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### Vet summit

Online registration is now open to attorneys and legal advocates for the two-day Veterans Summit 2011 scheduled for Sept. 14-15 and hosted by the Canton Community Foundation at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Attorneys and legal advocates who work with veterans to obtain benefits through Veterans Affairs may register online at [www.cantonfoundation.org](http://www.cantonfoundation.org).

The first day is for attorneys and legal advocates; the second day is devoted to providing information about benefits and programs available to veterans and their families. For the second consecutive year, the Canton Community Foundation has received a grant to sponsor the educational forum for veterans and legal advocates.

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The deadline for entries is midnight Oct. 1 and the winner will be drawn at random Oct. 2.

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## Departments come up with 'capital' idea

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

Dealing with an aging fleet of township vehicles and moving to a federally mandated radio frequency were the major issues, but putting together a plan that helps Canton Township move forward with its capital improvement ventures was the bigger goal of a presentation Tuesday to the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

Municipal Services Director Tim Faas presented a five-year capital improvement plan that,

for the first time, includes all of the township's major departments. The report identified a wide range of township needs, along with a plan to meet them.

"For the first time, we've created a cooperative program that includes all the departments," Faas said. "In the past, we'd budget individually and present it individually when we put together the budget. This year we decided we'd do it as a group. It shows the whole picture of what the needs are in the whole township over the next five years."

According to Faas, the capi-

tal improvement plan includes some \$132 million in expenditures over the five years. However, \$72 million of that would come out of the township budget; most of the remainder, Faas pointed out, is in state and county road projects.

Canton Supervisor Phil LaJoy said the plan is necessary to allow the community "to take an inventory of their needs" over a five-year period. He said it fits in well with the township's budgeting strategy, which this year will include a three-year plan.

"It doesn't necessarily mean

we'll be doing some of the things in there, but we're starting to take a look at what we're going to do long-term," LaJoy said. "We're trying to be proactive, begin to plan and put some money away for the bigger expenditures we're going to have. That will help us keep Canton moving forward."

### Big-ticket items

The biggest expense for Canton will be dealing with its aging vehicle fleet. The township has

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Rachel Greenshields comforts daughter Amber, who is entering kindergarten at Field. Rachel and husband Dan Greenshields also have a son in fifth grade, Zack, and 5-month-old daughter Addison.

## Back to the books Students head back to classrooms

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

The last time Denise Lilly was in an elementary school, she was a student.

So the veteran educator, who took over as the new principal at Field Elementary School, could be excused for feeling a few first-day jitters when she opened her new building for the first time Tuesday.

But Lilly, who for the last three years had been an assistant principal at Central Middle School, felt right at home as Field kids joined the district's other 19,000 students for the first day of school. It was the smallest school setting of her career for Lilly, who spent three years as an assistant principal at Mon-

roe High School before coming to Plymouth-Canton.

"I'm looking forward to it for a number of reasons," Lilly said of moving to an elementary school. "I've seen (education) from a wide spectrum. Being from a high school background, and then in middle school, you see exactly what the students need. Coming to an elementary school setting, I can put some things in place that I know they'll need as they move on to middle school and high school."

Lilly doesn't figure to have any problems making the adjustment, because she believes students at any level want and need the same thing — a sense of belonging.

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Crossing guard Doug Squires leads students and parents across Haggerty Road on their way to the first day at Field Elementary School.

## Deadline looms for vacancy on township board

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

With Friday's deadline looming, more than a half-dozen residents have applied for the vacancy on the Canton Township Board of Trustees created by the resignation of Todd Caccamo.

Caccamo, who served nearly seven years, resigned last month due to increased job responsibilities with GE Aviation. His departure prompted the first search to fill a vacancy since Supervisor Phil LaJoy, then a trustee, resigned in late 2002 after winning election to the state House 21st District seat.

LaJoy said Tuesday the township had received "seven or eight applications"

from residents hoping to fill the void. The appointee will fill the remainder of Caccamo's term, which expires late in 2012.

LaJoy's office has been accepting letters of interest and resumes from residents, the deadline for which is Friday, Sept. 9. Those letters, for any who wish to submit them at the last minute, should include a name, address, birthdate, political party affiliation and a statement that the applicant is a registered voter. Moreover, letters should include a statement indicating a reason for seeking Caccamo's post, along with a summary of involvement in organizations and activities that benefit the community.

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

The part-time elected job pays \$12,000 a year, but the board this year agreed to give back 5 percent to match employee concessions — a move officials have

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# Plymouth's 56th Fall Festival opens Friday



Volunteers get ready for the signature event of the Plymouth Festival, the Rotary Chicken Barbecue.

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

The 56th annual Plymouth Community Fall Festival, a chance for community groups and service clubs to raise money and publicize their projects, gets under way at noon Friday in downtown Plymouth.

Festival president Colleen Brown said the stage is set for a successful event "as long as the weather holds out."

"There isn't anything we can do about it, so we just hope," Brown said.

The festival, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, offers an arts and crafts sale, Friday evening bingo games, free entertainment on all three days, vendors' booths, carnival rides, the Plymouth Taste Fest (Friday at Station 885 in Old Village) and, of course, the Rotary Club of Plymouth's famous chicken barbecue at Kellogg Park, a longtime festival favorite, on Sunday.

Rotary Club members are gearing up to reach their goal of 10,500 chicken dinners prepared and sold in just one day.

According to event chairperson Kay Linville, the planning and preparation for the annual event begins as soon as the barbecue pits have closed the year before.

"We've been doing this a long, long time, but we learn something new every September — what continues to work, what to keep, what to change," Linville said. "It's how we maintain the traditions

## THE MAIN EVENT

**What:** Rotary Chicken Barbecue

**When:** Sunday, Sept. 11, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or until sold out

**Where:** The Gathering, Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth

**Why:** The event raises tens of thousands of dollars for local charities. "Our goal ... may be to sell 10,500 barbecued chicken dinners," said event chair Kay Linville, "but our larger goal is to make a lasting difference in the lives of as many people as possible."

**Cost:** Tickets \$10 beginning Friday, noon; \$12 at gate

and integrity of the event while keeping it fresh and fun from year to year."

What's new this year will be the 20 international Rotary exchange students from all over the world coming for their first time at the event. Each student will spend the coming school year with a Rotary sponsor family from the district, and is "sure to bring his or her own distinctive flavor to this quintessential all-American barbecue," Linville said.

With the barbecue and Taste Fest, Saturday's pancake breakfast at The Gathering, and Saturday's spaghetti dinner at Kellogg Park provide the event's other major dining opportunities.

For event details, visit the website [www.plymouthfallfestival.com](http://www.plymouthfallfestival.com).

Children will have an opportunity this year to build a birdhouse, at no charge, with kits provided by Home Depot. The kits will be available in Kellogg Park, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., both Saturday and Sunday (there is a limit of 200 each day).

Here is the entertain-

ment lineup for the festival weekend:

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 9

6-7 p.m., Synergy Dance Academy

8-11 p.m., Trilogy Band

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 10

9-11 a.m., Plymouth Optimist club pet show

11 a.m.-noon, PNA Centennial Dancers

12:30-1:30 p.m., to be announced

2-3 p.m., Salem Rockettes

3:30-4:30 p.m., Dance Beat and Forever After Productions

7-11 p.m., Shawn Riley Band

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 11

10 a.m. -1 p.m., Gia Warner and Bobby Lewis

1:30-2:30 p.m., Midwest Tae Kwan Do

3-4 p.m., O'Hare School of Irish Dance

4:30-6:00 p.m., The Kris Kurzawa Experience

Hours for this year's Fall Festival are noon to 11 p.m. Friday, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

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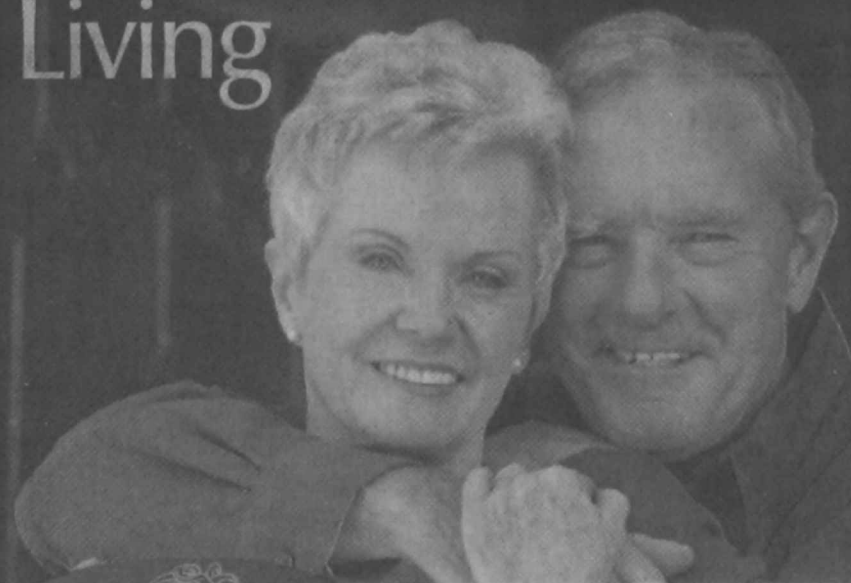
## CORRECTION

A story in Sunday's *Observer*, "District opens under new man-

agement," should have said Phil Freeman's new job is as Plymouth-Can-

ton's assistant superintendent for facilities-operations.

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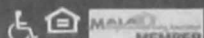
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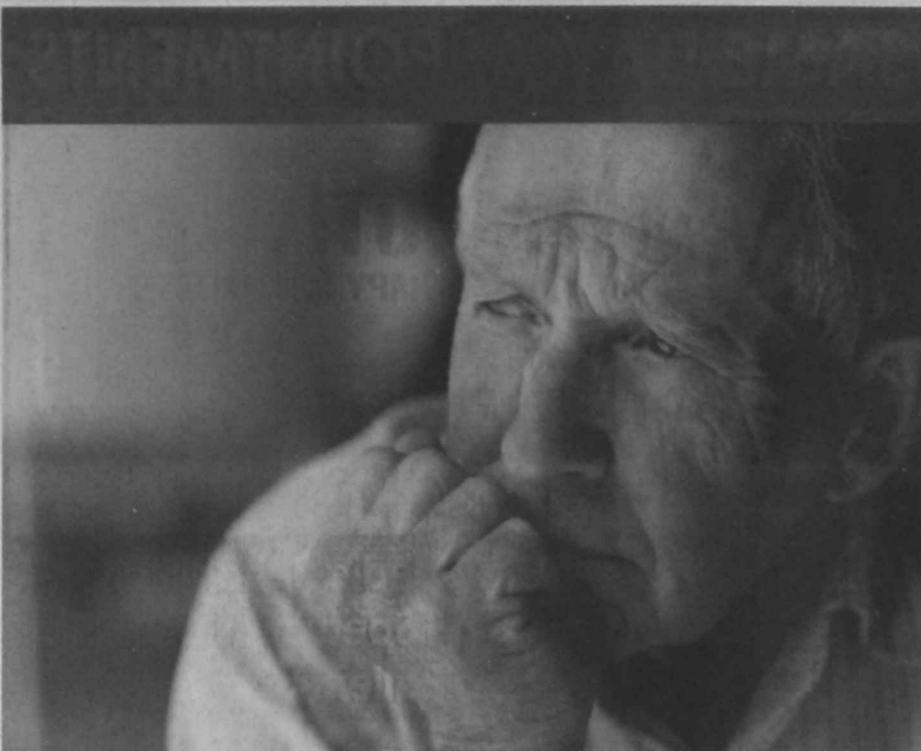
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# Observance marks 9/11 anniversary

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 hopes to draw together 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 gym-

nasium. 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.

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 continued 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."

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.

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## VACANCY

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said put the pay level at \$11,400.

"We've gotten some fine applicants," LaJoy said Tuesday. "We will do our due diligence, select those whom we wish to interview, and move from there."

LaJoy said the township board tentatively expects to interview finalists for the post during a 7 p.m. meeting Tuesday, Sept. 20. Applicants will likely be given time to make individual presentations before submitting to

questions from the board, LaJoy said.

The session will be open to the public.

LaJoy said he hopes the board can decide Caccamo's successor a week later, during a board meeting at 7 p.m. Sept. 27. The chosen applicant will likely be sworn in and begin duty at the township's first October meeting, currently scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11.

Observer staff writer Darrell Clem contributed to this report.

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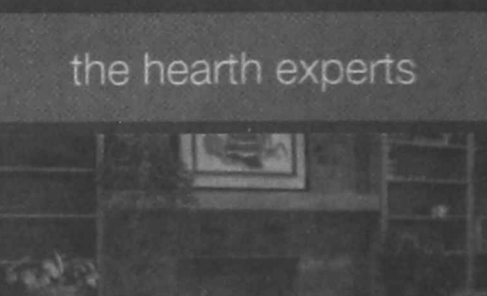
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**1** A Canton Police officer parked in the CVS parking lot at Haggerty and Palmer watched as a light green Ford Taurus blew through the flashing red traffic signal at that intersection, pulled out and stopped the driver.

When told of his transgression, according to police reports, the driver told the officer, "I thought I could go right through it."

While talking to the driver, the officer noticed a "strong odor of intoxicants." The officer asked the driver, whose driver's license identified him as being 20 years old, how much he'd had to drink, to which the driver replied, "Nothing," according to the report. The officer noted the driver's speech was slurred and he was sweating heavily. The driver initially refused to take the blood test, for



which he was arrested. After finding out he could avoid a \$200 fine for not taking the test, the driver relented and tested out at .067.

During an inventory search prior to having the Taurus towed, the officer noticed a small bag-

gie containing suspected marijuana fall out of a jacket. Upon further inspection of the jacket, the officer found another baggie containing nine individually wrapped "dime" bags, according to the report.

The driver was then

arrested on possession of marijuana with intent to distribute.

**Indecent exposure**

**2** Someone reported seeing a man fondling himself while sitting in his car at the Shell gas station at Haggerty and Ford roads in Canton.

The witness said the suspect was "in the act" and using a condom. He told police he did not get a good look at the suspect's face, but did get the license number of the man's car.

Police identified the owner of the car, who told them his son was the primary driver. Police questioned the 18-year-old driver, who declined to give a statement.

**Let the dog out**

**3** A couple reported to police they believed

someone had entered their apartment while they were out.

The couple told police they'd left the apartment around 5 p.m. Sept. 3, and when they returned around 2:30 a.m. they found their dog running loose in the apartment. The residents told police their dog is "always caged," and indeed both locks on the cage were locked. While acknowledging the dog could have bumped his way out of the cage, they were at a loss to explain how else the locks could have been re-locked.

The couple also told police the television was on when they got home, though they remembered it being off when they'd left.

There was no sign of forced entry, and nothing appeared to be missing from the apartment.

**Bag stolen**

**4** A Canton resident told police she'd been swimming with her sister and her children at the community pool on Hanford. After swimming, she and the kids changed clothes. The woman put the wet clothing in a black bag, then stored the bag in her bike carrier.

Some 20 minutes after rounding up the kids and leaving, the woman noticed the bag was missing. She went back to the pool and found the bag had been tossed in a tree, and the clothes strewn about. However, a camera and a key fob were missing from the bag.

The woman told police she didn't see anyone take the bag and had no idea who might have done it.

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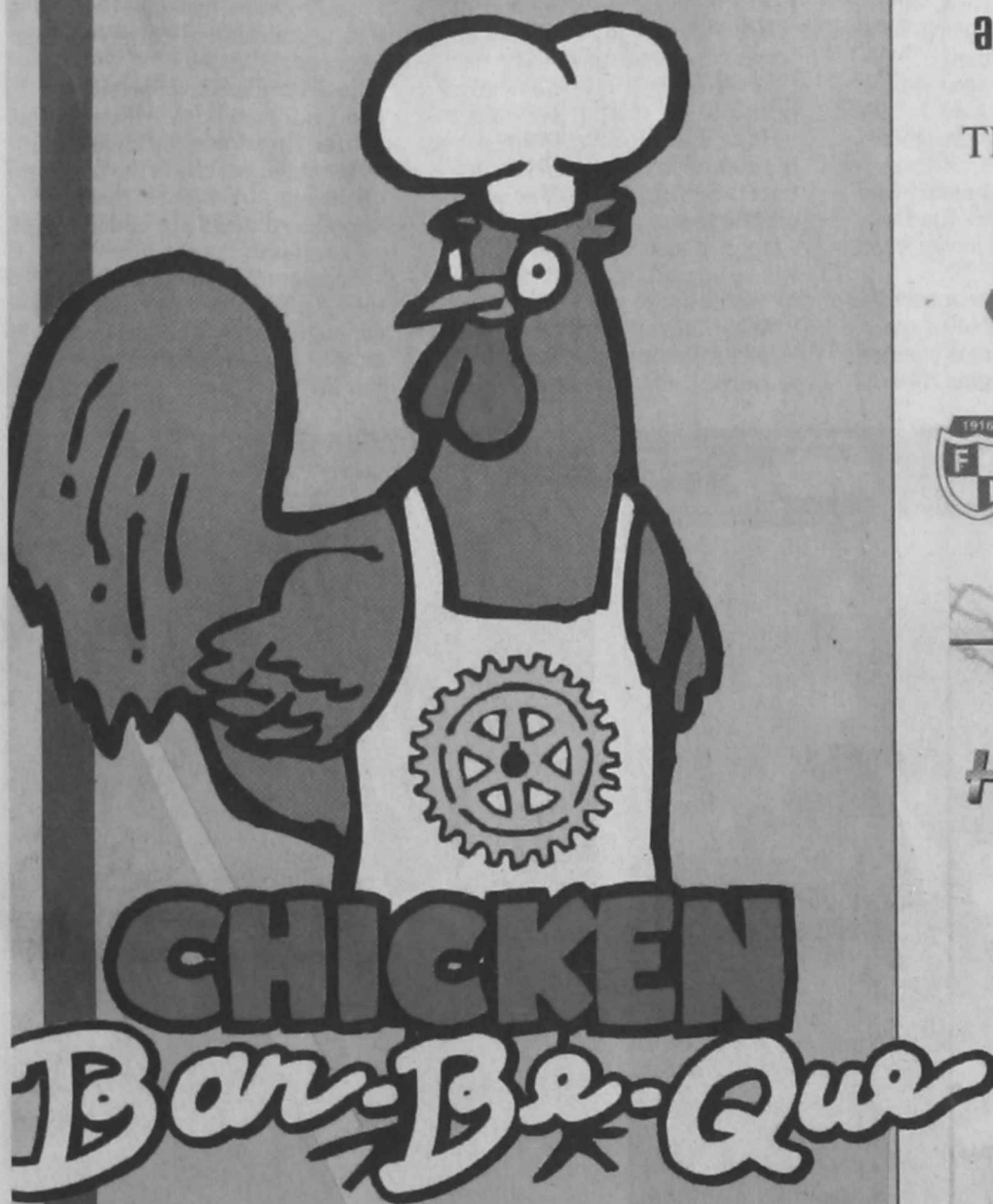
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# Summer fades, school starts

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

Sophie Bartarian had a pretty good end to her summer. The Plymouth fifth-grader just got back from Costa Rica, where she spent a week hiking, zip-lining and white-water rafting. "It was awesome!" she said.

But Tuesday it was back to school for Bartarian and her classmates at East Middle School, as it was for the district's 19,000 students who traded in their summer fun for books, schedules and locker combinations.

It was the same for teachers and administrators, many of whom found themselves in new positions as the school year begins. The dis-

trict has five new principals and a host of other new administrators getting used to new assignments. One of them is Troy Reehl, whose position as a third-fourth-fifth-grade building principal was eliminated by Comstock Park school officials struggling with budget issues, made the move from the Grand Rapids area and landed as principal at Farrand Elementary.

He said he's looking to learn from the administrative team in a district the size of Plymouth-Canton. He had previously worked in a larger district (West Ottawa), where he said the larger team put its resources to good use.

"What I found working in those large groups and having those resources, you were able to get a

lot done that really impacted student achievement and student learning," Reehl said. "Plymouth-Canton being a large district I thought it would be a great opportunity to get to know the community and to bring the experiences I've had, and be able to learn from this administrative team."

East Middle School principal Scott Burek, who took over for the retired Amy Potts during the 2010-2011 school year, said the biggest challenge, obviously, is making sure the students are taken care of.

"You have to make sure the schedules are right, make sure they got the schedules they wanted," said Burke, who had been principal at Wayne-Westland's Stevenson Middle School. "It's exciting."



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It's the first day of school at East Middle School and the floors are shiny, at least for a few weeks.



New Farrand Elementary School Principal Troy Reehl greets his new students. Reehl came to Plymouth-Canton from Comstock Park.

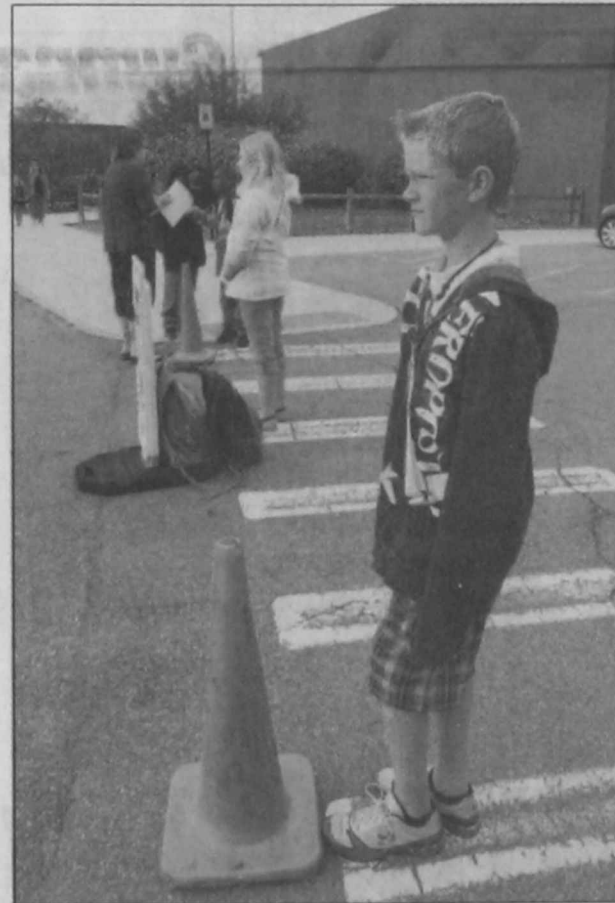


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Sixth-grade English teacher Cathy Skutch carries a few chairs to her class after finding that two classroom chairs needed replacement.

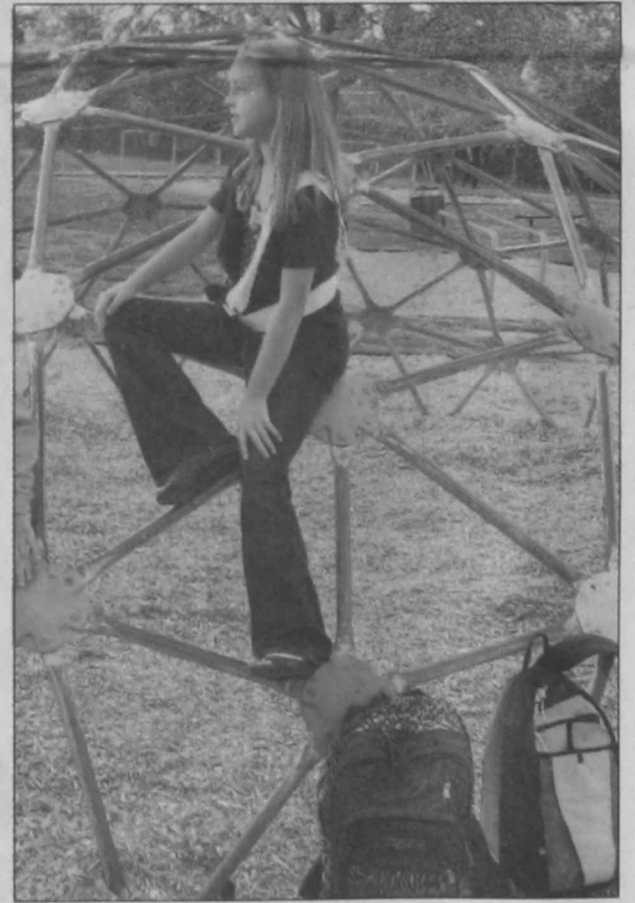


Fifth-graders Jacob Toy, Madison Servey and Claire Delaney help raise the flag at the start of the school day at Farrand Elementary.



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Safety Patrol Alex Heyde and Riley Helms are at their posts for the first day of school. They are in fifth grade.



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Safety Patrol Kylee Mora keeps an eye on the school yard at Field.

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**Bryan Harman**  
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"I went four-wheeling up north."

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"Nothing. I had a really boring summer."

**Irene Shao**  
Canton



"We went to Costa Rica last week. We went hiking, zip-lining, white water rafting."

**Sophie Bartarian**  
Plymouth



**CAPITAL**

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170 on-street vehicles (including police, fire and public works vehicles). Of those, 73 currently meet the township's criteria (mileage, age, appearance and maintenance cost) for replacement.

However, Faas said, replacing those vehicles has been deferred due to budgetary constraints, some as far back as 2006. Unless some of the services for which the vehicles are used are going away — and in Canton they're not — the time eventually comes, he said, when those issues must be dealt with.

"It's OK to defer, but you have to manage them and eventually they have to be replaced," Faas said. "The condition of the fleet will continue to degrade, and maintenance and operating costs go up. That's what we're trying to avoid."

Faas said the township will consider a couple of ways to pay for revamping the fleet. In 2013, he said, the township could issue some municipal bonds, or it could seek a vehicle loan for the deferred replacements. All of the replacements wouldn't come in 2013; instead, Faas pointed out, they'd replace vehicles between 2013 and 2017.

"Otherwise, you're never going to be caught up," he said. "Trusting that the community still wants all of these services, you have to do the work."

**Federal impact**

The other big-ticket item comes courtesy the federal government, which Faas said has mandated municipalities — many of which (like Canton) use smaller, VHF-type radios — switch to an 800-megahertz radio system. All departments (police, fire, building department, public works) will be required to change to 800 MHz by 2013.

"There are limited frequencies available, so they're taking this broader band of spectrums and narrowing them," Faas said. "The ranges they're squeezing out are the ranges we typically operate on."

The cost to Canton is substantial. To switch the Public Safety Department over will cost \$1.5 million, and it'll cost another \$185,000 to switch municipal services and the parks.

While the cost is significant, the requirement does have one advantage, according to Faas: It will make communication between communities and agencies, particularly during disasters, much easier.

"If there is an advantage, 800 MHz is a frequency the Michigan State Police and other agencies use routinely, so most communities will be operating on it," Faas said. "We can talk to the state, we can talk to other communities."

Following Tuesday's presentation to the board, Faas said, the capital improvement plan must be sent to the township's Planning Commission. Faas said he expects that to happen in October or November. It should be back to the full board by December for approval.

"We're using this as a planning tool," Faas said. "We're hoping to bring it back to the board concurrent with our work on the budget for approval by the end of the year."

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# Fife & Drum opens fund with Canton foundation

The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps has opened an endowment fund with the Canton Community Foundation to create a planned giving program for the 40-year-old organization.

The Friends of the Plymouth Fife & Drum, the alumni association for the PFDC, announced the creation of the new fund at the organization's 40th reunion Aug. 13.

"This will help secure the future of the Corps," said Marsha Sutfin, Friends co-chair. "This is just what we needed and I have received very positive feedback."

Creation of the endowment is a positive move for the two organizations as it broadens both groups' exposure with potential donors and the public, said Joan Noricks, CCF president.

Through the Canton foundation, the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps will receive an annual distribution from the interest on the endowment to use for its purposes. The PFDC will be strengthened financially by investing its money and receiving a greater return than if the organization invested on its own, Noricks said.

Distributions will help PFDC with its expenses in the areas of education, transportation and equipment costs, Sutfin said.

PFDC donors will receive tax breaks because the organi-



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The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps, here marching in the Northville Fourth of July parade, has opened an endowment fund with the Canton Community Foundation to create a planned giving program.

zation's endowment is placed with a certified community foundation. Donors are eligible for a state tax credit until Dec. 31, 2011. On Jan. 1, 2012, the state tax credit will be eliminated, however, federal tax deductions for contributions will continue to be available, Noricks said.

The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps, started in 1971 and founded by Mark and Car-

ol Petty, was the first all-youth Corps in Michigan. The Corps includes 40-50 players aged 12-18 from Plymouth and surrounding communities. Instruments played are snare and bass drums, 10 holed wooden fifes and the guard carry replica swords and muskets.

Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps members preserve the historic arts of the color guard, fife and drumming that was

used during military battles to send commands to soldiers. They also travel to Revolutionary War sites to play, as well as parades, cultural events, historic and patriotic celebrations and other civic events. The music ranges from the 17th to 20th century, with an emphasis on Revolutionary War music.

"There is such a commitment from these students to be in the PFDC. You become like fami-

ly," Sutfin said.

The foundation's quarterly Lunch & Learn educational programs for area nonprofit organizations served as a catalyst for the Friends' new endowment. The organization also worked with Michigan State University Professor Joe Wald and his graduate philanthropy students, who provided the PFDC and a number of other nonprofits with practical fundraising plans. The students recommended a long-term planned giving program for the organization.

"They had good ideas. Some we already had, but we didn't know how to do it," said Sutfin earlier this year following receipt of the graduate students' plans. "They narrowed us to three or four top needs and developed a process to address the needs."

The decision to establish an endowment for the PFDC came out of long conversations with other PFDC members and Friends' co-chair and past president of the PFDC, Al Johnson. "We really talked a lot about it. But we didn't know how to start it," Johnson said.

It was perfect timing when the foundation's Lunch & Learn program earlier this year focused on planned giving and the need to develop a financial plan. "It is so exciting to help other organizations," Noricks said. "This is an example of why we exist."

## Barefoot brings 'Escanaba' to Plymouth

"Hallo. Welcome to da friendliest deer camp in da whole U.P."

Barefoot Productions and the Hartland Players' Main Stage Theater invite theatergoers to see an encore performance of Jeff Daniels' "Escanaba" for one weekend only.

The production is a special fund-raising event, designed to help keep the doors open, and the performances coming, at Barefoot Productions, Plymouth's only live theatre company.

"Escanaba" takes viewers back in time to when Alphonse Soady (Tim Arrick) first builds the "world famous Soady deer camp." Alphonse is as green to the deer camp as the wood he used to build it, but when a black bear chases James Nagamane from Menominee (Bill Brezina) into the camp, Alphonse's "man o' da woods" education

really begins.

Both of them get a little unexpected help from the spirit of a Civil War runaway slave named Black Jack (Deacon Acrie) and the Great Soady Ridge Buck.

"The show is funny, poignant and insightful as each person reveals their deeper character while discovering the true purpose of the Soady deer camp," said Craig Hane, Barefoot's founder and director.

Performances are 8 p.m. Sept. 16-17, and again at 2 p.m. Sept. 18, at the Barefoot Productions Theater. The theater is located in the former Walker-Buzenberg furniture store at 240 N. Main St. in Plymouth.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the door or by calling (734) 560-1493. Get more information about the show or order tickets on-line at [www.just-gobarefoot.com](http://www.just-gobarefoot.com).

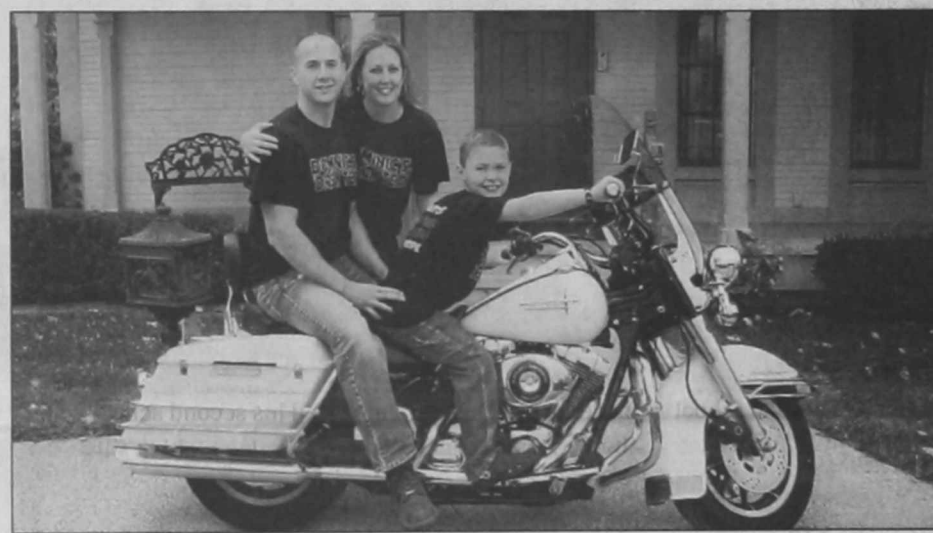
## Son's diabetes battle moves couple to create fundraiser to help others

Livonians Jim and Kelly Green will never forget those scary days when their 3-year-old son Dominic fell ill and had to spend several days in the hospital.

Doctors diagnosed Dominic with Type One Diabetes, an autoimmune disease that struck him suddenly and has no cure. The youngster needed several days in the hospital for treatments to lower his dangerously elevated blood glucose level.

"He had an unquenchable thirst and he was starting to lose weight after a couple weeks," said Jim Green, a 17-year veteran of the Livonia Police Department. "There was a lot of uncertainty during those days."

Dominic, who turns 8 in October, is trying to live a normal life as a second-grader, but he will be dependent on insulin for the rest of his life. For every minute of every day, he wears an insulin pump to keep him alive. His finger is poked six times a day for a blood-sugar check. He needs multiple doses of insulin each day - either by his insulin pump or injection. And anyone who cares



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL KINNEY

Jim and Kelly Green and their son Dominic, who turns 8 in October, have created Dominic's Dream Ride, a motorcycle poker run and barbecue on Saturday, Sept. 17, to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.



Dominic

for Dominic must know how to handle these tests and injections, along with other diabetic needs. With the thousands of finger pokes and shots he has taken already in his short life, "it is a constant challenge to maintain correct glucose levels for him and is over-

whelming for anyone - let alone a child," Jim Green said.

Dominic's Dream Ride will be a motorcycle poker run and barbecue on Saturday, Sept. 17. The community fundraiser to support the JDRF is sponsored by Motor City Harley-Davidson and the Superior Township Warthogs.

Registration for the motorcycle poker run begins at 10 a.m. at Motor City Harley Davidson, 34900 Grand River, in Farmington Hills. A minimum donation of \$20 is requested. The last bike will leave no later than

noon. The ride will end and the barbecue will begin at Merriman Hollow, a Hines Park picnic area at the corner of Merriman Road and Hines Drive.

For those not riding, but want to visit the barbecue, the gathering at Merriman Hollow will begin at 4 p.m. when food and refreshments will be served. Prizes will be raffled and auctioned beginning at 5 p.m. For more information, call Jim or Kelly Green at (734) 432-2610.

For those who cannot participate in the Sept. 17 event, but wish to make a tax-deductible donation to the cause, they can visit [www.jdrf.org](http://www.jdrf.org), and click on donate at the top of the page, then select the green sneaker to donate to Dominic's Dream Team, or donations can be made out to JDRF and mailed to: Dominic's Dream Team, c/o Superior Township Warthogs, 37637 Five Mile Road No. 124, Livonia, MI 48154.

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Field Elementary Principal Denise Lilly speaks with third-grader Robert Helms and his mom, Chris Helms, on her first day on the job Tuesday.

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## SCHOOL

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"The kids are younger, so their needs are a little different, their emotions are a little different," Lilly said. "But they all want to be cared for, they want to be valued and they want to be respected."

Two of those students are coming from the Greenshields family of Canton, who completed an eventful summer when they dropped two of their three children off at Field Tuesday morning.

Rachel and Don Greenshields dropped off their son, Zach, entering his final year at the school. Daughter Amber clung to mom's leg before finally heading into her kindergarten classroom. And 5-month-old Addison just observed everything happily from her stroller.

It was a bittersweet occasion for Rachel Greenshields.

"It's hard, because it's my first girl that I'm leaving," Rachel said. "It's exciting, but it's sort of sad, too, at the same time."

The state's third-largest district started the school year with more than a dozen new administrators, including five new elementary school principals and one — Scott Burek at East Middle School — who got started late last year.

It was a day of making sure schedules were straight, being certain students had the classes they wanted and generally getting off to a fresh start.



Anthony Moore Jr. enters first grade this year. He gets a few words of advice and encouragement from his dad, Anthony Moore, on the first day of school Tuesday.

"It's exciting," said Burek, who came to Plymouth-Canton after more than eight years in the Wayne-Westland district. "Every kid gets a new chance in new classes, and it's the same for teachers. Everyone gets a fresh start."

It will also mean a fresh batch of stories for Doug Squires of Plymouth, who was on duty as a volunteer crossing guard, ferrying students and their parents across Haggerty in front of Field Elementary.

Squires, a retired engineer with Superior Industries in Southfield, started his second school year Tuesday making sure the students get safely to school.

"I like talking to the kids and the parents," Squires said. "You hear so many stories from the kids about what they're going to do that day, or what they did over the weekend."

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# Canton: Residents should prepare for disasters

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Following a season that brought a devastating tornado to Joplin, Mo., an earthquake that rattled the East Coast and a deadly hurricane that caused widespread flooding in places as far north as Vermont, Canton officials have issued a call for residents to become more prepared for disasters.

Though far less devastating than disasters elsewhere, Canton hasn't been immune to Mother Nature's force after twice this year sustaining torrential rains that could be expected to happen every 100 years — rains that flooded major intersections, soaked basements and stranded motorists.

Moreover, not all disasters, such as terrorist attacks, are environmental or weather-related.

With that as a backdrop, Canton has issued a call to residents to become more prepared for disasters and emergencies by attending a community preparedness workshop 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, at Summit on the

Park, northwest of the Palmer-Canton Center intersection.

The program comes as September — a month that has been no stranger to disasters — marks National Preparedness Month.

Kathy Rich, Canton's emergency management planner, said the two-hour program is free of charge and designed to train community residents to respond to emergencies by:

- Identifying regional threats affecting them, their families and their community.

- Becoming better prepared to survive for 72 hours during a disaster without assistance from first responders.

- Understanding how to "shelter in place" and when to evacuate.

- Identifying local, regional and national emergency management and response organizations — and learning how to get involved in community preparedness.

Rich has asked anyone planning to attend the program to register by e-mailing Canton's

Emergency Management Office at krich@cantonmi.org or by calling (734) 394-5357.

"While you may think you have everything you need in the event of an emergency on hand, you might not be as prepared as you think," Rich said in a statement. "You are your family's first responder, so you need to proactively prepare for emergencies."

Disaster officials note that preparedness goes beyond fire alarms, smoke detectors, dead-bolt locks and extra food in the pantry.

A so-called Ready Campaign also has pointed out the importance of getting an emergency supply kit, developing a family emergency plan, being informed about various emergencies and the appropriate responses, and getting involved in community preparation efforts.

Certain websites also may be of help, including www.ready.gov and www.cantonpublicsafety.org.

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## Workout challenge benefits soldier

Christopher Ochs of Flat Rock, serving in the U.S. Army in Afghanistan, was paralyzed from the waist down in an explosion just nine days after he hit the ground.

Home now, Ochs needs to have his home remodeled to accommodate his needs, and the folks at Plymouth Crossfit in Canton want to help.

Plymouth Crossfit is sponsoring the 09.11 Memorial Challenge and fundraiser 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, to help remodel Ochs' home, built in 1920 and the victim of a recent flood which destroyed his furniture.

The event will feature five "workouts of the day" in three divisions,

with 75 slots per division. Cost is \$45 to compete, and all proceeds will go to Christopher Ochs.

Plymouth Crossfit is located at 7707 Ronda Drive in Canton. Register on-line at www.PlymouthCrossfit.com and contact Matt Adamcheck at Plymouth.crossfit@gmail.com or call (734) 674-2132.

## Police urge caution around schools

With school back in session this week, "Drive Safely" is the message Canton Public Safety would like to get out to motorists in Canton.

Canton police officers from the department's Special Enforcement Unit will be focusing on traffic laws pertaining to school buses, school crosswalks and reduced speed limits in school zones throughout the community.

When approaching school crosswalks, vehicles are required to stop as soon as a crossing guard steps onto the roadway.

As for the flashing lights on school buses, drivers are required to stop regardless of the number of lanes on the roadway. Failure to stop for school bus lights can result in a \$225 fine, and 3 points on your driving record.

Police officers will also

concentrate efforts on and around the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park campus.

Police officers enforcing traffic laws in school zones throughout Canton will take a zero tolerance approach to dangerous driving behaviors.

Anyone who would like to report an on-going violation at a specific bus stop or crosswalk, can contact the police department at (734) 394-5400.

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

**Axis:** Community demand for high quality music instruction from professional level musicians.

**Observer:** Why did you choose Canton?

**Axis:** Canton is constantly growing and thriving and truly embodies the feeling of community.

**Observer:** What makes your business unique?

**Axis:** We customize curriculum to the needs and wants of our students and offer ample opportunity for them to perform the music they have learned at venues and events like The Hard Rock Café, Canton Liberty Fest, Ann Arbor Art Fair, etc.

**Observer:** How has it changed since it opened?

**Axis:** We have added more group classes like Guitar 101 & 201, Real Guitar Heroes, Rock Band Class, Axis Glee Club and Music Discovery as well as tech classes that teach such things as Pro Tools, Apple's Log-

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

**Axis:** We prepare our students for performance and to see their excitement after they play an event like our Student Showcase at the Hard Rock Café is very gratifying. We love what we do and that's what makes Axis great!

**Observer:** How has the recent economy affected your business?

**Axis:** Things like

music transcend economic strain. Our students love music and their families have figured out how to keep their lessons and music alive through rough financial waters so I would say the economy has affected us very little with the exception of slight tweaks to our lesson programs.

**Observer:** Any advice for other business owners?

**Axis:** Provide great service and quality experiences for your clients and they will thank you with their loyalty.

**Observer:** What's in store for the future of your business?

**Axis:** More group lesson curriculums coming soon and definitely more performances for our students. More Rock Bands forming through our Rock Band class programs and our Fall Student Showcase at The Hard Rock Café in November.

## Tech tips to stay connected

By Jon Gunnells  
Guest Columnist

Each week this space is devoted to teaching you about the Internet, social space, new tech products, phone plans and more. And each week there seems to be some emerging technology that requires us to revisit what has already been discussed.

Here are a number of tech updates that will help keep you in the loop on everything from computer theft management programs to smartphones.

**iPhone:** The new iPhone 5 will be hitting Verizon and AT&T stores soon but it will now also be available on the Sprint network. Sprint has scheduled a press release for Oct. 7, so if you are a Sprint customer or need to get away from another carrier, stay tuned.

**Computer Safety:** Afraid someone may steal your personal laptop, work laptop or cell phone? A free, open-source application called "Prey" has been talked about a lot on the net lately after a IT specialist used the program to recover a computer that was stolen from his home. Prey works with Windows, Macintosh, Linux, Ubuntu and Android operating systems and is easy to install. With Prey, users can activate the webcam and other features of their computer if it falls into the right hands. Screen shots and photos can be sent to your e-mail address to help you and authorities track down the thief.

**Fantasy Football Resources and Appli-**



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

cations: Football season has arrived and if you want to achieve bragging rights in your league, you need to have access to breaking news before your opponents. Make sure to follow NFL reporters and fantasy football sites on Twitter (I recommend following @adamscheffter @matthewberrytmr, @espnfantasy to name a few). Not on Twitter? You can always set up an RSS feed to pull in your favorite sports stories. For more information on setting up an RSS feed visit [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/rss](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/rss)

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**Blogging and Photo Sharing:** If you are a Blogger or Picasa user you may have seen some changes on your web platforms. Google recently changed the name of Blogger to Google Blogs and Picasa to Google Photos.

**Google+:** Want to get a vanity URL on Google+ like you have on Twitter? Visit [gplus.to](http://gplus.to) and get started. Just be sure to choose your name wisely, once you create a vanity URL you cannot change it

back. A few months ago I made my vanity URL my Twitter handle instead of my name and I'm one of the only folks doing that.

**Facebook Deals:** Score one in the win column for DealChicken, GroupOn and other daily deal sites. Facebook recently announced they are ending their Facebook deals test.

**Facebook photos:** A fresh version of Facebook photos has been rolled out with larger images and faster loading speeds.

**Twitter:** Twitter has also changed their photo service. Want to upload a picture? Click the camera button under the status bar. Want to add a location to your Tweets? Click the compass under the status bar.

**Tablets:** Did you catch the news about the HP Touchpad? In August HP lowered the price of its touchscreen unit to \$99. Touchpad's sold out just about everywhere, but if you are lucky you may still be able to score a deal online maybe through eBay, Craigslist or Amazon.com.

Do you have any tech tips that you would like to share? Or do you want answers to a burning tech question? Let me know.

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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.

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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.

### On the move

Strategic Partners, Inc. of Canton, announced that Judy Wernette is now a partner in the firm.

Wernette has more than 25 years' experience in resource development work and has been with Strategic Partners since 2007 as a project manager and most recently as a Fundraising Systems and Annual Fund Consultant. She



Wernette

will also add to that role the responsibilities of Director of Operations and Client Service Management.

Judy has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Siena Heights University, is secretary of the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. and resides in Saline with her family.

### 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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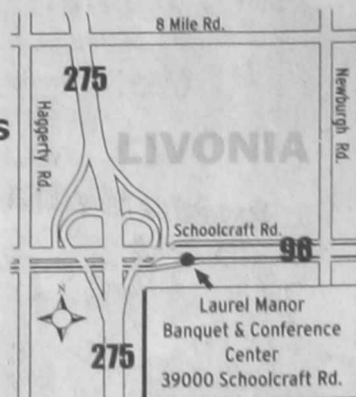
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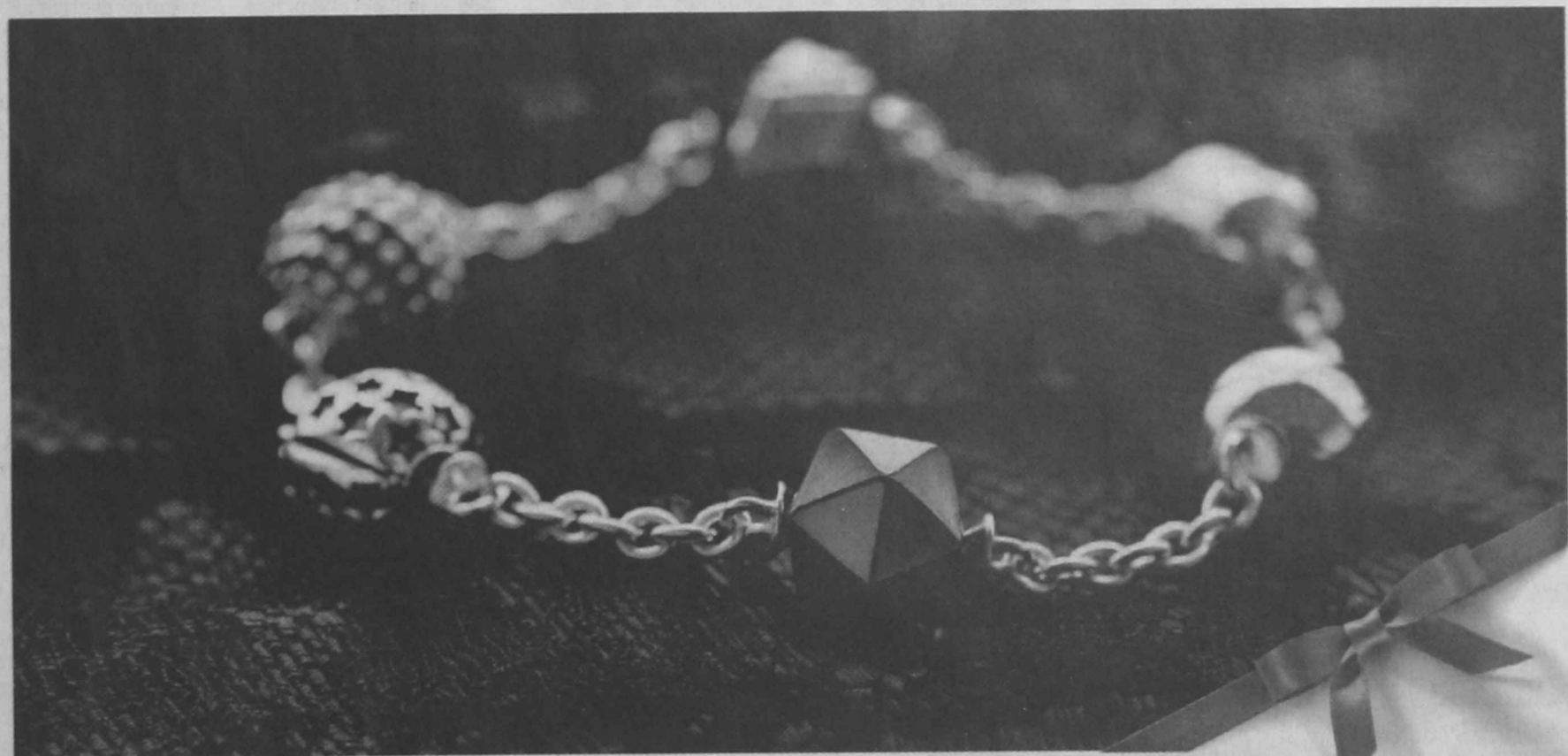


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# Check into a Roth IRA before the end of the year

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

It's hard to believe that the unofficial end of summer, Labor Day, has come and gone. Summer used to be a time where things slowed down, but that is no longer the case. Summer is no different than any other time of the year — it's business as usual. However, the end of summer also means that we're getting closer to the end of the year. It's not too early to start writing a list of things that you need to consider before year's

end. I believe people (every year) need to consider whether or not they will do a Roth IRA conversion. Converting traditional IRAs into Roth IRAs allows you to have money grow tax-free vs. tax-deferred. In addition, money in a Roth IRA is not subject to minimum required distribution at

the age of 70½. For many people, converting provides a great planning opportunity.

Always keep in mind that converting is not for everyone. Following are the rules I suggest to help determine whether you should convert.

The first requirement is you must have the money to pay the tax liability without touching any of the money that you are converting. When you convert a traditional IRA into a Roth IRA, you have to pay taxes on the money converted. For example, if you convert \$10,000 of a traditional IRA into a Roth IRA, that money is subject to ordinary income tax.

The second requirement is to make sure that converting the mon-

ey won't place you into a higher tax bracket. This requires some number crunching. Use last year's return as a guide to making that determination.

The third requirement is that you are able to leave the money in the Roth IRA long term, generally at least seven years. If you meet the three requirements, a Roth conversion would probably make sense. Keep in mind that a Roth conversion must be completed before the end of the year, so don't wait.

Another issue that applies to seniors is charitable contributions with regards to minimum required distributions. Once you turn 70½, the law says you must begin taking dis-

tributions from your retirement account. However, people who are charitable in nature can donate their minimum required distribution. There is a great benefit to donating your minimum required distribution because that money does not show up on your tax return. Particularly for seniors who make charitable contributions and do not itemize their deductions, donating the minimum required distribution can be a significant tax savings.

To donate your minimum required distribution and get the tax benefits, your IRA custodian must transfer the money directly from your retirement account to the charity. If it comes to you and you donate it, the same tax benefits don't apply.

Also, you don't have to donate to just one charity and you don't have to donate your entire minimum required distribu-

tion. However, it is something that seniors need to consider.

One last note, for those with flexible spending plans. It's a great time to look at your account and make sure you do what is necessary to use the money so you don't lose it.

It's still summer, the weather is great and it's hard to think about year end. However, we all know how fast time goes and before you know it, the year will end and it may be too late to take advantage of some opportunities. Therefore, while there's still plenty of time, spend a few minutes and at least plan for some of the things you need to do before the end of the year. Good luck!

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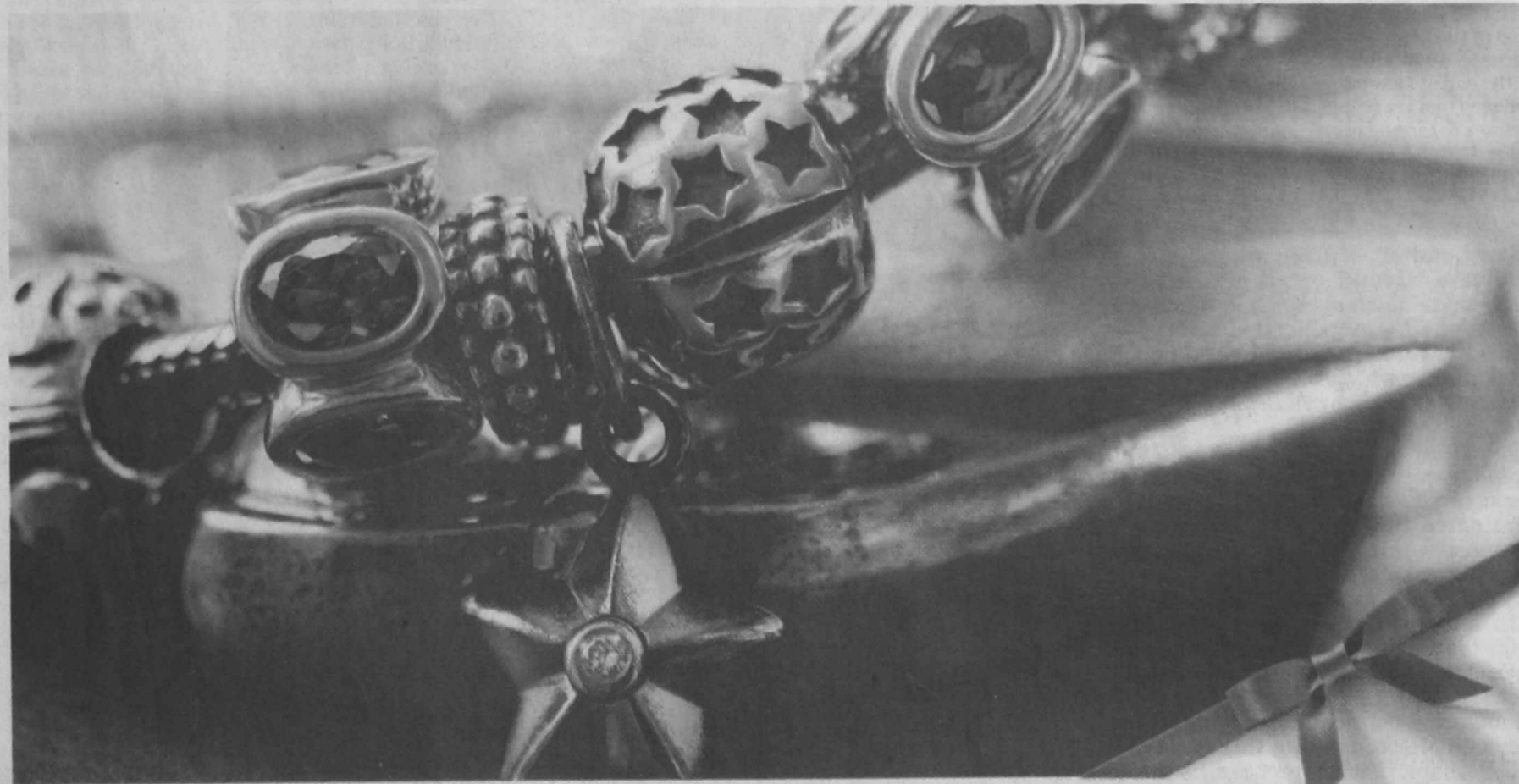
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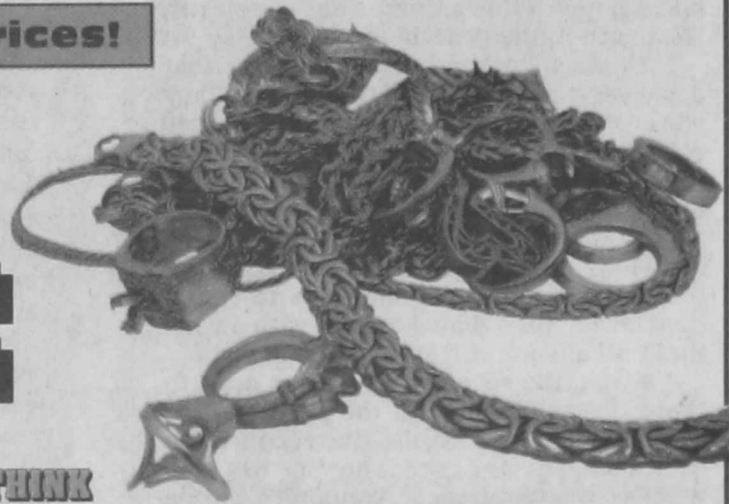
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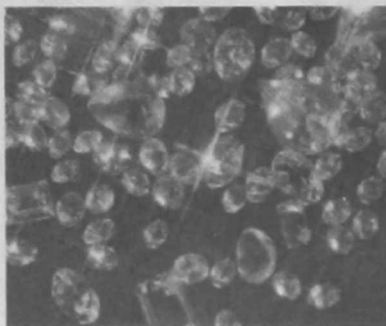
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## OUR VIEWS

# Time better spent

## Recall efforts waste taxpayer time, money

Stu Sandler, a Republican attorney leading a wave of recall efforts against Democratic lawmakers, said members of the Wayne County Election Commission should "avoid a political argument" in determining whether language submitted to recall state Rep. Dian Slavens passed muster.

Sandler wants Slavens, a Canton Democrat, and other Dems recalled because she voted against the bill that eliminated the Michigan Business Tax. Commission members, in discounting the recall language, said that's not what the bill did. They said it replaced the MBT with a 6-percent, prompting Sandler to make his "political argument" comment.

We find that posture disingenuous, at best.

Imagine a political consultant accusing someone else of making this issue political. Perhaps if it weren't political, there would be a less ominous explanation about why the commission approved remarkably similar language that would recall state

**Slavens, an incumbent, won re-election after beating back a very strong challenge from a Tea Party candidate when the Tea Party was enjoying remarkable success. Colbeck, a Canton Republican and one of the Tea Party victors, won a primary that had bigger names, then beat a veteran Democrat in the general election.**

Sen. Patrick Colbeck, targeted because he supported legislation allowing state officials to appoint emergency financial managers for communities or school districts deemed to be in deep financial trouble.

Here's the thing: The targets of the recall are elected officials. The members of the commission are all elected officials. The people doing the targeting supported elected officials, although clearly not the

ones they're aiming at. Of course it's political.

Slavens called the recall effort "a distraction." Colbeck wouldn't even go that far, refusing to get caught up in it.

For our money, these recalls are not only a waste of taxpayer time, money and effort, they disrespect the system by which our leaders are chosen.

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They were chosen by an electorate that deserves the benefit of the doubt. They were elected to go and represent their constituents to the best of their ability. And we believe — agree or disagree with their politics — they're doing exactly that.

They were sent to Lansing to make these decisions, to vote on bills and represent their district. If someone tries to recall them every time they disagree with a vote, that's all anyone will spend time doing.

It's true, the recall is an option open to those disenchanted with the performance of their elected officials. But recall them over a single vote? Is that how, or why, the process was developed? Wouldn't time be better spent finding candidates to win in 2012?

Certainly, the recall is an option that is within the letter of the law governing the process.

But is it in the spirit?

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### Where were you and what were you doing when the 9/11 terrorist attacks happened?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I'm a high school math and science teacher. That was my prep hour, and I remember a parent came into the office and mentioned the first tower had been hit. It was a stunning revelation."

**Curt Siebarth**  
Bloomfield Hills



"I was at home cleaning and heard the news. I turned on the TV right away. The kids were in school."

**Sue Brooke**  
Plymouth



"I was watching the 'Today Show,' and I remember seeing the plane crash into the World Trade Center."

**Stephanie George**  
Canton



"We were staying at a little motel in New Mexico, driving home from visiting our daughter in San Francisco. I remember everybody was sobbing. It was the same back when (President) Kennedy was shot."

**Jutka Kilpelainen**  
Canton

## LETTERS

### Fed up

In reference to the letter by Hannah Provence Donigan published Thursday, Sept. 1:

If you really look into it, the Tea Party is probably composed of Libertarians, Constitutionalists, and many like me who are fed up with the political aristocracy.

The "lengthy crisis" was created by Democrats who, having controlled Congress most years, continually passed bills to push the country into a financial predicament! Congressmen no longer represent their states; they've become collective tyrants who have passed legislation providing each other with benefits of health care, retirement, and protection packages.

We would be more "represented" if they had the benefits of each state that elected them. We elected them to be watchdogs of OUR states at the federal level, not to increase their personal well being (and coffers). We have come to a point where we have "taxation without true representation."

You mention people who quote and interpret the Constitution to fit their agendas. Most Democrats still believe in a separation of Church and State, when in fact what is forbidden is the establishment of a STATE church. Insinuate wrong interpretation? Seems like your party (with the help of the ACLU) can do likewise without hesitation. Seems like those not behaving in "civil, coherent, legal, or ethical manner" and lack of fiscal responsibility lies with previous and reelected Congressional delegates, not with the newly elected who are challenging the "status quo." We sent those people to rectify some of the wrongs enacted over the past decades by a Democratic-controlled Congress.

When I talked to some Democrats about "cost-cutting" measures, I was pretty much told that cost cutting here and there wouldn't amount to enough to turn the economy. I was taught you should be like a sculptor. You have a big mass and you continue to chip away at it until it becomes a masterpiece.

I have no problem with higher taxing people earning over \$350,000 and the next year \$400,000, continually adding \$50,000 until \$500,000; after all \$50,000 is a lot more than a lot of the population earn a year.

"We the people" may have to send more! Hopefully your party has some fiscally responsible candidates.

**John Chew**  
Canton

### Money back

I want my money back, Sen. Colbeck.

Under the pretense of a "Legislative Report," Colbeck shamelessly used our taxpayer dollars for a political insert in the Aug. 28 Observer newspapers. This appears to be a pre-emptive strike against the recall campaign which must gather petition signatures by Thanksgiving.

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This insert was clearly misleading. As vice chair of the committee, Sen. Colbeck cast the deciding "Yes" vote for the senior citizen pension tax on May 11. Later that same day, his Republican colleagues in the state Senate also voted "Yes." But for Mr. Colbeck's "Yes" vote on the senior pension tax, the pension tax would have never been voted on by the full Senate.

Is Mr. Colbeck misusing the franking (mailing) privileges with a political insert in the newspaper in an attempt to dissuade voters from signing the petitions being circulated against him? There is no disclosure on the newsletter as to who paid for this. Once again, we the people, the taxpayers, wrote the check for someone we can't trust.

I want my money back.

**Martha A. Trafford**  
Canton

### Misguided criticism

Lori Harris's letter criticizing the Hines Park Cruise is misguided. I am an avid road bicyclist and a "hot rodder" so I speak unbiasedly.

First, I rode my bike on the shoulder of Hines on cruise day from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and was NOT directed by Wayne County sheriffs to ride the bike path nor by anyone else.

Second, I later came back with my "hot rod" and made four laps of the closed portion of Hines and observed many bicyclists riding the shoulder, again with no direction from Wayne County Sheriff Dept. to do otherwise.

Third, yes, the taxpayer does foot the bill for Wayne County workers and sheriffs, same as they foot the bill for the 20 or so Saturdays that Hines is closed for bikers (like Lori), runners and rollerbladers.

Fourth, parking on the lawn is allowed for certain events at the discretion of Wayne County, not the promoter.

Finally the promoter, Don Nicholson, made no profit as there was no admission fee.

**Walt Mazur**  
Plymouth

### No Cruise problems

It appears that Ms. Harris is upset because a portion of Hines Park was shut for ONE day

for "Cruisin Hines."

That portion of Hines is also closed for bike riding, walking, etc., for 21 Saturdays, May through September, offering plenty of other opportunities for bike riders to enjoy the park. Taxpayers also pay for this, too, in addition to the \$4 million tax dollars spent on the I-275 bike trail.

We were spectators walking the shoulder on Sunday, but only saw one sheriff's vehicle and did not see any county workers. I did see plenty of bike riders riding on the shoulder because I was continually dodging them. No one was telling them they couldn't ride there. It seems that devoting one day to cars should not be such a terrible thing.

Actually, all the drivers were well behaved and the day was enjoyable, almost better than the Woodward Cruise. I'm looking forward to next year.

**Al Thuernau**  
Plymouth

### Levin should retire

Just once I wish I could find something I agree with Sen. Carl Levin on. After reading his legislative update he still doesn't get it. The wealthiest (he may be one, but I'm not) already pay the majority of the taxes so don't tell me they need "shared sacrifice." With nearly 50 percent of all tax filers paying zero taxes, they are the ones that need the shared sacrifice. Everyone needs some skin in the game. Only in Washington do you think a household income of \$100k-plus needs a tax break. They don't and I'm tired of paying more taxes to give others tax credits they don't need. Most of these so-called programs that Levin claims benefit the middle class need to be slashed because we are over \$14 trillion in debt. The typical Democratic rhetoric of draconian cuts on American families is nothing but B.S. My only hope is that more Americans who actually pay taxes, will get out and boot out the current administration before this country is totally destroyed by the likes of Levin.

Levin needs to do the citizens of Michigan a huge favor and retire. He has been there way too long.

**Linda Sroka**  
South Lyon

### Progressive proposal

Gov. Snyder's inclusionary school of choice proposal is the progressive leadership our state needs. The education of all students in our state is a foundational building block that will help our state's future growth and development.

During our country's civil rights movement many groups, especially in the South, would hide behind deceptive names, slogans, platitudes to deny black citizens full rights as Americans.

I applaud the governor for ignoring the false fiction of local control and local rule advocates which seek to block the entrances of schools here in Michigan for many students.

**Greg Thrasher**  
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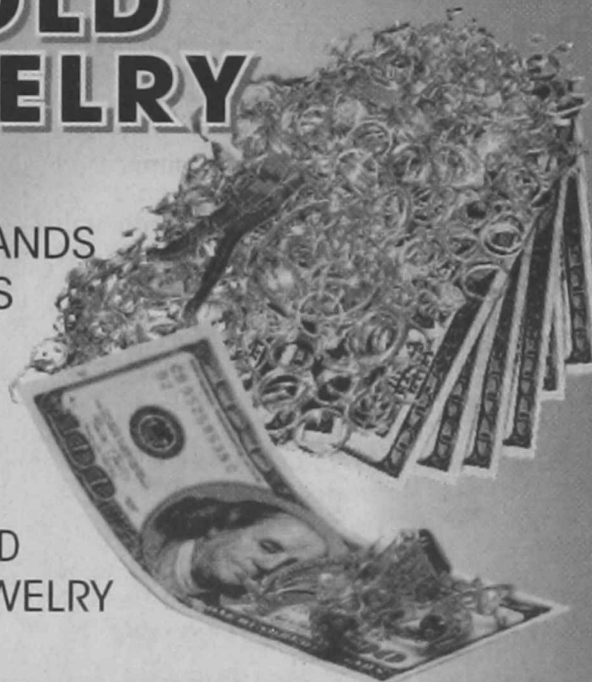
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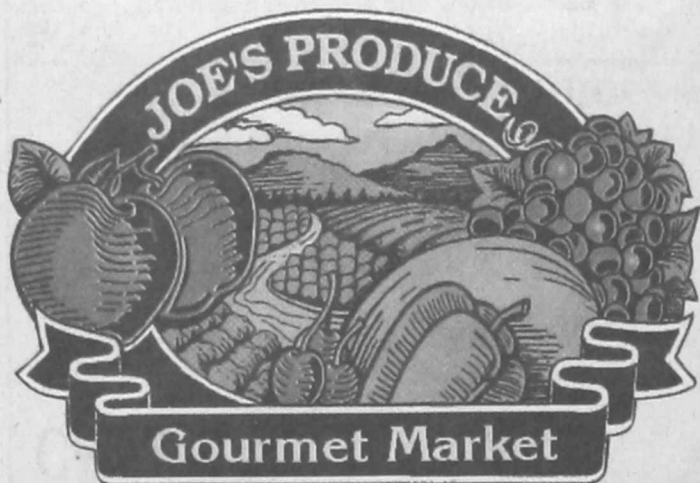
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## Salem kickers blanked

Salem played a solid defensive game Tuesday against Livonia Stevenson, but the offense was nowhere to be found as the visiting Spartans earned a 2-0 victory.

It was 0-0 at half-time, but the Rocks were burned by a corner kick midway through the second half (with Chris Liepa scoring).

Zack Atwood chipped in a goal later in the half as the Spartans improved to 4-0 overall and 1-0 in the KLAA Central Division.

"We were outplayed in the second half," Salem coach Ed McCarthy said. "Defensively, Jake Genrich put in an excellent performance."

The loss dropped the Rocks to 1-2-3 overall and 0-1-0 in the division.

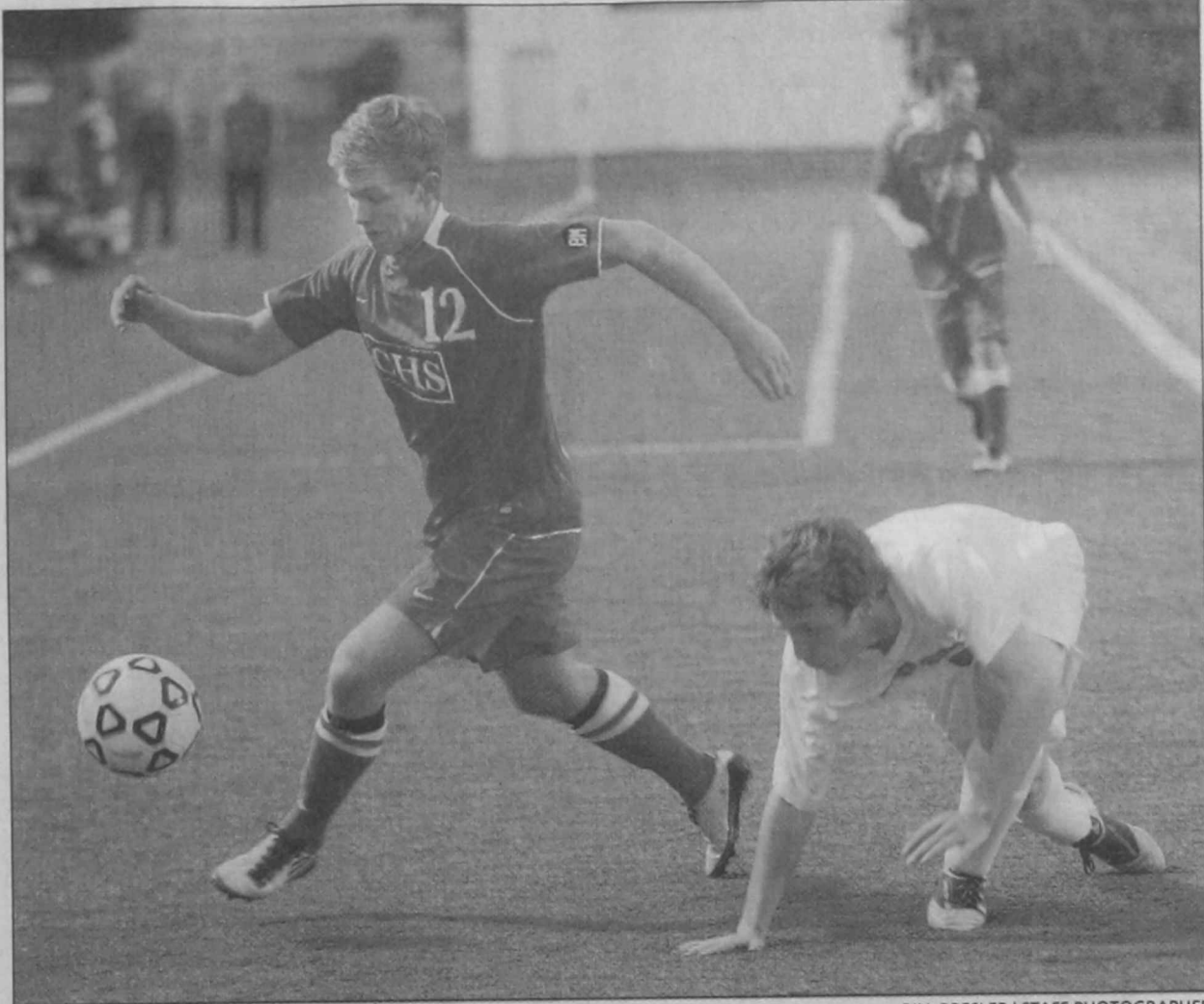
Meanwhile, on Sept. 1, Salem played a scoreless tie against No. 3-ranked Warren DeLaSalle with Collin Hewett earning the shutout for the Rocks.

"Every player had an excellent performance for us," McCarthy noted. "We just missed an opportunity to win in the final seconds when a shot hit off the post and went wide."

In addition to Hewett and the entire Salem defense, the coach gave props to midfielder Chris Ensor for an outstanding game.

Salem's next test is 7 p.m. Thursday at Novi, in another

Please see **SOCCER, B3**



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Canton's Mitch Posuniak (No. 12) dribbles the ball away from Livonia Churchill's Bryan Barnum during Tuesday night's varsity boys soccer matchup.

## Chiefs edge division foe

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

When KLAA South Division rivals Canton and Livonia Churchill take the soccer field, it's usually an 80-minute battle to the wire.

Tuesday's division opener didn't quite come down to the final minute, however, as Canton scored once in each half for a 2-0 victory over the host Chargers.

"Churchill's always a tough opponent, they play hard from the opening whistle to the end of the game," Chiefs head coach George Tomasso said. "Reid (Friedrichs, Churchill's coach) does a great job getting the most

he can out of his boys and they played very well tonight. The ball bounces the other way and it's a closer game."

According to Friedrichs, an injury that knocked out starting goalie Colton Robison in the first half didn't help.

But the veteran Churchill coach said the difference was his team did not capitalize on scoring chances or come out with the fire he hoped to see.

"We were kind of uninspiring tonight," Friedrichs said. "I was looking for us to be more inspiring on our home field versus a divisional opponent. We weren't terrible but we weren't certain-

ly good." Friedrichs added that not scoring either of two breakaways by senior midfielder Evan Schweizer in the first half came back to haunt the Chargers (2-2-2 overall, 0-1-0 in the KLAA South).

"What I told them was, if you don't capitalize on opportunities, usually against a really good team like this you're going to pay for it," the coach emphasized.

It was a scoreless game about nine minutes into the first half when a feed from senior midfielder Austin Henson sent Schweizer in against Canton senior goalkeeper Steven Murphy (seven saves).

Although the ball got

behind Murphy, Canton senior defender Neil Zech raced over to clear it out of danger.

With just over 21 minutes to play in the half, Robison went up to grab a slicing drive at the top of the six-yard scoring box just as Chiefs' senior defender Connor Furgason got there.

Robison fell hard to the turf after making the stop and he stayed there. After several minutes, he was helped to the sidelines with an apparent ankle injury, replaced by senior Karl Tiama.

"He (Tiama) did OK, but it impacts the game for sure," Friedrichs

Please see **CHIEFS, B3**

## Wildcats claw Ypsi

Plymouth's varsity girls volleyball team swept to a 25-8, 25-7, 25-12 victory over Ypsilanti on Tuesday as the Wildcats geared up for the start of conference play Thursday against Livonia Churchill.

A number of players chipped in, said first-year head coach Sarah Marody.

"We had the opportunity tonight to run a variety of lineups with different girls able to play many positions," Marody said. "I'm happy with the way they played their game, stuck to their game plan, ran plays and finished strong."

Leading the Wildcats in kills were Madelyn Betts and Olivia Beyer, each with nine, while Rachael Hille added eight.

Also up front, Beyer and Madelyn Betts contributed two blocks.

On the defensive side, Lindsey Stemberger tallied 24 digs, with Madelyn Betts chipping in with 11. Adding nine digs each were Zoe Irvin and Jessica Scott.

Setting up the offense were Jessica Scott (22 assists) and Shayla Smalls (10 assists) while Smalls had six aces from the serving stripe. Stemberger (four aces, 18-for-20) and Betts (four aces, 18-for-19) also were stellar from the stripe.

## Rec hoops signup

The Plymouth-Canton school district's Community Education Basketball League will have registration from 5-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at Pioneer Middle School.

The league last year had more than 1,000 kids playing, from third grade through high school.

For more information, contact CEBL program director Kevin Lipp at CEBL@pccsmail.net.

## BOYS CROSS COUNTRY PREVIEW

### Seniors to pace Chiefs

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Few boys cross country teams can match the senior talent at the top of Canton's lineup.

There's Mitch Clinton, Miles Felton and Bradon Conley and all are touted by Chiefs head coach Bill Boyd as three of the fastest runners in the school's history.

Canton has promising talent elsewhere, too, as the Chiefs look to improve on last season's record of 4-1 (good for second in the KLAA South Division and third in the conference).

"Expectations are high," said Boyd, noting there are nine returning varsity lettermen on the squad — which gets started with Saturday's KLAA Invite at Willow Metropark.

Clinton and Felton were co-MVPs for the 2010 squad, with personal bests

of 16-minutes, 44-seconds and 15:59, respectively.

Both were all-KLAA and all-region picks and Felton broke the school record at last year's state meet.

Please see **RUNNERS, B2**



RENA LAVERTY

Mitchell Heard (foreground) and teammate Tom Wilson (behind him) are all smiles after Heard scored for the Plymouth Whalers in Saturday's exhibition game at Farmington Hills Ice Arena. At right for the Whalers is Andy Bathgate (No. 40).

## Whalers put on big show in small rink

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Everything was bigger Saturday night as the Plymouth Whalers earned a 2-1 win over Windsor in an exhibition opener at Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

The players looked bigger to the many youngsters in attendance who skate for teams in the Farmington Hills Hockey Association.

At the community rink, about 750 spectators enjoyed hearing bigger and louder body checks because of it being a more intimate setting than Compuware

Arena.

And kids and their parents wore bigger smiles knowing the game between the Whalers and Spitfires raised an estimated \$7,500 for FHHA programs.

"I see quite a lot of players in the stands and families in the stands," FHHA president Sean Barrett said. "And it's a great event just for visibility. I think that a lot of people come here and see what we're all about."

### Money will help train

Barrett said each association team will get a percentage of the proceeds from gate receipts

and concessions.

"We'll be able to take that money and work on developing the skills of the skaters throughout the association," Barrett said. "That's where the money will go. Our plan is (earmarking) that money for specialized training for all of our teams."

That would entail hockey clinics on skating, shooting and other aspects of the sport.

This was the third straight year the Whalers played their first exhibition game in a small, local rink.

Please see **WHALERS, B2**

## Moose to honor 9/11 victims

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

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

Admission is free and families are welcome. The first 100 kids age 12 and under will receive a free slice of pizza and a soft drink for the game.

Compuware is located at 14900 N. Beck. For more information, go to [www.Detroit-Moose.org](http://www.Detroit-Moose.org) or [www.Ameriprise.com](http://www.Ameriprise.com).

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



# STAFF GRID PICKS

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<b>Friday, Sept. 9</b>				
Redford Union (0-2) at Garden City (2-0)	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City
Redford Thurston (1-1) at Crestwood (0-2)	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston
Hazel Park (1-1) at North Farmington (0-2)	North Farmington	Hazel Park	Hazel Park	Hazel Park
Farmington (1-1, 0-1) at Oxford (2-0, 1-0)	Oxford	Oxford	Oxford	Oxford
Stoney Creek (1-1, 0-1) at F.H. Harrison (2-0, 1-0)	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
Stevenson (1-1) at Novi (0-2)	Novi	Stevenson	Novi	Novi
South Lyon (1-1) at Salem (1-1)	Salem	Salem	South Lyon	South Lyon
Churchill (2-0) at John Glenn (1-1)	Churchill	Churchill	John Glenn	John Glenn
Franklin (1-1) at Canton (2-0)	Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton
Plymouth (2-0) at Wayne (0-2)	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
Lutheran North (0-2) at Clarenceville (2-0)	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville
<b>Saturday, Sept. 10</b>				
Allen Academy (1-1) at Lutheran Westland (0-2)	Lutheran Westland	Lutheran Westland	Allen Academy	Lutheran Westland
<b>Last week</b>	<b>13-3</b>	<b>10-6</b>	<b>11-5</b>	<b>14-2</b>
<b>Overall</b>	<b>24-7</b>	<b>20-11</b>	<b>25-6</b>	<b>28-3</b>

## MEN'S GOLF

# Rousos tops at O&E tourney

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Andrew Rousos proved Monday he can overcome the elements during the final round of the Observer & Eccentric Men's Golf Open.

The 24-year-old from Novi shot a 77 under cold, blustery and overcast conditions to capture championship flight low gross honors at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia.

The former Schoolcraft College golfer came into the day only one off the pace after Sunday's more tepid conditions during the opening round at nearby Fox Creek G.C.

Rousos sank a 10-putt birdie putt on the par-4, 390-yard No. 9 hole to edge Livonia's Matt Robinson by a single stroke.

Rousos had a two-day total of 77-74-151, while Robinson carded a 74-78-152.

"The wind really got up towards the middle of the round and the greens were a lot faster, so it was really a lot harder to control, keeping the ball on the greens," Rousos said. "Plus, the landing areas on the fairways were a little bit tighter than yesterday (Saturday). I feel it played a little more difficult today with the conditions."

Defending champion and three-time O&E winner Jim Omietanski, the former Livonia Stevenson girls and boys golf coach, shot 77-76-153 and was tied for third with West Bloomfield's Raz Boghikian and Rochester's Kenny Lee, the co-first round leaders with finished at 73-80-153 each.

"I started out on the back nine had a birdie on the par-5 No. 16," said Rousos, who began playing competitive golf at age 18. "I birdied my last hole on the day. I think that was actually the one that won it. I made about a 10-footer on the last hole. I thought I was either tied or one behind, so I knew I probably had to make birdie to win. So I kind of knew I had to have it in the back of my mind. I was just trying to make it whatever it was for."

Rousos is a senior at Northwood University who made the Dean's List as a marketing and management business major. He played one year of high school golf before going on to Schoolcraft where he played two seasons and made it to the 2009 NJCAA

Nationals in Alabama under coach Cecil Woodruff.

Last year (2010-11) he appeared in five of Northwood's 11 matches.

"I won one tournament for Schoolcraft College when I played there a sophomore in 2009 in Grayling," Rousos recalled. "It's the only other one I've won, so it's a nice feeling."

"I pretty much hack it around and try and get it somewhere near the green, and try and make pars. It's not the prettiest game in the world, but it's fun. I enjoy it."

Robinson, a 2005 Churchill grad who played four years at Madonna University, wasn't fazed by the dramatic turn of weather conditions.

"It wasn't too tough," he said. "I didn't play well the front nine, struck it well the back nine, but still didn't make any putts basically. It wasn't overly difficult. I just didn't make anything, but overall I struck it well for the most part. Yesterday, got off to a slow start and then played well — just didn't get much out of that round either. But I hit it well both days."

### Williams wins

"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

That was the story in the first flight as Livonian Sam Williams shot two consistent rounds (79-80-159) to edge Canton's Kevin Moreno (80-80-160) by two shots for his first-ever O&E title.

Williams said he'll return to defend his O&E title next year. His passion for the game remains strong.

"I play all over the place," Williams said. "I play here, at Fox Creek, at Brae Burn (in Plymouth). I've been doing this for years."

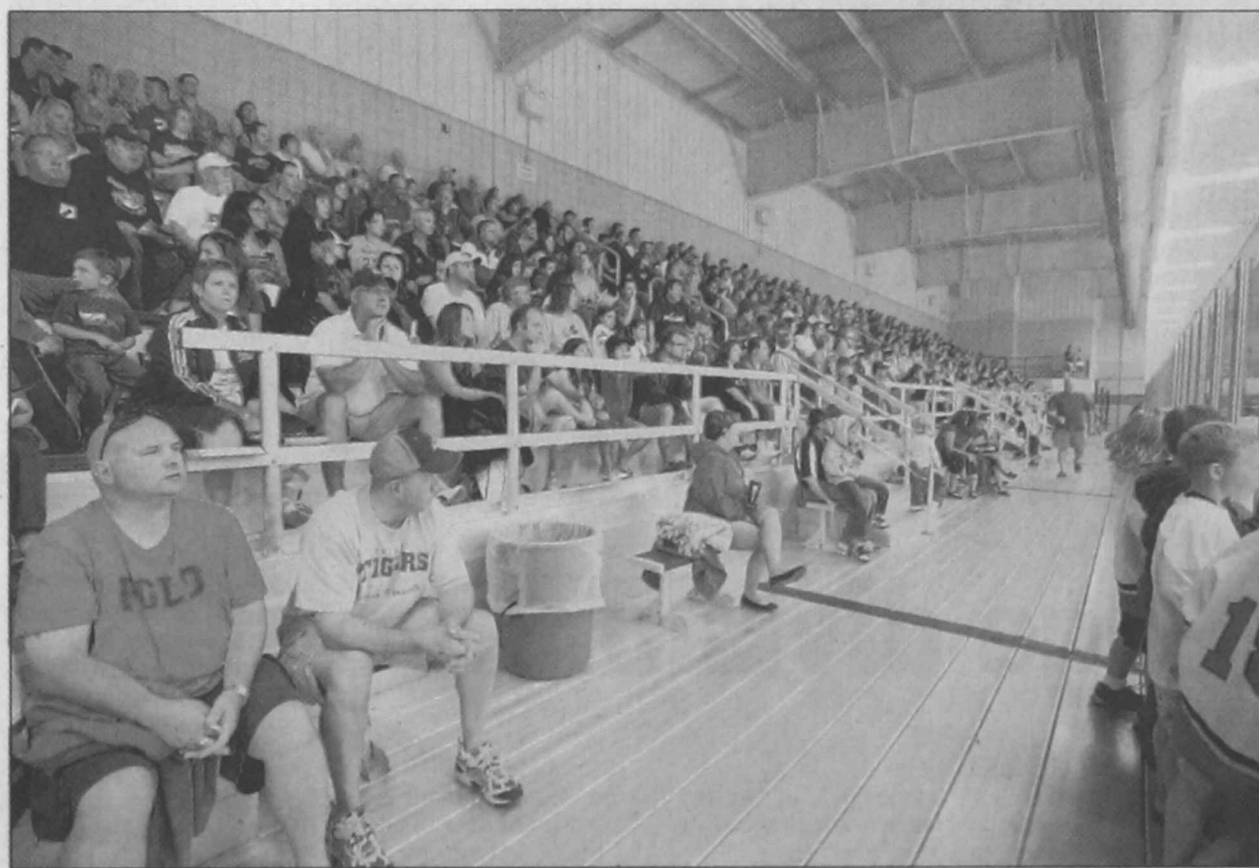
### Himm triumphs

Livonia's William Himm, a former O&E championship flight winner, garnered top honors this time in the senior flight by shooting 76-79-155 to beat fellow Livonian Keith Girard (80-77-157) by two shots.

The weather conditions definitely played havoc for the 56-year-old dentist.

"Today was brutal — rain in your face and wind," Himm said. "The greens were brick hard and it was just a day to hang on. I just kept firing away."

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About 750 fans jammed Farmington Hills Ice Arena Saturday night to watch the Plymouth Whalers take on Windsor in an exhibition hockey game. Proceeds from the event will be earmarked to the Farmington Hills Hockey Association.

## WHALERS

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"It puts us in the community, which is the most important thing to us," said Denise Ronayne, director of sales and marketing for the Whalers. "And giving back to these kids and promoting youth hockey is one of the most important things we do all year long. So it's a great way to kick off the season."

She added that younger fans of the Ontario Hockey League team get pumped up by getting up close and personal with potential future NHL players — both by being close to the action and attending a postgame "meet and greet" autograph session.

"Seeing these players so close, they seem so big," Ronayne said. "It's bigger than life."

Following the game, Whalers GM/coach Mike Vellucci said it was a win-win situation.

"They were able to raise some money for their organization," Vellucci said. "And this early in the season, it's good to play in a small rink to get the young guys used to it (OHL hockey)."

### Intense action

As for the game itself, the Whalers built a 2-0 lead on goals by Beau Schmitz and Mitchell Heard, but had to hang on for dear life over the final 10 minutes of the third period.

Windsor cut the lead to 2-1 with 10:29 to go in the period, taking advantage of the final seconds of a five-on-three situation.



Plymouth Whalers center and Farmington Hills native Alex Aleardi (foreground) signs an autograph for a youngster during a meet-and-greet session following Saturday night's hockey game at Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

Plymouth goalie Scott Wedgewood (36 saves) then had to come up with a couple of timely stops.

Shortly after Windsor's Kerby Rychel scored, Wedgewood kept his team ahead by using his trapper to rob Jordan Maletta and Brendan McCann within seconds.

The goalie also held the fort in the final minute, when the Spitfires had a six-on-four advantage (after pulling their goalie and being on the power play).

With about five seconds remaining, defenseman Adam Bateman blasted a shot from the left point. But Wedgewood calmly flashed out his right pad to stop the drive and the final seconds elapsed.

### Breaking the ice

The game was scoreless until the 15:46 mark of the second period.

Plymouth's Mitchell

Heard breezed down the left wing and centered a pass to Schmitz above the circles. Windsor goalie Jordan DeKort got most of the slap shot, but the puck dribbled over the goal line just inside the right post.

The Whalers upped their lead to 2-0 at the 47-second mark of the third with a power-play tally. Heard knocked in a rebound in front of DeKort, with assists going to winger Tom Wilson and defenseman Dario Trutmann.

A spate of penalties for both teams followed, with Plymouth center Alex Aleardi (Farmington Hills) breaking up several plays at the Whalers' blue line and zipping all the way into Windsor's zone to kill off valuable seconds.

"He (Aleardi) played great. He used his speed, which is what he has to do," Vellucci said.

Saturday's heat and humidity, not to mention a thunderstorm that hit during the game, did not seem to slow the action much. And the teams got after it in the first exhibition game.

"It's Windsor-Plymouth, doesn't matter," Vellucci said. "It's always a good game."

### PLYMOUTH 3, WINDSOR 3:

The Plymouth Whalers showed grit in their traditional Labor Day game at Windsor Family Credit Union Centre.

Trailing three different times (1-0, 2-1 and 3-2), Plymouth came back every time to earn a 3-3 tie.

Dario Trutmann scored a pair of goals for the Whalers (1-0-1), while Matt Mistelet scored one. Matt Mahalak played the entire game for the Whalers, stopping 34-of-37 shots.

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Winther, James Hildreth, sophomore Jack Chaney, Mace Gatzek, Justin Kolbicz, Grant Mast and Brendan Noble.

Promising rookie include junior Bryant Chen (who ran track last spring), sophomore Evan Dunklee and freshmen Billy Toth, Mike Roberts and Evan Childs.

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### Ladywood hoop clinic

Livonia Ladywood varsity basketball coach Anthony Coratti and his staff with stage a clinic for girls in grades 5-8 from 6:30-9 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 18, 25; Oct. 2, 9 and 16, at the high school gym.

The clinic will consist of skill work and putting those skills to the test through game play.

The cost is \$50 to attend all five sessions.

For more information, email ACoratti@gmail.com.

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## RUNNERS

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Clinton doesn't let injuries or anything else stop him while Felton "is one of the fastest returning runners in the state," Boyd said.

Not to be forgotten is Conley, a first-team all-leaguer who ran a best time of 16:50.

"He has become a regular on the medal stand," the coach added. "High mileage and hard work this summer make him a threat to be all-league and a state qualifier."

Senior Jeff Molchan, junior Andrew Stephens and sophomore Tom Walkinshaw look to continue the strong performances they provided in 2010.

Molchan (17:13) Ste-

phens (17:52) and Walkinshaw (17:40) were honorable mentions for the All-Observer team and Boyd enthusiastically awaits what they can do this fall.

Other returning varsity runners include senior Alex Krul, junior Owen Ash and junior Jay Drennan.

Members with JV experience are senior Jackson Lytle, juniors Josh Joy, Keith Olsen, Steven



# CHIEFS

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said. "Our defense plays a little differently."

A few minutes later, Schweizer had another premium scoring bid, but bounced the ball just wide of the cage from about 25 yards.

## In front

The Chiefs (5-1-1, 1-0-0) for the most part had a good, crisp, quick offensive game going early on and it helped with the first goal at 31:52.

Sophomore Ken Krocki streaked up the middle into Churchill's zone and spotted senior forward Tyler Winingham rushing down the left flank.

Winingham took the pass and, from about 12 yards out, drove a low shot from a sharp angle inside the far post past Tiama to give Canton a 1-0 lead. It was Winingham's third goal of the season.

"That goal was (due) to good, fast decisions by our attacking players and good, strong runs out of the back by our defensive players," Tomasso said.

The Chiefs nearly added to their lead midway through the second half. Junior Dan Ovesea sent a long ball up the middle to senior Mitch Pepper, who directed it over to senior Mitch Posuniak sailing in on the right side of the 18-yard box.



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But Posuniak's high, rising shot from about 10 yards out rattled off the crossbar.

For the next 10 minutes, the Chiefs kept Churchill from mounting much of an attack. They did a good job of clearing plays and keeping the Chargers from turning corner kicks and restarts into scoring chances.

"We knew going into the game that we had to do well on our defensive set pieces," Tomasso said. "Because Churchill has always done well off those situations."

## Insurance marker

Then came the insurance goal that Canton needed. With 8:56 to play, a right-to-left corner kick by junior Scott Piwowar found Furgason stationed at the left post.

Furgason timed his jump and headed it back the other way, inside the right post, for his fifth tally of the season.

"We called a far-post ball, in which it goes to the back side, and that's where I was," Furgason said. "I went up for it and it happened to go in."

"That's the way you should head the ball

every time to score a goal, or even another player to put the ball back in head it back across their goal line."

According to Tomasso, whose team faces Plymouth at 4 p.m. Thursday, the win was nice. But it wasn't a perfect performance by any means.

"I felt the first half we showed glimpses and good signs of playing well," he noted. "The second half I felt we got away from it, but we need to clean it up a little bit."

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# Canton netters nip 'Cats

Canton won four of five doubles flights last Thursday, Sept. 1, as the Chiefs earned a 5-4 victory over Plymouth in a KLAA crossover varsity boys tennis match.

The Chiefs won all but No. 3 doubles, where Plymouth's Jon Conn and Dylan Grant defeated Sarav Shah and Mitchell Trost by a 7-6, 1-6, 6-0 count.

But elsewhere in doubles play, Canton prevailed at No. 1 (Josh Wendel-Steve Price over Kevin Standifer-Joe Klots, 6-2, 6-2), No. 2 (Travis Mishalak-James Dodge over Praveen Loganathan-Akash Yerakola, 6-3, 7-6), No. 4 (Andrew

Wade-Lucas Underwood over Danny Sinott-Cameron Earls, 5-7, 6-3, 6-3) and No. 5 (Craig Lou-Paul Lou over Rogee Matar-Jared Hoff, 7-6, 2-6, 6-3).

Plymouth No. 1 singles standout Aaron Zhang faced a tough test from Canton freshman Rohan Vaishnav, but hung on for a 6-4, 6-3 win.

The Wildcats also took singles flights at No. 2 (freshman Charlie Hou over Alan Halim, 6-3, 6-0) and No. 4 (Josh Postel over Kirk Wang, 6-3, 6-2).

Canton did triumph at No. 3 singles, with freshman George Zhou posting a 6-4, 6-3 win over Josh Heinze.

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# SOCCER

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KLAA Central matchup. **PLYMOUTH 2, FRANKLIN 1:** On Tuesday, Do-Hyung Kim's goal with only 14 minutes left lifted the host Wildcats (2-4-2, 1-0) to the KLAA South Division triumph

over Livonia Franklin (2-2-2, 0-1).

Christopher Lebioda's first-half goal staked Plymouth to a 1-0 lead, but Franklin's Nick O'Brien answered in the second half off an assist from Fred Shatara.

**OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 2, LUTH. WESTLAND 0:** Chris Polite's direct free kick in the 69th minute proved to be the game-winner Tuesday as host Auburn Hills Oakland

Christian (4-0, 3-0) earned the MIAC Blue Division win over Lutheran High Westland (2-2, 1-2).

Josh Miller's goal in the 76th minute sealed the win.

Senior goalkeeper Taurrek Fikes made 13 saves in the setback for the Warriors, who also got strong defense from backliners Mitch Boehm, Seth Whitehouse, Matt Sankey and Ernie Babon.

## HURON VALLEY 8, CALVARY 7:

In a wild double-overtime affair Tuesday, host Huron Valley Lutheran (1-2, 1-1) pulled out the victory behind Justin Howell's four goals.

Ryan Blackwood also scored twice for the Hawks, who were tied 5-5 at the end of 80 minutes.

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# Alpha program studies Christian faith

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Deacon Lawrence Toth will lead the sessions, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, and will run for 10 Mondays in Redford. Call Toth 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday at (313) 532-4394, to sign up and for the course location. An informal dinner will be served at each

meeting. Alpha is open to adults interested in finding out more about the Christian faith. Each Alpha session includes a short talk that looks at a different aspect of the Christian faith, followed by discussion. Participants share their thoughts, express their

opinions, and find answers to their questions in an informal atmosphere. A church in London, England started the Alpha course more than 30 years ago as a way to present the basic principles of the Christian faith to new Christians in a relaxed and informal setting. During

the 1990s the Alpha course spread through England and then internationally as more churches and groups used it to answer both non-churchgoers' and church members' questions about the Christian faith. Today there are more than 33,500 courses run in 169 countries. All major denominations support the Alpha course. Find out more about

Alpha course, including a list of other local program sites, at [www.alphausa.org](http://www.alphausa.org). A campus Alpha course meets at 1 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 21 in the lower Waterman Building at Schoolcraft College. E-mail Rob and Kelley Parsons of the Christian Challenge Club at Schoolcraft College for more information at [parsons-ministry@yahoo.com](mailto:parsons-ministry@yahoo.com).

# Livonia church welcomes new youth, mission minister

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church of Livonia will install a new associate pastor, Ben Morris, for youth, culture and mission at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11.

Morris studied at Wartburg Seminar in Dubuque, Iowa, and was raised in Grosse Ile. He is joined by his wife Jennifer and will reside in Livonia.

"This call fits well with our model for ministry 'with,' and not necessarily 'for' youth," said Dana Runestad, pastor. "It follows closely with our focus on neighborhoods and neighbors to the east, such as Redford. Much of what pastor Ben does will stand parallel to what is already going on at Holy Cross."

His role in the Holy Cross community comes at a time when the congregation is seeking to form a strong bond with communities both east and west of Livonia.

"After spending the last two years exploring how best to serve God's mission in western Wayne County, given the large number of ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) churches in Livonia, with none west of I-275, Holy Cross leaders have discerned that our call is to re-bloom where we are planted," Runestad said. "We have a specific mission focus eastward, where recent new members have been coming from, and where two ELCA congregation closings have left the area without an ELCA presence."

"We at Holy Cross look to becoming a community so grounded in such depth of spirit, with a heart for justice, where people so feel the transforming presence of the risen Christ among us, that they won't want to leave because they don't want to leave this church. We want to do our part to nurture a vibrant, transformative faith commu-



Morris

nity in a first- and second-ring suburb, to give people a reason to stay and not continue to migrate west, contributing to the sprawl endemic to metropolitan Detroit."

Runestad said Morris' focus will be youth, community building among 20- to 30-year-olds, and evangelism among the un-churched.

"He seems just what we need right now to help take us into this future." Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church is located at 30650 Six Mile Road between Middlebelt and Merriman; (734) 427-1414 or e-mail [pastor-dana@holycrosslivonia.org](mailto:pastor-dana@holycrosslivonia.org).

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Age 74, September 3, 2011. Beloved wife of Gene for 50 years. Dear mother of Sheri (Dirk) Werhane and the late Carl. Grandmother of Patrick, Kristen, Paul, Kirk, Laura and Sarah. Dear sister of Carlene Kosis and Lyle (Linda) Maloney. She will be dearly missed by her nieces and friends. Funeral services were held on Wednesday. Arrangements by Santeiu & Son. Memorials suggested to Young Life. [santeiufuneralhome.com](http://santeiufuneralhome.com)



### CARLEY, ELIZABETH L. (OSBORNE)

A resident of Novi and former resident of Livonia and Gladwin died on September 2, 2011 after suffering a heart attack a day earlier. She was 80 years old. She was preceded in death by her husband Donald in 1998, a son, Daniel, and sister, Shirley. She is survived by children, William, Donna (Ken) Koenig, John (Karen), Barbara, Joseph (Debra), James (Nancy); grandchildren, Lindi Koenig, Chris (Marianne) Koenig, Cynthia (Richard) Smith, Michelle (Brian) Przybycki, Steven, Michael, Christopher, Anthony & Alexander Carley; great grandchildren, Jonathan Antol, Luke Koenig, Jade & Ethan Smith, and Brendan & Madison Przybycki and many nieces, nephews and dear friends. Betty worked for over twenty-seven years as a Program Administrator with Ford Motor Company. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Tuesday, September 6, at 1PM. Friends may visit Tuesday 11AM until time of service. Memorials may be made in her name to the Am. Heart Assoc. or Am. Diabetes Assoc. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

### FERGUSON, CHARLES A.

Age 80, of Northville, passed away September 6, 2011. Cherished father of Brenda, Donna, Denny, Terry, Larry, Paula, Darcy, Darrell, Claudia, Paula, Billy, and the late Dorian. Dear brother of Betty and Norma. Adored grandfather of 16 and great grandfather of 26. Visitation Friday from 2-8pm. The funeral service Saturday at 11am, visitation beginning at 10am at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville. Donations to the American Cancer Society, 20450 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076.

### RENCE, DONNA JEAN

Oct. 9, 1931-Sept. 3, 2011. Donna Jean "D.J." Rence, age 79, of Sarasota and Bradenton, formerly of Farmington, MI and McDonald, PA., died Sept. 3, 2011. Services and interment will be at a later date in McDonald. Toale Brothers Funeral Homes is handling arrangements. Survivors include daughters Shelley R. and Anita L., both of Sarasota; sons Randall W. of Augusta, MI., Kevin M. of Naalehu, Hawaii, and Patrick A. and Scott T., both of Sarasota; sister Rhody McFarlane of Grand Rapids, MI; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Donna was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, William Arnold Rence.

### GALICA, STANLEY J.

Age 94 of Farmington, died September 3, 2011. Arrangements Thayer-Rock Funeral Home [www.thayer-rock.com](http://www.thayer-rock.com)



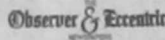
### SKAGGS, JAMES E.

September 6, 2011, age 77 of Plymouth. Loving husband of Lila. Beloved father of Susan M. Ragains and the late Bradley. Proud Papa of Christian, Andrew, Marlena, Jacob, Sarah, Luke, Bonnie, Paula and Ashley. Dear brother of Raymond, Alma (Noel) Mooney, Betty Bates and Delbert (Jenny). He was a dedicated U.S. Postal Service Mail Carrier in Plymouth for 39 years and a life-long dedicated member of the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene where he served his Lord in all areas of the church. Visitation Thursday and Friday 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. In state Saturday 10AM until the 11AM Funeral Service at the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 45801 Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to the church or Angela Hospice. To share memories please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

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## Singing cousins mix Slavic, folk and rock sounds

by Sharon Dargay  
O&E staff writer



The Thornbills are Tamara Finlay of Livonia and her cousin, Jim Wiegand of Saline.

Tamara Finlay calls herself an "unlikely" hometown girl. "I have tattoos and I'm in a band," said Finlay, 31, who lives near her alma mater, Stevenson High School. "I've been working for Livonia Public Schools for a year in the SACC (School-Age Child Care) program. I often bring my records or instruments to class and the kids and I will write songs together. I love those kids. They are the greatest."

"Every Friday I hang out at American Legion Post 32 in Livonia with senior citizens — Willy's Rubber Band — who sing old songs from the early 1900s. They are my best friends in the universe and my biggest fans."

Both students and seniors alike tease, joke and dream a little about Finlay making it big on the music scene — and it's all with good reason. Finlay and her cousin, Jim Wiegand of Saline, who make up the band, the Thornbills, recorded songs for Jack White's Third Man Records label last year and are working on a full album.

They'll also perform in a showcase of artists from Third Man Records at the MI Fest Saturday, Sept. 17, at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn. The outdoor concert combines camping, art and music on multiple stages. Headliners include Sheryl Crow, the Raconteurs and Ronnie Dunn.

"It will be an incredible," Finlay said. "I'm excited to be playing the festival."

The duo began writing and singing songs together two years ago, when Finlay, who has a degree in Russian studies, moved back to Livonia from Brooklyn, N.Y. They performed at open mic nights and eventually made their way onto the stage at Pj's Lager House in Detroit. It was after that first show at Lager House that the duo heard from White.

### MI FEST

**What:** An outdoor concert with camping experience, art and food  
**When:** Gates open at noon; festival runs 1-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17  
**Where:** Michigan International Speedway, on US 12 (Michigan Avenue) just west of M 50, Brooklyn, in the Irish Hills  
**Details:** Performances by The Raconteurs, Sheryl Crow, Mitch Ryder & The Detroit Wheels, The Romantics, Ronnie Dunn, Jeff Daniels, Mark Farner, Alto Reed's Allstars; Ty Stone & The Truth; The Rockets; Jill Jack; The Howling Diablos; Hot Club of Detroit; The Ragbirds; Whitey Morgan and the 78's; Ben Daniels Band, Jessica Hernandez; Bear Lake; Marnee; The Juliets; along with Third Man Record artists Pujol, Black Belles, Thornbills, Black Milk, and Jeff The Brotherhood  
**Tickets:** Admission ranges from \$79-; children 12 and under free; camping from \$35-\$50  
**Contact:** Speedway box office for tickets at (800) 354-1010 or visit [www.mi-fest.com](http://www.mi-fest.com); call (800) 354-1010 for free kid's tickets

### Voice lessons

"I never planned on being in a band. We were just having fun. It was the two of us. We sing well together and write songs well together," Finlay said.

"For Jim and I our mutual musical background is my dad. He is a former opera singer." Both cousins have taken voice lessons from Finlay's dad, Gordon, who teaches at Wayne State

and in Oak Park schools. Her mother, Maria, also is a former opera singer.

Finlay also formed a band with her sister, Laura, called Marble Fawns, that plays folk and bluegrass tunes.

"What Jim and I do...it's got folk elements and rock elements and strong pop hooks. It's moody and ethereal, too, with Slavic elements. We sing in harmony, super-concentrated harmony."

### Ukrainian grandparents

Ukrainian music and language, along with family heritage inspired the lead single, *Uncle Andrei*, they recorded for Third Man Records. It was released on vinyl earlier this year.

Finlay grew up listening to her grandparents' Ukrainian and Slavic records, speaking to them in Ukrainian and singing at a

Ukrainian church in Dearborn.

*Uncle Andrei* is about her grandfather and is partially sung in Ukrainian. She asked Wiegand, who is not familiar with Slavic music, for help in writing the song.

"It sounded like a Russian Waltz," Finlay said. "What was really cool was that he could immerse himself in it and help me put my feelings into it."

The title of the band came from a list of songbirds Finlay found on the Internet.

"Thornbills warble in pairs. I thought it was sweet and an organic kind of name," she said. And it has 'thorn' in there. It's pointy, an edge. What we do has a dark twist to it. There tends to be baroqueness. I thought the edge in the name was appropriate."

Visit the Thornbills on Myspace and Facebook.

## Michigan Philharmonic names new concertmaster

Joseph Deller of Dearborn is the new concertmaster for the Michigan Philharmonic's season 66, "Music in HD."

Deller graduated in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in violin performance from Hope College. Since then he has worked as a freelance musician in the Metro Detroit area and has performed as principal second violin for the past five seasons at the Michigan Philharmonic.

"We are very excited about Joe's move into the concertmaster position with the orchestra. He has worked very hard over the course of his time with us and is a stellar player who will bring great musicality and



Deller

artistic excellence to his new role as concertmaster," stated Beth Stewart, executive director.

Deller also is associated with the Flint Institute of Music where he is a member of the Troubadours, a traveling group of string musicians and a storyteller that visits schools in Genesee County. He plays principal

second violin in the Dearborn Symphony, teaches private violin and viola lessons and works with the string ensemble at Fordson High School in Dearborn.

Deller is an avid chamber musician and has performed recently in Strings on the Bay in the Upper Peninsula and has traveled to Romania, England, Wales, and Toronto for music festivals.

Single tickets are available now for Michigan Philharmonic concerts. For more information about the Michigan Philharmonic concerts and other programs and special events, visit [www.michiganphil.org](http://www.michiganphil.org) or call (734) 451-2112.

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Participating stores this year include Basket Creations; Bed & Boutique; Bella Mia; Bella Mia Dressed Up; Candy Trail; Creatopia Pottery Studio; Dearborn Jewelers; Eclectic Attic; Genuine Toy Co.; GiGi's Mode; Hands on Leather; Highlites Salon; Home Sweet Home; Isabella's Copper Pot; Jill Andra Young Photography; Kemnitz Fine Candies; Kilwin's; Maggie & Me; Magnolia A Fresh Flower Market; Merle Norman; Old World Olive Press; Penniman Gallery; R.S.V.P.; Razzamatazz; Salon Awesome; sideways; Spa Agio; Sun & Snow; Sunny J's Lingerie; That's Awesome; TranquiliTea and Wilcox Consignment.

For more information call Teri Fry at (734) 453-1540.

## Art

### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** Through Sept. 24; gallery hours are 1-5 p.m.

**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville

**Details:** Works by the late Russell Keeter, a teacher at the Center for Creative Studies for 27 years, and several of his former students

**Contact:** (248) 344-0497

### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Thursday in September

**Location:** 744 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

**Details:** Works by internationally acclaimed photographer, Allen Brooks, are on display

**Contact:** (734) 416-4278

### VILLAGE THEATER

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday-Friday, through Sept. 25

**Location:** 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

**Details:** Art by Michael Griffin

**Contact:** (734) 394-5300

### VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA

**Location:** New Five Village Shopping Center, 37653 5 Mile, Livonia

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**Contact:** (734) 424 1566

## Comedy

### THE ARK

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

**Location:** 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

**Details:** The Second City with sketches and improvisation; \$25

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

### Go Comedy!

**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays

**Location:** 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

**Details:** Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

**Contact:** (248) 327-0575; gocomedly.net

### JD'S HOUSE OF COMEDY

**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

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

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

**Contact:** (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

### JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB OF LIVONIA

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

p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** Sheila Kay with Darnell Anderson, through Sept. 10; Nick DiPaolo, Sept. 16-17; Mike Malone with Ricarlo Flanagan and Jeff Scheen, Sept. 21-24; Justin Leon with Joe Zimmerman and Bill Bushart, Sept. 28-Oct. 1

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

### MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

**Time/Date:** Michael Kosta, Sept. 8-10; James P. Connolly, Sept. 15-17, Auggie Smith, Sept. 22-24; Gary Gulman, Sept. 29-Oct. 1; The Amazing Johnathan, Oct. 3; Reno Collier, Oct. 6-8; John Heffron, Oct. 13-15; Bobby Collins, Oct. 20-22; Tim Giather, Oct. 27-29

**Location:** 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

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

## Dance

### MOON DUSTERS

**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.

**Location:** Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Singles and couples dance to music of the 30s, 40s and 50s; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members

**Contact:** Joe Castrodale, club

president, (248) 968-5197

### POLKA BOOSTER CLUB

**Time/Date:** Doors open, 12:30 p.m., buffet dinner, 1:30 p.m., dancing from 3 p.m.-7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 11

**Location:** Msgr. Hunt K of C Hall, 7080 Garling Dr., Dearborn Heights

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

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

## Family

### BAKERS KEYBOARD LOUNGE

**Time/Dates:** 2-5 p.m. Sundays

**Details:** Jazz for Kids Program

**Location:** 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit

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

### DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

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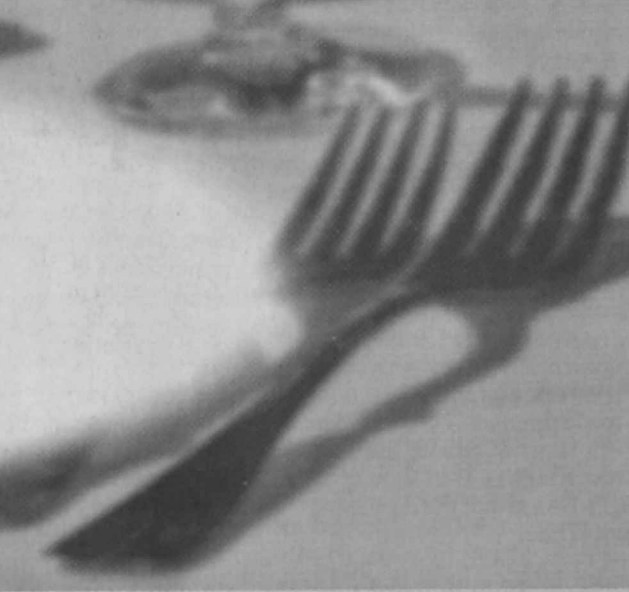
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### Classic Pizza Margherita

Serves 4 to 6

- 1 package refrigerated pizza dough
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup extra virgin olive oil, divided
- 1 package mild Italian sausage
- $\frac{1}{2}$  medium red onion, minced
- 1 tablespoon parsley, minced
- 1 tablespoon garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon oregano
- 8 Roma tomatoes, sliced (divided — save 10 slices for the top)
- 10 fresh basil leaves (divided)
- 2 cups mozzarella cheese, shredded
- 1 cup fontina cheese, shredded
- Pepper and sea salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup fresh Parmesan cheese, grated

Position oven rack on lowest shelf and preheat to 425°F. Lightly oil a pizza pan. Roll out dough as thin as possible. Let rest 10 minutes.

In a small skillet, heat 1 tablespoon oil over medium-high, add sausage and cook until browned. Remove from skillet, cool slightly and coin slice. In the same pan, sauté onion and parsley to golden, then stir in garlic and oregano for a few seconds. Add tomatoes to pan, crushing them as they are mixed (do not substitute crushed tomatoes). Boil, stirring 5 minutes or until thick.

Spread sauce over crust, sprinkle with half the basil, mozzarella, fontina, sausage, remaining slices of tomatoes and finally remaining olive oil. Finish with generous pepper and a little sea salt. Bake for 10 minutes.

Using a spatula and an oven mitt, slip pizza off pan directly onto oven rack, bake for two minutes. Slip pizza back onto pan, remove from oven. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and remaining fresh basil. Cut and enjoy.

### Morning Terrace Pizza

Serves 4

- 1 10- to 12-inch baguette, cut in two and sliced open, inside dough removed
- 1 package mild Italian sausage
- $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups fontina, mozzarella or Monterey Jack cheese, shredded
- Dried red pepper flakes
- 3 Roma tomatoes, diced
- 4 whole eggs
- Pepper, to taste
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup Parmesan cheese, grated
- 2 tablespoons fresh chives, chopped

Position oven rack in center of oven and preheat oven to 400°F.

Cut baguette in half and then slice it open to create four equal open-faced pieces. Remove the doughy center, leaving a half-inch border close to the edge.

In large skillet, sauté sausage until browned. Remove from heat, thinly coin slice and set aside.

Top baguettes evenly with  $\frac{1}{4}$  of shredded cheese. Shake on red pepper flakes to taste. Place sausage pieces evenly on top around the edges. Add the rest of the cheese and the diced tomatoes. Bake for 5 to 8 minutes and remove from oven.

Using the back of a spoon, lightly make 4 indentations in the center of the baguettes, not too close to the crust, pushing some of the ingredients to the sides. Carefully crack an egg into each depression. Grind pepper on each egg, and top with Parmesan cheese.

Return to oven for 5 to 7 minutes, until egg whites are set, but yolk is still soft. Remove, sprinkle with fresh chives, cut and enjoy.



Morning Terrace Pizza

### Sausage Diavolo Pizza

Serves 4 to 6

- 1 refrigerated pizza dough crust, rolled out thin
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1 package hot Italian sausage links
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon dried red pepper flakes
- 5 cloves fresh garlic, peeled and minced
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup onion, chopped
- 12 cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 can crushed tomatoes (14 ounces)
- $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups dry white wine
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon oregano, dried
- Sea salt and pepper
- 3 tablespoons Italian parsley, chopped
- 1 cup Italian blend cheese, grated
- 1 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
- 1 long, sweet red pepper, cut into rings
- Other fresh herbs such as basil (optional)

Position oven rack to center and preheat to 450°F. Lightly oil a pizza pan and roll out crust, thin.

In large skillet, heat oil and sauté sausage and red pepper flakes until browned. Remove from heat, drain fat, cool slightly and chop, roughly.

Add garlic and onion to skillet and cook about five minutes until onion is soft.

Add cherry tomatoes, canned tomatoes, wine and oregano. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Let simmer about 20 minutes, stirring when necessary, until cherry tomatoes are soft and sauce thickens.

Add parsley and sausage back into skillet. Remove from heat.

Top pizza crust with sausage mixture, grated cheeses and red pepper rings. Bake 8 to 10 minutes.

Remove from oven, sprinkle with fresh herbs, cut and enjoy.

Sausage should always be prepared to reach an internal temperature of 160°F.

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Sausage Diavolo Pizza



## Pack fire safety tips for college

The National Fire Protection Association urges students returning to campuses around the country and their parents to take the time to educate themselves on life-saving fire safety information. Thousands of fires occur each year in both on- and off-campus housing, many of which could have been easily prevented.

Tom Kiurski, training coordinator for the Livonia Fire Department, said, "I think they're a little too busy worrying about classes and bringing the right clothes. You tend not to think about fire safety. It's just one of those things I think people don't get around to."

His daughter was at Central Michigan University for her first year last year and he bought a second smoke detector for her bedroom. She's now in a CMU dorm that has sprinklers, unlike last year. "It's an extra level of protection," Kiurski said.

A leading cause of campus fires is cooking, with cooking equipment involved in 75 percent of the reported dormitory fires. Although only 5 percent of fires in campus housing began in the bedroom, these fires accounted for 62 percent of the civilian deaths and one-quarter (26 percent) of the civilian injuries. While only two percent of the structure fires were caused by smoking materials, they were responsible for 39 percent of the deaths. Campus fires are more common during the evening hours between 5-11 p.m., as well as on weekends.

"Most places will tell you you're not supposed to cook in your room," Kiurski said. Students tend to bring appliances they shouldn't, or leave a coffee pot on too long. There are problems with candles and cigarettes as well.

"You need to plan how you would get out of your room," Kiurski said. Others may be less attentive to fire safety. "Make sure you have two ways out and plan and practice them," he said.

NFPA offers the following safety tips for campus fire safety:

### Be Prepared for a Fire

- Look for fully sprinklered housing when choosing a dorm or off-campus housing.
- Make sure your dormitory or apartment has smoke alarms inside each bedroom, outside every sleeping area and on each level. For the best protection, all smoke alarms should be interconnected so that when one sounds they all sound.



- For people who are deaf or hard-of-hearing, make sure there are smoke alarms that use strobe lights to wake the person. Install vibration equipment (pillow or bed shake) that is activated by the smoke alarm.
- Test all smoke alarms at least monthly.
- Never remove batteries or disable the alarm.
- Learn your building's evacuation plan and practice all drills as if they were the real thing.
- Involve students with disabilities in evacuation planning and the plan.

- Wherever you smoke, use deep, sturdy ashtrays.
- Before going to bed, check under furniture cushions and other places people smoke for cigarette butts that may have fallen out of sight.

- Cooking
  - Cook only where it is permitted.
  - Stay in the kitchen when cooking.
  - Cook only when you are alert, not sleepy or drowsy from medicine or alcohol.
  - Check with your local fire department for any restrictions before using a barbecue grill, fire pit, or chiminea.
  - Keep the stovetop, burners, and oven clean.
  - Plug microwave ovens or other cooking appliances directly into an outlet. Never use an extension cord for a cooking appliance as it can overload the circuit and cause a fire.
  - Check electrical cords for cracks, breaks, damage, or overheating. Repair or replace the appliance.
  - Use only microwave-safe cookware (containers or dishes). Never use aluminum foil or metal objects in a microwave oven.
  - Propane and charcoal BBQ grills must only be used outdoors. Indoor use can kill occupants by either causing a fire or CO (carbon monoxide) poisoning.
  - Place the grill well away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
  - Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below the grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.

### Escape Tips

- If you live off campus, have a fire escape plan with two ways out of every room.
- Windows with security bars, grills, and window guards should have emergency release devices.
- When the smoke alarm or fire alarm sounds, get out of the building quickly and stay out.
- Smoke is toxic. If you must escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your way out.
- If you can't get out, close the door and seal vents and cracks around doors with towels or tape to keep smoke out. Call 9-1-1 or the fire department. Tell them where you are and signal for help at the window with a light-colored cloth or a flashlight.

### Smoking

- To prevent a deadly cigarette fire, you must be alert. You won't be alert if you are sleepy, have taken medicine or drugs, or consumed alcohol that makes you drowsy.
- If you smoke, smoke outside or in an area designated by your college dormitory.
- Never smoke in bed.

and should be placed away from anything that can burn.

- Never leave a candle unattended. Blow it out when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- Always use a flashlight — not a candle — for emergency lighting.
- Use sturdy, safe candle-holders.
- Consider using battery-operated flameless candles which can look, smell and feel like real candles.

### Electrical

- Check your school's rules before using electrical appliances in your room.
- Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on the lamp or fixture.
- Use a surge protector for your computer and plug the protector directly into an outlet.

Kiurski agreed that off-campus housing is often a problem area for fires.

"That's where the majority of the deaths are, in off-campus housing." Those may not be owned by the college or university. "At this age, they may not have given a lot of thought to fire safety." Students need to establish rules on smoking and candles, and check the stove every night.

"They may not like rules and they may not impose rules on each other," he said.

A couple years ago, a nearby university lost a student in a fire death due to a stuffed couch outside on a front porch off campus.

Kiurski didn't hesitate when asked for his No. 1 tip for kids headed off to school.

"Before the parents leave, develop and practice an escape plan." Seton Hall University had a dorm fire in which a number of students died years ago.

"If you're upstairs you've got to make sure there's a way out," Kiurski said.

Madonna University in Livonia does resident adviser training in fire safety, he said, and makes student safety a priority for its residence hall. That system of Kiurski training RAs works well.

NFPA is a worldwide leader in providing fire, electrical, building, and life safety to the public since 1896. The mission of the international nonprofit organization is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education.

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

## Reverse mortgage tricky

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

Q: I understand that there is now the ability to obtain reverse mortgages for cooperatives' seniors. Do you have any information about it?

A: I am advised that the National Association of Housing Cooperatives has been able to obtain enabling litigation in getting HUD to establish the necessary regulations for Home Equity Conversion Mortgages (HECMs = Reverse Mortgages) for cooperatives. Without the guidelines, lenders have been unwilling to consider reverse mortgages for cooperatives. This is a significant development for cooperative owners, but one should be very careful about entering in to a reverse mortgage because of the expense involved in obtaining and paying for a reverse mortgage.

Q: There are some homeowners in our condominium that have petitioned the board to enact a rule prohibiting people (children and adults in diapers) from using the pool, as I am aware of the Fair Housing Act obligations that preclude discrimination based on familial status, I am wondering if you have any comments on this?

A: This is an issue which continues to be widely debated and subject to many different interpretations. While your question seems to first appear to apply to everyone, there should be a concern that it may be interpreted by an administrative law judge as targeting toddlers and small children, the predominant users of diapers, which could result in a substantial financial penalty being imposed on the association. There are several cases where the Department of Housing and Urban Development specifically addresses the issue of pool rules designed to prohibit children in diapers from using the association swimming pools. In one case, the rule provided that no child under the age of 5 was permitted to use the pool and that children between the ages of 5 and 16 are allowed in the pool between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The administrative law judge found the rules to discriminate against families with children in that it interfered with the enjoyment and use of the facilities. There was a witness that testified that there was no health reason to exclude children of any age from a pool and that a pool can be maintained in a healthful and clean condition regardless of the ages of those that use the pool. The judge ruled that the only type of rule which would be found acceptable was one in which children were prohibited under a certain age from using the pool for the purpose of maintaining safety. In another case, the administrative law judge required the association to change its rule prohibiting all babies and a small child not fully potty trained from entering or being carried into a pool as follows: "Any person who is found incontinent or not fully potty trained must wear appropriate waterproof clothing when entering or being carried into the pool." In short, get a legal opinion from counsel before you enact any pool rule.

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 [brmeisner@meisner-associates.com](mailto:brmeisner@meisner-associates.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

## HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 31 to June 3, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
41718 Bedford Dr	\$43,000
47959 Cardiff Ave	\$80,000
8416 Chatham Dr	\$605,000
49551 Courtyard Ln	\$146,000
49817 Courtyard Ln	\$189,000
7101 Foxcreek Dr	\$185,000
45237 Indian Creek Dr	\$183,000
42784 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$55,000
636 Merrimac Rd	\$121,000
3847 Norwich Dr	\$77,000

4015 Norwich Dr	\$85,000
2266 Paddock Ln	\$155,000
47478 Parkgate Ct	\$378,000
42560 Saratoga Rd	\$60,000
GARDEN CITY	
6878 Arcola St	\$34,000
28569 Maplewood St	\$50,000
30355 Rush St	\$58,000
1032 W Rose Ave	\$105,000
LIVONIA	
13904 Beatrice St	\$130,000
16731 Blue Skies Dr	\$173,000
29506 Bobrich St	\$23,000
34070 Bretton Dr	\$194,000
18268 Comstock St	\$150,000
17663 Dolores St	\$96,000
15385 Doris St	\$85,000
17365 Doris St	\$112,000
35041 Elmira St	\$125,000
36667 Grandon St	\$125,000

9809 Horton St	\$150,000
19702 Ingram St	\$78,000
9057 Laurel St	\$90,000
15817 Loveland St	\$174,000
14753 Melvin St	\$138,000
38777 Northfield Ave	\$110,000
15827 Penn Dr	\$190,000
31326 Roycroft St	\$133,000
NORTHVILLE	
44107 Deep Hollow Cir	\$550,000
39636 Glenview Ct	\$237,000
15954 Morningside	\$112,000
39681 Muirfield Ln	\$240,000
42930 Richards Ct	\$60,000
20390 Westview Dr	\$385,000
PLYMOUTH	
13284 Karl Dr	\$365,000
455 Lindsay Dr	\$125,000
51067 Northview	\$221,000
9124 Oakcliffe Dr	\$148,000

9174 Tavistock Dr	\$150,000
REDFORD	
18688 Dalby	\$71,000
8905 Dale	\$49,000
20515 Denby	\$25,000
15490 Dixie	\$13,000
18329 Poinciana	\$45,000
8805 Salem	\$51,000
24218 W Chicago	\$25,000
WESTLAND	
38513 Avondale St	\$64,000
6600 Central City Pkwy	\$83,000
33520 Harvard Ave	\$125,000
483 N Bryar St	\$105,000
6305 N Wayne Rd	\$10,000
8160 Parkside Dr	\$166,000
38539 Red Oak St	\$65,000
34111 Sheridan Ct	\$81,000
7322 W Frumin Ct	\$56,000

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

BEVERLY HILLS	
16945 Reedmere Ave	\$290,000
31699 Southview St	\$95,000
1283 E Melton Rd	\$105,000
2134 Fairway Dr	\$308,000
1807 Hazel St	\$118,000
740 Henley St	\$380,000
1550 Tully Ct	\$252,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
425 Dunston Rd	\$540,000
1231 Harrow Cir	\$350,000
1940 Klingensmith Rd Unit 43	\$53,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
2620 Alveston Dr	\$145,000
3740 Burning Tree Dr	\$227,000
480 Fox Hills Dr S # 6	\$33,000
5410 Hollow Dr	\$285,000
5075 Inkster Rd	\$175,000

1940 Klingensmith Rd Unit 43	\$75,000
4130 Sandy Ln	\$387,000
3009 Woodcreek Way	\$390,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
1936 Applebrook Dr	\$50,000
2739 Augusta Dr	\$237,000
FARMINGTON	
33306 Oakland Ave	\$161,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
30211 Astor St	\$75,000
29768 Drake Rd	\$118,000
26381 Dundalk St	\$125,000
28089 Hickory Dr	\$240,000
29310 Laurel Dr	\$80,000
39224 Silverthorne Bnd	\$252,000
39275 Silverthorne Bnd	\$258,000
39276 Silverthorne Bnd	\$271,000
39312 Silverthorne Bnd	\$262,000
25658 Skye Dr	\$168,000
FRANKLIN	
26585 Woodlore Rd	\$415,000
30175 Woodside Ct	\$600,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
18797 Wiltshire Blvd	\$80,000
MILFORD	
1466 Hunters Lake Dr	\$807,000
301 N Main St	\$226,000
301 N Main St	\$221,000

1105 Riverside St	\$225,000
NOVI	
50702 Amesburg Dr	\$492,000
50654 Billenca Dr	\$495,000
50750 Calvert Isle Dr	\$518,000
22346 Carlisle Ct	\$385,000
42038 Cherry Hill Rd	\$99,000
46401 Grand River Ave	\$271,000
27974 Middleton Dr	\$150,000
24790 Nepavine	\$474,000
24425 Olde Orchard St	\$58,000
24330 Saybrook Ct	\$555,000
SOUTH LYON	
430 E Liberty St	\$26,000
61845 Richfield St	\$115,000
SOUTHFIELD	
15945 Addison St	\$32,000
20330 Alhambra St	\$63,000
30540 Balewood St	\$93,000
19751 Jeanette St	\$36,000
29085 Marshall St	\$10,000
17160 Nadora St	\$80,000
29470 Northbrook Ct	\$56,000
25024 Pendleton Dr	\$32,000
WHITE LAKE	
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

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- 15 Sanskrit dialect
- 16 Gossamer
- 17 Tease
- 18 Underground chamber (2 wds.)
- 21 Yr. fractions
- 22 Haul into court
- 23 Discoverer's shout
- 26 Hidden microphone
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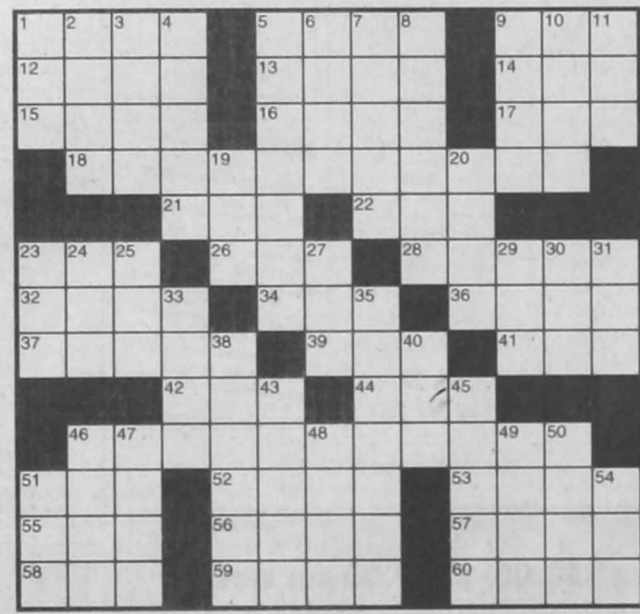
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- 46 Hay storage unit
- 47 AAA suggestions
- 48 — amandine
- 49 Took a card
- 50 First name in cheesecake
- 51 Commuter vehicle
- 54 Howl at the moon



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## SUDOKU

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- arrow
- camouflage
- game
- pheasant
- stealth
- bear
- deer
- hunting
- rifle
- trophy
- bow
- duck
- lure
- shotgun
- wilderness

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

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#### RECORD SHOW: Sept. 11, 10-4

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### Auction Sales

#### Auction of forfeited items for the St. Clair Shores PD and Narcotics Dept.

Sat Sept 10th, doors open 9am, auction 10:30am. 14656 Telegraph Rd. Redford MI. More info midwestauctionsales.com

#### ESTATE AUCTION Sat, Sept. 10, 7pm

Cultural Center 525 Farmer Plymouth MI Furniture/Accessories Collectibles/Electronics Daisy 88 gun Household Items. Cash/MC/Visa Bank Debit Cards No Checks Doors Open 6pm JCC Auction Service 734.451.7444 jcauctionservices.com

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#### KITTENS To Good Homes: 2 LITTERS: 1st litter born May 31st, 2nd litter born June 11. Call Ardath at 248-667-1195 or 248-573-5211 for info.

### Dogs

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Free horse to good home, 4 year old gelding. 248-684-6487

#### Lost - Pets

#### LOST KITTY Mon. 8/29. Grey tiger stripe female, white nose. Skittish. Spayed. 1 blk N/Cherry Hill bwn. Radcliff & Farmington St., Garden City, Reward. 734-261-5630

#### LOST SHIH TZU:

7 & Purlingbrook area. 10 lbs. male, neutered, 1.5 yrs old. Missing since 9/1 at 9:30am. Please call Kristin: 734-507-1061 or Livonia Police.

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# GARAGE SALES

## Garage/Moving Sales

**BIRMINGHAM** - a lot of vintage, also DVDs, some games, & more. 9/9 & 9/10, 9-4pm. 1692 Washington, off 14 Mile btwn Greenfield & Southfield

## CANTON FLEA MARKET

Royal Holiday Park. 39500 Warren Rd. Fri. & Sat. Sept. 9 & 10, 9-4pm. at Clubhouse.

## CANTON: Windsor Park

Subside Garage Sale 9-5 Sept. 8th - Sept 10th E. of Sheldon to Emerson N. of Warren to Arlington www.windsorparkcanton.org

## CANTON: Huge Garage Sale!

Large holiday assortment, Dept 56, Dickens, North Pole and E. P. Graceland; table saw, joiner, other tools; household & clothes. Sept. 14, 15 & 16. 47232 Larchmont Dr., N. of Ford/E. of Beck

## CANTON: Multi-Sub Sale

Cherry Hill Orchard, Stonegate, Oak Vale, S. of Cherry Hill, N. of Palmer, E. & W. of Lilley, Sept. 8-11th.

## CANTON: Thurs-Sun, 10-6pm

1617 Marlowe St. Toddler's clothes, name brand women's clothes, misc

## CANTON: Wed-Sat, 9/14-9/17

9-7 Large variety! Furniture, childrens, decorative accents, holiday & electronics. High quality items, all near new cond. 39961 Finley Dr. E. of Lotz, S. of Cherry Hill.

## FARMINGTON HILLS ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

Meadowbrook Hills Sub. Many Homes. Fri-Sat. Sept. 9-10th. 8 Mile & Halstead Rd.

## FARMINGTON HILLS MEADOWBROOK PARK ANNUAL GARAGE SALES

S of E. of Haggerty Sept 8-10th, 9am-4pm.

## FARMINGTON HILLS Huge Garage Sale

Thurs. - Sat., 9am-5pm. 33833 Harlan Drive. Toddler car beds, double stroller, pedal fire engine, bike stroller, Many Kay, Classic Poch, dish sets, clothing, toys, much more! 1 blk N. of 11 Mile, off Farmington Rd.

## FARMINGTON HILLS-Roll-top desk

kid's clothes & toys, carseat, printer, copier, fax, men's suits, misc housewares. 31223 County Ridge Cir. S. of 14 btwn Haggerty & Halstead. 9/9 & 9/10, 9-4pm.

## FARMINGTON HILLS: Vintage toys!

Barbie, Hallmark X-mas, She-Ra, Beanie, dolls, 80's. 23059 Purdue, 48336 9/8 preview, 4-7, 9/9 & 9/10, 8-5

## GARDEN CITY MOVING SALE:

31480 Marquette, Merriman and Marquette. Appl, paintings, household, tools, etc. Sept 9-11, 10am-5pm.

## GARDEN CITY:

Gigantic garage sale. Fri-Sun Sept. 9-11th, 10am-5pm. Antique Hoosier kitchen cabinet w/roll up front door and four bin & pull out porcelain top, over 85 yrs old. Collectible Coca-Cola items, exercise bike, furniture, collectible Nascars, men's clothes, records, linen, nicknacks, candles, lamps, new walker, NordicTrack Pro, Marie Osman dolls, Colesport upright freezer, Montgomery Ward's lap-top Hawaiian guitar over 70 yrs old, 12 string Crestwood guitar over 40 yrs old, 1966 Barbie dolls, Step 2 play house & swing set, lots more! 30835 Roslyn, btwn Ford Rd & Cherry Hill, E. off Merriman.

## LIVONIA - Multi Family

Thurs-Sun 9/8-9/11, 8-4pm. Silver serving pcs, Barbies, antiques, books, snowblower. 14680 Lyons, btwn Middlebelt & Inkster off 5 Mile.

## LIVONIA ANNUAL SUB SALE!

WE'RE BACK! Brookwood Estates ALMOST 100 HOMES 5 Mile & Merriman Sat-Sun, Sept. 10-11 Some sales start Friday Concessions

## LIVONIA GARAGE SALE:

16187 Wayne Rd, S of 6 Mile, btwn Farmington and Newburgh. Sept. 8-13, 9-5pm.

## LIVONIA MOVING SALE

31350 Wentworth, off Merriman, between 5&6 mile. Sept 9th & 10th, 9am - 4pm. Collectables, Retro, Toys, Furniture, Household Goods.

## LIVONIA

Wildwood Forest Sub Sale Riverside Street, S. of 5 Mile, btwn Farmington & Levan, Sat., Sept. 10th, 9-5pm.

## LIVONIA: Furniture, clothing,

appl. toys, household items & more! Thurs-Sat, 9/8-9/10, 9-5pm. 37031 Margarita, 7 Mile & Newburgh.

## LIVONIA: Household, furniture,

electronics, office supplies, toys, games & much more! Fri-Sun, 10-5pm. 34025 Navin, N of 7, E of Gill

## LIVONIA: Teenage clothes &

jean, etc.; jewelry, paper stuff incl Big Little books, sheet music, trade cards, post cards, ladies boots, old books, round pine table, toys, clothing buttons, antiques, china, glass & more! 9/8-9/10, 9-6pm. 11031 Melrose, at Merriman & Plymouth Rd.

## LIVONIA: Yard sale 9/8-9/10

18726 Sunset, E. of Merriman, S of 7 Mile. Records, books & household goods. Great Deals!

## LIVONIA-19280 Parkville, 7

Mile & Middlebelt (st. next to Chicken Shack). Sun. Only 9-3pm. Furniture, misc. items, weight lifting set, etc.

## LIVONIA: Antiques & collectibles

Sat-Sun, 9-5. 30410 Munger St., off 6 Mile between Merriman & Middlebelt.

## Garage/Moving Sales

**LIVONIA: Construction Equip.** 3 Companies are closing. Building, Electric & HVAC. Tools, new & old, hand, power, electrical materials, commercial doors & hardware, scaffolding, misc. Sept. 17th ONLY! 10-5pm. No early birds Or Pre-sales 38005 Plymouth Rd. 1/2 mi. W. of Newburgh

## LIVONIA: Huge Garage Sale.

35811 Pinetree St. Something for everyone. Sept. 8, 9, 10, 9-4pm. Plymouth & Wayne.

## MILFORD- GIANT SALE!

Mechanic, yard & paint tools. Electric & plumbing supplies, household & craft items! Fri-Sun Sept. 9-11th, 10-5pm. 915 E Dawson, off Millford Rd btwn South Hill & Old Plank.

## MILFORD- Huge end of season garage sale.

Furniture, TV, bed, lawn furniture, bikes, tires, books, clothing, 4 wheel-er and much more! Fri & Sat 9-5pm, Sept 9-10th, 31232 Artesian Dr, off Pontiac Trail btwn South Hill and Old Plank Rd, in Bowers's Hills Sub.

## MILFORD- Moving.

Antique brass beds, lennox china, lead crystal, silver plate flatware, mink stoll dk brown, antique glassware, antique chairs, Franklin Mint spoons, butler's pantry (mahogany), antique chests (oak, mahogany & marble top), crystal glassware, many silver pieces, limited edition Ducks Unlimited print, antique linens, dishes, clocks, old toys, hunting clothes & equip., fishing rods, 3 sewing machines (1 antique, not travel), lg portable dog kennel; odds & ends of table, couch & other furniture. Sept 9-11th, 9-4pm, 759 Sweetbriar.

## MILFORD- Weds-Sat, Sept

14-17th, 9-5pm. 406 Lone Tree, across from Millford HS. Little bit of everything- household, tools, some furniture.

## NEW HUDSON - BIG GARAGE SALE!

Collectibles, china, household, tent, toys, books, Barbies, girl's clothes, dye cast cars, bikes. 57771 Cider Mill Rd. 9/8-9/9, 9-5pm.

## NEW HUDSON SUB WIDE SALE

ORCHARDS OF LYON, on Grand River, 1/4 mile W. of Millford Rd., Thurs., Sept. 8th-Sat., Sept. 10th, 8am-4pm. Baby stuff, tools, furniture, clothing, more!

## NEW HUDSON- Multi family

clothing from baby to adult, some furniture, bedding, wedding goods, children's & adult books, toys, and a ton more!!! Thurs-Sun, 9-5pm. 30906 Bramley Circle, off Grand River btwn Kent Lk & Millford Rd

## NORTHVILLE TWP- Northville

Hills Sub. S of 6 Mile, W of Sheldon. 45752 Tournament Dr. Fri, Sept 9th & Sat. Sept 10th, 8-4pm. Household items, kid's clothes & more.

## NORTHVILLE: Exercise equip,

TV, lots of misc. household. Fri-Sat, Sept. 9-10, 9-4pm. 17469 Deer Path Dr, 6 Mile & Beck. Hills of Crestwood Sub.

## NORTHVILLE: Fri-Sat, Sept

9-10, 9-5pm. 4 family! Craft, toys, collectibles, furniture, misc. 20450 Woodcreek Blvd, S/ 8 Mile, W/ Meadowbrook.

## NORTHVILLE: Phase 1 of getting

rid of 55 years of stuff! 46170 Bloomcrest Dr. Main & Clement. Fri-Sat, 9-5pm. Old new & vintage stuff.

## PLYMOUTH ANTIQUE SALE

In Ribar's Barn, 2 lg primitive cupboards, 2 desks, furniture, LOTS MORE! Sept. 8, 9, 10 & 11, 9-5pm-6pm. Forest, 2 bks. S. of Ann Arbor Trail, 1 blk W. of Main.

## PLYMOUTH Garage Sale

346 Sunset St. Sept. 9, 9am-4pm. Vintage furniture, toys, etc.

## PLYMOUTH HUGE SALE

12034 Trailwood, (one block west of Sheldon). Sports equipment, toys, teen clothes, household items, video games and more! Good stuff and lots of it. Priced to sell. 10-3 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 10-11.

## PLYMOUTH Moving Sale

9759 Abi Court (48170). Fri-Sat., 9am-5pm. Furniture, tools, home goods.

## PLYMOUTH- 9/9-9/11, 9-5pm

11261 McClumpha, 1 mi W of Sheldon btwn Ann Arbor Rd & Ann Arbor Trl. Antiques, tools, toys, unique bird houses.

## PLYMOUTH- Estate/Garage

Vintage clothes, jewelry, dolls, records, dishes, linens, holiday items, books, magazines, tools, trains, toys, games, military. 9/8-9/10, 9-5pm. 9268 Marlowe, S of Ann Arbor Rd, E of Sheldon.

## PLYMOUTH: 18 Families.

Special Treasures. Household, Clothes & Toys. Sept. 8 & 9th, 9-5pm. 12305 Beacon Hill Dr (N of Ann Arbor Trail).

## REDFORD HUGE SALE - Fri-Sat,

Sept. 9 & 10, 9am-5pm. 26004 W. Chicago, Redford. Tonnau cover, blow molds, collectibles, scrubs, housewares, 100's of items.

## REDFORD MOVING SALE

Thurs-Sat., 9/8-9/10, 10am-5pm. 18679 Lennane, S of 7 Mile, E of Beach Daly Household items, furniture, Home Interior items & home decor.

## REDFORD TOWNSHIP HUGH MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE

Thurs-Fri-Sat, Sept. 8-10, 9am-4pm. 15513 LEVINGTON, Furniture, Books, Toys, Household, Collectibles, Exercise equipment, Coleman Avalon Pop-Up Camper, much more! Priced to sell!

## REDFORD TWP- Garage Sale

Sept. 8, 9, 10th., 10am-4pm. 9906 Seminole, Redford Twp. 48239. Furniture, clothes, housewares, etc.

## REDFORD- Stereo, records,

camping equip., & much much more! 26029 Student. One blk N of 5 Mile, 1.5 bks W of Beach Daly. Fri & Sat, 9-5pm.

## SOUTH LYON - TOBIN LAKE ESTATE GARAGE SALE:

AirDyne, dolls, dishes, furniture, fabric, large clothing, lamps, fur coats, cookbooks, no junk. 8550 Buckland Rd, off 7 Mile, Sept 9-11, 9-3pm.

## SOUTH LYON MOVING SALE

Home seasonal decor, housewares, collectibles, linens, misc. yard tools & some furniture. Thurs-Sat. Sept. 8-10, 9am-4pm. 871 Northcharr, N. of 10 Mile, W of Marindale.

## Garage/Moving Sales

**SOUTHFIELD- Furniture,** tools, furs, custom drapes, collectibles, cross country skis, TV, dorm-size fridge. All quality items. 9/8-9/10, 8:30-5, 27270 Red Leaf Ln, 2 bks E of Southfield off 12 Mile.

## WEST BLOOMFIELD- Retiring

to Florida. Usual garage sale stuff plus. Everything marked to sell. Everything must go! Sept 8-10th, 10-5pm. 4901 N. Clunbury, at Maple & Inkster

## WESTLAND Community Garage Sale

Sat., September 17th, 9-4pm. 100 Vendors. 36601 Ford Rd. Spaces still available. 734-722-7620

## WESTLAND BIRCH HILL COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Cherry Hill E. of Venoy Saturday, September 10th 9am-4 pm

## WESTLAND Sept 10-11, 9am-5pm

32533 ANITA DR, off Joy, btwn Hubbard & Farmington. Plus-size women's clothing, luggage, shoes, bicycles & MUCH MORE!

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Super crew, \$28,788 loaded. Hard T-cover. Only 25k miles, super clean. NORTH BROS. FORD 734-402-8774

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## FORD EXPLORER 2006

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# Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights!

## September



## Back to school

### Back - to - School Fun Facts



**Back to School Shopping:**  
August 2009 - 7.2 billion  
Source: US Census Bureau

**School Enrollment:**  
Number of children/adults enrolled in school throughout the country in October 2008 - 76 million  
Source: US Census Bureau

**Languages:**  
Number of school age children (5 to 17) who spoke a language other than English at home in 2008 - 7.8 million of these children spoke Spanish at home.  
Source: US Census Bureau

**Yearly School Attendance:**  
Students living in United States - 180 days  
Students living in Korea - 225 days  
Students living in Japan - 220 days  
Source: Michigan's Incredible Shrinking School Year

### Scoop's Entertainment Corner

Star Magnets from Kaboose.com  
Difficulty: Easy  
Age: 5 and up  
Parental supervision is recommended  
What you'll need:  
• 3" Wooden flat star  
• 5" Decorative ribbon (1" wide)  
• Craft paint  
• Glitter glue pens  
• Markers (to write names on stars)  
• Scissors  
• Hot glue gun  
• Very strong magnet (as large as you can fit behind the star)



- How to make it:**
1. Paint your star the color desired and let dry.
  2. Using a contrasting colored marker, write the child's name and any other words on the star. Ideas: "My Artist Did This" "A Masterpiece by" "— Did This" "Look What — Did!"
  3. If you mess up on the lettering, just repaint over the star.
  4. Using a glitter glue pen, draw a thin line all around the outside edge of the star and let dry.
  5. Take your piece of ribbon and fold it in half length-wise.
  6. Starting at the end of the ribbon, cut at an angle toward the folded edge. You should have a "V" shape cut out of the ribbon.
  7. Repeat for other end.
  8. Fold the ribbon in half. Slightly angle the ribbon so you will see both pieces (see photo).
  9. Hot glue on back of star with edges showing below the bottom of the star.
  10. Hot glue the magnet on the back of the star.
  11. Date the back of the magnet with the marker.

### What's the Scoop?

- Back to School, steps to being successful
1. What things did you buy to get ready for the first day of school?
  2. What did you do the night before to get ready for school?
  3. How do you cope with the first day nerves?
  4. What is the best thing about going back to school?
  5. What did you miss most about school over the summer?

### What's the Scoop Back-to-School Contest

Youth Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Youth Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Youth Community: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's information to contact winning entry:  
(Phone, email, home address)

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Selected winners will have their name, age, hometown and photo in the next Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights.



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**Scoop's Birthday Club Entry Form**

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Boy or Girl  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Parent's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to also sign up for **baskinBRobbins** Birthday Club and receive a FREE 2.5 oz. scoop on my birthday.  
\* required for Birthday Club

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Scoop will pick 3 random winners.

Send us your answers to "What's Up Scoop" Back - to - School Contest to:

**Scoop the Newshound**  
Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Newspapers  
c/o: Michele Austin  
41304 Concept Drive  
Plymouth, MI 48170

Deadline for submissions: 9/30/11

All entries need to be received by close of the business day on Sept. 30th. Winners to be announced in the October Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights.

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### Lucky winners from last month's contest

Each winner received 2 tickets to the Novi Putting Edge and a Scoop the Newshound Tee-Shirt!



**Donald Eby**  
Age: 6 1/2  
Community: Milford



**Lauren Austin**  
Age: 10  
Community: South Lyon/ Northville



**Shelby Avey**  
Age: 7  
Community: Livonia

Scoop, the newshound, will be offering contests on a monthly basis. Look for Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights page monthly in this newspaper!