked his butt off all off-season with me doing quarterback school, learning the offense and how to read defenses. He can run our offense."

#### Airing it out

Deprez certainly will air it out in the direction of a pair of lanky wideouts in senior Ryan Jankowski and junior Chris Dierker - both varsity basketball players who

stand in the neighborhood of 6-foot-6.

"I don't know how many corners are going to be able to cover them," Britnell said about the receivers. "I mean, they're basketball guys, they're athletic and have good hands, too.

"Deprez can get it to them, he can put the ball in there from anywhere," he added.

Senior receiver Chris Contos and junior tight end Cameron Werner also might help move the chains through the

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**Registration remains** for the 2011 Men's Observer & Eccentric Open, a 36-hole medal play event Sunday-Monday, Sept. 4-5, at Fox Creek and Whispering Willows golf courses.

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Thursday, Aug. 25				
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Seaholm at North Farmington, 7 p.m.	Seaholm	North Farmington	Seaholm	Seaholm
Edsel Ford at Thurston, 7 p.m.	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston
Walled Lake Central at Canton, 7 p.m.	Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton
Walled Lake Northern at Churchill, 7 p.m.	Northern	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill
Anchor Bay at John Glenn, 7 p.m.	Anchor Bay	John Glenn	John Glenn	John Glenn
Wayne at Brighton, 7 p.m.	Brighton	Wayne	Brighton	Brighton
Friday, Aug. 26				
Cranbrook at Lutheran Westland, 5 p.m.	Lutheran Westland	Lutheran Westland	Cranbrook	Cranbrook
Bradford Academy at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville
Salem at Ann Arbor Huron, 7 p.m.	Salem	Salem	Huron	Salem
Detroit Western at Garden City, 7 p.m.	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City
Redford Union at Romulus, 7 p.m.	Union	Romulus	Romulus	Romulus
Stevenson at Franklin, 7 p.m.	Franklin	Stevenson	Franklin	Franklin
Saturday, Aug. 27				
Plymouth vs. Monroe St. Mary CC (at EMU), 11 a.m.	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
Harrison vs. Cass Tech (at EMU), 8 p.m.	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison

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At tight end will be hard-nosed seniors Faris Abraham and Billy Roberts

Perhaps the key catalyst for Plymouth's offense is senior running back Donte Fox, who also can catch a pass when needed.

'Donte's just a load, he's 5-11, 210 with legs this big," Sawchuk said, holding his hands apart.

#### Line 'em up

Junior Stefan Turrentine and senior Fred Dunbar provide depth to the running game.

That group of playmakers will benefit from playing behind what Sawchuk said could be the best offensive line since he's been at Plymouth.

He listed 6-0, 230-pound senior Tyler Goble, along with junior Kory Ignagni, senior Josh McGowan, 6-6 senior Bobby Riche and junior Sean Preston.

They have the potential to be the best group of offensive linemen we've had at the school since I've been here," Sawchuk said. "Whether they get it done or not is up to them. They got to work hard."

Depth on the defensive line might be a soft spot entering the season. Sawchuk said members of his O-line will see double duty until others emerge. 'We're trying to keep some offensive linemen on the offense and defensive linemen on the defense," he said. "But there's a couple kids that are going to have to go both ways. Sawchuk noted the preseason presence of junior lineman Kyle McMillan, who could land a regular spot on the D-line. Fox

> Patrick from France, 17 yrs. loves the outdoors and playing soccer. Patrick's dream has been to spend time

Elisa from Italy, 16 yrs

ikes to play tennis, swim, loves to dance

Elisa hopes to play American softball and earn American 'slang' while in the USA.

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Last year's Plymouth Wildcats reached the Division 1 state finals, but head coach Mike Sawchuk wants to focus on the 2011 season.

#### FAST FACTS

School: Plymouth.

Head coach: Mike Sawchuk, 10th season. 2010 record: 11-3, Division 1 state finalist; 7-2 during regular season, including 4-1 in KLAA South Division

(second place). Notable losses to graduation: Brennen Beyer, Kyle Brindza, Anthony Rhodes, Michael Olevnik, Jake Morris, Jerel Jenkins, Cody Ignagni, Anthony LeMerise, Mark Wallath

Top returnees: Donte Fox, Sr. RB-DL; Shaun Austin, Sr. QB; Faris Abraham, Sr. LB-TE; Tyler Goble, Sr. LB-OL: Nate Emminger, Jr. DB-WR; Bobby Riche, Sr. OL-DL; Jamarl Eiland, Jr. WR-QB-DB

Others to watch: DJ McMillan, Sr. WR-DB; Brenton Zuzo, Jr. P-K; Billy Roberts, Sr. LB-TE; Kory Ignagni, Jr. DL-OL; Matt Janke, Jr. DB-WR; Fred Dunbar, Sr. RB-DB; Kyle McMillan, Jr. DL-OL; Stefan Turrentine, Jr. LB-RB; Bobby

Opposing quarterbacks will have to deal with the Wildcats' quick and talented defensive secondary

Eiland, Emminger, Janke, seniors DJ McMillan, Said Youssef, William Askew II and junior Josh Dennard provide Sawchuk with much to choose from.

Sawchuk also might have to find out what it's like to stop kickoff returns, too.

In recent years, it was virtually a cinch that Brindza (now at Notre Dame) would send his kickoffs through the end zone, forcing other teams to start at the 20-yard line.

### ROCKS

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The offense will focus on a dynamic ground game, too, with third-year starting halfback Marcus Houston in the top spot.

"He's a good one, he's quick, just a little scatback," the coach said about Houston, a 5-9 senior running back with big-gain capabilities. "But he's not afraid to pound it up in there when you have to.

"Marcus has bought in more with our off-season program, he's stronger than he has been. He does have a gift. ... He's a spe-cial athlete."

At fullback to augment Houston will be senior cocaptain Nick Troher and junior Kyle Cameron, running behind a largely young offensive line. "We're going to be

young," Britnell said. "We have a lot of juniors that are going to be starting for us."

One of those is Matt Grabowski, who started as a sophomore in 2010.

Although co-captain Jack Vida is a senior, he has missed much of the past two seasons due to injury.

"He's finally healthy coming out of camp, so we're excited about that," Britnell said. "He's already gone through like three facemasks. He's unbelievable."

#### **Kicking it**

Another offensive lineman is returnee Alex Brown, a senior.

There are others still vying to be in the lineup. "We've good a few new

guys in there," he said. "We've got about eight right now that we're looking at to find a starting five.'

When the Rocks can't punch the ball into the end zone, they can turn to sophomore placekicker Alex Kenrick

According to Britnell, the youngster can boot the ball through the uprights from 50 yards and has excelled at various summer kicking camps - just like 2011 Plymouth grad Kyle Brindza did.

Britnell said Kenrick has a chance

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"I coached Brindza when I was at Plymouth (as an assistant)," Britnell said. "And at this point, Alex is a little ahead of where Brindza was. It's pretty cool to see."

Salem's defense is a work in progress, with coaches still trying to build up enough depth in all areas

That particularly holds true for the defensive line, where coaches are looking to minimize using O-linemen.

"We're trying to platoon more up front so we can get a rotation and not have the same guys starting both ways," Britnell said.

The Rocks likely will employ juniors Nick Howie, Justin Broughman, senior Zach Bird and junior Kyle Cameron on the D-line.

#### New attitude

Anchoring the linebacking crew will be senior co-captain Tyler Schultz.

'Tyler's another smart kid, he's a coach on the defensive side," Britnell said. "He knows where everybody's going and what to do.

"Sometimes he doesn't look the prettiest, but he always winds up where he's supposed to. He really improved a lot last year as a junior.'

Vida and Werner are other linebackers who could wreak havoc on KLAA Central opponents.

In the defensive secondary will be Houston, Dierker, Jankowski, senior Evian Pardo, juniors Mike McNamara and Jeremy Lewis and sophomore Gu'woin Ingram.

All in all, Britnell likes the way the Salem program is progressing.

"I think the first year I was here, there was excitement," he said. "A new regime. But did they believe they could win? I don't think we played like they thought that. Last year was more of the same.

"This year, the attitude is different. It's just starting to feel like it should. Whether or not that shows up, that's to be determined."

Deeg, Jr. P-K.

Sawchuk says: "Everybody on the team has to buy in like all the kids bought in last year."

Schedule: (all 7 p.m. except as noted) Saturday (11 a.m.) vs. Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central at EMU; Sept. 1 at Howell; Sept. 9 at Wayne Memorial; Sept. 16 Livonia Churchill; Sept. 23 (6:30 p.m.) Livonia Franklin; Sept. 30 at Westland John Glenn; Oct. 7 Canton; Oct. 14 vs. KLAA crossover; Oct. 21 (TBA) vs. 3rd Place Catholic League.

also might be called upon, perhaps at defensive end.

"A kid who's opening up some eyes on both sides of the ball is Kyle McMillan," Sawchuk said.

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**Ready to pounce** The linebacking corps should be formidable, with players such as Abraham, Goble, Turrentine and junior Mike Kennedy.

Taking over punting and kicking duties will be juniors Brenton Zuzo and Bobby Deeg.

"Right now, Zuzo has the stronger leg," Sawchuk said. "But Deeg matched him the other day from 42 (yards) on out, with accuracy."

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#### **FAST FACTS**

School: Salem.

Head coach: Kurt Britnell, third season. 2010 record: 1-8, KLAA Central Division. Notable losses to graduation: Drew Thompson, Ethan Walsh, Omar Kendah, Jake Pollard, Tommy Rodriguez.

Top returnees: Marcus Houston, Sr. RB-DB; Chris Dierker, Jr. WR-DB; Ryan Jankowski, Sr. WR-DB; Evian Pardo, Sr. WR-DB; Nick Troher, Sr. RB-DL; Tyler Schultz, Sr. LB; Jack Vida, Sr. OL-LB.

Others to watch: Jacob Deprez, Jr. QB; Alex Kenrick, Soph. K-P; Cameron Werner, Jr. TE-LB.

Britnell says: "You know, we're building, we're getting there so now we got some guys that are all in and committed to what we're trying to do, improve the program.

Schedule: (all 7 p.m. except as noted) Friday at Ann Arbor Huron; Sept. 1 Walled Lake Central; Sept. 9 South Lyon; Sept. 16 at Novi; Sept. 23 at Northville; Sept. 30 South Lyon East; Oct. 7 (6:30 p.m.) Livonia Stevenson; Oct. 14 vs. KLAA crossover; Oct. 21 at Canton.

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Canton three times in a row. Or Plymouth week 1, 8 and 10."

"So nothing against Plymouth, but just from a program perspective I didn't want that chance."

Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk said he understood the Salem move.

'They're trying to build their program, I respect what they're doing," Sawchuk said. "... You got to respect another coach's decision on how they want to run their program.

"If that's what they want to do there's nothing we can do about it. We just got to play who we play.

As for Canton, the Chiefs open up 7 p.m. Thursday at PCEP's varsity turf field against Walled Lake Central.

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## **2011 BOYS TENNIS** PREVIEW - PT. 1 Chiefs, Wildcats eye South Division battle

#### **By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer**

Last year, Canton and Plymouth's varsity boys tennis teams battled for supremacy in the KLAA South Division.

It looks as though that rivalry could spill over into another season as the Chiefs and Wildcats gear up for the 2011 regular schedule.

League play for both teams begins on Tuesday, Aug. 30 with Canton visiting Wayne Memorial and Plymouth hosting Livonia Churchill.

Understandably, coaches for the two teams are eager to roll.

"We had a strong team last year (4-3 overall, 4-0 in the KLAA South) which will encourage the team to fight hard to improve and keep our winning streak alive," noted Canton head coach Barb Lehmann.

She said there is experience returning to the varsity in Alan Halim, Josh Wendel, Sarav Shah, James Dodge, Steve Price and Travis Michalak.

Wendel and Shah are co-captains who Lehmann said "have worked hard this summer in preparing the team for the season and I am sure (that) will add to our success.'

Another plus, the Chiefs coach added, is having newcomers with tournament competition under their belts.

The Wildcats (6-1, 4-1) have All-Stater Aaron Zhang back and that brings a smile to the face of head coach Tom Kimball.

#### "Our school's only All-State player, Aaron Zhang, returns for his Zhang

senior year and he will be backed up by a talented group of singles players," Kimball said. "Many of the doubles guys have been working on their

game year-round, and should add some depth to our lineup." Kimball also likes having "strong potential in some of our JV players and we will likely shuffle in a few of those guys for some varsity experience."

Zhang will handle No. 1 singles, followed by freshman Charlie Hou (No. 2), senior Josh Heinze (No. 3) and senior Josh Postel (No. 4).

Leading off the doubles lineup for the Wildcats are junior Cameron Earls and senior Kevin Standifer in the No. 1 slot.

Other Plymouth doubles teams entering the season are as follows: No. 2, juniors Akash Yerakola and Praveen Loganathan; No. 3, sophomore Jon Conn and junior Dylan Grant; No. 4, juniors Joe Klots and Danny Sinnott; No. 5, senior Raleigh Belanger and sophomore Jared Hopf.

We have a solid team and strong leadership,' Kimball said.

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# Whalers ink big, quick Miller

Plymouth Whalers coach and general manager Mike Vellucci recently signed J.T. Miller, who was originally selected by the Whalers in the fifth round of the 2009 Ontario Hockey League Priority Selection.

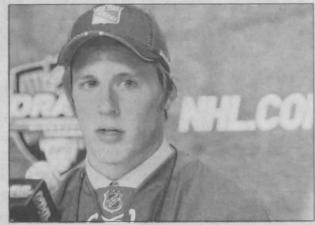
After spending the last two seasons in Ann Arbor with the US National Team Developmental Program, Miller, 18, of East Palestine, Ohio, was taken this summer in the first round (15th overall) by the New York Rangers in the 2011 National Hockey League Entry Draft.

The Rangers recently signed Miller to an entrylevel contract.

"J.T. is a skilled power forward," said Vellucci. "He already plays what we call Whaler hockey. Given a little time, he should fit in well in Plymouth."

According to Miller, reached via telephone, "I'm very excited to finally get to Plymouth. I've had to make a couple of tough decisions over the last few weeks, but I'm happy to get up there and am ready to play."

"We love the way J.T. plays the game," said Gordie Clark, the Rangers' player personnel



J.T. Miller, who will play this season with the Plymouth Whalers, also is property of the New York Rangers. He was picked 15th overall by the Rangers in the 2011 NHL entry draft.

director. "Everyone who went out to see him came back with (the opinion that) every shift J.T. takes is identical - he expends himself in his skating game and his physical game, making plays and crashing the net. "He has all of those

qualities and he uses them on every shift."

Compuware Arena fans will immediately notice that Miller is a player with size and speed. "I'm a big forward who

likes to use my speed to my advantage," Miller said. "I try to get pucks to the net and be in front of the net as much as possible.

Miller led Team USA in scoring with 13 points

#### in six games en route to capturing the gold medal. Miller was selected by coaches as Team USA's top player during the tournament.

The addition of Miller give the Whalers three players who were selected in the first round of the 2011 NHL Entry Draft. Those include Miller at 15th overall; Stefan Noesen, who was taken by Ottawa 21st overall; and Rickard Rakell, who was taken by Anaheim 30th overall.

Other Whalers taken in the 2011 NHL Entry Draft include Garrett Meurs by Colorado (5th round, 123rd overall) and Matt Mahalak by Carolina (6th round, 163rd overall)

Miller is expected to report with the rest of the Whalers on Sept. 1 for the start of training camp.

#### Whalers nab Bathgate

Vellucci also acquired 20-year-old forward Andy Bathgate from the Belleville Bulls.

In return, the Whalers send third round picks in the 2013 and 2014 Ontario Hockey League Priority Selection back to Belleville.

Bathgate was selected by Belleville in the third round (54th overall) in the 2007 OHL Priority Selection and was taken by the Pittsburgh Penguins in the fifth round (151st overall) in the 2009 National Hockey League Entry Draft.

Bathgate enjoyed his best offensive season in the OHL last season for the Bulls, scoring 25 goals and 35 assists for 60 points in 64 games.

The acquisition of Bathgate gives Plymouth five overage players (1991 birthdays) on the roster - forwards RJ Mahalak, Jamie Devane and Peter Neal, along with Bathgate and defenseman Beau Schmitz.

OHL teams carry three overages every season.

# Ocelots to feature international flavor

**By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer** 

The make-up of this year's Schoolcraft College men's soccer team has the distinct look of a United Nations meeting. That's because veteran coach Rick Larson, who is coming off a 17-4-1 sea-

XII tournament, has brought in players from three different continents including England, Venezuela and Canada.

son said. "I think the multi-cultural flavor allows us to play a versatile style of soccer. You have the area kids mixed in with players who have come here and are serious about the game, and it makes for a unique environment." Schoolcraft opens its season Saturday on the road against Region XII nemesis and 2011 NJCAA National Tourney runner-up Cincinnati State before coming back home for a 10 a.m. Sunday match against South Suburban (Ill.).

"He (Lobo) is an amazingly balanced player, a good defender and great passer of the ball who plays with a great air of confidence," Larson said. "He brings great consistency to the table and his teammates feed off of that.'

Other returning starters include sophomore defender Juan Garcia, another Caracas native, along with Brent McIntosh, a sophomore midfielder from Rochester.

Larson also welcomed back with open arms two sophomores who were bit by the injury bug last year - midfielder Ryan

Others who are expected to start on Saturday in sophomore defender Mario Teixiera (Ann Arbor Pioneer), freshman midfielder Johnathon Heslop (Spennymore, England), freshman defender Adrian Tesh (Mississauga, Ontario) and freshman defender Tom Nevill (Notts, England).

The goalkeeping position is up for grabs between 6-foot-5 Scott Schewfedlt (London, Ontario), a sophomore transfer from Garden **City Community College** (Kan.) and freshman Tom Duquette (Novi).

freshmen Pat Smith, a midfielder from Livonia Stevenson; Ardit Dushkaj, a forward from Livonia Clarenceville; Nate Lightner, a defender from Northville; Tyler Koontz, a goalkeeper from Auburn Hills Avondale; Gino Pasquali, a winger from Utica Eisenhower; Damjan Stamenkovik, a sweeper from Clinton Township (currently injured), Sam Ellis-Stockley, a midfielder from Gloucester, England; and Carlos Izquierdo, a freshman midfielder from Caracas.

Depth shouldn't be a problem for the 2011 Oce-

Kelsey Pauley's goal early in the second half proved to be the differ-

**MU** women

edged, 1-0

SPORTS BRIEFS Saturday at home against St. Xavier (Ill.).

> Eagles go for Gold volleyball team reached

The Plymouth Christian

son and a runner-up finish in the NJCAA Region

"It's been great," Lar-

ence Saturday as host Marian (Ind.) University defeated the Madonna University women's soccer team, 1-0, at St. Vincent Health Field

Goalkeeper Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville) made six saves, while Marian counterpart Jessica Fisher had eight stops.

The Crusaders were coming off a season-opening 4-0 loss to NCAA Division I foe Butler University Friday in Indianapolis.

"I thought we played better today," Madonna coach Jeff Hodgson said. 'Compared to this time last year, we are getting quality scoring chances where we were just not getting those last year. We just need to continue to work hard in training this week to be more confident on the ball and our finishing.

MU (0-2) returns to action beginning at noon the semifinals of the Gold Bracket at Saturday's Battle Creek St. Philip **Carrie Adams Memorial** Tournament.

After winning in pool play against Goodrich (25-19, 25-19) and Harper Creek (25-15, 25-16), the Eagles split a match against Concord (27-25, 23-25)

In the subsequent Gold playoffs, PCA knocked off Leland (25-23, 25-14) before falling 23-12, 25-14 in the semifinal against St. Philip.

Top performers for the Eagles entering the St. Philip matchup were Kristin Malcolm (35 kills, nine blocks), Jennifer Malcolm (57 assists), Jessica Rich (13 digs), Sarah Howard (12 kills, three blocks), Amy Zinn (10 kills, 13 digs) and Mary Anleitner (eight kills).

PCA will play another tournament Saturday at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard

The Ocelots, gunning for their sixth straight MCCAA title, are led by second-team NJCAA All-America Marco Lobo, a native of Caracas, Venezuela.

#### ROUNDUP

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Prospective players must be age 11 or younger by May 1, 2012, and a tryout waiver form must be completed. Contact Mike Zaia at (248) 462-9380 for more information and to preregister.

LeMasters (Dexter) and forward Doug Beason (Northville).

'Doug was injured in the 11th game and he has a real good knack for scoring," Larson said. "Ryan separated both shoulders last year and we had to redshirt him. He was a starter on our 2009 (NJCAA) national tournament team."

Another Garden City CC transfer, sophomore Anthony Laurenco (Winnipeg, Manitoba) will help out in the midfield.

Other returnees include sophomore defender Phil Strachan (Livonia Clarenceville) and sophomore defender Juan Garcia (Caracas, Venezuela).

Among the other promising newcomers include lots

"When we first went the NJCAAs (in 2009) we learned we had to be deep," Larson said. "Overall we're positioned well with some strong defenders, strong midfielders and some strong forwards."

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# Moose game to honor 9/11 victims

The Detroit Moose hockey team will remember those who on 9/11 "paid the ultimate sacrifice" by playing a game on Saturday, Sept. 10 at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township.

Moose president and Canton resident Derek Fowler said the "remembrance" game against Ameriprise Financial is slated from 5-7 p.m.

Admission is free and families are welcome. The first 100 kids

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age 12 and under will receive a free slice of pizza and a soft drink for the game.

Compuware is located at 14900 North Beck Road. For more information, go to www. DetroitMoose.org or www.Ameriprise.com.

Fowler said members of the Detroit Red Wings Alumni will be on hand and there will be other special guest appearances.

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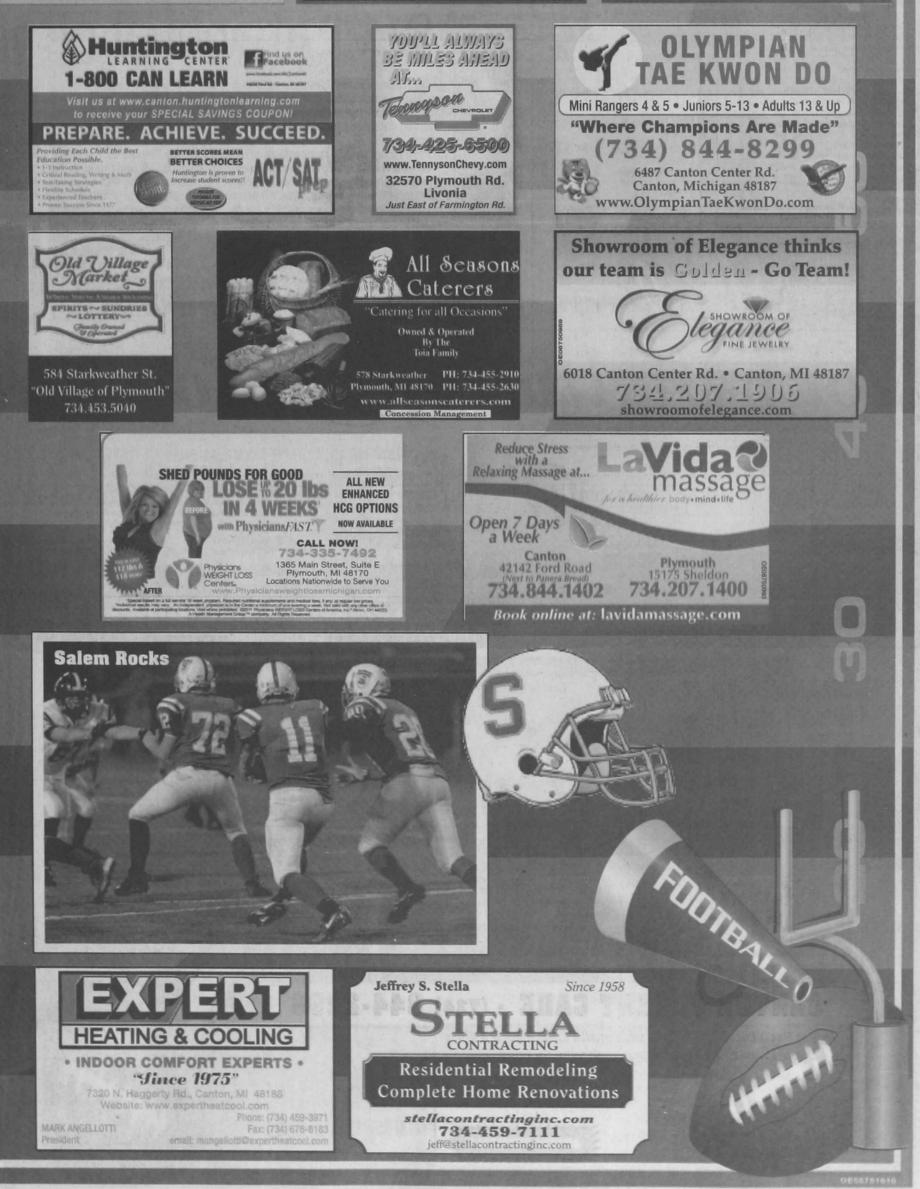
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#### BARBER, RUTH MARIE

Age 86. On Monday July 18, 2011 Ruth Marie Barber died peacefully at home when called to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She was born on May 13, 1925 in Detroit, Michigan, the daughter of the late Owen and Margaret (Dahm) Ivey. She was the second of five children & was raised in Detroit, Michigan. On September 8, 1945 she married Edward Barber (deceased January 26, 1984), husband of 38 years. Settled in Plymouth, Michigan in 1959 & raised a family of five children. She was a long time member of Risen Christ Lutheran Church. She is survived by Dianne Barber, Richard (Virginia) Barber, Margaret Carter, Gayle Nelson, Alecia Barber, 16 grandchildren, & 30 great-grandchil-dren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, four siblings, & a son-in-law. A memorial service was held at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Dexter, Michigan on August 5, 2011. Cremation has taken place & bur-ial of remains will be at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park in Livonia, Michigan.



DUMAS, MARY E.

Died August 17, 2011 at the age of 89. Mary served as Wayne County Commissioner for 14 years and was a Schoolcraft College Trustee. She is survived by her husband, Victor and children Cordelia, Charles and Julianne, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A Memorial Service will be held at 3:30 PM on Saturday, August 27, 2011 at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Gathering from 1:30 until time of Service. In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to The Salvation Army Bed & Bread Program or the Michigan Humane Society. Please share a memory at www.rggrharris.com

#### EVICH, STANLEY P.

of Detroit, 8/3/2011; age 82; husband of Charlotte. Father of Gail Raczak, Pamela Evich, Kathleen Kugel, Diane Stege and the late Gary. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (586)777-0555.

#### GREEN, GEORGE

Age 73, beloved husband of Barbara, father of Georgette and Joel Green both of Rapid City, Michigan. Also survived by two brothers, 2 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Celebration of Life Service, Saturday, August 27th at 11:00 am at the Chapel of L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Rd, Canton (W. of Lilly Rd.)



#### HOLDEN, AUDREY J.

Died May 3, 2011, age 78 of Plymouth Loving mother of Jeri Lynn (Danny) Holden-Taylor, Teri Ann Ritchison, and Jamie Holden. Proud grandmother of Ben Ritchison, Christian Taylor, Audra Taylor and James Holden. great-grandmother of Dear Patchoulie, Lotus, Willow and Hattie Joe Ritchison. Audrey retired from Hertz after 25 years of service. During ber retirement she volunteered at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, The Henry Ford, and the YMCA in Livonia. She was also a very active member of Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Plymouth. Her memorial service will be held Saturday September 3, at 10:30 AM at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to U of M Cancer Center or American Heart Association. To share memories please visit:

vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

#### NESTOROVSKI, MILICA

of Bloomfield, 8/15/2011; age 85; wife of Trpko. Mother of Vince, Jonathon & Mike. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (586)777-0555.

May **peace** be with you in this time of **sorrow**.

#### POST, BETTY L.

Age 70, of Farmington Hills, MI, formerly of Whitehall, MI, passed into the arms of her savior, Jesus Christ, on August 17th, 2011, after a short but graceful battle with pancreatic cancer. She was born on March 8, 1941, to Peter Hutchinson & Jean Reed Hutchinson at her grandparents home in Six Lakes, MI. In December 1970, she suffered a spinal cord injury in a motor vehicle accident that left her paralyzed from the waist down. Betty was an inspiration to all who met her, they were amazed by her ability to overcome her disability & accomplish more than most with enthusiasm & always with a bright smile & warm heart. She especially enjoyed water color & oil paint-ing, reading, teaching Bible study & Sunday school, playing Bridge & crafting. Betty was an extraordinarily talented seamstress & created many beautiful outfits for her daughters, grandchildren & others seeking her professional touch. Her greatest joy was spend-ing time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Betty is preceded in death by her parents Pete Hutchinson & Jean Hutchinson Cannon, her brother Donald Hutchinson & her infant son Marc Verplanck. She is survived by her sister Wanda Roach of Tawas, MI & Sharon (Wayne) Cannon-Ariss of Whitehall, MI; her daughters of Whitehall, MI; ner ungenck-Dr. Marcy (Michael) Verplanck-Kanitz of Traverse City, MI, & Dr. Michelle (Kurt) Verplanck-Michelle (Kurt) Verplanck-Kralovich of Farmington Hills, MI; her six grandchildren: Arielle, Marc, & Delin Kanitz, Jon-Luc, Georgia, & Alexis Kralovich; as well as many nieces & nephews. Memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 3, 2011, at 2:00 pm at Faith Covenant Church-35415 West 14 Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48331-1300; Reverend Ken Larson officiating. In lieu of flowers, consider memorial donations to: Faith Covenant Church, Betty Post Memorial (address as above)

#### SCRIVO, ELLEN T.

of Harrison Twp., 7/13/2011; age 58; beloved wife of David. Dear mother of Matthew and Mark. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (586)777-0555.

#### SMITH, NORMA L.

of Dearborn Hts., 8/4/2011; age 91; Mother of Susan Brostean, grandmother of Candice Hunter and Lucas. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (313)382-1181.



Members of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Livonia, mixed fellowship and fun on the baseball field recently. The annual game, with team captains were the Rev. Anthony Creeden and the Rev. Dean Davenport, was among the activities at the church's annual summer gathering that included food and faith. Youngsters played in a bounce house and all ages took part in a water balloon toss.

#### **RELIGION CALENDAR**

Send calendar items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife. com. Feel free to include relevant photos as attached jpgs. Or mail items to Dargay, Observer, 615 Lafayette, Level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.

Aug. 25-31

BACK TO SCHOOL

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27 Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton Details: Party for people who are in financial need because of job loss or reduction in income. There will be games, food, and fun. Each registered child will receive free school supplies

Contact: Register at (734) 404-2480 or (734) 927-6686 CRAFTERS NEEDED

Time/Date: Accepting ap-

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Location: Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia Details: Crafters sought for fall craft show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 15. Space rental is \$25. \$5 per table or bring your own table. Spots are limited to three crafters per category and one vendor per product Contact: (734) 464-0990 or e-mail rpoffice@ arounddetroit.biz

# Church observes 9/11 at annual picnic

Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia will thank "first responders" for their service to the community during the congregation's annual picnic on Sept. 11.

"We're doing it in remembrance of the 10th anniversary of 9/11," said Sarah Nadeau, church communications coordinator. "We're planning for 350 people including church members. It's for the whole community. It's free to the public."

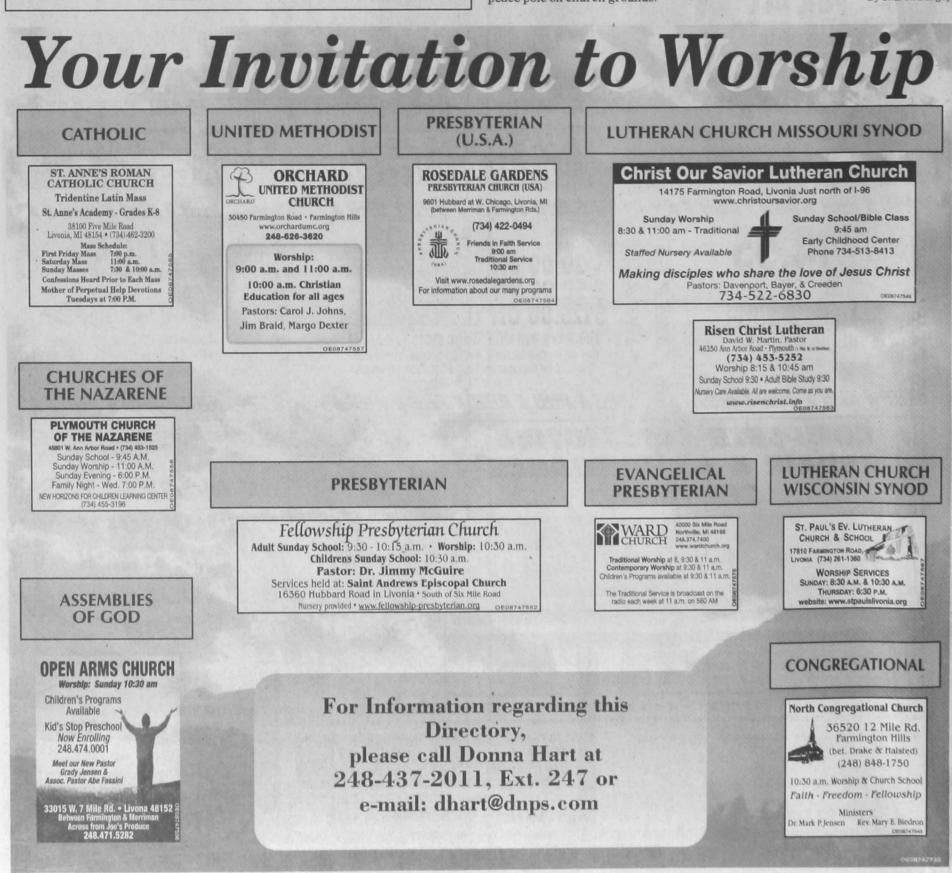
The picnic will start at 11:30 a.m., after the 10 a.m. worship service. A ceremony recognizing the Livonia police and fire departments will start at 12:30 p.m. The congregation also will plant a peace pole on church grounds. "It will be placed in the ground and there will be a prayer for peace around the pole," Nadeau said. "We're taking a stand for peace."

The pole will sport the phrase "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in Arabic, English, Hindi and Spanish. Nadeau said it will mark the 9/11 anniversary and celebrate the rich cultural diversity in and around Livonia.

Games, face painting and bounce houses will round out the festivities.

"We're doing chicken and potato salad, beans and corn on the cob and ice cream cones. It's a fun time."

For more information, call the church at (734) 422-0149.





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# ENTERTAINMENT

# Women get top billing at new professional theater

#### By Sharon Dargay O&E Staff Writer

Two Muses Theatre will put out the welcome mat for women when it holds auditions next month.

"We're here to promote female artists and artisans. That's what our mission is all about — finding plays that deal with women's issues, giving women the opportunity to direct, to stage manage," said Barbie Weisserman, a Farmington Hills resident who founded the new professional theater with Diane Hill, also of Farmington Hills. "We'd like to help employ as many females as possible."

Men will fill a few roles, too, during the theater's inaugural season. It will get off the ground with Neil Simon's female version of *The Odd Couple* in November, followed by *Same Time Next Year* in February 2012, both staged in the performing space at Barnes & Noble, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield.

Weisserman said the 180-seat theater is perfect for the new venture because it required few changes other than electrical work for the stage lighting.

"It's an absolutely beautiful space for us to use. It's nice for patrons, too. There's a Starbucks right there and they can bring the coffee in and during the 20-minute intermission they can browse through the store," she said. "The Farmington Players were the ones who made the space into a theater a number of years ago. It's ready to go."

Weisserman has been involved with professional and community theater, including the Farmington Players, SRO Productions in Southfield —





Weisserman

where she's a board member and former executive director — and Stagecrafters in Royal Oak. She's chairman of the board at Magenta Giraffe Theatre and has worked with Breathe Art Theatre Project, Living Faith, Zeitgeist and the Smith Theatre at Oakland Community College, (OCC). She teaches acting, costume design, and hair and makeup for theatre at OCC and has bachelor's and master's degrees in theater from Wayne State University. Hill earned

a doctorate degree in theater from Wayne State, master's and bachelor's degrees from the University of Michigan and taught high school drama and music for 20 years. She has produced and directed for

professional theaters such as Breathe Art Theatre Company in Detroit, Opus Mime in Ann Arbor, Jewish Ensemble Theatre in West Bloomfield and Heartlande Theatre Company in Detroit. Her acting credits include shows at Fisher Theatre, Masonic Temple, Gem

#### TWO MUSES THEATRE

Time/Date: 5-10 p.m., Monday, Sept. 12

Location: Barnes & Noble Theatre Space, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Enter the bookstore and theatre is on the left

Details: Auditions for the female version of Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple" require a 1-2 minute comic monologue and possible readings from the script. Participants should bring a head shot and resume. All roles are non-Equity and are paid. The roles of Olive, Florence, Mickey and one of the Spanish brothers have been cast. The theater seeks women, ages 40-60 and men, ages 40-50 Season: "The Odd Couple," will run Friday-Sunday, Nov. 4-27; "Same Time, Next Year," is set for Friday-Sunday, Feb. 3-26, 2012

**Contact:** For audition appointment, e-mail preferred half hour time slot to twomusestheatre@gmail.com. Visit www. twomusestheatre.org or send written inquiries to Two Muses Theatre, 29015 Summerwood, Farmington Hills, MI 48334

Theatre, Purple Rose Theatre, Tipping Point Theatre and other professional venues; independent films, industrial films and television and radio commercials. She is cast in Meadowbrook Theatre's first show of the season, Something Wicked this Way Comes.

Both Hill and Weisserman will appear in *The Odd Couple*. Hill will direct Two Muses Theater's first show and Weisserman will costume it, dress the set, handle props and other duties. They first worked together at Oakland Community College, where Weisserman costumed shows that Hill directed.

"We put our heads together and it was real simple. She said do you want to start a theater? I said, okay," Weisserman recalled.

They kicked the idea around for a few months and then began to build a board of directors and start the process of becoming a nonprofit organization. They quickly found a venue and selected two plays with broad appeal for Two Muses Theatre's first season.

"Eventually we'd love to do original plays by women, but to start off we want to make sure we are ensconced well in the public domain so we can get people into the theater to see productions that will keep women working," Weisserman said. "It's difficult to find popular plays to start off with to get our feet wet and hit all the female issues at once, but we also hope to pick more femaleoriented plays in the future. We're also going to be doing benefits for female issues."

She said that's likely to include a late winter production of *The Vagina Monologues*.

"We hope to feature female artists and have their work for sale on a rotating basis," she added.

During the summer, they'll switch gears and focus on plays for children.

"Not using children, but for children, like fantasy-type theater. We both in the past worked at OCC doing plays of that nature. We both had a great deal of fun with them."

For more about Two Muses Theatre, visit www.twomusestheatre.org.



Farmington Community Chorus will perform at Stars in the Park concert series, 7 p.m. Aug. 25, in Heritage Park, in Farmington Hills.



#### Art

#### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Through Aug. 27; gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "13 Ways to View a Blackbird and Other Thoughts in Thread," is an art quilt show featuring two groups of work by artists from across the Midwest

Contact: (248) 344-0497

#### Comedy

#### THE ARK

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 16-17

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor Details: The Second City with sketches and improvisation; \$25

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark. org

#### Go Comedy!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

Contact: (248) 327-0575; gocomedy...

#### 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. Thurs-

day 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

#### JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB OF LIVO-NIA

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: Dave Landau with Cory Latarski, through Aug. 27; Collin Moulton with Nate Fridson, Aug. 31-Sept. 3; Sheila Kay with Darnell Anderson, Sept. 7-10; Nick DiPaolo, Sept. 16-17

Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kicker-

scomplex.com

#### MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: Nathan Macintosh, Aug. 25-27; Michael Kosta, Sept. 8-10; James P. Connolly, Sept. 15-17

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

#### Concerts

Contact: (734) 455-1453

#### THE ARK

Time/Date: Suzy Bogguss, Aug. 26; Finvarra's Wren, Aug. 27; Brother Sun featuring Joe Jencks, Greg Greenway & Pat Wictor and Jen Cass, Aug. 28; The Fishtank Ensemble, Sept. 1; Orpheum Bell & The Red Sea Pedestrians, Sept. 2; Chris Thile & Michael Daves, Sept. 8; The David Wax Museum, Sept. 9; John McCutcheon, Sept. 10; Carbon Leaf & Chamberlin, Sept. 11; Bernard Allison, Sept. 13; Ben Sollee & John Whitaker, Sept. 14; Ember Swift, Sept. 15; Willy Porter with Seth Glier, Sept. 18; Joy Kills Sorrow, Sept. 19; Maria Muldaur & Her Red Hot Bluesiana Band, Sept. 20; Eilen Jewell, Sept. 21; Mavis Staples, Sept. 23; Red Horse, Sept. 24; Patrizio, Sept. 26; Match by Match & Hannah Winkler, Sept. 27; Asleep at the Wheel, Sept. 28; Fleet Foxes with The Walkmen, Sept. 29; The RFD Boys, Sept. 30

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark. org

#### **HERITAGE PARK**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25 Location: 24915 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills

**Details:** Farmington Community Chorus concludes the free summer concert series, Stars in the Park

Contact: (248) 473-1848

#### **KELLOGG PARK**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Aug. 26 Location: Downtown Plymouth Details: Randy Brock Group

**Coming up:** Lady Sunshine and the X Band, Sept. 2 Family series: Noon, Wednesday concert series features Beverly Meyer, "The Music Lady," Aug. 24

**Contact:** www.downtownplymouth. org for evening concerts; www.plymoutharts.com for noon concerts

TOWN SQUARE

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26 Location: In the pavilion at Town Square in downtown Northville Details: Free concert series concludes

with Justine Blazer, rock/country Contact: (248) 349-0203

#### TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Ana Egge with Jason Myles Goss, Sept. 9; Jan Krist, Sept. 10; Steve Gillette and Cindy Mangsen, Sept. 17; Pierce Pettis and Bill Mallonee, Sept. 23; Claudia Nygaard with Jeff Scott, Sept. 24; Joshua Davis, Sept. 25; Tim Grimm and Mark Dvorak, Sept. 30; Tumbledown-Town, Oct. 1

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia Contact: (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

#### Dance

#### **MOON DUSTERS**

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m. Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Singles and couples dance to music of the 30s, 40s and 50s; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members Contact: Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

#### POLKA BOOSTER CLUB

Time/Date: Doors open, 12:30 p.m., buffet dinner, 1:30 p.m., dancing from 3 p.m.-7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 11 Location: Msgr. Hunt K of C Hall, 7080

Garling Dr., Dearborn Heights

**Details:** Dinner-dance celebrating the club's 44th anniversary features music by Stas Golonka and the Chicago Masters. Admission is \$25, which includes buffet dinner, dancing, beer, wine and pop

**Contact:** For reservations call Terry at (734) 422-1901 or Joanna at (313) 561-8389

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#### BAKERS KEYBOARD LOUNGE

Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays Details: Jazz for Kids Program Location: 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit

Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com

# Sewing expo returns to Novi

The 18th annual American Sewing Expo will bring fashion shows, sewing tips, home decorating and fashion design competitions under one roof, Friday-Sunday, Sept. 23-25 at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

"Reality sewing competition, one of a kind fabrics and supplies, handson workshops and demonstrations will provide techniques and tips for beginner and veteran crafters and sewers," stated Janet Pray, show producer, in a press release. "It's a chance to inspire your artistic and creative side." Show experts will

include Stephen "Suede" Baum, 2008 Project Runway semi-finalist; Sandra Betzina, author, Vogue pattern designer and HGTV Sew Perfect show host; Sue Hausmann, author and PBS-TV sewing and quilting show host and producer; Kathy Delaney, author and quilting expert; and other award winning fashion sewing designers including Barb Callahan, Joi Mahon, Kathy Ruddy and Angie Wolf.

Other industry professionals will conduct educational presentations at more than 160 lectures, hands-on classes, seminars and all-day workshops.

The "Show Your Support Bra Challenge" sponsored by Janome, Coats & Clark and BurdaStyle and benefiting Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute will display bedecked fun, serious, themed or abstract bras completely decorated inside and out using thread in some form. The 'Yes, I Made This!' pin purchased by attendees to show off their sewing project benefits the Dress for Success charity.

Reality television competitions are the inspiration for the Passion for Fashion Sewing Challenge that will start when the show opens. Twelve finalists design and sew garments for judging and a fashion show.

Attendees can learn unique tips and techniques as they sew their own project to take home at the Sew Experience Café and make a handbag and embellish it using their style and imagination at the Bag-Mania Station sponsored by Janome and Clover.

More than 125 exhibitors from 35 states, Australia and Canada will display fabrics, sewing machines, notions, threads, patterns, yarn, sergers, technology, embellishments, kits, gadgets, embroidery designs, tools and other products. Visitors can participate with quick Make and Take projects at some vendor exhibits. Several special exhibits will display art quilts, couture collections, fiber art and fashion designs.

"Show visitors can testdrive sewing machines, attend a seminar or watch a demo to get creative tips, discover fresh possibilities and be inspired for new projects," Pray stated.

Show hours are 9 a.m.-6

p.m. Friday; 9 a.m -6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Preshow workshops are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 21 and Thursday, Sept. 22. Expo admission is \$14 and children 15 and under are admitted free with a paying adult. One-hour seminars are \$14, all-day workshops are \$98 to \$148 and special combination packages are available. Onsite parking is available for \$5.

Suburban Collection Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Ave., between Novi Road and Beck, in Novi.

For more information, visit www.AmericanSewingExpo.com or call (248) 889-3111.



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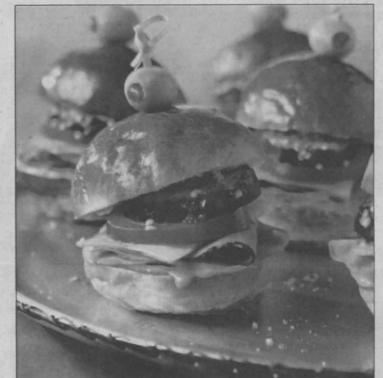
Tailgate Turkey Pile-on

# lt's a WIN-WIN!

How to feed football fans and fight hunger

When it's your turn to call the plays on game day food, you need recipes that are easy to make, easy to eat and will feed a crowd of hungry fans. These four rec-





#### Tailgate Turkey Pile-On Prep Time: 10 minutes Makes: 6 servings

1 12-inch loaf Italian bread with sesame seeds, sliced in half horizontally

1/4 cup Kraft Mayo with Olive Oil Cracked Pepper Reduced Fat Mayonnaise

24 slices Oscar Mayer Deli Fresh Oven Roasted Turkey Breast

6 slices Oscar Mayer Fully Cooked Bacon, crisped

½ cup shredded iceberg lettuce ¼ cup sliced black olives ¼ cup drained roasted red pepper

Hollow top of bread slightly; discard removed bread or save for another use. Spread mayonnaise on bath sides of bread

use. Spread mayonnaise or both sides of bread. Fill with remaining ingredients.

Slice into 6 (2-inch)

ipes from celebrity chefs Pat and Gina Neely Gina and Pat Neely. are a must for your tailgating playbook — full of satisfying flavor that will score big with football fanatics.

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It's a win-win for everyone — make the recipes for your friends, like the Kraft Fight Hunger Facebook page and you will help feed your neighbors.

#### Zesty 100 Yard Bites

Prep Time: 20 minutes Makes: 12 servings

1/2 cup Kraft Mayo with Olive Oil Reduced Fat Mayonnaise 1 tablespoon Sriracha sauce 1 teaspoon fresh lime juice

12 slider buns

12 slices Oscar Mayer Deli Fresh Honey Ham

12 slices Oscar Mayer Deli Fresh Slow Roasted Roast Beef

3 Kraft Big Slice ColbyJack Cheese Slices, cut into quarters

2 plum tomatoes, cut into 12 slices

12 Claussen Bread 'N' Butter Pickle Chips

12 stuffed green olives Mix mayo, Sriracha and lime juice in a small bowl. Spread each bun with ½ tablespoon (1 ½ teaspoons) mayo mixture.

Fill each bun with 1 folded slice each ham and roast beef, a cheese slice quarter, tomato slice and pickle.

Top each bun with a small decorative bamboo skewer, skewered with an olive.

Substitute: Substitute hot pepper sauce for the Sriracha sauce.

#### **Potato Dog Skins**

Prep Time: 10 minutes Total Time: 1 hour, 30 minutes Makes: 6 servings

3 large baking potatoes (2 ½ pounds), baked

2 cloves garlic, minced

2 tablespoons butter, melted

3 Oscar Mayer Selects Premium Beef Franks ¼ cup Bull's-Eye Original Barbecue Sauce,

warmed ½ cup Kraft Shredded Colby & Monterey Jack Cheeses

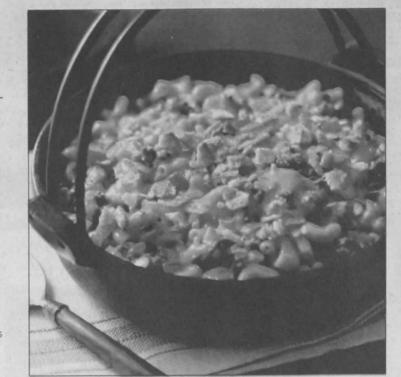
1/3 cup Breakstone's or Knudsen Sour Cream 1/4 cup chopped fresh chives Heat grill to medium heat.

Cut potatoes in half lengthwise and spoon out the flesh, leaving half-inch shells. Mix garlic and melted butter. Brush potatoes on both sides with garlic butter mixture.

Grill franks 7 to 9 minutes, or until heated through, turning occasionally; slice into rounds. Grill potatoes until crisp, about 4 to 4 ½ minutes on each side.

Spoon sliced franks into the potato shells; drizzle with barbecue sauce and top with cheese. Grill until the cheese is melted. Top with sour cream and chives.

Alternative cooking method: If you prefer, bake the buttered potato skins in a 250°F oven until crisp, about 15 minutes, before adding the toppings. Fill as directed and bake 5 minutes more. Zesty 100 Yard Bites



**Chipotle Chile Mac and Cheese** 



**Potato Dog Skins** 

pieces.

Tailgating tip: To make for easy eating, wrap sandwich in parchment paper (like at a sandwich shop) and then slice with a serrated knife. Wrap in foil for transport.

#### Chipotle Chile Mac and Cheese

Prep Time: 20 minutes Total Time: 35 minutes Makes: 6 servings, about 1 cup each

1 package (14 ounces) Kraft Deluxe Macaroni & Sharp Cheddar Cheese Sauce

1 pound lean ground beef 1 onion, finely chopped

1 red bell pepper, finely chopped

1 canned chipotle pepper in adobo sauce, minced

4 green onions, thinly sliced ¾ cup Kraft shredded cheddar cheese

6 Ritz crackers, coarsely crushed (about ¼ cup)

Heat oven to 400°F. Prepare dinner as directed on package. Meanwhile, brown beef with onion and bell pepper in large skillet over medium-high heat 5 minutes. Drain.

Add meat mixture to prepared dinner and stir in chipotle pepper. Spoon into greased 2-quart casserole or baking dish. Top with green onions, cheese and cracker crumbs.

Bake 15 minutes or until mixture is hot.

Tailgating Take Along: Make your casserole in a disposable foil pan. Just heat on a covered grill on low heat until mixture is golden and heated through.

Tip: For additional heat, increase to 2 chipotle peppers in adobo sauce.

Substitute: Prepare using extra-lean ground beef and Kraft 2% Milk Shredded Cheddar Cheese.

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# Project Build! gives homeowner new lease on life and place to live

When Alison Grabell, a case manager for Jewish Family Service of Metropolitan Detroit, visited her client's Novi home in March, she found rotted floors, peeling paint on the walls, appliances that didn't work and gutters that were no longer fully attached to the home. Her heart went out to the woman who had to live in these conditions. She knew that if she could find a way to

improve her client's surroundings, it would also go a long way toward improving all the other aspects of her life, as well. Grabell knew her client would be a perfect candidate for Project Build! a program formed by JFS in partnership with the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan in April 2011. Project Build! matches people in desperate need of repairs to their homes with professional builders, remodelers and suppliers. Despite facing significant financial difficulties, families in the program gain a chance to live safely and comfortably in their own homes. And despite enduring a crippling economic downturn in their businesses, local professionals can offer much needed support by donating their expertise and the materials they may have on hand

The Home Depot Foundation and the The Home Depot Commerce Township store teamed up to complete this extensive home repair. It took seven days over a period of three weeks to replace all of the rotted flooring, paint all of the walls, replace the lighting and oven, and repair the gutters outside. The client even received a new American flag to replace her old one, which was fad-



Working on the home are Tom Keyser (left) and Doug VanGordon.



Marsha Burley, Team Depot captain, of Commerce Township and Mark Williams, store manager, Commerce Township, were glad to participate.



Participants included back row (left to right): Linn Smith, Tom Keyser, Mark Williams, Commerce Township store manager; Front row (left to right): Brittney Pasekel, Marsha Burley, Team Depot captain, Bill Trembley.

of the work with the assistance of a couple of volunteers. "I'm leaving part of my heart here," said Burley.

Through Team Depot, an associate-led volunteer program, The Home Depot Foundation provides opportunities for associates and suppliers to contribute their home improvement know-how to create meaningful impact in communities. In 2010, Team Depot completed 1,600 projects across the country. From building dozens of wheelchair ramps in one day for disabled senior citizens in Altamonte Springs, Fla., to renovating the home of an 82-year-old Marine Corps veteran in Seattle, Wash., Home Depot associates work with local nonprofit organizations to use their home improvement know-how to make a difference in the lives of thousands of deserving families

"It turned out far more beautiful than I imagined it would. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Team Depot really did a fantastic job," said the homeowner.

Project Build!'s sources, in addition to The Home Depot, include The Jewish Women's Foundation of Metropolitan Detroit, BIA Charitable and **Educational Foundation and** the BIA Professional Women in Building Council. To date, over 35 local businesses have participated in 12 home repairs or remodels and together have donated over \$30,000 in supplies and labor costs Richard Cherkasky, president

of The Richard Group Inc., a JFS and BIA board member, initiated Project Build! "Unfortunately, the world has changed from how we knew it not too many years ago," said Cherkasky. "Times are hard and this gives you an opportunity to be involved with work where you know what you are doing is desperately need-

# China has firms for home services

**By Robert Meisner Guest** Columnist

Q: Are there companies in China that provide residential services for purchasers of

houses and/or apartments? A: Yes, there are companies that provide residential services including orientation, home selection, home inspection, lease negotiation and lease maintenance. The company is also involved in commercial projects throughout China. They have, by way of example, residential sales and leasing businesses throughout China. However, it has been necessary to adopt various measures to curb rising property prices



such as restricting residents in 35 major cities from buying second

**Robert Meisner** 

or third homes. Other measures include higher down

payment requirements for mortgages, the imposition of property taxes in Chongqing and Shanghai, and various monetary policies that have raised borrowing costs for developers. Apparently more people are interested in investing in real estate because of the high demand for premium residential properties.

0: I am the purchaser of a condominium and I find that my condominium association is not FHA certified. Don't they have a responsibility to do so in order for me to get financing?

ed and ripped. In the end, Project Build! and The Home Depot turned the client's house into a home.

"Everyone at work tells me how happy and healthy I look these days." said the client. "I tell them that every day I walk into a new home. I'm not worried about things anymore.'

Marsha Burley, Team Depot captain, and 10 of her colleagues completed the majority ed and deeply appreciated. It is highly satisfying to see the relief and excitement in the clients we serve. I feel honored to be a part of it."

Project Build! is looking for building and remodeling industry professionals and local businesses to volunteer services and donate materials for upcoming jobs. If you are interested in helping, call Michelle Malamis at (248) 592-2651.

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A: In my view, the **Board of Directors** of a condominium association has the fiduciary responsibility to assist in the marketability of the condominium units. Given the fact that FHA requires project-wide certification ("spot" approval having been abolished in 2009), you may have a good argument that the board has been remiss in the discharge of its fiduciary duties by not seeking FHA certification, assuming that is the case. You should have your prospective seller (the co-owner) write the Board of Directors to demand that it take action to seek FHA certification.

#### Robert M. Meisner is a

lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 16-20, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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6837 Carriage Hills Dr	\$135,000
44338 Fair Oaks Dr	\$131,000
1535 Glengarry Blvd	\$275,000
42825 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$52,000
1729 Nowland Ct	\$283,000
3648 S Canton Center Rd	\$70,000
46764 Spinning Wheel Dr	\$160,000

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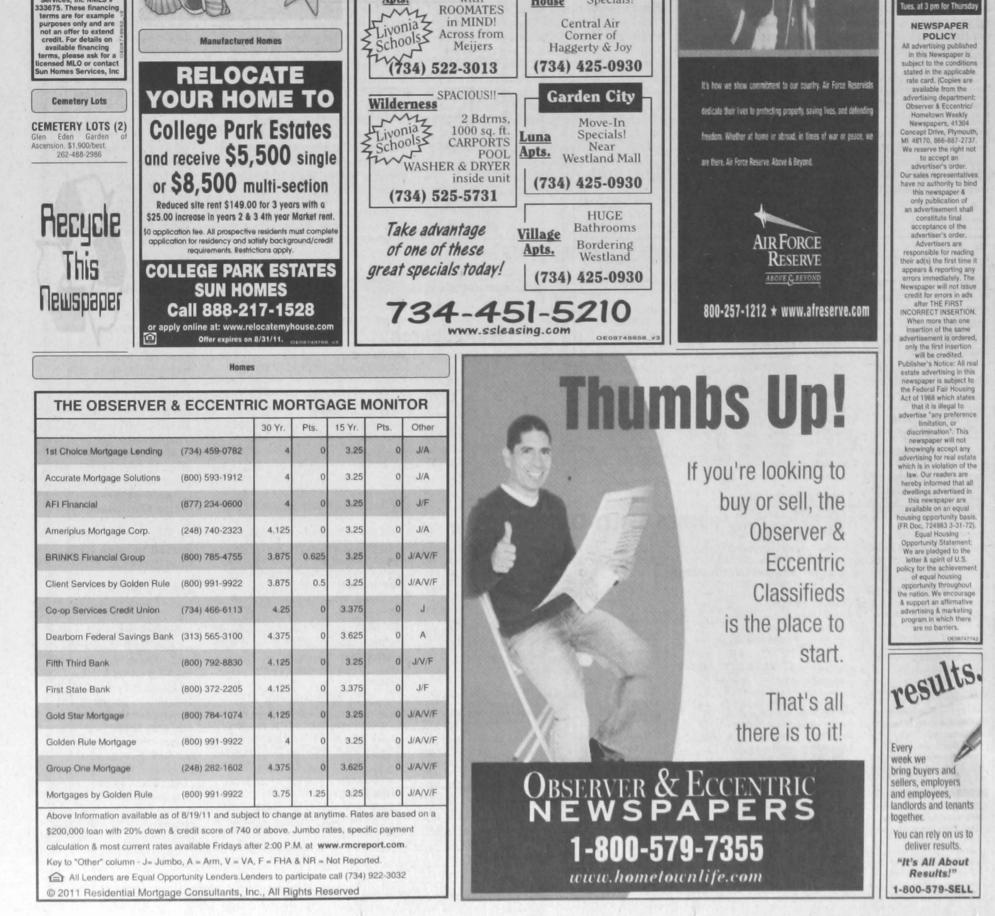
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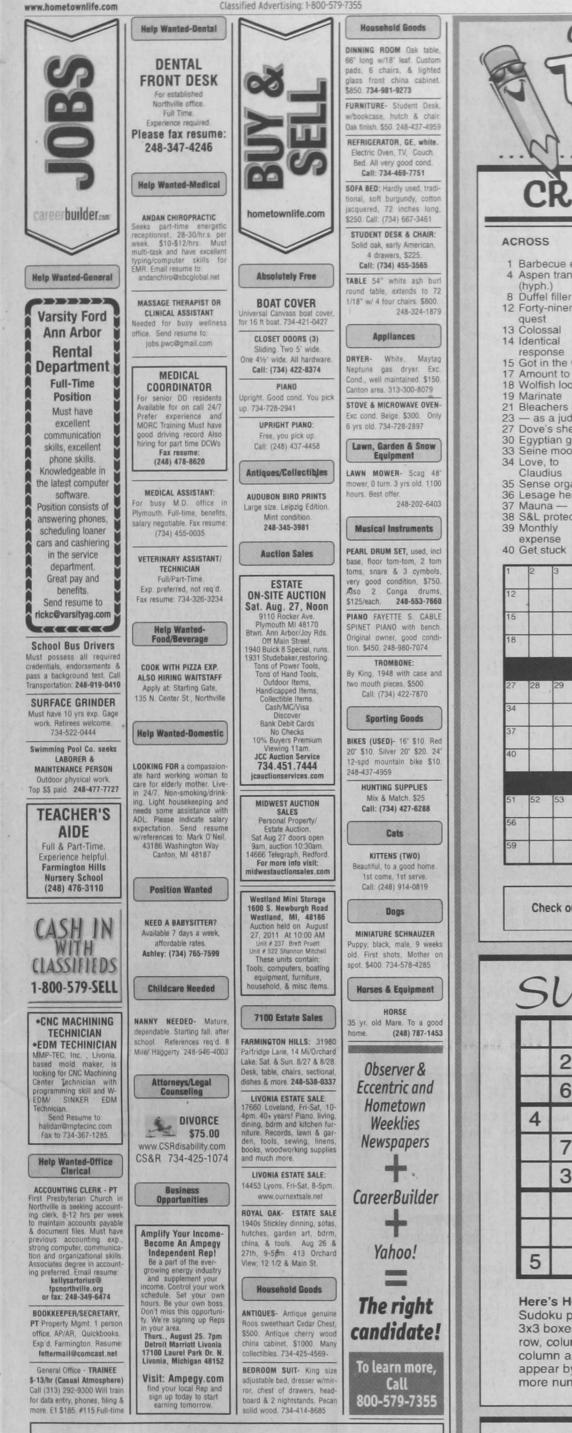
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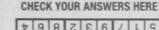
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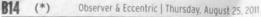
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