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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 (with a picture) to share?

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

## Embracing life

There is still time to sign up for St. Mary Mercy Hospital's fifth Annual "Embrace Life" 5K run/walk for Cancer, set for 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11.

Registration is \$22 until Sept. 2, \$27 after that.

"This is a healthy community event that brings all levels of participants, from those who are avid runners to those who are walking to support a loved one," said Jennifer Kennedy, Embrace Life 5K race director, and director of Marketing and Public Relations at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. "For avid runners, it is a great race because it is a USATF-sanctioned route and we have B-tag chip timing for accurate results. For those who want to walk for the cause, it provides them an opportunity to recognize and celebrate someone special to them."

Nearly 600 people helped raise more than \$20,000 last year. Proceeds support Cancer Services at St. Mary Mercy Hospital for patients in need.

For more information, call 734-655-1590. To register for the 5K for Cancer, visit [www.stmarymercy.org/5Kforcancer](http://www.stmarymercy.org/5Kforcancer).



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Keith Gillespie and his mom, Ericka Gillespie, are ready for the new school year.

## Students ready for return

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Don't mention the back-to-school blues to students, teachers, parents and school officials from Achieve Charter Academy of Canton.

They're so eager to hear the bell next Tuesday, scores of them gathered Monday near Summit on the Park for a back-to-school party.

Youngsters dashed across the water-gushing splash playground and climbed a nearby playscape as their last days of summer freedom ticked away into single digits.

Yet they didn't seem to mind as they gathered to meet their teachers, renew friendships, compare their school-supply lists and pore over classroom rosters.

Don't even think about cranking up that old-school Alice Cooper song *School's Out*, with all its decades-old lines about



Rani El-Amin and mom, Patti El-Amin of Plymouth, who is the admissions representative at Achieve Charter Academy in Canton.

no more pencils and no more books. Just ask these students: School's cool.

"I feel good. I'll see all my friends again," said 13-year-old eighth-grader Keith Gillespie, accompanied by mom Ericka for Achieve Charter Academy's sweetly dubbed Pop-sicles in the Park gathering.

ering.

Keith has finished a summer engineering camp, started going to bed earlier and gone shopping for school supplies with his mother.

"We're ready," Ericka Gillespie of Canton said. Patti El-Amin of Plym-

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## County denies Slavens recall for second time

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Despite a blow to their recall efforts, organizers attempting to oust state Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, and other legislators vowed Tuesday to continue their fight against lawmakers who voted against changing Michigan's business tax code.

Proposed recall language against Slavens and state Reps. Phil Cavanagh, D-Redford, and Tim Bledsoe, D-Grosse Pointe, was rejected as unclear Tuesday during a hearing in Detroit by the Wayne County Election Commission.

Stu Sandler, a Republican attorney and consultant leading a wave of recall efforts against Democratic lawmakers, said grassroots organizers will continue to submit revised petition language until the three-member commission approves it.

"I think the voters in Wayne County are smart enough to under-

stand the language that was just rejected," Sandler said, after the commission's 3-0 ruling.

Slavens, winning what was her second round against recall organizers, said she will continue to work to create jobs such as supporting advanced battery technology for the electric car industry. Still, she said attempts to oust her and other lawmakers are frustrating.

"It's a distraction," said Slavens, whose 21st District includes most of Canton, Belleville and Van Buren Township. "My goal is to keep working for my constituents."

Attorney Mary Ellen Gurewitz, representing Slavens, Cavanagh and Bledsoe, said she believes the election commission made the right decision.

"I'm very pleased," she said, standing with Slavens outside the seventh-floor hearing room in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center.

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Democrat Dian Slavens (with County Commissioner Kevin McNamara) has been targeted for recall twice since winning re-election less than a year ago.

## Muslim group marks 9/11 anniversary

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

In an effort to promote understanding and dispel misconceptions, the Muslim Community of Western Suburbs will host a 9/11 observance and welcome visitors to the Canton Mosque, a longtime cultural landmark on the northwest corner of Palmer and Lotz roads.

The local Muslim community has reached out amid hopes of drawing together a wide range of people from diverse religions as Canton marks the 10th anniversary of terrorist attacks that

scarred a nation and fueled discrimination against groups such as Muslims and Sikhs.

The observance begins at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, in the mosque gymnasium. In an effort to help the community, organizers have asked those attending to bring non-perishable food that youth groups, such as those from Our Lady of Good Counsel of Plymouth and MCWS' Young Muslims for Faith and Action, plan to distribute to local food banks.

"This event is about building community, healing and building bridges," said Aamina Ahmed, a

Canton Mosque member and one of the organizers.

### Several events

The mosque's observance occurs between two other events. Marcia Barker, a Canton Public Library adult program specialist, said the library will host a 9 a.m. flag-raising ceremony by Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 and a 7 p.m. patriotic performance by some members of the Michigan Philharmonic.

Ten years after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, some Muslim Americans and others have contin-

ued to face discrimination due to misconceptions, though Ahmed said Canton — known for its diverse community — has fared better than many places. She said she hopes events such as the 9/11 observance can help Canton "embrace its diversity" and work toward a common good, while respecting differences.

"9/11 was a significant day in American history," Ahmed said, "and it played a big role in how American Muslims came to be perceived afterward."

She said research has shown

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outh, the academy's admissions representative, stood near a pavilion as parents hung a banner wishing school Principal Claudia Williamson a happy birthday. El-Amin said Monday's outing gave families a chance to mingle and get excited about school.

Just ask her daughter, 11-year-old sixth-grader Rani El-Amin.

"I'm pretty excited because we will have new activities like community service and new projects," Rani said.

Rani has been keeping up her school bridge book, a manual intended to help her prepare for her new grade by studying subjects such as math and social studies.

"It helps keep the brain active during the summer," her mother said.

Achieve Charter Academy, on Denton between Geddes and Cherry Hill, expects over 700 students this year in kindergarten through eighth grade — the first year it has welcomed eighth-graders.

Parent Peggy Etheridge will have five children at the academy: Julia, eighth grade; Ryan, seventh; Jarod, fifth; Stefanie, third; and Jonas, kindergarten.

"Jonas doesn't know what to expect," said his mother, who plans to work a job making and serving school lunches.

A little shy, Jonas nonetheless summed up his school attitude in two words: "I'm excited."

So is oldest sister Julia, who smiled and said, "I want school to start so I can see my friends."

And the countdown continues.

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All of Peggy Etheridge's five children will be in school this fall. Taking a break from the splash park are Jarod, Ryan, Jonas, Stefanie and Julia Etheridge.

# 9/11

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that the best way to overcome unfounded fears is to get to know others. She said the American Muslim community has largely strived to become highly educated, successful and charitable. The 9/11 observance follows Ramadan, a month of fasting, prayer and community service.

**Open hearts**

Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, another organizer of the 9/11 observance, said the Canton Mosque has in the past been involved with other groups, such as local Catholics, in projects such as collecting coats for families in need.

"If you open your mind and your heart to somebody else," she said, "you can learn from them. And religion is about helping the community."

MCWS, Ahmed, Graham-Hudak and Steve Spreitzer, director of programs for the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion, have worked to spread the word about the mosque's 9/11 observance. Speakers are expected to include Dr. Mahmood Hai of the Canton Mosque; Sheikh Ali Sulaiman Ali, the mosque's imam; pastor Bertram Lewis of Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Canton; Raman Singh of Plymouth's Hidden Falls Sikh gurdwara; the Rev. Bryan Smith of Geneva Presbyterian Church of Canton; deacon Jim Ward, representing the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church of Canton; township Trustee Dr. Syed Taj, a mosque member; township Supervisor Phil LaJoy — and possibly others.

Ahmed said organizers hope to keep the 9/11 program to an hour or so, though attendees may ask questions and mingle afterward. The observance coincides with a series of events across metro Detroit, many of them under the umbrella of the Council for Islamic Organizations of Michigan.

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## AAUW MEETING

**Date/Time:** 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 22

**Location:** Hoben Elementary School (Salz Road between Sheldon and Canton Center).

**Details:** The Plymouth/Canton branch of the American Association of University Women hosts its monthly meeting. The meeting, titled "Not Your Mother's Tie-dye," will feature Emily Sharpe who will share her experiences joining a start-up company that specializes in a new form of tie-dyeing. Appetizers and desserts will be served.

**Contact:** For more information contact Becky Copenhaver at bgcopenhaver@yahoo.com or (734) 981-6023.

## CHEER CLINIC

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Sept. 10, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth High School, Beck Road south of Joy

**Details:** The Plymouth High School cheer teams host a kids cheer clinic for first-through eighth-graders. The cost is \$30 per student and includes a PHS cheer T-shirt, drinks and snacks. All kid clinic participants are invited to cheer in the Friday, Sept. 16 Plymouth vs. Livonia Churchill 7 p.m. varsity football game. The deadline to register is Aug. 30.

**Contact:** The registration form can be found on the Plymouth cheer website or by contacting Julie Jones at jonesing05@gmail.com

## SALEM CHEER

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Sept. 24, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Location:** Salem High School gym, 46191 Joy in Canton



## Summer of sharing

Community Financial recently awarded a check in the amount of \$1,060 to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill as part of the credit union's Summer of Sharing Campaign. Sharing the moment are (from left) Gary Bigos, Community Financial's Canton branch manager; Jill Engel, executive director of the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities; Jennifer Tobin, Arts Coordinator for Canton Township and Village Theater Manager; and Jennifer Provenzano, Recreation Specialist for Canton Township.

**Details:** The Salem High School cheer team presents "Kid Camp 2011." The \$50 cost includes clinic, snack, a T-shirt and backpack. Campers are invited to cheer with the team for the first half of the Salme vs. Stevenson football game Friday, Oct. 7. Campers should wear comfortable shirt, shorts and gym shoes.

**Contact:** Dee Bryan, (734) 673-4329, or Kelissa Nordstrom, (734) 397-4562, or e-mail salemcoaches@gmail.com

## 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 (home-made crafts only, please).

**Contact:** All interested crafters e-mail craftshow@abecket.org

## 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.

**Contact:** For registration information call Barb at Ward Presbyterian Church, (248) 374-5943.

## SLAVENS

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Language against Slavs, signed by Belleville resident Stephen Weatherholt, reads as follows: "Michigan House Bill 4362 eliminates the Michigan Business Tax; however, on May 12, 2011, State Representative Dian Slavs voted no on final passage of Michigan House Bill 4362."

Cavanagh, whose 17th District includes Redford and parts of Livonia and Dearborn Heights, was targeted by petition language signed by Harry Sawicki. The petition against Bledsoe was signed by John Hauler.

Following arguments by Sandler and Gurewitz, commission Chairman Milton Mack said he found the preamble — or first part of the recall language — unclear.

Gurewitz said HB 4362 didn't eliminate — but rather amended — the controversial Michigan Business Tax, replacing it with a 6-percent corporate tax. She also said it was tie-barred to a companion bill that shifted the tax burden to individuals by taxing pensions, reducing the earned income tax credit and ending credits for contributions to homeless shelters, food banks and other entities.

"The (proposed recall) language is both untrue and taken completely out of context," Gurewitz told the commission.

Sandler vehemently disagreed and reminded the commission of state law requiring only that the language is clear.

"It's as clear as day," he said.

Moreover, Sandler said the full context of HB 4362 need not be explained in the wording.

Mack and his panel colleagues — Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett and Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz — voted 3-0 to deny the language against Slavs and Bledsoe. Wojtowicz recused himself from the 2-0 vote on the petition targeting Cavanagh, who had waged an earlier campaign against Wojtowicz.

Amid Tuesday's discussion, Wojtowicz questioned whether taxpayers understand the tax code changes, including a loss of certain deductions.

Sandler, however, continued to argue that the commission's role should be limited merely to the petition language — and not all the ramifications from HB 4362. Sandler said after the hearing that the commission should have avoided what he called a "political argument" over the new law, which takes effect in

January.

In a letter to the commission, Gurewitz agreed that the petition doesn't have to explain every aspect of the law.

"However," she wrote, "there is a point at which the lack of truth and lack of context create lack of clarity. That point is certainly reached here."

The commission's ruling came three weeks after it approved recall petition language against state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, whose 7th District also includes communities such as Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Northville Township.

That language also centered on a bill, in this case Colbeck's support of legislation allowing state officials to appoint emergency financial managers for communities or school districts deemed to be in deep financial trouble.

That approved petition read, "He voted in favor of Public Act 4 of 2011, the Local Government and School District Fiscal Accountability Act of 2011."

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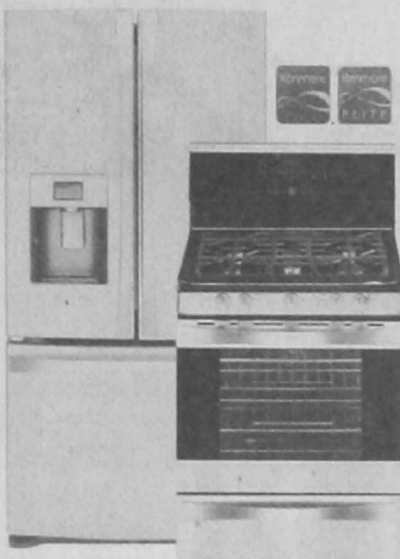
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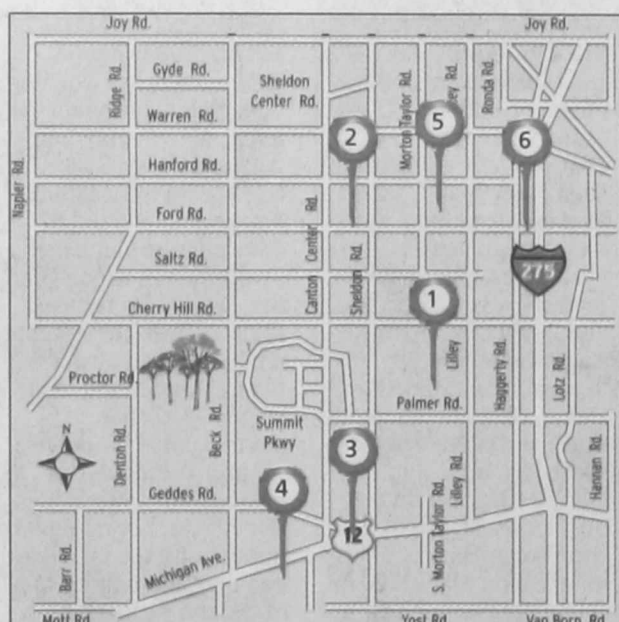
## CRIME WATCH

### Gun gone

**1** A new resident moving into a Kings Way home wound up his first day in the new home by having his gun stolen. The incident occurred as the family moved in Aug. 29. The owner said he saw the 9mm Smith and Wesson in the morning as the move began. He told Canton police, responding to the call about the theft of the gun, that his wife had carried the gun into the new house in a duffel bag earlier in the day. Near the end of the day, the man told police, he went upstairs to put the gun away for the safety of his children. When he went to store the gun, he found the pistol and two magazines of ammunition missing. The victim told police he believed one of the representatives of the moving company which hauled his belongings may have taken the gun.

### Bad check

**2** Canton police were called to the Huntington Bank location on Ford Road when bank officials reported a woman had passed a fraudulent check. When they arrived, they were told the woman, described by the teller as a "middle-aged black woman," had already cashed the check and left the bank. The teller became suspicious for a couple of reasons. First, the teller told police, the woman was "acting differently" than the usual bank customer, offering up personal information without being prompted. According to



the teller, the woman took "several calls" on her cell phone during the transaction. When she left, the teller told police, she went toward the back of the building, not appearing to have parked a vehicle in any of many available parking spaces in the front of the building. Suspicious, bank officials called the company on which the check had been drawn. According to the police report, they were told no one of that woman's name worked for the company, and that the check number was "far too out of sequence" to be a legal check.

### Retail fraud

**3** Canton police responded to the Michigan Ave., Walmart after being told a white male, wearing a teal blue shirt and khaki shorts, had committed retail fraud and fled. Armed with his description, police began searching for the man, whom they found walking behind the Arctic Edge Ice Arena. Asked by

police what he had stolen, the man admitted to stealing cream to treat his sister's case of poison ivy. Turns out a loss prevention officer representing Walmart had witnessed the suspect on surveillance video taking two boxes of the cream. When he was stopped leaving the store without paying for the items, according to the police report, the suspect handed over one box of the cream, then fled with the other. Police arrested the suspect.

### Cash crunched

**4** A man who parked his car at the Canton Sports Complex on Michigan Ave., reported to Canton police he had cash stolen from inside his vehicle. The man told police he parked his 2010 Kia at the complex's softball center. When he came back to the vehicle, he noticed the center console was open. Upon investigating, the man found there was \$44 missing from his

wallet, which had been stored in the center console. The thief left the victim's debit card and identification in the wallet. Nothing else was taken.

### Suspicious person

**5** Police were contacted about a man taking pictures in the residential area on Foxthorn. A female resident in the area reported the man, with whom she had already had some flare-ups, for taking pictures in the area and of people at the pool. Police contacted the man who, according to the police report, appeared to be intoxicated and was uncooperative. The suspect told police he was taking pictures of cars that were illegally parked, and admitted to taking one picture of the woman. There had already been an altercation and a charge of harassment between the two individuals. Police advised the man not to have any further contact with the complainant.

### Counterfeit cash

**6** Police were called to the Tim Hortons on Ford Road to talk with a woman who had just passed a counterfeit \$20 bill. The woman told police she had no idea the bill was fake until police had informed her of it. She said she'd gotten the bill among others from a couple in Monroe for whom she'd done some baby-sitting. The woman had the other bills given to her by the couple; police said the rest of the bills were authentic.

## Suspect charged in mobile home fires

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer



Miller

District Court as he awaits his preliminary hearing. Fire Chief Tim Dunn has said the first blaze

A Canton man who was living in the Sherwood Village mobile home park on the township's southeast side faces a court hearing Friday following allegations he set two fires in unoccupied homes in his own neighborhood.

Robert Paul Miller, 43, faces a preliminary examination in 35th District Court on two counts of arson of a dwelling house — a charge that is punishable by up to 20 years in prison with a conviction.

Miller's bond was set at \$50,000 for each count, or a total of \$100,000 cash, when he was arraigned last Thursday, Canton Detective Andrew Colthurst said. The hearing Friday is expected to determine whether he will face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Miller's arrest came after two fires occurred within a nine-hour period earlier this month, rattling nerves of residents who live in the mobile home park on Old Michigan, southeast of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty Road.

Colthurst said Miller was arrested about 10:30 a.m. Aug. 23 on unrelated warrants out of Washtenaw County. In the meantime, police received a tip alleging that Miller was involved in the Sherwood Village fires, prompting further investigation that led to charges against him.

A not-guilty plea was entered for Miller in 35th

was reported shortly after 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16, in the 500 block in the mobile home park.

Firefighters went inside the unoccupied home and doused the flames. Dunn said the fire damage was confined to one room, though heavy smoke damage was reported throughout the home.

The home was still owned by a woman who had been living elsewhere but still had some of her belongings in the trailer, Colthurst said.

The second fire was reported just after 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, inside a vacant home on the same street, just a few doors away, Dunn said.

Firefighters and police officers arrived to find the home in flames, but the blaze was quickly doused even though it caused extensive damage throughout the home.

Dunn said neither fire spread to adjacent homes.

Miller's arrest came after local authorities took proactive measures to try to solve the crimes by posting fliers urging anyone with information to call local authorities, Crime Stoppers of Michigan or an arson tip line.

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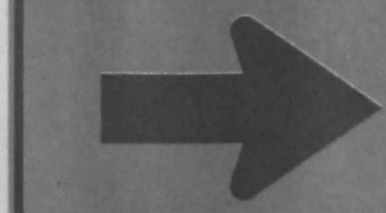
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# The sounds of summer

They come from all over, musicians and fans alike.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council's Music in the Park series, which just finished its 27th run, attracts its share of returning musicians and fans to its noontime concerts in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

This year's series featured a range of such movement. Josh White, Jr., who hadn't played the series in several years, got the 10-week party started back in June. Perennial favorite Guy Louis & Chautauqua Express made a couple of different appearances.

And the series added a fresh twist this year, with "Musica Batteria," a percussion duo featuring Lynn Koch and Kristen Tait, who have played the series before, but with a different group.

Deb Madonna, president of the PCAC board,

has been attending the concerts faithfully for years.

"There's no more fun in the world than being out there on Wednesdays and being a part of something where kids are having so much fun," Madonna said.

From toddlers to teens and parents to grandparents, the concerts draw a variety of people. Summer babysitters and grandparents watching their grandchildren for the day often make the shows a Wednesday destination for themselves and their charges, Madonna said.

People who attended the concerts as children now bring their own children to them.

"I hear that all the time," she said. "Sometimes kids who are in high school or college will walk by" and tell her how much they enjoyed the shows as kids, she added.



Marci Miller and her 23-month-old son Eli, listen to the music of Beverly Meyer, "The Music Lady," during the finale of the 27th annual Music in the Park concert series in Kellogg Park.



Patty Kjolhede leads a conga line of kids through Kellogg Park at last week's finale of the Music in the Park series.



Beverly Meyer opens her set with a rollicking version of "Happy Birthday" in honor of Deb Madonna.



Two-year-old Ryan Henderson-Begg plays maracas during kid band time, performing "The Cat Came Back."



Emory Jendretcke prefers reading "The Last Olympian" to dancing around Kellogg Park.

Photos by Bill Bresler | staff photographer



# Online seller helps boost library sales

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

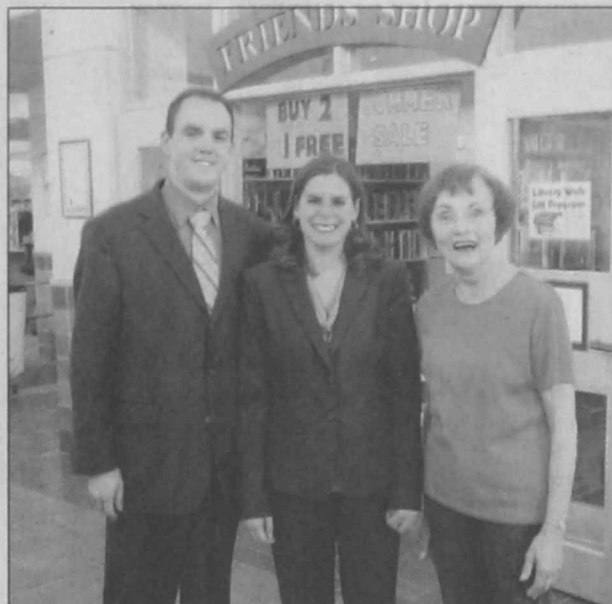
On an average week, there are about 500 books donated to the Friends of Westland's William Faust Library and most of those books are sold through the Friends bookstore where the top price is \$1.

Now the Friends are getting a better return on donated books thanks to a partnership with Mission Based Books, a Canton-based firm that helps fund nonprofits by selling books online.

"We try to take books that will sell in 90-120 days. Our clients all have physical book sales. We guarantee that we will meet what price they could get at their book sale," said Johnathan Oswalt, who partners with his wife, Julie, in Mission Based Books. Each week, a Mission Based Books employee scans titles of books donated to the library to check the Amazon website to what the demand and sale price. And it's usually not some rare first edition given away by someone who didn't know what they had.

"Nonfiction sells the best. Last week, we sold a text book for \$369. We'd sell it for \$1 at our store," said Friends Vice President Nan Borders, who estimated Mission Based Books sells an average 10 percent of the donated books.

Mission Based Books sells books for prices from a couple of dollars to more than \$1,000 although Johnathan Oswalt said the average price was about \$5.50.



Johnathan and Julie Oswalt of Mission Based Books pose outside the Friends of the Westland Library bookstore with Friends Vice President Nan Borders.

With some of the more expensive nonfiction books, such as textbooks or reference materials, often it's a matter of using the Internet to connect those niche nonfiction books with the select number of people who need them. The odds of matching the books with the potential buyer are low, if the books were simply offered for sale at the Friends bookstore.

"We had a zoologist in Africa who bought a set of books from the Detroit Public Library for \$500-600," said Johnathan Oswalt. "We had to find the books. We meet some cool people."

Mission Based Books president Julie Oswalt came up with the idea of selling books online as she and her husband were looking for a way to work with nonprofit organizations.

Mission Based Books

started in Ann Arbor in 2006. The Detroit Public Library was among the firm's first customers — they have about 30 clients now, mainly libraries but also one university, a college and a museum.

"The Detroit Public Library was very positive about (the company), it funds their summer reading program," said Julie Oswalt. "They would not have summer reading without it. That's very powerful."

Along with assisting nonprofits in fundraising, Mission Based Books' mission statement is also to help eradicate illiteracy — the company recently allowed teachers to obtain children's books at no costs — and also keep unwanted books from landfills.

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## Plymouth club spruces up DTE garden

Plymouth Garden Club volunteers met recently to work in the DTE gardens located on Powell, at the Baltic substation, in Plymouth Township.

DTE partners with Gleaners to provide fresh produce for those in need. Plymouth Garden Club members have been working at this DTE garden for the past three years.

The energy company provides seeds, plants and materials but relies on volunteers to prepare the land, sow the seeds, weed, water, and harvest the crops. Each week, members bring their shovels, pruning clippers, and weeding buckets to maintain the vegetable gardens.

Plymouth Garden Club, in conjunction with other volunteer



Plymouth Garden club volunteers have worked in this DTE garden on Powell for the last three years.

groups in the area, have made a difference in the community by providing more than 2,000 pounds of produce for Gleaners from this garden location. DTE has a total of eight gardens within

southeast Michigan.

For more information contact [zumorem@dteenergy.com](mailto:zumorem@dteenergy.com), or visit the Plymouth Garden Club website at [sites.google.com/site/plymouthgardenclub](http://sites.google.com/site/plymouthgardenclub).



Matt Peckham and Sarah Faix prepare for their turn on stage as Professor Harold Hill and Marian in Spotlight Players latest production, "The Music Man."

## Players put spotlight on 'Music Man'

Spotlight Players presents the energetic and dynamic *The Music Man*, by Meredith Willson, this month at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

*The Music Man* tells the story of fast-talking traveling salesman Harold Hill, whose con is to persuade towns to invest in a boy's brass band that never materializes. But Hill gets more than he bargained for in River City when his love for the town librarian provokes a dormant conscience.

Matt Peckham plays Harold Hill and Sarah

Faix plays Marian. Many local theater favorites, including Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, can be seen in this production, which is co-directed and choreographed by Lia De Biasi and Olivia Rhoades.

Show dates for this Tony award-winning musical comedy are Sept. 16-25.

"*The Music Man* is a classic show that is fun for anyone who has played an instrument, those who enjoy a good love story, and anyone who gets a kick out of quaint and funny characters whose intentions are good but somewhat misguided," said Rebecca Biber, the production's musical director. "Audience members will recognize songs such as '76 trombones,' 'Til There Was You' and, of course, 'Ya Got Trouble.'"

"I have been delighted to work with a cast of adults, teens, and kids who are all very committed to the show, from

learning difficult harmonies to memorizing lines and dance steps," Biber added. "The palpable enthusiasm of the group, from the first day onward, has really kept me excited about doing this show."

First brought to the stage in 1957 and later made into a 1962 movie starring Robert Preston as well as a made-for-TV remake in 2003 featuring Matthew Broderick and Kristen Chenoweth, it now appears courtesy of the Spotlight Players at the state-of-the-art Village Theater in Canton.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors and students under 19. They're available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at [www.spotlightplayersmi.org](http://www.spotlightplayersmi.org) or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door.

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## Danotek gets renewable energy funding

Danotek, a Canton-based company that develops and manufactures permanent magnet generators and related converter systems that deliver wind energy to the power grid, announced this week it has secured \$15 million in funding.

Led by four of the world's leading renewable energy venture capital firms — Khosla Ventures, CMEA Capital, GE Energy Financial Services, and Statoil Technology Invest, along with independent contributors — the Series B financing round will help bring to market new technology that will make wind turbines more efficient, reliable, and affordable. The funds will be used to expand research and development initiatives, as well as launch initial production.

"Our leading PMG technology, combined with our commitment to effective partnerships with our customers, has already been rewarded with orders exceeding \$50 mil-

lion," said Don Naab, Danotek's president and CEO. "The fact that our current investors want to continue supporting us via the B-round illustrates their confidence in our technology and leadership team. We are already contracted with some of the wind industry's leading turbine manufacturers, with our first systems going up-tower later this year, and we're engaged in multiple negotiations with several other globally recognized turbine manufacturers. Danotek is on track and well positioned for success."

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"At Khosla Ventures we invest in technologies with the potential to disrupt their industries," said founder Vinod Khosla. "The latest round of orders Danotek has received for its permanent magnet generators is just the beginning. We look forward to Danotek's continued growth by means of company innovation, partnerships, and customers across the globe."

This latest round of venture capital brings the total private funding invested in Danotek to \$41 million. The cash infusion comes as clean and renewable energy remains a high priority for governments, utilities, consumers, and communities around the world.

## CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

### Chamber breakfast

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is hosting "Breakfast with Phil LaJoy" 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

The cost for breakfast is \$10 (advance member registration) \$20 (non-member) and includes a full buffet breakfast, beverages and guest speaker presentation. This breakfast is open to the public.

The breakfast will feature guest speaker Phil LaJoy, Canton Township supervisor, talking about Canton happenings and what he sees as Canton's future.

"Breakfast with Phil LaJoy" provides an important opportunity to keep Canton business owners and Canton residents informed about what is going on in their community," said Tracey Rettig, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

"Breakfast with Phil LaJoy" is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Atchison Ford Sales, Inc., PNC Bank and Yazaki North America, Inc.

To make a reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.



LaJoy

gives away a door prize, admission is free and the expo is open to the public.

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### 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 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.

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- 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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## CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Ladies night out

Clearly You of Canton hosts its annual Ladies Night Out 5-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23.

Participants can kick off fall with a new adventure. Plymouth Segway Rental will be in the parking lot demonstrating the Segways. Then, inside, participants can enjoy a variety of mini-services such as chair massage, facials, express manicures, palm readings and more.

Additional vendors include jewelry, clothing and home goods. Refreshments will be provided; bring a friend or daughter.

There is no charge for the event, but raffle prizes and donations will greatly benefit Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary.

Clearly You is located at 44633 Joy, just west of Sheldon, in Canton. Visit [www.clearlyyouonline.com](http://www.clearlyyouonline.com) or call (734) 453-7475 for more information.

### Repair videos

"We make fixing things easy" still rings true for RepairClinic.com with their newest addition of lawn mower and small engine repair videos. They recently produced 91 videos on the most common replacement parts for Honda and Toro lawn mowers in addition to Honda, Kohler, and Briggs & Stratton small engines. Each video provides step-by-step instructions on how to replace each part.

With the addition of these videos, RepairClinic has produced over 400 repair help videos for appliances and outdoor power equipment. The videos are available on their website and YouTube channel. They have also reached a staggering 2 million upload views since their first video upload in May 2010.

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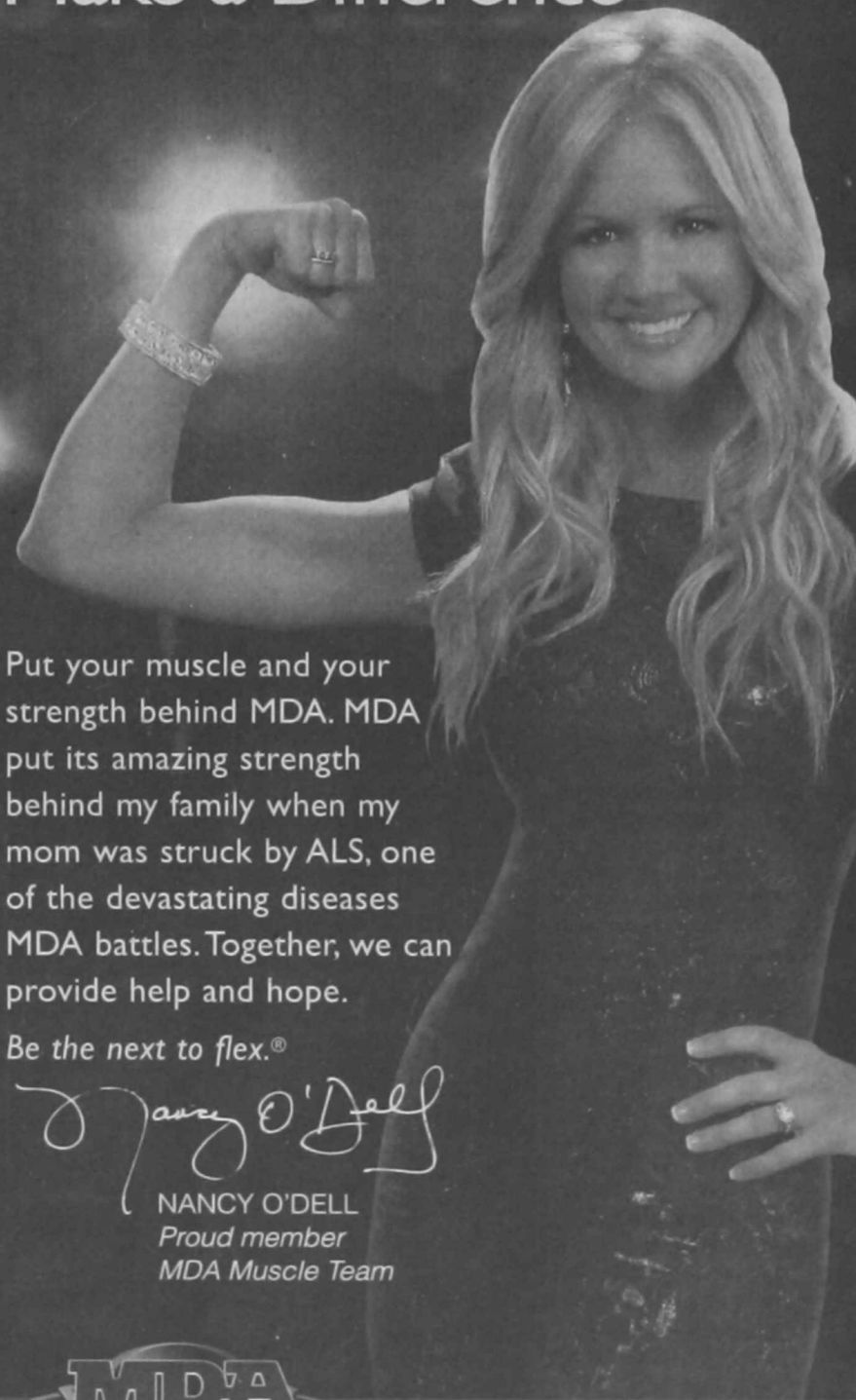
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## OUR VIEWS

# Making the grade It's time to change NCLB's 'flaws'

Education has always been a priority when it comes to our children. We want them to have the best education possible. We are quick to celebrate achievement and even quicker to point fingers when that doesn't happen.

Over the years, we have been told our children don't measure up educationally to students in other countries. Reports by the National Assessment of Educational Progress and the Program for International Assessment have us wringing our hands because our kids just aren't cutting it. How can that happen in a country that outspends the world when it comes to education — some \$809 billion or \$7,743 per child?

During the Bush administration, the federal government decided there needed to be accountability, something that measured the progress students make in school. It set a threshold — 100 percent proficiency — that all students had to achieve by 2014. Now, we no longer have to compare ourselves to other countries, just the neighboring school district, to see what we are or are not doing right. Do it right and you make Adequate Yearly Progress. Miss the target and you don't make AYP.

School officials have been saying for years the law is flawed and, as the 100 proficiency rate deadline quickly approaches, the cacophony about it is reaching a crescendo that includes the U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. In a recent interview, Duncan called NCLB "fundamentally flawed."

"It is far too punitive, it is far too prescriptive, top-down from Washington," he said. "It led to a dumbing down of standards in states around the country, and it led to a narrowing of the curriculum. At a time when we have to get better, faster educationally than ever before, when many other countries are out-educating us, we can't afford to have the federal law, the law of the land, have so many perverse incentives and disincentives."

The Obama administration 18 months ago asked Congress to revamp NCLB, to no avail. And now Duncan is allowing states to ask for waivers of the 100-percent proficiency. Michigan is one of them. State Superintendent Mike Flanagan is seeking a 10-year extension based on a change in the cut scores for the state's standardized testing. Flanagan and local school officials are already warning that the MEAP scores will be down — some have used the word dramatic — next year. That means even more schools will not make AYP.

Duncan hit the nail on the head when he pointed out that with AYP, if one child in one subgroup doesn't show progress, the entire school is treated as a failure like a school that has 1,000 students not making it. Schools that have outstanding education programs can be labeled failures because of it.

Americans are driven to be the best in the world, and we have a hard time accepting the fact that in education we are average. We see the educational systems in China and Japan as better than ours, overlooking the fact that all levels of education in America — from K-12 up to a university doctorate — are available to all students, not a select few.

It is apparent NCLB needs fine-tuning. Holding the educational system accountable is good idea, but the law needs to be applied equally. If one district must include subgroups in looking at AYP, all districts must. We also need to celebrate the successes along with acknowledging the failures.

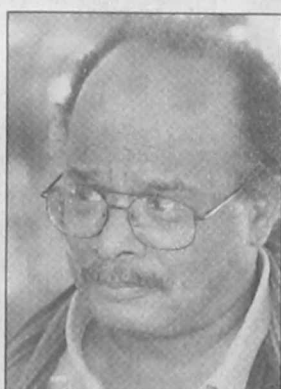
We urge Congress to set aside politics and do what's right for our children. Our educational system may not be perfect, but it allows our students to be what they want to be. There has been progress with NCLB, but the focus has shifted to meeting a mandated threshold. Students will continue to learn, but everyone has to be on the same page with how they learn. Yes, failure is not acceptable, but do we really want to continue to label our children failures?

We don't. Do you?

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### How do you plan to spend Labor Day weekend?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"Probably with my family, maybe barbecue outside in the back."

**John Ripton**  
Canton



"Probably spend time with the family and barbecue."

**Roddy Mays**  
Canton



"I'm thinking of Cedar Point."

**Courtney Douglas**  
Plymouth



"I'm going to college that weekend. I will be a freshman at Spring Arbor (University)."

**Carson Hosler**  
Canton

## LETTERS

### Running for board

I recently made the decision to run for a seat on the school board. For the last six years, I have been involved in the district in many ways, from advocating for our district in testimony before a House subcommittee in Lansing to presenting portfolios of famous artists in elementary school classrooms; from actively monitoring the school board's monthly finance committee meetings to serving as PTO president.

Our district has served our students well to date, but we must do more to prepare for the future. I see the potential for positive change, and I want to be directly involved in shaping the discussion and implementing the solutions. Working cooperatively with concerned citizens and the other board members, I want to help shape the vision.

My focus is on the students. Simply stated, I want to make certain we provide the best possible education for our students.

We are approaching a critical time in our district. Soon we will be selecting a new superintendent. We have many new administrators who are excited about all of the possibilities before us. Academic choice is all around us, and we need to respond by creating more choice within our district, whether it be expanding our vocational opportunities, establishing an International Baccalaureate Program, creating magnet academies at the Park, or instituting a language immersion program.

These are just some of the opportunities that could enhance our district and provide the learning environment our students want and need.

I recognize and fully appreciate the financial challenges our district faces. We need to continue to find creative funding sources and opportunities to ensure that we maximize the amount of funds going into the classroom. We can do it — if our focus remains squarely on what is best for our students.

I believe I can add genuine value as a member of the school board. I hope you agree. I would appreciate your vote on Nov. 8.

**Sheila Paton**  
Plymouth

### Effective communication

Dear Congressman McCotter, I had the opportunity to be at the rally at your Plymouth office on Friday, Aug. 26, 2011. Participants were picketing for "Jobs," as well as "Good Jobs." These citizens were upset and loud because of the government's inability to effectively address this issue.


When I attempted to contact you, my elected leader, through your staff, they locked the door. When I knocked on the door they just looked at me. Regretfully, your staff showed no interest in making contact with us about our issue.

You are someone who wishes to be President of the United States yet you have difficulty in appoint-

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ing a local staff that knows how to effectively communicate with the people you serve. Your staff is a reflection of you and how you choose to represent your constituents.

Your staff's actions reflected the mindset of many in Washington who lock themselves away from the problem without looking for a solution. I was appalled that all they could think of was to barricade the door and seek no citizen input.

I remind you and your staff that the office you barred us from is not yours. It belongs to your constituents. The people. You and your staff must be open to divergent opinions. How else can you make up your mind about the issues facing our nation? You work for the people of the 11th Congressional District, not a certain political party or a leader of the House of Representatives.

I was saddened by the display of disrespect shown to Michigan citizens by your employees. You need to explain how, as an elected leader, you can sanction this type of behavior.

**Ted Peters**  
Northville

### Hines extravaganza

I love cars. The Cruisin' Hines sounded so cool that it needed to be checked out.

Without my own "classic car" or "hot rod," I chose to bike into Edward Hines to enjoy the day. As a spectator, I was met with terrible conditions.

First, the rules of cars not allowed on the grass was broken from one end to the other. Cars were parked all over the place, well behind the protective barriers. People sat behind their cars with tents and chairs on the bike path, in most cases forcing us to swing into the wet grass going around them. I asked a police officer and he said he was told by the promoter, Mr. Nicholson, it was allowable because of so many cars.

Secondly, when we tried to ride on the shoulder we were told that was not permissible.

Thirdly, does the taxpayer foot the bill for all the additional costs of Wayne County workers, police? Or does the promoter who stands to make money off the event? Seems only fair if someone is closing down the park, setting up new rules, rerouting family routines that the taxpayer should

not be paying for a private (non-charitable) profit endeavor.

If this event is to continue, and I hope it does, it is kept in better perspective of what Hines Park can handle, the rules obeyed just like on any other day, taxpayers are not liable for the additional protection required.

**Lori Harris**  
Garden City

### A wakeup call

On Aug. 2, the U.S. and the world witnessed the end of a congressional logjam over the debt ceiling which was a phony diversion from the real issues of jobs and economic stimulus.

The lengthy crisis was created and manipulated by 80-plus new Republican members of the House of Representatives. These half-educated ideologues elected by corporate dollars and Tea Party fanatics threatened to cut Social Security and other dire consequences. Thus the our nation was saved from default, but the poor and middle class will suffer even more in the future.

President Obama could/should have been more involved and combative.

He is a knowledgeable, pragmatic, experienced politician, but is naive and conciliatory at times. Most Democrats fought hard but could not defeat irrational people who, while quoting and interpreting the Constitution to fit their agendas, paid more allegiance to Grover Norquist's pledge to never raise taxes. The guiding principle of many extreme right-wing Republicans was and is "no compromise." Congress is now under the control of persons who do not behave in a civil, coherent, legal or ethical manner.

What happened Aug. 2 must be a wakeup call for all concerned citizens. It is imperative that voters with moderate views be involved, active and as passionate and organized as they were in the 2008 election, when Barack Obama was elected president. Many voters neglected to participate in the 2010 mid-term elections. Contact and support representatives with your ideas, time and money. Let's begin NOW to battle these know nothings!

**Hannah Provence Donigan**  
Commerce

### Support president

This current Republican focus on debt and deficit reduction under Tea Party influence is certain to have a negative effect on the more urgent problem of a 9 percent national unemployment level. Common sense tells us that cutting state and federal workers can only increase job loss.

President Obama understands the need for action and will soon propose increased expenditures on infrastructure projects to stimulate short-term employment. Since an uphill battle in this Republican Congress is to be expected, all of us in Michigan should support the president with letters or e-mails to our senators and congressmen, and vote Democratic in 2012.

**Dr. Robert Katz**  
West Bloomfield

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## First game, first step

For the first time in memory, Salem didn't face campus rival Plymouth to open the football season.

There wasn't the annual "Black and Blue" game and some traditionalists might have been seeing red about the Rocks scraping the Wildcats in order to start the schedule against Ann Arbor Huron.

Guess what, now you can color them convinced as to why Salem head coach Kurt Britnell went for the new-look schedule.

The Rocks won their opener in overtime, 21-20, and Britnell could barely talk because he was so overcome with a flood of emotions as his young squad — led by gutsy junior quarterback Jacob Deprez — showed it indeed might be made of different stuff from this point on.

After the win, Deprez and the rest of the team raced over to greet the Salem boosters who filled the road team bleachers.

In fact, it looked a lot like last year's state playoffs, when Plymouth rallied in the final minutes to knock off Rockford on a Shaun Austin-to-Brennen Bey-er touchdown pass.

For Salem, the post-game hoopla provided players a glimpse of what it could be like if the team keeps building, improving, believing.

Even Deprez made that call when he discussed the way Salem didn't let a late missed field goal (that would have won the game in regulation) or Huron's



Tim Smith

score on the first possession of overtime get the Rocks down.

"We're definitely over the hump," Deprez said. "Last year this team could not win these kind of games and this year we definitely can."

Of course, it remains to be seen whether the 2011 Rocks can put together a winning season and challenge for a playoff spot. But the point is they probably wouldn't have even gotten out of the gate without Britnell's push for a different opening day dance partner.

### New attitude

The Rocks would have been staring at another loss to open the season had they faced the Wildcats, the powerhouse team that reached last year's Division 1 state finals. Add to that, the mounting worry of carrying the likelihood of another losing season on their collective shoulder pads.

That very culture of negative thought did creep in in 2009 and 2010, Britnell's first two years as Salem coach after coming over from Plymouth. The Rocks went a combined 3-15 during those seasons.

Even Britnell considered the 2011 squad might have started moving down the wrong path had Friday's game turned out differently.

Please see SMITH, B4



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Plymouth goalkeeper Rene Mejia aggressive slides out to stop Salem's Max Nolte (No. 4) during Monday night's varsity boys soccer match.

## Rocks score late for win

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

It's not even Labor Day. But Monday night's second half at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park provided soccer fans with a playoff-worthy spectacle.

The KLAA varsity boys soccer tilt between Plymouth and Salem featured great individual plays that resulted in goals and spectacular goalkeeping.

For a while, both teams appeared headed for a 2-2 deadlock.

Salem senior forward Jake Pascarella had other ideas, scoring his second goal of the night with just 1:21 remaining as the Rocks won 3-2 for their first victory of the season.

"It was great to see us have that fight, and not be willing to settle for a tie," Salem head coach Ed McCarthy said. "To come back twice, especially to get the game winner with little over a minute, that's a good result for us."

"The key for us tonight was Jake Pascarella. He really played outstanding and had a hand in all three goals."

On the winner, sophomore midfielder Blake Townes threaded a slick pass to the left side of the box and Pascarella hammered a low, 12-yard shot past onrushing Plymouth senior goalie Rene Mejia — who was brilliant.

"We went to two up top, so it was both (junior forward Chris) Dier-

er and Pascarella up top and Blake got the ball underneath," McCarthy said. "He was able to slide it in to Pascarella and as the keeper came out he was able to get a great finish in there."

### Quick response

The loss spoiled a two-goal night by Plymouth junior forward Do-Hyung Kim, who kept the Wildcats (1-3-2) in the game after Salem (1-1-2) grabbed a 1-0 halftime lead (on a marker by sophomore midfielder Brady Cole, from Pascarella).

"He (Kim) connected real well with (junior midfielder) Chandler Olah on the first one," Plymouth

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BRIAN ABBEY

Salem quarterback Jacob Deprez (No. 11) shows plenty of savvy during Friday's season opener at Ann Arbor Huron.

At the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity turf football field Monday night, Canton rolled to a 6-0 KLAA crossover boys soccer win behind a three-goal hat trick by Mitch Pepper and four markers in the second half.

Dividing the shutout for the host Chiefs (4-1-1) were senior Steven Murphy and junior Ian Wingate.

Canton took a 2-0 lead

into halftime on goals from seniors Nathan Bergeson (from senior Brian Berinti) and Connor Furgason.

On the latter, Furgason got on the business end of a corner kick from senior Tyler Winningham and headed it into the Warriors' goal for his team-leading fourth goal of the year.

That's how the score stayed until midway through the second half.

Senior Ryan Kilgore played a long pass to sophomore Griffin Parks, who carried it into the Western box and drove it past the keeper.

From that point it was mostly all Pepper.

He intercepted a deflected clearing pass and chipped it into an open net for Canton's fourth marker.

Pepper added two more markers, the first on the rebound of a Furgason

shot that clanked off the crossbar.

Then with about one minute left, Pepper took a feed from Parks and buried the ball into the cage.

Western fell to 1-1-2 with the defeat.

The Chiefs are idle until Tuesday, Sept. 6, when they visit Livonia Churchill in a contest slated to begin at 7 p.m. Canton then hosts Plymouth at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7.

## 'Cats new coach a familiar face

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Sarah Marody won't need time to get into the comfort zone as Plymouth's new varsity girls volleyball coach.

The one-time Lutheran Westland volleyball star, who has coached Plymouth JV teams the past

seven years, is moving up to the big team along with players she already knows and coached.

"That's made the transition so much easier," said Marody, about already being familiar with most of the 2011 varsity players. "I'm trying to make this as easy as possible for the girls, the school, the other families involved."

Marody is taking over the reins from Kelly McCausland, who left to concentrate on teaching duties in the Monroe district.



JOHN KEMSKI

Even though Sarah Marody (standing) is the new varsity volleyball coach at Plymouth, she's coached virtually the entire squad at the junior varsity level.

The players who are moving up with Marody already have a good idea the style of volleyball she likes to see on her teams — mainly, fast-paced, aggressive play up front and defensive savvy in the back court.

**They'll pack a punch**  
"I'm very offense-minded," she said, during a recent team workout. "The big hits, the quick hits. Of course, the old saying is defense wins games and we're working on it. But our offense is

very strong this year." Another plus for the coach in already knowing most of the girls is she can talk to them about what to expect as varsity players. It also helps

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## Opportunity

### Kavulich injury opens doors

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

When a girls cross country team loses its All-Stater, the rest of the squad needs to stick together — literally.

That's exactly the case at Salem,

which lost standout Kayla

Kavulich for the season due to a knee injury sustained over the summer playing basketball.

"Obviously, we had very high hopes for her (Kavulich)," Salem head coach Dave Gerlach said. "She's a talented individual and obviously she was going to be our number one runner."

Kavulich, during her freshman year, set new Salem records in the 5,000-meter (18 minutes, 25.4 seconds) and 1,600-meter (5:07) runs,



Kavulich

leading the Rocks to the KLAA Central Division championship and a

10th-place finish at the Division 1 state finals.

But Gerlach, whose team is opening the season Thursday at the Lutheran Westland Time Trial (at Nankin Mills), said the team has already turned the page.

He cited a scene in the movie *Hoosiers*, where actor Gene Hackman said to his basketball team that "my team is here."

Similarly, Gerlach is stressing that point to his runners.

"We have the team that's here and looking forward,"

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### Volleyball Preview



# STAFF GRID PICKS

Week 2	Wright	Smith	O'Meara	Emons
<b>Thursday, Sept. 1</b> Livonia Clarenceville (1-0) at B.H. Cranbrook (1-0), 4 p.m. Farmington Harrison (1-0) at Southfield (1-0), 4 p.m. Lutheran Northwest (0-1) at Lutheran Westland (0-1), 5 p.m. Garden City (1-0) at Belleville (0-1), 7 p.m. Redford Thurston (1-0) at Dearborn (1-0), 7 p.m. Tecumseh (0-1) at Redford Union (0-1), 7 p.m. Canton (1-0) at Grand Blanc (1-0), 7 p.m. Salem (1-0) at Walled Lake Central (0-1), 7 p.m. Plymouth (1-0) at Howell (0-1), 7 p.m. Livonia Franklin (1-0) at Hartland (0-1), 7 p.m. Waterford Mott (0-1) at Livonia Stevenson (0-1), 7 p.m. Wayne (0-1) at Milford (1-0), 7 p.m. John Glenn (1-0) at Brighton (1-0), 7 p.m. <b>Friday, Sept. 2</b> Rochester Adams (0-1) at Farmington (1-0), 7 p.m. North Farmington (0-1) at Birmingham Groves (0-1), 7 p.m. Livonia Churchill (1-0) at Pinckney (0-1), 7 p.m. <b>Last week</b>	Cranbrook Harrison Lutheran Northwest Garden City Thurston Tecumseh Canton W.L. Central Plymouth Franklin Stevenson Milford Brighton  Adams Groves Churchill <b>11-4</b>	Clarenceville Harrison Lutheran Westland Garden City Thurston Redford Union Canton Salem Plymouth Franklin Stevenson Milford Brighton  Farmington Groves Churchill <b>10-5</b>	Cranbrook Harrison Lutheran Northwest Belleville Thurston Tecumseh Canton W.L. Central Plymouth Franklin Stevenson Milford Brighton  Farmington Groves Churchill <b>14-1</b>	Clarenceville Harrison Lutheran Northwest Belleville Dearborn Tecumseh Canton W.L. Central Plymouth Franklin Stevenson Milford Brighton  Adams Groves Churchill <b>14-1</b>



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Both Michael Ambrose of Plymouth (No. 20) and Salem's Jake Pascarella (No. 2) had the same idea, simultaneously going up to head the ball during Monday's contest.

## SOCCKER

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head coach Jeff Neschich said. "And we know he can do that. It's nice when he puts on a show like that and has a couple real dominating plays."

The Wildcats needed just 63 seconds of the second half to net the equalizer.

Olah found Kim with a through-ball and the elusive forward accelerated past the Salem defense before putting a shot past sophomore goalkeeper Collin Hewett.

But a good sign for Salem was how they answered quickly.

Just over one minute after the Kim goal, the Rocks made it 2-1 on Pascarella's first tally of the evening.

As Cole moved toward the box on the left side of the pitch, he lofted a pass all the way to Pascarella on the opposite side. Pascarella headed the ball into the right corner.

"It was a long ball and it just got over the defender's head and I got a head on it," Pascarella recalled.

Salem came close to going up 3-1 when Dierker ripped a one-timer about 18 yards in front of the Plymouth goal. But Mejia aggressively met him and slid to block the bid.

Kim finally evened the score at 2-2 with 19:15 remaining on a beautiful solo play.

He spun through defenders and put a hefty foot into the ball even while falling to the turf. It sailed past Hewett.

**Getting rewarded**

"They (Wildcats) really were dangerous on the counterattack all night and got us back on our heels," McCarthy said. "We had good possession, but their counterattacks were very dangerous and he (Kim) was the key to that for them."

"And he scored a brilliant goal against us, that was a great finish."

However, the Rocks had a pretty good finisher, too.

"He (Pascarella) had a super night," McCarthy said. "It's always nice when you have that good of an evening to get the game winner. I was proud of his performance."

Neschich said his team can build off the final 40 minutes of the match.

"We played a much stronger second half," Neschich said. "We were giving them a little too much space, especially in the midfield in the first half. It was a good game, we were right there with them."

He added that "we've got to keep improving. Each game we've improved a little bit. We got to find the positives in what we did tonight."

# Wildcats cruise 47-13 in season opener

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth senior running back Donte Fox couldn't sleep much Friday night, tossing, turning and thinking about Saturday's season opener during the Big Day Prep Showdown at Eastern Michigan University.

"I dreamed of getting a touchdown on the first run all night last night," said Fox, following the Wildcats' 47-13 victory over Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central at Rynearson Stadium.

Fox made it a reality, scoring on a 49-yard run on the Wildcats' first offensive play of the 2011 season. He took the hand-off from senior quarterback Shaun Austin and dashed around right end, outrunning the Falcons' defense.

"It was a great way to get the season off," Fox said. "I was so proud of my line. We have some big expectations for our line and they really showed up today, and I was really proud."

He wound up scoring on later touchdown runs of 12 and 56 yards and amassed an estimated 160 yards on just eight carries to pace the 'Cats attack. Fox was named Plymouth's player of the game for his efforts.

But Fox was just one of several big playmakers for the defending Division 1 state finalists, who are getting used to playing big games in big venues.

Austin picked apart the Falcons defense, completing 11 of 14 passes for 207 yards and two touchdowns.

Speedy junior Nate Emminger caught a 39-yard TD pass and capped Plymouth's scoring with a 76-yard kickoff return midway through the fourth quarter. He also tallied an interception.

And junior Jamarl Eiland reeled in three passes for 76 yards, including a 47-yard TD. He had 80-yard kickoff return called back due to a penalty.

Also scoring, on a 12-yard carry, was senior tailback Freddie Dunbar.

"I tell you what. I believe our offensive coaching staff is one of the best in the state, if not the best," Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk said. "They do a great job of preparing our kids and in trying to spread the ball around into a lot of people's hands."

Sawchuk tipped his cap to the starting defense, too, particularly senior standout linebackers Tyler Goble and Faris

Abraham.

They swarmed all game, making life tough for Catholic Central quarterback Mitchell Lehmann.

**How you draw it up**

The 10th-year coach liked how his team came out strong, stopping the Falcons in three plays and then scoring on Fox' long run to open the scoring.

"That's usually the plan, to score on every play, right?" he noted with a nod.

However, Sawchuk added there remains plenty room for improvement, such as getting sharper and more consistent for 48 minutes.

He wasn't thrilled about some of the penalties and said "our 2's (second stringers) got to be a little tougher too. So we got some coaching to do."

That said, Plymouth pretty much owned the opener from start to finish.

Catholic Central trailed 26-0 at halftime (following Plymouth TDs by Fox, Eiland and Dunbar), and the Wildcats found the end zone again on their first drive of the second half for a 33-0 advantage.

Austin's 15-yard pass over the middle was picked off the shoetops by Abraham to take the ball down to the Falcons' 12-yard line. Fox burst through the line on the next play for the score.

With about two minutes remaining in the frame, Fox scored his most-spectacular touchdown of the contest.

The tough-as-nails Fox zig-zagged his way for a 56-yard TD, breaking right and then left before leaving Catholic Central defenders in his tracks.

Plymouth's shutout bid ended with 7:30 to play in the game, when running back Jordan Regalado scored from the one-yard line. That gave the Falcons an 80-yard scoring drive in 11 plays.

Immediately answering that TD was Emminger, who fielded a bouncing kickoff at Plymouth's 24 and shot down the field in a flash for the 76-yard return.

Catholic Central finished the scoring when Michael Wilson broke down the right sidelines for a 68-yard touchdown run, with 1:42 remaining.

Next up for Plymouth (1-0) is a 7 p.m. Thursday road game against Howell, a team Sawchuk said will be a challenge.

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# Outta sight: He aces it

By Tim Smith  
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Plymouth's Bob Anderson had just extracted a new golf ball from the package and eyed the flag of the 140-yard No. 8 hole at Northville's Bushwood Golf Course.

He smacked the ball using his 25-degree hybrid golf club, knowing he struck it well. But he promptly lost sight of it.

Perhaps that out-of-the-box ball might not get much use, he wondered, particularly because the No. 8 green isn't far from a small pond and a sand trap.

"I hit the ball and I knew it was going up on the green," Anderson recalled. "When I got up on the green and looked all over I didn't see it. Then I went up to the hole and there it was."



Proudly displaying the ball he sank for a hole-in-one at Northville's Bushwood Golf Course is Plymouth's Bob Anderson.

Yep, a hole-in-one, the third he's achieved in 50 years of golfing experience.

The Aug. 19 ace provided Anderson with the icing on the cake of a very sweet nine-hole round. He tallied an impressive score of 26 strokes for the day.

## Longball ace

One day after Anderson's hole-in-one, Salem senior (and varsity golf-

"When I got up on the green and looked all over I didn't see it. Then I went up to the hole and there it was."

**BOB ANDERSON**  
Plymouth resident

er) Michael "Brandon" Lesinski scored the first ace in his five years of golfing. It was quite a shot, too.

Lesinski, a Canton resident, drained his tee shot on the No. 7, par-4 hole at Thorne Hills Golf Course in Carleton, Mich. The blast was from 253 yards out.

Enjoying the big-shot moment were Lesinski's grandfather, dad (Mike Lesinski) and a cousin.

"Pretty special moment for all of us," noted Mike Lesinski.

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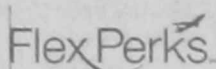
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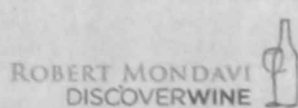
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that she played the game at a high level herself, as a first-team all-conference middle hitter for the Warriors before her 2000 graduation.

"I know varsity is a much faster-paced game," Marody said. "I have to keep in mind that it's not the JV level anymore. We're here to win, we're here to compete."

So far, the Wildcats are doing just that with a solid 3-2 effort at Saturday's Jim Orwin Invitational (hosted by Carleton Airport). They will look to get a good start on KLAA play when they visit Livonia Churchill on Thursday, Sept. 8.

Last year, Plymouth finished 19-11-2 overall and 6-4-0 in the KLAA South Division, good for third place.

While Marody takes over the Wildcats' varsity, the new JV coach is former Madonna University player Anna Gatt while 2007 Plymouth grad Courtney Buttermore is the coach of the freshman squad.

Marody can't wait to get started, partly because she loves to teach — and that's a lot of what a coach does, she

explained.

Meanwhile, it's like comparing apples and oranges for Marody to discuss preferring working with prep athletes or teaching second graders during her "day job" at Christ the King Lutheran in Southgate.

"I could never be a high school teacher, but I love working with high school kids when it's a situation where they want to be there, like this," she emphasized. "These girls choose to play volleyball."

"... Where the little ones, they love school, they love being there and love learning."

### Breaking it down

According to Marody, the Wildcats should be a pretty formidable team up front.

Starters include 5-10 junior Emilee Beyer and 5-7 senior co-captain Lindsay Stemberger on the outsides and 6-0 freshman Olivia Beyer and 5-10 junior Madelyn Betts at the middle blocker positions.

"Our outsides and our middles are very quick, can react and adjust to anything the setter throws up there," Marody said.

Emilee Beyer is one of the players returning from the 2010 vari-

ty squad and the coach describes her as a "very powerful hitter, she hits her marks very well."

As for Stemberger, she could bring a take-charge demeanor plus the ability to defend as well as she attacks.

"She initially was going to be our libero," Marody said. "But her hitting has really caught my attention."

An intriguing performer will be Olivia Beyer, stepping out of middle school right into the starting lineup.

"Sometimes freshmen don't know the terminology or understand the pace of the varsity game," the coach said. "None that had to be taught to Olivia. She was able to step on that court and pick right up where the seniors had left off."

It will help those players having consistency from the serving position. Plymouth should have that, with senior co-captain Jessica Scott and sophomore Shayla Smalls.

"She (Scott) is our No. 1 setter, she's very calm," Marody said. "She can keep the play moving and she doesn't seem rushed or frustrated."

With Stemberger in the front row, Marody needed to find a libero and four players from last year's JV are compet-

ing for that as well as other positions as defensive specialists.

At the top of the list are sophomore Haylee Weber and junior Zoe Irvin, followed by juniors Jess Bihn and Kyra Neumann.

"Those two (Weber, Irvin) are standing out right now," Marody said. "The big thing is how do they react to the ball off a block, being a faster-paced game than JV."

"... They are all adjusting to it. Speed and agility are the big things."

One of the returning varsity players is 5-10 senior outside hitter and co-captain Rachel Hille.

"She's a hard worker and she's dedicated and she's an excellent leader," the coach added.

Rounding out the roster are junior outside hitter Taylor Rieckhoff and left-handed sophomore right-side hitter Emily Burkman.

Marody said Rieckhoff's game is improving plus "she'll play whatever I ask of her."

The 5-9 Burkman, meanwhile, is a power hitter who could push for starting time before all is said and done. "She's very strong at the net and a smart player."

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## GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

### BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM INVITATIONAL RESULTS

Aug. 22 at Forest Lake C.C.  
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Individual medalist: Gabby Yurik (Stoney Creek), 75.

### AREA TEAM-BY-TEAM SCORING

**Plymouth (346):** 3. Kelsey Murphy, 77; 6. Sarah Thompson, 82; 8. Sydney Murphy, 83; 75. Danielle Allen, 104; 95. Kayla Whatley, 113.  
**Northville (378):** 31. Camilla Zhao, 90; 38. Lindsey Matych, 93; 45. Emily Foland, 95; 63. Chloe Page, 100; 64. Megan Ye, 101.  
**Novi (380):** 31. Lauren Cojei, 90; 48. Kathleen Koomen and Ally Krick, 98 each; 55. Hannah Wagenberg, 98; 88. Apama Yedhoor, 109.  
**Churchill (412):** 62. Jordyn Shepler, 99; 69. Maggie McGowan, 102; 75. Nicole Kruse, 104; 85. Jackie Burdette, 107; 125. Taylor Cutting, 125.  
**Groves (422):** 8. Jessica Turner, 83; 91. Katie Quasariano, 112; 95. Kelly Greer, 113; 98. Courtney Graham, 114; 120. Anna Butkovich, 120.

## SPORTS BRIEF

### Canton to host Russian hockey squad

The Canton Victory Honda '98 Bantam A travel hockey team will be hosting the visiting St. Petersburg Lokomotiv team from Russia 7 p.m. Friday at Arctic Edge Arena, located at 46615 Michigan Ave in Canton (just west of Wal-Mart). The public is welcome and there is no charge for admission.

The Canton team is made up of 18 dedicated 12 and 13 year olds from Canton and the surrounding area. Lokomotiv has toured Metro Detroit and western Michigan several times over the past few years; this will be the first time these two teams have met.

If you have never seen hockey at this age level come out to the Edge this Friday for some exciting action.

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"I'm afraid if we would have lost it (the game), our kids may have lost it, and said, 'Here we go again,'" he said following the victory over Huron.

Fortunately for the Rocks, Deprez and company wouldn't let that happen. And the team has a bit of momentum from which to possibly morph into the third playoff team at the Park.

Indeed, Britnell's scheduling stance could be the one thing that gets Salem's grid program headed in a direction that

eventually might rival Canton's and Plymouth's — two of the best in all of Observerland and perhaps southeast Michigan.

When that happens, Britnell perhaps will look back at his 2011 decision to change things up on the schedule as one of the best coaching moves he could have done.

And the Rocks won't think twice about playing the Chiefs, Wildcats or anybody else.

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Gerlach said. "It (Kavulich's absence) is going to open the door for somebody else to step up on varsity."

He said there are several girls who could be impact runners, including returning senior Adrianna Beltran and juniors Shannon Flynn, Emily Bizon and Madison Goodpasture.

Add to the mix returning seniors Autumn Burin, Kelly Kerwin (both co-captains) and Amanda Beyer, juniors

Alejandra Beltran and Alexis Foley, sophomore Natasha Stevenson and freshman Anya Cho.

Other freshmen include Rebecca Lopez, Kristen Willmer, Hannah Stoliker and Lauren Arquette.

Gerlach said he has high hopes for the freshmen and that some of them "are going to be fighting for a spot on varsity."

The third co-captain is senior Maddy Verklan.

"What we're counting on is pack running," Gerlach said. "If we get five or seven kids that can all step up, we're going to be OK."

### Canton outlook

After a 3-2 record last fall, good for third place in the KLAA South Division, the Chiefs return a nucleus of runners who are motivated to finish their prep careers strong.

Senior captains Emily Southern, Katie Grimes and Meg Riley lead the way.

Southern registered a personal best of 20:15 last season, while the bests turned in by Grimes and Riley were 20:35 and 22:51, respectively.

Anna Gorzalski, who sparkled as a freshman

and tallied a best mark of 20:25, is back, as are juniors Ellen Grimes (22:13), Laura Murphy (22:20) and Hannah Ferree (21:04) and sophomore Jessica Siegler (20:21).

Newcomers are freshman Paige Calvert and sophomore Olivia McIntee.

"We should be a pretty good team with better depth than last year," Canton head coach Eric Pahl said. "With good senior leadership, the girls put in plenty of miles over the summer."

"With some good hard work, we should be all right this year."



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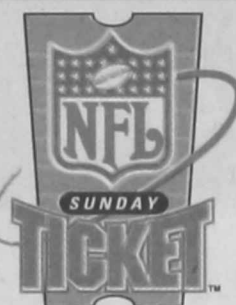


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# Marriage ministry kicks off series at Livonia parish

The Covenant of Love, a new program at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia, is designed to enrich and strengthen marriages — no matter if they're on solid footing or shaky ground.

The monthly program, based on the marriage ministry of Greg and Julie Alexander, founders of the Alexander House marriage apostolate in San Antonio, Texas, will include a lesson on DVD, discussion time, refreshments and socializing.

"This is a great program," said Rose Wingfield, of Northville, who will co-lead the series with her husband, Dennis. "We have been involved in other marriage programs. This is different in that it teaches about the sacrament of matrimony from the church standpoint."

The Alexanders will be on hand to kick off the first session at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, in the school cafeteria, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia.

The couple founded the ministry after struggling to save their own union from a divorce.

"A priest challenged them to look at the teachings of the church. After reading about what the church teaches, their marriage was saved," Wingfield said. The couple dedicated their lives to helping others find the "beauty, goodness and truth of God's plan for marriage."

Married for 24 years and the parents of seven children, the Alexanders detailed their experiences in their new book,

*Marriage 911: How God Saved Our Marriage (And He Can Save Yours too).* They also present *Marriage Works in Christ*, a television series on EWTN.

In addition to kicking off the series at St. Michael's, the Alexanders also will speak from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10 at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth.

"Saving their own marriage is pretty amazing," Wingfield said. "They've also created a really exciting program to coach couples. They have saved thousands of marriages."

Wingfield and her husband plan to train in the Alexander House marriage coaching method. In the meantime, they'll lead the Covenant of Love program the second Friday of the month at St. Michael's. The program is open to engaged and married couples, regardless of religious denominations.

The couple met and married after their former spouses died. "We feel committed to helping people learn about marriage and understand the joy it can bring," Wingfield said. She plans to run the monthly Covenant of Love program year-round. A second session will start in September 2012.

No registration is required. For more information call the Wingfields at (248) 305-5941 or e-mail them at jeremiah2911@comcast.net.

— By Sharon Dargay

## RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar items to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto: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.

### Sept. 1-14

#### 9-11 SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11

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#### BIBLE STUDY

**Time/Date:** 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, beginning Sept. 13 and 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, beginning Sept. 8

**Location:** St. Priscilla Catholic Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia

**Details:** Tuesday focus is Samuel; Thursday study is Gospel of Mark. Open to all

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#### CLOTHING BANK

**Time/Date:** 5-6:30 p.m. Sept. 14 and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24

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#### CRAFTERS NEEDED

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## BORKES, RUTH MARIE

Age 55, passed away on August 27, 2011. [www.langenew-bros.com](http://www.langenew-bros.com).



## HOWLAND, FRANK T.

Age 63, of Northville, died unexpectedly August 23, 2011. Most cherished and loving husband of the late Cynthia (Benes). Beloved dad of Jennifer (George) Linart, Sarah Anne (Wm. Jason) Lowe, and Emily (Steve) Mornault. Dear son of Helen Howland Andrews and the late Robert Howland. Proud grandpa of Luke and Kelly Linart, Wm. Henry and Charles Lowe, and Stella Mornault. Caring brother of John (Kris) Howland and Paul (Karen) Howland. Visitation Friday 3:30pm-7pm at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd. (btwn Sheldon & Beck), Plymouth. Funeral service Monday 11am at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 East Main Street, (east of Center St.), Northville, MI 48167. Memorial contributions may be made to The Henry Ford. To share memories, please visit: [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

## JONES, ALEXANDER MICHAEL

of Milford and Mt. Pleasant, formerly of Farmington and Canton, Michigan and Matteson, Illinois, passed away May 3, 2011 in the care of his family. He was 21 years old. Alex is survived by his mother Annette Jones, Milford, MI and father Bruce (Jessica) Jones of La Honda, CA; brothers Benjamin Beggs Jones and Theodore Sampson Jones; grandparents James Dell (and the late Martha C.) Brown, Sally (Robert) Cockayne and Whipple (Maryann) Jones; nine aunts and uncles; 17 cousins. Alex is also survived by extended family and dear friends. Memorial Services were held this spring. Memorial contributions encouraged to: Volunteers Assisting the Disabled Camp, Muscular Dystrophy Association, or the Make-A-Wish Foundation. For further info, visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

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## LAMPI, RAY

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## MERTA, JOYCE ELAINE

Age 73 passed away gracefully and peacefully on August 25, 2011 at Dominican Hospital in Santa Cruz, California. She was born July 20, 1938 to Sophia (Dluski) and Clement Lotowski. She was a 1956 graduate of Saint Alphonsus High School, Dearborn, Michigan. She married Ron Merta on November 14, 1959 and enjoyed 52 years of happiness with her family, friends, children and grandchildren. She is survived by her husband Ron Merta, children Denise Hayes (Forrest); Douglas Merta (Monika); Deborah Merta (Mark Walters). Sister of Corinne Stempien (Marvin). She is also survived by eight grandchildren; Lauren Hayes, Danielle Hayes, Lily Mae Hayes, Rosco Hayes, Zosia Hayes, Gavin Walters, Owen Walters and Drake Walters. Joyce truly lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures like spending time with her family and friends, and cherished children and grandchildren. She loved to relax and enjoy her homes in Traverse City and Naples, Florida. We will always carry her memory in our hearts. Now is the time to move from grieving to remembrance. Remembrance is a chain death tries to break...but all in vain. To have to love, and then to part, is the greatest sorrow of one's heart. The years may wipe out many things, but some they never will. Like memories of those happy times when we were all together. Rest In Peace Darling. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to: The American Lung Association or The Foundation For A Smokefree America. A "Celebration of Life" will be held Friday Evening, September 2, 4:00pm - 9:00pm at the Courthouse Grille, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth MI. (734) 453-2002. A funeral Mass Saturday Morning, September 3, at 9:30am at St. Aidan's in Livonia, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI. (734) 425-9333. A luncheon will immediately follow at the banquet hall adjacent to St. Aidan's. Online guestbook [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

## SCHICK, THOMAS

87, of Livonia passed away August 12th. Husband of the late Virginia. Father of Dennis Schick, wife Paula, Tommy Schick (deceased), Gary Schick (deceased) and MaryBeth Hickey (deceased). Has 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Thomas was a proud World War II Veteran. He will be missed by all. Service held at St. Aidan Catholic Church on Thursday, September 1st, 2011 at 9:30am.



## SYVERSEN, ARNE R.

Passed away 8/23/2011. He was 87 years old. Beloved husband of 65 years to the late Charlotte Syversen. Survived by daughters Kristine (Gary Harla) Broderick and Wendy (Tom) Sinkus. Grandfather to Ryan Broderick, Jason (Nicole) Broderick and Adam (Sarah) Sinkus. Great Grandfather of Lukas and Dylan Broderick, Jackson and Bailey Sinkus. Also survived by his brother Roy (Virginia) Syversen and sister Erma Baker and families. Predeceased by older brother Harry (Ardis) Syversen. He was a strong minded man, that built not only a wonderful and supporting family, but was a pillar in the community volunteering in leadership roles for over 40 years with the Lamplighters Lions Club. He was an accomplished electrician, and a long time member of the IBEW Electrical Union, Local 58 for over 45 years. Arne enjoyed life with his wife, family and friends, participating in all types of sports including softball, hockey, archery, hunting, fishing, boating, golfing, bowling and skiing. Arne was always there for his family and friends and especially enjoyed the gatherings at the family cabin, holidays and birthdays. He was an avid sports fan - always watching his grandchildren and great-grandchildren play soccer and/or baseball as well as the Tigers and Red Wings. He will be deeply missed by all that loved him. Please join the family for a memorial gathering September 10th, 2011 from 1:00pm-5:00pm at Lakelands Golf & Country Club, 8760 Chilson Rd., Brighton MI 48116. Memorial contributions can be sent to Leader Dog for the Blind.

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## Artist dresses her dolls in vibrant colors, beads, shells

by Sharon Dargay  
O&E staff writer

Michele Sapp says she felt the urge to create art one day about 10 years ago. The Farmington Hills resident — and at that time a stay-at-home mom caring for her blind son — found a few objects around the house and fashioned a doll.

Three days later she had three more dolls. And by the end of the week she had booked her first craft fair.

Within a few years the self-taught artist and former florist started supplying her one-of-a-kind, African-inspired dolls to galleries. She began showing at art fairs and festivals, including Arts, Beats & Eats, which is where she'll be Labor Day weekend. Fans can find her in booth #90, Friday-Monday, Sept. 2-5, at the art fair portion of the downtown Royal Oak festival.

"I do about seven or eight fairs a year. This is my sixth or seventh time at Arts, Beats & Eats. All in all, it has grown rather quickly," she said, referring to her doll business, Annie's Girls. "It's really just kind of weird because this was not in my plans. This was God's plan for me. I was feeling the need to be a little creative and literally sat down one day and made a doll."

Sapp, an Immaculata High School graduate with a sociology degree from Wayne State University, is self-taught in the art of turning bottles into embellished and dressed dolls. She sews their clothing — sometimes painting the fabric first — makes their jewelry, accessories and hair. Heads are either fiber-filled or made of clay. All of the figures stand and some are suitable for hanging. None of them have faces.

### Inner beauty

"I don't put facial features on them because I want people to see their inner beauty. I have this thing about people looking at physical features and making judgements," Sapp explained. "Their personalities come through in the shape of the head, their hair, their poses. It's about representing inner beauty, inner spirit and connecting with people that



African-inspired dolls by Michele Sapp of Farmington Hills, will be on display Friday-Monday, Sept. 2-5, at Arts, Beats & Eats in Royal Oak.

way. I think that's the sociologist in me."

Sapp said she owned dolls as a child, but didn't play with them much. She often stood by her paternal grandmother's easel to watch her paint. Her grandmother also worked in clay and metal.

Like her maternal grandmother, who quilted and repurposed thrift shop items "long before it was trendy," Sapp finds doll-making ingredients everywhere from garage sales to resale shops to nature.

### Making smiles

"I try to use strong, vibrant colors. I find people are attracted to the colors. People say the dolls make them smile," she said. "When I did the exhibit at U of M Hospital in the Taubman Gallery last year, the dolls were on display for 45 days. People who were waiting for treat-

ment, who weren't feeling well, said they'd sit there and look at the dolls and they would forget that they were there for treatment.

"The fact that they can bring joy is why I do what I do."

Her husband, a systems engineer at Wayne State University, and her 24-year-old son, help her set up and take down her booth when she attends art fairs like the one at Arts, Beats & Eats. She generally staffs it herself and enjoys meeting other artists and shoppers.

"I thought there was a new vitality at Arts, Beats & Eats last year. There was a great energy. I hope everyone comes out and enjoys the music, the food and the art."

Her dolls range from \$30-\$500. They're also available from the gift



PHOTO BY STEVE VACHON

Farmington Hills artist Michele Sapp shows her dolls in the Orchard Gallery of Fine Art in Fort Wayne, Ind., in addition to galleries in Michigan and South Carolina.

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**Festival admission:** \$3

**Details:** Michele Sapp of Farmington Hills is among more than 153 artists showing and selling their works at the festival. The juried fair includes ceramics, pastels, fiber and leather works, glass, jewelry, mixed media, digital art, metal, wood, sculpture, painting, photography and 3D mixed media. Look for Sapp at booth #90.

**Contact:** [www.artsbeatseats.com](http://www.artsbeatseats.com)

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Youngsters in a previous Plymouth Uptown Players (PUPS) cast are costumed and ready to rehearse. The program gives youngsters a chance to learn about theater and to perform.

## Everyone will earn a role at auditions

Drop in auditions for the Plymouth Uptown Players (PUPS) will be held 5-9 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 8, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Katelyn Sigworth directs PUPS, with help from assistants Cara Bosco and Kimmy Elliot.

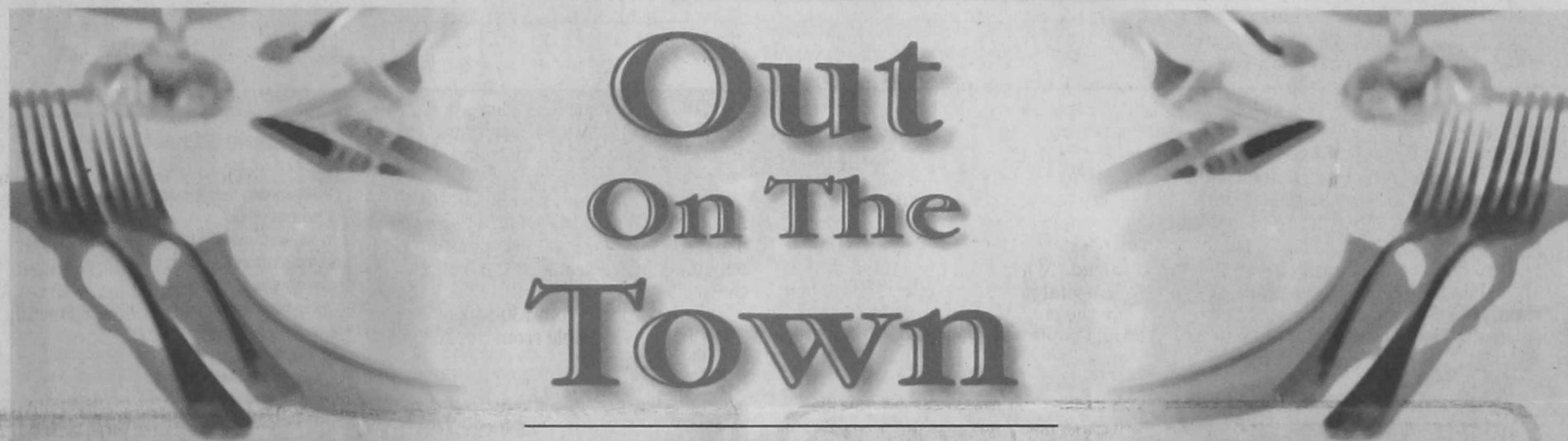
The PUPS program, designed for students in middle school and elementary school, aims to make the participants feel comfortable and confident in front of a live audience. Children will learn stage direction, cues, blocking, voice projection,

role play, characterization and improvisation. Youngsters who join PUPS can expect to participate in games and exercises that will stimulate their inner performer.

Everyone who auditions will get a part. Rehearsals are every Sunday beginning Sept. 11, with the times dependent on age and cast.

The season will conclude with a weekend of performances Dec. 9-11 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Visit the PCAC Web site at [www.plymoutharts.com](http://www.plymoutharts.com), or call (734) 416-4278.



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# Old-time grain a source for gluten-free cooking

Anyone looking for delicious new ways to enjoy whole grains or bring gluten-free recipes to the table can do both at the same time, thanks to something called sorghum.

Sorghum has been around for a very long time, but is just now coming back into popularity in the U.S. It has a hearty, chewy texture and is a great gluten-free substitute for couscous, bulgur and pearled barley. Sorghum flour has a light color and mild flavor that is perfect for breakfast muffins or even pizza dough.

Rich in fiber, sorghum has high levels of antioxidants, as well as iron, calcium, potassium, protein and polyphenols, which helps lower serum cholesterol. You can find sorghum products in some grocery stores and online.

For more about sorghum, and more recipes, visit [www.healthysorghum.com](http://www.healthysorghum.com).

Courtesy of Family Features with recipes from Carol Fenster, author of "Gluten-Free 101: Easy, Basic Dishes without Wheat"



## Sorghum Blueberry-Lemon Muffins

Makes 12 muffins

### Dry Ingredients

- 2 ½ cups Sorghum Flour Blend (see below)
- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 ½ teaspoons xanthan gum
- ¼ teaspoon salt

### Wet Ingredients

- 1 cup milk of choice, at room temperature
- ½ cup canola oil
- 2 large eggs, at room temperature
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

### Add-Ins and Topping

- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- 1 tablespoon sugar for sprinkling on muffins

Preheat the oven to 375°F. Generously grease a standard 12-cup nonstick muffin pan.

Whisk dry ingredients together in large bowl. In separate bowl, whisk wet ingredients thoroughly until smooth.

Make a well in dry ingredients and add wet ingredients. Combine with a spatula until just moistened and then gently stir in blueberries. Divide batter evenly in pan and sprinkle each muffin with a little sugar.

Bake until muffin tops are lightly browned, approximately 20 to 25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center of a muffin comes out clean.

## Sorghum Flour Blend

- 1 ½ cups sorghum flour
- 1 ½ cups potato starch or cornstarch
- 1 cup tapioca flour

Whisk together and store, tightly covered, in a dark, dry place.



## Sorghum Pizza Crust

Makes 1 crust

- 1 tablespoon active dry yeast
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- ¾ cup warm milk of choice (110°F)
- ¾ cup sorghum flour, plus more for sprinkling
- ½ cup tapioca flour
- 2 teaspoons xanthan gum
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 2 teaspoons cider vinegar
- Your favorite pizza sauce and toppings (such as cheese and pepperoni)

Place oven racks in bottom and middle positions. Preheat oven to 425°F.

Dissolve yeast and sugar in warm milk for five minutes. In food processor, process all ingredients, including yeast mixture, until well blended. Or mix in a medium bowl on low speed with an electric mixer. The dough will be soft.

Place dough on a greased (not cooking spray) 12-inch nonstick pizza pan. Liberally sprinkle sorghum flour on dough; then press dough into a smooth layer with your hands, continuing to dust with flour to prevent sticking. Make the edges somewhat thicker to keep the toppings in place.

Bake pizza crust 10 to 12 minutes on the bottom rack. Remove from oven and add sauce and toppings. Bake on middle rack until top is nicely browned, about 15 to 20 minutes. Remove from oven and cut into 6 slices. Serve warm.

Sorghum Pizza Crust

## Sorghum Tabbouleh with Shrimp and Sherry Vinaigrette on Mixed Greens

Serves 6

To cook the sorghum:

- 1 cup uncooked whole grain sorghum (soaked overnight in water to cover)
- ¾ teaspoon sea salt, divided
- 3 cups water

Dressing:

- 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon sherry vinegar
- ½ teaspoon white pepper

Vegetables:

- ¼ cup shelled raw pumpkin seeds or pine nuts
- 1 English or hothouse cucumber, unpeeled and chopped
- 3 green onions, chopped
- 1 small red bell pepper, chopped, or 12 grape tomatoes, halved
- 1 small yellow bell pepper, chopped
- ½ cup cooked edamame
- ½ cup chopped seasonal fruit (figs, pears, apples, oranges, or dried cranberries)
- ½ cup chopped fresh parsley, plus extra for garnish
- ½ cup chopped fresh dillantro
- ¼ cup chopped fresh mint
- ¼ cup crumbled feta cheese or queso fresco

(optional)

- Mixed Greens
- 12 cooked large whole shrimp, peeled (or more to taste)

Drain soaked sorghum and discard water. In heavy medium saucepan, combine sorghum, ½ teaspoon salt, and 3 cups water. Bring to boil. Cover and reduce heat, simmering for 40 to 45 minutes. Transfer to strainer and drain well. Set aside.

Make dressing: In screw-top jar, shake lemon juice, oil, vinegar, remaining ¼ teaspoon sea salt and pepper until thoroughly blended and creamy. Set aside.

Toast pumpkin seeds in a skillet over medium heat, stirring constantly until lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Set aside.

In large bowl, combine sorghum and vegetables and toss to blend. Add dressing and toss until all ingredients are well coated. Let stand for 20 minutes before serving.

Arrange mixed greens on a large platter, top with tabbouleh, arrange shrimp on top, and serve, garnished with fresh parsley.





## Golfers gather for fun-filled outing

The Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors held a bowling benefit earlier this year, which went well and supported Warm Hearts and The ARC of Northwest Wayne. Thursday, Aug. 11, was more of a social time at WWOCAR's annual golf outing.

The event at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton drew 125 golfers, said Pauline Olszewski, staffer for the Farmington-based Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, which is merging with the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors.

"Beautiful" weather came for the social outing in Canton, which also has a charitable component. "It's held every August. They had a great time."

Visiting and relaxing were the purposes of the day.

"It's just for the Realtors to network between the affiliates and the others in the business," she said.

Golfers who registered were up around 30 from last year. "To me, it seems like it's getting a little bit better out there," Olszewski said.

By Julie Brown



Dave Cloutier, Sue Thorn, Kathy Coon and Mike Coon visit at the golf outing Aug. 11 at Fellows Creek Golf Course.



Rick Carter, Mark Elais, Rob Holton and Bill Law golfed Aug. 11 at the WWOCAR outing.



Jim Mariani, Dennis Myers, John Blake and Rebecca Mariani enjoy each other's company at the WWOCAR golf outing.

## Nod from FHA essential

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** I am on the Board of Directors of our condominium and the board claims that we do not have the money to seek FHA certification. How can I convince them otherwise?

**A:** Tell the board that they have a legal and fiduciary responsibility to seek to obtain FHA certification in order to allow co-owners to be able to market their units more successfully. With the difficulty in obtaining financing, FHA certification, which allows purchasers to get FHA insured mortgages, is indispensable and the board may have legal liability if it fails to seek to obtain FHA certification. When a condominium board says that the association doesn't have the money, what the board is really saying is it chooses not to increase assessments to raise sufficient funds!

**Q:** I have heard from some real estate experts that one should take much care, if not more, in checking out a condominium that is a single family home prior to purchase. What do you think about that?

**A:** That is generally the case because you are not only confronted with the issues concerning the purchase of real estate, but you also have the extensive condominium documents to review, as well as being responsible, perhaps, for a portion of the maintenance, repair, and/or replacement of the entire project. This concern goes double for small associations with less than a dozen units because it is unlikely that a small association can afford to hire a professional management company that will help protect its owner. The success or failure of the association will depend upon the few owners working closely together, a tricky proposition. It requires them to check and verify, just like you would do if you own a single family home. Even more dangerous is when a small association and the developer are in financial straits. There may not be adherence to keeping the strict formalities of the non-profit corporation or, for that matter, they may not have adequate insurance, among other things. That, of course, does not mean that a larger condominium association cannot share the same problems, but it is unlikely that the smaller Association will have legal counsel assisting it when, in fact, that is even more the reason for legal counsel to be involved, particularly if there is no professional management to in any way guide the board as to its responsibilities in regard to the management of the condominium.



Robert Meisner

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.

## Detached condos make for pleasant living

By Nancy Austin  
Seniors Real Estate Specialist

After my last column appeared regarding detached condos, several senior readers called me with additional information about some detached condos that I hadn't mentioned. Another called me about regarding co-ops. I had more than one



Nancy Austin  
Senior Living

person call expressing a desire for the Del Webb company to build in the Canton area. More on that after I do more research. Several comments have been made about how helpful and informative this column is to you. I'm so glad to hear it because the more information you have about senior living, the easier it is to make a decision, and that decision will be an informed one.

One reader called to let me know about the Briarbrook condos in Westland near Joy and Newburgh. These are detached condos with garages, but no basement. This small

complex isn't designated as a senior condo complex, but it is mostly seniors living there. It is just one street with the condos lining either side. I have been in these condos, as I have been in most, and they are a very nice floor plan. It is a small, quiet, pleasant setting.

Also brought to my attention were the senior co-ops, such as Colonial Acres and Colonial Village in South Lyon as well as Kings Mill in Northville and Holiday Park in Westland. All of these complexes are quite large numbering well over 400 units, some having one bedroom but most have two.

In purchasing a co-op you do not receive a deed. You receive a share of stock and voting rights in the cooperative. Each cooperative has a board of directors with advisory committees comprised of residents of the cooperative. Owners are permitted to claim mortgage interest and real estate homestead tax deductions.

With co-ops, you don't actually own the condo; rather, you own a share in the corporation. Financing, therefore, is somewhat different from financing a condo or a house. There are only certain lenders that will finance a co-op. In each case,

the prospective buyer must pay the current owner the equity they have in the condo and then you finance the rest. There is only one mortgage for the entire complex that encumbers the assets of the community. This is unlike a condo complex in that each condo owner gets their own separate mortgage, pays their own taxes and a separate maintenance fee.

In a co-op, the owner pays a monthly fee which includes everything except electricity, phone and cable. Mortgage interest and homestead taxes are allowed to be deducted on your personal income tax. For additional information on coops, you may contact the individual coop or I may have additional information available.

One kind of senior living that is a category unto its own is the apartment-style living quarters that you buy into. These are the Henry Ford Village units in Dearborn and Fox Run Village in Novi. To live here, you pay a substantial equity to the corporation prior to moving in and a monthly fee thereafter. You have your choice of floor plans, which of course depends on how much you can pay monthly

and how large a unit you desire.

Both Henry Ford Village and Fox Run are, for lack of a better term, huge. Fox run has several buildings and all are connected by lighted, heated walkways. There is even a shuttle bus you can take from one building to another. Social activities abound and are run mostly by the senior occupants. You never lack for something to do. The environment is quite pleasant, the grounds pleasing, the food is quite good and people living there seem to enjoy the amenities that both places offer. I would be willing to bet that the average age of residents is slightly lower than the "standard" retirement community. I have not researched that fact, but in my tour of Fox Run, it appeared to be so.

There are many choices. It's up to you to assess your wants and needs and make a decision.

Always feel free to call me with questions, and/or contribute information. Feel free to browse my website as well: [www.nancyaustin.com](http://www.nancyaustin.com).

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### HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 23-27, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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2393 Arcadia Dr \$62,000  
43327 Barchester Rd \$108,000  
7982 Brampton Dr \$266,000  
1588 Centennial Dr \$383,000  
44947 Forest Trail Dr

\$195,000  
6802 Fox Path \$225,000  
48814 Greenwich Cir \$260,000  
4741 Grove Ct \$74,000  
1592 Peninsula Ct \$175,000  
894 Roosevelt St \$200,000  
496 Sheffield Ct \$160,000  
4263 Sherwood Cir \$182,000  
4495 Sherwood Cir \$186,000  
47080 Woodlong Dr \$285,000  
**GARDEN CITY**  
31537 Pierce St \$40,000  
29664 Rosslyn Ave \$85,000  
614 Susan Ct \$70,000  
**LIVONIA**

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15161 Alexander St \$25,000  
14243 Barbara St \$131,000  
14275 Beatrice St \$106,000  
33002 Brookside Ct \$286,000  
36281 Dover St \$110,000  
14063 Harrison St \$115,000  
37607 Ladywood St \$195,000  
39025 Orangelawn St \$118,000  
11347 Sunset St \$115,000  
15457 Sunset St \$117,000  
14100 Susanna St \$126,000  
14219 Woodside St \$166,000  
**NORTHVILLE**  
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44725 Broadmoor Cir N \$464,000  
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47471 Manorwood Dr \$500,000  
49131 Rainbow Ln N \$300,000  
735 Randolph St \$93,000  
47390 W Main St \$210,000  
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17454 Willow Ridge Dr \$458,000  
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20566 Denby \$35,000  
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30839 Bennington St \$27,000  
1675 Elias St \$17,000  
8208 Huntington St \$20,000  
35070 Lewis St \$48,000  
29841 Lonnie Dr \$85,000  
8065 N Middlebelt Rd \$300,000  
730 Rahn St \$13,000  
8280 Vista Ln \$30,000

### HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

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988 Westchester Way \$565,000  
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22797 Shadownglan Dr \$220,000  
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21022 Chase Dr \$380,000  
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