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Lauryn Bane of Canton will compete for the title of Miss Michigan USA 2012 Sept. 30 through Oct. 1 in Port Huron.

The competition, to be held at the McMoran Entertainment Center, consists of three proportional segments: evening gown, fitness/swimsuit and the final question.

The winner, in addition to claiming prizes including travel, wardrobe and college scholarships, represents Michigan in the Miss USA pageant.



Bane

Contracts approved

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education Tuesday accepted contract agreements with its five remaining employee unions.

With all 10 deals settled, administration officials said the district saved nearly \$7 million, with the majority of the savings realized in the health care area. The final contracts were settled with the district's administrators, plant engineers, secretaries, cafeteria workers and garage/staff security unions.

The majority of the contacts are one-year deals representing the 2011-12 school year.

Heise honor

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, was honored as a "Friend to Public Education" by the Wayne-Westland school board at its Sept. 25 meeting. Heise was particularly singled out by the board for his efforts to restore \$3 million in funding for the Wayne-Westland school district in the 2011-12 budget.

Teacher pleads guilty to gun charge

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Citing a need to put the issue behind him, former Plymouth High School history teacher Ray Schepansky Wednesday pleaded guilty in Wayne County Circuit Court to one count of carrying a concealed weapon.

Schepansky, who was fired earlier this month, faces sentencing Oct. 28 in front of Wayne County Circuit Judge David Allen.

The charge is a five-year felony, though pre-sentencing guidelines in the case give Allen the discretion to sentence Schepansky up to three months' or give him probation.

Allen indicated in court Wednesday he'd be open to a probationary sentence.

"We're satisfied with this resolution," said Richard Convertino, Schepansky's attorney. "It's draining and taxing on Ray, his family and his friends. It's time

to put it behind him and move on."

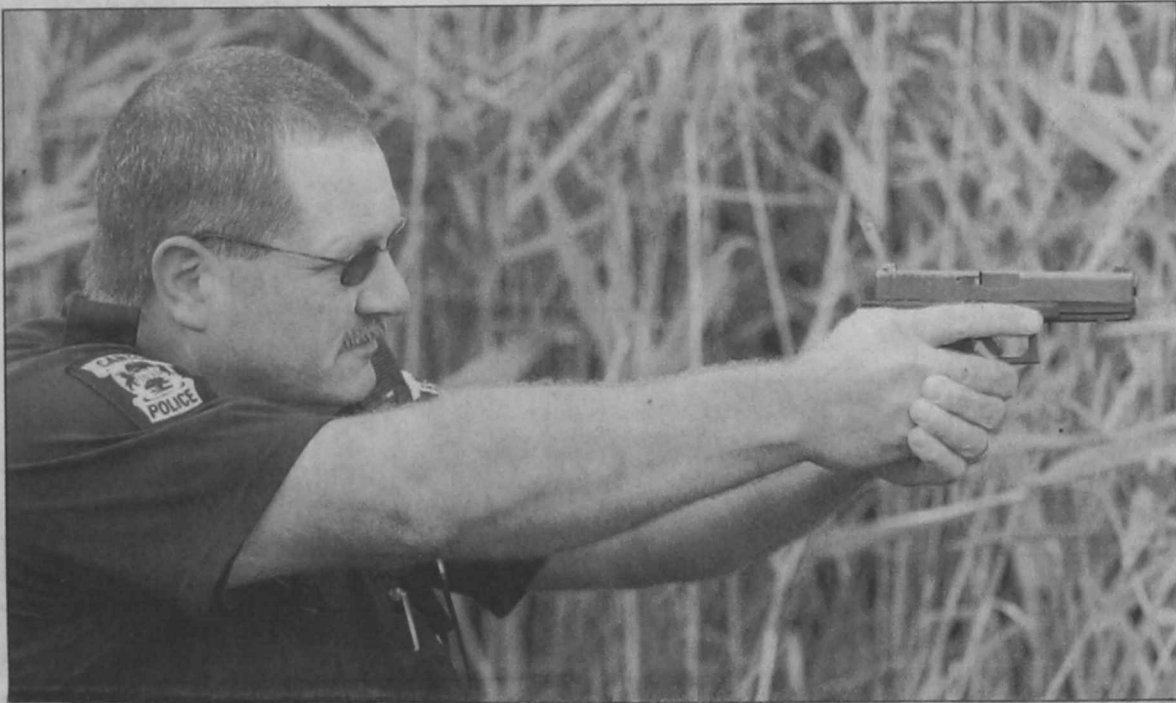
The plea agreement came on the day the parties were supposed to hear testimony on the Wayne County prosecutor's motion to reinstate three charges dismissed by 35th District Court Judge Michael Gerou after Schepansky's preliminary hearing in that court.

Gerou dismissed charges of carrying a weapon with unlawful intent, carrying a weap-

on in a school zone and possessing a firearm when committing or attempting to commit a felony. All of the charges stem from an April 14 incident during which Schepansky was arrested after police discovered a weapon beneath the seat of his car during a stop on the driveway leading from Beck Road into Plymouth High School.

Under terms of the agreement,

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Canton Police Officer Mike Tulip took third place in statewide competition.

'Expert' rank puts Canton cop in top tier

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

It's a good thing Mike Tulip is on the right side of the law.

This seasoned Canton police officer can shoot a gun like nobody's business.

Doubt it? Just ask the International Defensive Pistol Association.

Tulip has earned the IDPA's

rank of "expert" after he used a Glock semiautomatic pistol and placed third among 32 of the world's top-tier gun-handlers in the Glock division. He competed when nearly 200 shooters descended in mid-September on an international contest hosted by the Wayne County Raccoon Hunters Club of Romulus.

Shooters came from as far

away as Italy and Finland. Since that international contest, Tulip has placed first among a smaller-scale competition at the Saline-based Tri-County Sportsman's Club League.

Tulip's ranking of expert places him above three other IDPA levels — sharpshooter, marksman

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New trustee a unanimous selection

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Relishing a sweeping vote of support Tuesday evening, newly appointed Canton Township Trustee Gregory Demopoulos pledged to work tirelessly to represent Canton's best interests through teamwork rather than politics.

"I'm very pleased and honored," Demopoulos, 48, said after the township board voted 6-0 to name him the successor to former Trustee Todd Caccamo, who resigned Aug. 31. "It's nice for me because for quite some time this has been a goal of mine, and I've waited for the right time in life."

Demopoulos, a 23-year Canton resident, community activist and Northville Township prosecutor, bested six other finalists to fulfill the remaining 14 months of Caccamo's unexpired term.



Demopoulos

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Fall expo has something for seniors, boomers

Seniors citizens, baby boomers and others are invited to come spend the day being entertained and educated at the third annual Senior Fall Health & Living Expo, sponsored by the *Observer & Eccentric/Hometown Newspapers* and Wayne State University-Oakland Center.

The expo starts at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, and the first 100 attendees through the door will receive a movie pass for two to Emagine Theaters and a coupon for a free four-square Buddy's Pizza.

More than 40 exhibitors, featuring demonstrations and free seminars on estate planning, identity theft protection, insurance planning and investment strategies, along with free morn-

ing refreshments and hourly gift giveaways, are on tap for the event, which runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This year's location — WSU-Oakland Center — is new. The center is at 33737 W. 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills. It is easily accessible from I-696, I-96, M-10 and I-275. Admission is free and ample free parking is available all day.

Free trolley service is available from three locations: Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, departing at 7:15 a.m. and 9:45 a.m.; Southfield Senior Center, 24350 Civic Center Drive, departing at 7:40 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; and Novi Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road, with one

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Royal couple



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Ryan Schwinke and Alexandra Bryden were crowned Canton High School Homecoming King and Queen at halftime ceremonies during Friday's prep football game between Canton and Westland John Glenn. The Chiefs blasted the Rockets, 66-13.

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and novice — and leaves him with only one rank, master, to conquer.

Tulip, 46, trains other Canton police officers on the Glock semiautomatic pistol and police rifle, but he didn't get involved in IDPA competition through his job.

"He did it on his own," Canton police Lt. Scott Hilden said. "It's a really important skill to keep up and practice."

That way, when Canton has the rare barricaded gunman, or if a crazed shooter should take local hostages, Tulip's skills — and the training he has given other officers — could mean the difference between life and death.

During the IDPA competition, Tulip had his skills tested during high-stress exercises that simulated everything from a barricaded gunman to an attack from multiple shooters, yet he maintained his cool and showed his mettle.

"One of the most important things is to follow directions," he said.

During one competition, Tulip and others had to drop a duffel bag, setting off a buzzer and prompting moving targets to approach from hiding from several directions.



BILL BRESLER
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Officer Mike Tulip a Canton police officer since 1988, trains his fellow officers inside a Canton Police Department shooting range near Lilley and Van Born.

Shooters earned points depending on how rapidly and effectively they hit their targets — a skill that brought Tulip high scores and indicated how he could handle a real situation.

Tulip has been a Canton police officer since 1988. He trains his fellow officers inside a Canton Police Department shooting range near Lilley and Van Born, though he also practices at other locations on his own time.

Now that the IDPA defines him as an expert, Tulip said he won't have to put up with the razzing he endured when he had the rank of sharpshooter.

"I can shoot with the experts," he said with a smile. "Guys have been accusing me of sandbagging all year."

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League forum spotlights school board hopefuls

The League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County is providing an opportunity for Plymouth and Canton citizens to learn more about the Plymouth-Canton School Board candidates competing for four seats in the Nov. 8 election.

All 14 candidates have been invited to attend a Candidates Forum on Monday, Oct. 3, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton (a 15th candidate, John Nichols, has suspended his campaign). The public is invited to attend the forum and submit questions for the candidates that will be asked by a League moderator. The public can also submit questions in advance through the League's e-mail address: lwvmail@yahoo.com.

The forum will be filmed by Canton Cable and will be aired multiple times before the election. The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. It never supports or opposes any political party or candidate.

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departure at 8:30 a.m. To reserve your seat, call (313) 222-2414.

Come learn about what baby boomers need to know about maximizing their retirement income. O&E financial columnist Rick Bloom of Bloom Asset Management in Farmington Hills will share strategies to protect and grow your investment portfolio in a down economy.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, member of the Saint Joseph Mercy Healthy

System, and Dental One will offer free health screenings.

For a complete schedule of speakers and topics, exhibitors and events, see the Senior Fall Health & Living Expo Special Section inside today's edition.

This year's musical entertainment will be Ya Tafari. In addition, attendees are invited to try their hand at Wii games to win prizes.

For more information or to sign up for free trolley service, contact Choya Jordan at (313) 222-2414 or via e-mail at cbjordan@hometownlife.com.

AROUND CANTON

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

POM CLINIC

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 1, 9-11:30 a.m.

Location: Canton High School cafeteria

Details: The Canton Chieftettes host a pom clinic where participants will learn pom pon techniques and a short dance routine. Participants perform at the varsity football game Oct. 14. Links to a clinic flyer and registration can be found at cantonchieftettes.com

NEWCOMERS MEETING

Date/Time: Wednesday, Oct. 5, 7:15 p.m.

Location: Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford, Canton

Details: The Canton Newcomers and Neighbors Club hosts Linda Robin of Showroom of Elegance discussing "Caring for one of your BFF's — your jewelry!" On site inspections available. The club will also be welcoming Joy Shields from 31 Gifts, Olga's Kitchen bringing a tasty treat, a raffle to benefit a local charity for a cool prize, and signups for interest groups including Book Club, Parade Company Walking Tour, Ladies Bunko, Let's Do Dinner, Couples Social and more.

Contact: RSVP to Noreen at nrybar@yahoo.com or 734 981 0486. For more information, visit www.canton-newcomersandneighbors.org

FASHION FOR JOBS

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 1, 11 a.m. to noon

Location: Goodwill Flag-

ship Upscale Resale Store, 41937 Ford Road in Canton

Details: Models of all ages will showcase fashions from the Goodwill flagship upscale resale store. The Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit Fall Fashion show will feature local models from ages 6 to 26 donning outfits consisting of items donated to the upscale resale store. Proceeds from Goodwill's Fall Fashion Show support Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit employment education, training and placement programs that help unemployed Metro Detroiters earn jobs.

Contact: For information, visit <http://www.goodwill-detroit.org>

ART EXHIBIT

Date/Time: Through Nov. 12.

Location: D & M Art Studio, Golden Gate Shopping Center, 8691 Lilley in Canton.

Details: Mark Alpers (photography) and Ronald Warunek (pastels) present a collection of their work. Warunek is a retired architect who, after high school, discovered he had an interest and aptitude for art. In 2009 he became a member of Three Cities Art Club which sparked his desire to continually create new works of art. Alpers has had an interest in photography and painting for over 30 years. He concentrated more on his painting until recently when he realized that photography was becoming more important in his artistic expression.

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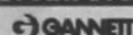
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Canton chamber president under fire

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer



Rettig

After just nine months on the job, Canton Chamber of Commerce President Tracey Rettig has found herself embroiled in a heated dispute over her leadership.

Her critics, including former chamber board leaders, say they believe she lacks the skills and experience to reverse declining membership within the business community and a drop in attendance at chamber-sponsored events such as the restaurant Grub Crawl and Supervisor Phil LaJoy's annual breakfast address.

They also say they fear declining membership could signal long-term financial problems as the chamber tries to remain viable and pay its debts, such as the mortgage on its office on Hanford west of Canton Center.

"Nothing personal with Tracey at all, but we don't think she's the out-front, rah-rah person that's going to be able to turn this around," former executive board member Bob Carrington said Wednesday afternoon during a chamber board meeting.

He and former chamber leaders Janet Volante, Bob Boyer and Terry Jobbitt attended Wednesday's session to show their displeasure over Rettig's job performance. Carrington said he believes the executive committee "made a mistake" when it hired Rettig, who started her job in early January.

Volante, former board chair, said "it's not just a small number of people" that have noticed a decline in the chamber. She also said morale has declined for the chamber's member relations staffer, Thomas Paden, and administrative assistant Jana Porter.

Their comments led to a closed-door session by the chamber board, after which board Chairman Marty Heator said he remains supportive of

steps Rettig and the board are taking to collectively ensure the chamber's long-term success. He invited those critical of the chamber to become more involved.

"I respect their experiences and their knowledge," Heator said. "As a board we listened very carefully to what they had to say."

He said the current board will answer the concerns of past board leaders.

Rettig sat in the meeting as Carrigan and Volante spoke. Carrigan had suggested she might not want to attend, but Heator said Rettig wanted to hear what her critics said.

Carrigan pointed to declining chamber membership, which has fallen from 582 late last year to 558. He said others haven't yet renewed their dues.

However, Heator said the chamber has fought against a five-year decline in membership — a decline that began long before Rettig was hired.

After the meeting, Rettig made only a brief statement. "I value the membership. It's

the lifeblood of the chamber," she said. "I always welcome honest and open feedback from the membership."

On one positive note, it appears based on figures released Wednesday that the chamber had a net profit of \$19,236 on its recent golf outing — in contrast to events such as an annual auction and Grub Crawl that fell short of projections.

Other financial statements indicate that membership dues are projected to be down \$7,000 and the building fund down by \$2,000.

However, the board Wednesday discussed efforts they plan to initiate in hopes of increasing membership and dues, in addition to pushing for higher attendance at chamber events. Rettig's critics say she had no chamber experience before she was hired in Canton. They also noted she lives in another community, Berkley.

However, when Rettig was hired, Heator said she brought to the job 20 years of business experience, a long history of

involvement with professional and civic associations, and a background in marketing and corporate communications.

Even prior to Wednesday's meeting, Rettig's supporters have said the economy has played a role in declining membership and attendance at chamber events. Heator said Wednesday he is hopeful Rettig and the board can find ways to improve the chamber's position.

Rettig was hired after a chamber search committee interviewed five candidates from a field of 13 applicants.

Carrington said former board members don't mean to cause trouble for no reason. Moreover, he said they are not motivated by any ties they had to the former chamber president, Dianne Cojei.

Volante said she and others helped raise nearly \$250,000 for the chamber office. She called the chamber "a huge passion of mine" and said she wants to see it succeed.

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Deep roots give Mirto perspective on town's changes

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer



Mirto

Bruce Mirto takes the long view when it comes to Plymouth.

It's a perspective gained from his company's 60 years in business, from his chairmanship of the Downtown Business Association, and from the panorama of Kellogg Park and the center of town that can be seen from the window of his second-floor office on Main Street.

"There was a time when you could cross Main Street with your eyes closed and not get hit by a car," Mirto said during an interview in his office on

Monday. But changes, especially in recent years, have drawn visitors and residents and made Plymouth busier and more attractive, he added. "Who wouldn't want to have an office here, as opposed to a tower in Southfield?" he said.

Though there may be grumbling from some quarters about, for example, the number of restaurants that have recently come to town, or the city's nightlife, Mirto sees those as positive

developments that add to the city's vibrancy.

"It makes it a really nice place to work and live, and I benefit from that," said Mirto, who grew up mostly in Plymouth and now lives in Plymouth Township.

Mirto owns Mirto & Co., an insurance and retirement planning firm. A Michigan-licensed counselor for health and life insurance, he represents 51 life insurance companies, 26 annuity companies and the state's major health insurance companies. Above all, he said, he represents his clients.

"If the client needs something, I have access to the entire marketplace

to find it for them," Mirto said.

Mirto's father, Fabe, started the business as the Mirto Agency in 1951, representing one company, Woodmen Accident & Life. A musician and bandleader in New Haven, Conn., and on the Cunard Line of cruise ships, Fabe Mirto had decided to settle down and raise a family when he went to work in Connecticut for another insurance company, then made the move to Michigan to work for Woodmen.

The family lived in Detroit briefly, he said, but his father discovered Plymouth while traveling between Detroit and Ann Arbor and

fell in love with it.

Bruce Mirto is following in his father's career footsteps.

"When I was in college I knew that's what I wanted to do," he said. It seemed natural: He was familiar with the office, and the people at Woodmen knew him (perhaps a little too well, he jokes).

With a marketing degree from the University of Detroit, Mirto started out in 1968 as an agent in his dad's office. He was the assistant manager for two years before Fabe Mirto retired in 1976, then became the agency manager, in charge of the Woodmen sales force in southeast-

ern Michigan. His father died in 2001.

Mirto parted ways with Woodmen in 1982, becoming an independent agent. The life insurance business had changed dramatically because of high interest rates, and Woodmen (which later aligned with another insurance company) wasn't adapting, Mirto said.

But the lively Plymouth that he now sees, Mirto said, has its roots in decades of planning and good decisions, starting with the town square-type downtown layout, with Kellogg Park as the center.

"It's not an accident that it got this way," Mirto said.

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CRIME WATCH

Purse snatched

A 28-year-old woman told police she was robbed of her purse while she was walking to her car in the 1200 block of Stacy, in the Meadowood Townhomes northeast of Palmer and Haggerty roads.

The woman said she was walking and talking on her cell phone when a suspect approached her, grabbed her purse and ran away toward Haggerty Road.

She said the incident happened about 3 p.m. Sept. 20.

The woman said she initially ran after the man but realized her children were standing nearby, so she returned to them. A witness also saw the incident.

The victim described the suspect as a light-skinned black male in his 30s with a goatee. She said he wore a tan, button-down shirt and tan shorts.

The woman said her purse contained her wallet, a state Bridge Card, \$40-\$50 in cash, her driver's license, an old check book, her Social Security card, bank information, her children's insurance information and pay stubs.

Failure to report

A Canton High School teen was ticketed for failing to report a car accident that happened about 10 a.m. Monday when he reportedly hit a condo deck in the 41600 block of Bedford, southeast of Haggerty and Ford roads, according to a police report.

A woman who lives in the condo heard a vehicle hit her deck, looked outside and saw a silver Chevrolet pickup truck leaving the scene, the report said. The deck was damaged and had tire tracks leading to it.

An investigation led Canton police to a teen who, according to the police report, admitted hitting the deck. He said he has old tires, turned a corner, lost control of the vehicle and hit the deck. Police located the teen at school, questioned him and issued a ticket.

Car bump

A male student told police he was walking to a school bus stop near a mobile home park at 51000 Mott when a car went by him at 20-30 mph and bumped him on the left knee.

He said the car stopped momentarily, backed up and left the mobile home park. He described it as a black car, possibly a Pontiac Grand Am. The victim said he didn't fall during the incident, but he said his knee was hurting badly.

The boy said he limped home and told

his mother what had happened.

Argument ensues

Canton police investigated reports of two girls fighting over a boy during an altercation that allegedly happened about 3:20 p.m. Monday at a school bus stop at Sherwood Village, a mobile home park southeast of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty Road.

Police spoke with an alleged victim who said she has been arguing with another girl over a boy. Both girls attend Franklin Middle School in Wayne.

The alleged victim told police the other girl threatened her at school, saying she was going to fight her at the school bus stop. When the victim got off the bus that afternoon, she said the other girl pushed her from behind.

The victim said the other girl threw a few punches and that she began to fight back. She said a third girl then held her, causing her to fall and hit her head on a wood railing, the police report said.

The victim had small abrasions. She told police she didn't want to prosecute the other girl but wanted to be left alone.

GPS grabbed

A man reported that someone went into his unlocked vehicle while it was parked in the 48100 block of Glenmount, northwest of Beck and Saltz roads, and took a GPS unit, a laptop and case, and a black leather briefcase.

He reported the incident Sunday afternoon.

Dual arrests

Canton police made two arrests following a traffic stop that happened shortly after 10 p.m. Saturday on Haggerty Road near Michigan Avenue.

A patrol officer saw a Ford Aerostar make an illegal move to go on northbound Haggerty. Police stopped the car and learned that one male in the vehicle was wanted out of Washtenaw County on a warrant of carrying a concealed weapon. Police took him into custody and turned him over to Washtenaw County authorities.

The driver also was placed under arrest for driving with a suspended license. The vehicle was turned over to a relative.

The suspects, described as cousins, were 22 and 23 years old.

— Compiled by Staff Writer Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

Suspect enters station with unloaded gun

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

An unloaded .25-caliber handgun was found on a suspect inside the Canton police station after his arrest early Saturday morning on a less serious charge of driving with a suspended license, Detective Brian Schultz said.

The allegations against defendant Keon Lavell Pritchett, 19, of Redford, have led to a charge he was illegally carrying a concealed weapon. If convicted, Pritchett could face penalties ranging up to five years in prison.

The incident started shortly after 2:30 a.m. Saturday when a patrol officer stopped a 2003 Chevrolet Malibu on east-bound Michigan Avenue near Hannan after notic-



Pritchett

ing the car twice cross over a white line on the road, according to a police report.

The driver told police he was on his way home from Eastern Michigan University and wasn't familiar with the area.

Police learned Pritchett had a suspended driver's license and took him into custody. He was taken to the police station, where the report indicated the gun fell down the leg of his sweatpants when he was asked to remove the drawstring while he was being processed.

The gun had been tied

to the drawstring and hidden in the sweatpants, Schultz said. Police confiscated the gun.

According to the police report, Pritchett told police he was a collector but didn't mention the gun because he didn't want to get into trouble.

Pritchett was arraigned Saturday on the concealed weapon charge, and a not-guilty plea was entered for him. A \$10,000/10 percent bond was set.

He has been ordered to appear in 35th District Court for an Oct. 7 preliminary examination to determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

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Former Plymouth High School history teacher Ray Schepansky (right), with attorney Richard Convertino and Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Charisse Anderson, pleaded guilty Wednesday to carrying a concealed weapon.

TEACHER

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Schepansky can have no further contact with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools or with Erin MacGregor, who was at the time the assistant principal at Plymouth High School. Testimony in 35th District Court alleged Schepansky had made threats against MacGregor.

Schepansky also submitted a letter of resigna-

tion to the district, relinquishing any right he had to appeal the district's decision to fire him.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Bob Donaldson said Wednesday he was "satisfied" with the resolution.

"The school district, the Canton Police Department and our office are all satisfied with the decision," Donaldson said.

Frank Ruggirello, Plymouth-Canton's director of community relations, said the district would "have

no comment" on the resolution of the case.

Convertino said afterward Schepansky will "regroup."

"If (Schepansky) wants to continue to teach, I think that's in his future," Convertino said, responding to a question about whether Schepansky would return to the classroom. "No one at any time said he was anything else than a superlative teacher."

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Demopoulos, a Republican, confirmed Tuesday he will campaign for his own four-year term in next year's election.

He has long considered a bid for a township board seat, but he said he chose to wait until his two children with wife Georgia reached college age. Their daughter, Anastasia, has started her freshman year at Michigan State University, where their son, George, is a junior.

Clerk Terry Bennett made a motion — and Trustee John Anthony seconded it — to appoint Demopoulos to the board vacancy. Supervisor Phil LaJoy said the decision was difficult because all seven finalists could have served effectively.

"To me, I just think he was the right candidate at the right time," LaJoy said after Tuesday's meeting, citing Demopoulos' experience:

- He has served since 2009 on the township's Merit Commission, a three-member panel that approves non-union employee policies and procedures.

- He had a seat on the Canton Planning Commission from 2002 to 2006, achieving the position of vice chairman.

- He served on the Zoning Board of Appeals from 1990 to 2002, and he held the post of chairman.

- He coached and had a seat on the Canton Soccer Club's board of directors from 1996 to 2006, serving as vice president and tournament director of events including the pop-

ular Canton Cup.

- His other past involvement included a stint as the Central Park Homeowners Association's vice president, as a Canton Recreation Advisory Commission board member and as a Farmington Hills-based Holy Cross Church Parish council member.

In a letter to LaJoy seeking Caccamo's seat, Demopoulos pledged he "would be committed to be a team player and run vigorously for election next year by all means necessary," including knocking on doors, mailing campaign literature, erecting signs, raising money and securing endorsements.

In his letter, he vowed "teamwork without politics" to achieve "what is best for our township."

After Tuesday's meeting, Demopoulos said he has ideas he hopes to bring to his position, though he declined to cite specifics until he can discuss them with his new board colleagues. The part-time trustee post pays \$12,000 a year, though the board this year agreed to give back 5 percent to match employee concessions.

Demopoulos submitted a long list of supportive letters he has received during his community service from people such as Northville Township Manager Chip Snider, 35th District Judges Ronald Lowe and Mike Gerou, former Supervisor Tom Yack and former Public Safety Director John Santomauro, among others.

Demopoulos, Northville Township prosecutor since 2008, has accumu-

lated extensive criminal practice and trial experience, and LaJoy said his legal expertise could bring "another legal mind to the table."

Demopoulos worked for a variety of law firms and as a Ford Motor Co. law clerk after receiving his law degree in 1988 from the University of Detroit School of Law. He spent his undergraduate years at Wayne State University, where he studied business administration, major financial markets and investments.

Demopoulos emerged as the front-runner after the township board received 18 applications and interviewed six other finalists including Rich Keenan, a small business owner; Karl Zarbo, a former township trustee and planning commissioner; Don Turner, a Canton Public Library board member and small business owner; Miles Hammond Jr., an attorney and Merit Commission member; Craig Engel, a planning commissioner and manufacturing-sector representative; and Gerald Law, former Plymouth Township supervisor and state legislator who owns a small business.

Demopoulos replaces Caccamo, who served nearly seven years on the township board before he resigned due to heightened job duties with GE Aviation. It marked the first time the board had to fill a vacancy since LaJoy, then a trustee, resigned in late 2002 after he won a state House seat.

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Town hall addresses school cuts

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Hoben Elementary School kindergarten teacher Leslie Martinsky was more than happy to chip in a pair of shoes to a box of shoes marked for Gov. Rick Snyder's office.

What Martinsky, and the other teachers who donated shoes for the cause, would really like is for Snyder to walk a mile in each pair. That's why the teachers put together the package: An attempt to point out to the governor what they perceive as his taking about \$1 billion out of education funding is doing to education in the state.

The gesture was made Tuesday at a town hall meeting hosted by state Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, to gauge the reaction of parents and educators to education funding cuts. Teachers don't believe Snyder understands what such cuts mean in their classrooms.

"Mr. Snyder is welcome to come and assess, teach, manage, care for, and educate 26 5-year-olds without adequate funding," Martinsky said. "I would be happy to write him sub plans."

Michigan House Democrats, who claim the School Aid Fund was carrying a surplus estimated at \$900 million until the governor and legislative Republicans granted a \$1.8 billion tax cut to corporations, have taken their case to communities across the state, gathering stories from parents and citizens about how the legislation is affecting their schools.

Slavens said Democrats have introduced an amendment to the state Constitution that would prohibit the Legislature



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Hoben Elementary School third-grade teacher Dave Turill attended Monday's town hall meeting on education, hosted by state Rep. Dian Slavens.



Rebecca Cintron's shoes tells a story of an art teacher responsible for 724 students in two schools.

from using K-12 funding for anything else.

The amendment would have to pass with a two-thirds majority in both the House and Senate, Slavens said, before it could be put to a vote of the people.

"We had a surplus in K-12, and they took the money, so we had to cut more from our schools," Slavens said. "People move to communities for good schools, and businesses come to communities for good schools. We have to make sure we fund them properly."

She said Democrats have also introduced a School Bill of Rights, which she said would return local control to districts on issues such as election dates.

"It brings local control back to the school dis-

trict," Slavens said.

James Larson-Shilder, assistant superintendent for business services for Plymouth-Canton schools, painted a dim picture of the effects of state cuts.

He said the district has laid off 16 teachers and 21 custodians, and lost 149 positions when administrators outsourced the district's bus drivers.

Teachers agreed in their latest contract to begin contributing 20 percent toward health care (the state law won't go into effect until next year), to take a wage freeze and take furlough days.

The stressful climate is causing some teachers to reconsider staying in the field. Martinsky said she is, for the first time, "questioning whether to stay with her career in education."

"I am afraid I won't be able to afford, emotionally and financially, to stay in a job that is not respected and that is continually attacked," Martinsky said. "It makes me very sad because I love teaching."

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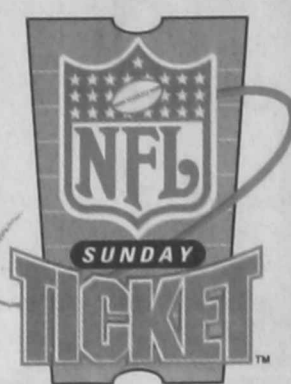
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Chocolate gala benefits First Step



'A Chocolate Affair' to benefit First Step takes place Sunday, Oct. 9, at Plymouth's Inn at St. John's.

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Elizabeth Fagan Division, will host the seventh annual "A Chocolate Affair" to benefit First Step Sunday, Oct. 9.

First Step provides comprehensive services to victims of domestic and sexual violence including temporary emergency housing, counseling, a 24-hour help line, children's programs and more.

The Chocolate Affair will be held at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth from 2-5 p.m. and will feature tastes of chocolate specialties from area bakeries, restaurants, caterers, and chocolate makers, and

will also feature a chocolate fountain, entertainment and prizes. Preceding the Chocolate Affair a Garden Luncheon will be held from 12-2 p.m. featuring a speaker from First Step who will share her inspiring story of survivorship.

Chocolate specialties will be provided by Mary Denning's Bake Shoppe, Treats Catering of Farmington, Sanders Candy, Kilwin's of Plymouth, Fat Chef in A Little Coat Catering, Dove Chocolate, The Claddagh Irish Pub & Restaurant, The Dearborn Inn, Lindt Chocolate, The Kandy Bar, Jo Jo's Treats & Sweets, Caribou Coffee, Baha-

ma Breeze, Maggie Moo's Ice Cream, Paula's Patisserie, Espresso Elevado, Jeff Zak Catering and more. Entertainment for the luncheon will be provided by Inis Ceol. The Chocolate Affair will feature music by the Livonia Symphony.

Tickets for the Chocolate Affair are \$25 and the Garden Luncheon is also \$25, a combined ticket is available for \$45. For tickets or more information on the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, please call Barbara Weir at 734-453-1459. Tickets are also available at the offices of First Step in Plymouth, (734) 416-1111.

Students set to study Rouge River

More than 500 students from local southeast Michigan schools will be conducting chemical tests, examining aquatic life, and surveying the Rouge River during the week of Oct. 5.

The students' efforts are part of their participation in the Rouge Education Project, a program coordinated by the non-profit Friends of the Rouge. Through the Rouge Education Project students get to experience hands-on science in a real-world setting.

Students participating in the Rouge Education Project may monitor up to nine different chemical parameters of the river including pH, dissolved oxygen, phosphorus, nitrates, and fecal coliform bacteria. The students will then collect

and identify benthic macroinvertebrates, such as insect larvae that live in the bottom of the river, crayfish and snails. Lastly, students also complete a physical stream survey, which includes documenting the erosion of streambanks and measuring the velocity of the water.

"The Rouge Education Project provides K-12th grade students with an exceptional opportunity to gain hands on experience in real-world science, learn about their local ecosystem, and form lasting respect for the community in which they live," said Rouge Education Project Program Manager Emily R. Hughes.

Celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2012, the Rouge Education Project began in 1987. Its mission

is to promote awareness and stewardship of the Rouge River watershed through school-based water quality monitoring, investigation and problem solving. In addition to water quality monitoring, students in the project are encouraged take action to improve the health of the river based on their findings, and to consider how their everyday actions impact their environment. The data that the students collect are made available to the public on the Friends of the Rouge web site (www.therouge.org) and are provided to communities in the watershed.

For more information about the Rouge Education Project or the Friends of the Rouge, contact Emily Hughes at (313) 792-9626.

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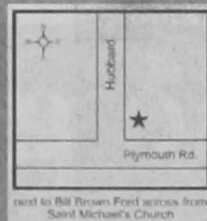
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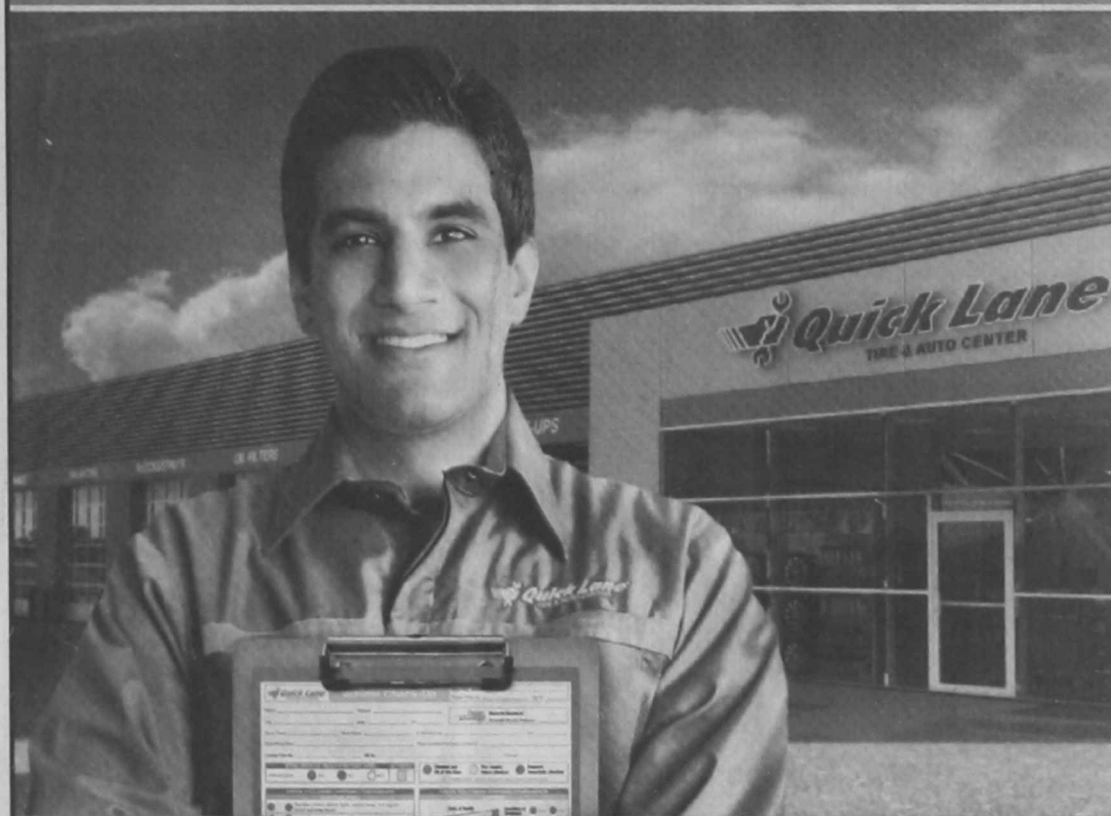
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Put some research into charitable giving

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

I recently read that charities will begin their annual, year-end pitch for money earlier than in previous years. Americans are by far the most generous people on earth. We give to charities around the world hoping to make the world a better place. The problem is the unscrupulous individuals who know how generous Americans are and seek to take advantage of this generosity. That is why, at least once a year, I feel compelled to write and remind readers how important it is to do some research before giving to a charity.

Just because a charity has a noble mission doesn't mean you should donate money. Sometimes well-intentioned people start charities that are fiscally irresponsible. The result is your money doesn't go to achieve a charitable purpose. On the other hand, there are others who start charities with the intention of stealing money. Either way, your hard-earned money doesn't go to the charity purpose which you desire. The only way to prevent this is to research the charity before making a contribution.

Two good research sources are www.charitynavigator.org and www.give.org. Remember, one of the tricks used by unscrupulous charities is using a name that sounds similar to a well-known charity. Make sure you research

the exact name of the charity, not something similar. Unfortunately what has happened over the last few years is that charities have turned to professional fundraisers to help solicit funds. I say unfortunately because many of these professional fundraisers take a substantial amount of money for their services. For example, some charities use professional phone solicitation. Although many of these companies are on the up and up, they take as much as 50 percent of the money collected in fees.

When I give to a charity, I want to make sure that the company soliciting my donation is not getting 50 percent of the contribution. My general rule is I don't give to phone solicitation. If I get solicited by phone for a charity, I always ask to have something sent in writing. Also, I never give charge card information over the phone. And unless I am familiar with the charity, I do not give over the Internet. Too many bad things can happen over the Internet with charities.

Another rule I have is that I don't like to be pressured. I recognize charities sometimes have to twist some arms to get people to give, however, they shouldn't be using pressure tactics. In addition, I'm not swayed one way or the other when charities send me free gifts in the mail. Legally you have no obligation to donate to these organizations. You can keep the gifts without any obligation. That being said, I always question if a charity has money to send me gifts, maybe they don't need my contribution.

Many organizations send little gifts to encourage a contribution but don't let that sway your decision. You still have to do your research on the charity.

One other tactic that charities use is tugging at your heartstring. Whether it's stories of kids in Third World nations or of animals that are abused, the pictures and the stories that you see tear at your heart. In other words, they accomplish exactly what they're trying to achieve. Don't let these stories and pictures sway you. Once again, too many people use this tactic to get potential donors to let down their guard. Don't fall for this.

As we enter the charitable giving season, it's important that you do your research to make sure that when you give your hard-earned money to a charity, the money is going to the cause that you want and not just to line someone's pocket. Good luck!

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Mom dedicates walk for orphans to son

By Laurel Thomas Gnagey
Correspondent

Sharon Skop does not believe things happen as a matter of coincidence, so when the Canton woman picked up a brochure at church about an upcoming walk to raise money for children in Africa, the number 17 jumped off the page and she knew exactly what she had to do.

It was 17 years ago Sept. 5 that her son Joe Misch died in a tragic gun accident. He, his dad and a friend were an hour away from going on a hunting trip when a gun he was "horsing around with" went off, Skop says. The young man, who his mother says was loved by so many, was a hockey player who wore a 17 on his helmet and jersey.

The brochure for the World Orphans "walk LOCAL, reach GLOBAL," sponsored by Trinity Church, said the Oct. 8 fundraiser would benefit children from 17 countries who are orphaned primarily because of HIV.

"It really touched me when I saw that World Orphans was in 17 countries. That number 17 is really special," said Skop, who has decided to walk in memory of her son, and has encouraged family and friends to participate as well.

Skop sent a letter to a number of people, asking them to join Team Joe Misch - "The Great #17," explaining that her self-confident son often referred to himself as "the great" as a way to get a laugh out of his fam-



Vala (front, from left), Marina and Catherine Evans, along with (back) Lynn Johnston and Judith Richards, braved cold, wet weather for last year's walk.

ily and friends.

"He was a kid so full of life at 14 years, who had such and impact on people, and now 17 years later those who loved him can make a difference in the lives of those little guys across the world," Skop says, who recites the words on a sign hanging above her kitchen sink: "To the world you might be one person but to one person you might be the world."

Estimates are that every 15 seconds a child in Africa becomes an orphan because of HIV/AIDS. According to UNICEF, 53.1 million children living south of the Sahara desert have been orphaned, 30 percent of them as a result of the disease. Other African children lose parents to war, malaria, cholera, severe famine, unsani-

tary water sources and natural disasters.

This is the second year Trinity Church has sponsored the walk; last year 170 participants raised \$25,000, said Ellie Schupra, director of outreach at the church located at the corner of Ann Arbor Road and Gotfredson. She hopes to nearly double participation this year.

"Our desire is to really make the Plymouth-Canton community aware of the orphan problem," said Schupra. Trinity offers a food pantry, tutoring program and other outreach activities for Southeast Michigan, and several international missions projects. "The program for orphans is one more way to help children who don't have other resources — who don't live in a country with foster care

and adoption programs, rescue mission meals or any type of government or community support. We want the community inside and outside of the church to know they can make a difference for these children by walking or donating."

The walk LOCAL reach Global event will be held at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Registration begins at 9:30 should end between 12 and 2 p.m., depending on if participants choose to walk 1, 3, 6, 9, or 12 miles. There is a \$5 entry fee and a minimum pledge \$75/person paid online in advance or on the day of the event. One hundred percent of the pledge money goes to orphans. To register, go to <http://www.worldorphans.org/walklocalreachglobal>.

United Way starts annual campaign

The Plymouth Community United Way has kicked off its 2011 Campaign to raise money for partner agencies and grant recipients who provide basic needs and resources for residents of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, and Canton. The agency is reaching out to individuals, businesses, industry, and professionals to make a donation or run a campaign at the office. Everyone benefits when families are financially stable and healthy.

Last year, in addition to funding partner agencies, the Plymouth Community United Way organized Make a Difference days to clean senior citizens' yards, and collected new hats, scarves, mit-

tens, and gloves for the homeless and those in need. Volunteers are still needed for the Nov. 5 event to rake lawns, clean yards and provide light labor for seniors in the Plymouth/Canton community.

Donations can be made to the Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth, MI 48170. For more information, call (734) 453-6879.

Visit www.plymouthunitedway.org to learn about the work of 10 partner agencies including First Step, Angela Hospice, The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps, and Plymouth Community Council on Aging.

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Afternoon delight: Culinary event full of fun, great food

Great food, luscious pastries and fine wines paired with a perfect autumn afternoon spelled success for the 20th annual Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza.

More than 500 attendees were treated to a wide variety of exceptional culinary offerings. Oysters from Mitchell's Fish Market in Livonia, a sushi bar provided by Joe's Produce and Gourmet Market and a scrumptious pork appetizer offered up by chefs from MGM Grand Detroit had patrons lining up for seconds.

The Schoolcraft College Foundation presented the event, which featured more than 40 tasting stations placed throughout the VisTaTech Center. Proceeds from the event provide scholarships and grants for students.

In addition to food and wine, attendees participated in a silent auction, a wine-tasting seminar and, new this year, a wholesome healthy foods demonstration by master chef Jeff Gabriel.

"It was an exciting addition to the event.

Where else can you go hear a master chef talk about food preparation for virtually no cost?" said Marjorie Lynch, Special Events & Fundraising/Development coordinator at Schoolcraft College and member of the host committee.

Highlight of this year's raffle was a Hearts on Fire diamond necklace from Orin Jewelers in Garden City and Northville valued at \$3,400. Colleen Paige of Redford Township won the necklace.

Some 60 businesses and/or individuals sponsored this year's event, which raised some \$40,000 in sponsorships.

"This will exceed our 2009 total and we are pleased with that," Lynch said, adding the committee was also pleased with the auction results, which she attributed to great variety and "presentation of packages." Betsy McCue of Livonia served as the auction committee chair.

Fundraising is the foundation's primary role. Since its inception in 1966, the foundation has raised \$4.5 million in scholarships.



The culinary event attracted patrons from throughout the metro area. Enjoying the food and wine event were (from left) Mike Goebelbecker of Dearborn, Rebecca Shelby of Plymouth, Marcela Arana of Belleville and Elaine Chen of Dearborn.



The Cupcake Station in downtown Plymouth had some 700 samples of five flavors for culinary guests. Staffing the tasting station are (from left) Denise Castor and Amanda Frisk.



Valerie Byrd of Plymouth enjoys hearing about wine from volunteer wine pourers John and Jane Hillock of Livonia.



Walt Menard of Plymouth Township pours a glass of wine for Stephanie Goecke of Plymouth Township. Menard is a member of the Over the Grill Gang, a local chef's club, and a volunteer wine pourer at the Schoolcraft event.



Chris Cook (left), sous chef at The Henry Ford, and David McGregor, banquet chef, prepare an appetizer for event-goers. McGregor is a graduate of the Schoolcraft culinary program.



Enjoying good food and good company at Sunday's event were (from left standing and seated) Orin and Tina Mazzoni of Farmington Hills and owners of Orin Jewelers in Garden City and Northville; Sarah Obomsawin (seated), marketing director at Orin Jewelers in Garden City; Eileen Kearfott of Livonia, a Schoolcraft graduate; and John and Judy Santeiu of John N. Santeiu & Son in Garden City. John Santeiu was one of the original signers of the articles incorporation for Schoolcraft College and an honorary member of the foundation board. Orin Mazzoni is past president of the Schoolcraft College Foundation Board. Orin Jewelers donated the Hearts on Fire diamond necklace which was first prize in this year's raffle drawing.



Abe Münfakh, a Plymouth Township resident and member of the 2011 Culinary Extravaganza host and sponsor committees, is all smiles as he accepts a sample of apple bacon pie with ginger snap crust from Laura Ingram of Armitage Catering in Farmington Hills.



Chef Linda Armitage of Armitage Catering /Finnish Banquet & Conference Center in Farmington Hills prepared a Trinidadian-style chicken with pickled topping and accented with spicy plantain chips. Chef Armitage lives in Novi.

Coordinating this year's culinary event were Kristina Mayer, secretary of the Schoolcraft College Foundation Board of Governors and chair of the event, and Marjorie Lynch, coordinator, Special Events & Fundraising/Development at Schoolcraft College. Mayer is vice president and branch manager of Bank of Ann Arbor's Plymouth Township office.



CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

Super lawyer

Steven L. Oberholtzer, Eric J. Sosenko and Lawrence G. Almeda, shareholders in the Ann Arbor office of Brinks

Hofer Gilson & Lione, one of the largest intellectual property law firms in the U.S., have been named Michigan Super Lawyers for 2011 in the practice area of Intellectual Property law in the sixth annual survey.

Almeda, a resident of Canton, chairs the Nanotechnology Practice Group at Brinks. He focuses his practice on patent opinions and prosecution in the medical, chemical, nanotechnology and mechanical arts. His practice has an emphasis on medical devices, nanomaterials, micro and nanodevices, petroleum and chemical processes, polymers, fuel cells, hybrid engines and polycarbonate glazing systems. He holds significant experience in counseling clients on patent infringement and validity evaluations.

Almeda earned his J.D. from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, where he was a published member of the Law Review, and a B.S. in chemical engineering from Purdue University. Additionally, he holds an LL.M. in intellectual property law from The John Marshall Law School.

Almeda is active in civic affairs and is the Chair of the State Advisory Committee of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, and he presently holds the office of Secretary for the Michigan Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission. Previously, he was the Secretary for the Governor's Advisory Council on Asian Pacific American Affairs.

Cooking demo

Chef Isabella Nicoletti will offer two cooking demonstrations featuring vegetables at the Canton Weight Watchers center Tuesday, Oct. 25. These meetings are open and free to the public.

Chef Isabella, the official chef of Weight Watchers Group, will also share tips on healthy eating, cooking techniques, and answer questions.

The Canton Weight Watchers center is located inside the Willow Creek strip mall at 41814 Ford Road. Meetings begin at 9 and 11:30 a.m.

For more information, call (248) 479-1362.

Top Realtors

The Will Street Journal and Real Trends, Inc. announced the top 1,000 real estate agents and teams for 2011 in the United States. Teams and agents were ranked based on the total number of closed transactions in 2010.

The Keller Williams Plymouth/Canton Market Center is present twice on the "Top 50 Teams by Transaction Sides." The I&R Group holds the 18th spot while Jeff Glover and Associates holds the 8th spot for 2011.

"The Thousand" consists of data collected in 2010 which is divided into four separate lists of 250: sales professionals by transaction sides; sales professionals by sales volume; real estate teams by transaction sides; and real estate teams by sales volume.

"The Real Estate Market collapsed four years ago, challenging the industry to shift the way they conduct their business. Thanks to Gary Keller's bestselling book, 'Shift: How Top Real Estate Agents Tackle Tough Times,' our campaign and agents were prepared for this market change," said Keller Williams Michigan/N. Ohio Regional Director Louis Ronayne. "The list of our KW agents in Michigan validates what Gary wrote about. We are proud to be in a business with such successful people and congratulate them on being ranked on these lists."

Harvest gathering

The Food Bank Council of Michigan reports more than 13 percent of Michigan households are what the United

States Department of Agriculture describes as "food insecure," meaning they often have difficulty obtaining the food they need for an active and healthy life.

Two Men and a Truck locations across the state of Michigan have partnered with local schools and broadcast media to support the Food Bank Council of Michigan's annual "Michigan Harvest Gathering" collection of non-perishable food items to support local food bank pantries for the upcoming winter season.

The program runs through Nov. 18. Anyone interested in donating can drop non-perishable food to participating Two Men and a Truck locations in Michigan. In addition, the moving company will make trucks and manpower available to food manufacturers or anyone wishing to donate a large amount of food at once.

"The Food Bank Council of Michigan is grateful for the generosity of Two Men and a Truck and all the schools and media outlets participating in this food drive," said Bill Long, Interim Director, Food Bank Council of Michigan. "The Michigan Harvest Gathering helps to stock the shelves of food banks throughout the state prior to the holiday season, we appreciate the generosity of Michigan companies like Two Men and a Truck stepping up to help feed Michigan families."

In Detroit and surrounding communities, Achieve Academy, Barnard Elementary School, Canton Charter Academy, Laurus Academy, Prevail Academy, Reach Academy, Regent Park Scholars Charter Academy, South Canton Scholars Charter Academy, St. Catherine of Siena Academy, Taylor Exemplar Academy and Walton Charter Academy will host a student collection throughout the period.

"There is a critical need in our state, and our local food banks do a tremendous job of supporting our communities," said Katie Rexrode, media relations/communications manager at Two Men and a Truck. "As a leading Michigan-based company, we feel it's vital that we do what we can to help. We have trucks, boxes, strong people and a desire to contribute, and we're hopeful that we can load a number of our trucks to the hilt with food that will make an impact this winter."

If you have interest in participating in Two Men and a Truck's "Michigan Harvest Gathering," contact Emily Stebila or Kim Tassie at 616-233-0500 or estebila@lambert-edwards.com or ktassie@lambert-edwards.com.

Safety day

On Saturday, Sept. 24, Bright Side Dental hosted the second annual Kids Health & Safety Day to provide valuable information to parents and their children.

Local families were able to enjoy face painting, a Mad Science station, five-minute musical mayhem, character appearances, a bounce house, exercise activities, arts & crafts, free food, and more.

Entertainment was provided by 11-year-old singer Bernadette Kathryn, who wowed the crowd with her stellar vocals, and magic was provided by Steve Skindell.

Vendors included Harvest Healthy Kid's, The Livonia YMCA, Bright Side Dental, Home Depot, Mad Science of Detroit, The Livonia Public Library, and The Livonia Recreation Center, California Pizza Kitchen, and Costco, the Livonia Police Department, Fire Department, and St. Mary Mercy Livonia.

Free information on crime prevention, child safety, and health care was handed out and each child received a CD containing a photo, video, digital fingerprint, and vital information provided by Easy Child I.D.

Guests were entered to win a bevy of prizes & freebies provided by Buddy's Pizza, Game Stop, Riverside Arena, and more.

Canton firm debuts new skylight

The new Maximizer unit skylight from Duo-Gard Industries Inc. integrates up to three energy-saving, light-transmitting technologies to achieve top performance in translucent daylighting for any specific climatic region.

Duo-Gard will introduce Maximizer at Greenbuild 2011 in Toronto.

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totally integrated M250 model with dome, IR coating filter and Lumira-filled 25mm polycarbonate, providing 19 percent light transmission, 8 percent heat transmission and U-value 0.13.

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CANTON CHAMBER CHAT



Hearth and home

The ribbon cutting at Fireside was held on Sept. 10. Despite rain, nearly 40 people came out to view the new Fireside Hearth and Home store, located at 42679 Ford Road in Canton. In attendance for the ribbon cutting were family, friends and Canton Chamber of Commerce members. The day held special meaning as it was co-owner Rhea Whithers' birthday. This is the second store for Rhea and husband Tom; they also have one located in Utica. Call the store at (734) 844-1164.

Business awards luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its 2011 Business Awards Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

The cost for lunch is \$20 (advance member registration) \$30 (Non-member) and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

The October Luncheon will recognize the chamber's 2011 Chamber Business Anniversary Awards for 10, 25, 30 and 35 years, our Business Person of the Year and Ambassador of the Year.

"Each year, the Chamber honors community and business leaders for their contributions to the Canton area," said chamber president Tracey Rettig. "Whether they enrich the Township through their philanthropic activity or by advocating for the business community, our community owes these individuals and organizations a debt of gratitude for all they do."

October's luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is

sponsored by Event Sponsor, Yazaki North America (event sponsor), Molly Maid (Business Anniversary Sponsor), Community Financial (Business Person of the Year sponsor) and Showroom of Elegance (Ambassador of the Year sponsor). Seating is limited and reservations are required.

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

After-hours mixer

The Super Bowl of Canton will host the Canton Chamber of Commerce's October After-Hours Mixer with Molly Maid being a presenting sponsor.

The mixer takes place on Thursday, Oct. 20. Come and join the Chamber for this great networking event and meet many local business people. The Super Bowl of Canton is located at 45100 Ford Road. The mixer is free to Chamber members and only \$10 for non-members.

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OUR VIEWS

Voters said yes It's time for Legislature to fix marijuana law

Not everyone was happy when Michigan voters overwhelmingly said that marijuana should be available for those who find it helpful in dealing with pain and other debilitating symptoms arising from various medical conditions.

Those people should be happy now.

Thanks to a vague law, a listless Legislature, aggressive police work and a crushing appellate court ruling, it's just about impossible for a person to legally obtain the marijuana that 63 percent of the state voters said should be available to them.

In other words, if grandma's cancer-related nausea is alleviated by a small dose of marijuana, she better know how to grow it herself. Or she better have a grandchild who can connect her with the local pot pusher.

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That didn't sit well with some politicians, including Bill Schuette who two years later became attorney general, thanks to a Republican landslide.

It also hasn't set well with police and prosecutors. To be fair, they were in a bind. The possession, manufacture and sale of marijuana is still illegal. Without clear guidelines, they needed to enforce the law as they understand it. Some, however, seem to take this responsibility quite eagerly.

For instance, the Michigan Court of Appeals court ruled recently that no one — caregivers or so-called dispensaries — could legally sell marijuana to legitimate, card-holding medical marijuana users. A day later, two Ann Arbor medical marijuana clinics were raided by mask-wearing police officers who took some employees away in handcuffs. Police officials said that the raids were unrelated to the court ruling, but also declined to provide any details or specifics about what crime may have been committed.

Attorney General Schuette didn't try to restrain his glee. Shortly after the appeals court ruling, he essentially informed law enforcement officials that it was open season on medical marijuana clinics. In a prepared statement, he called the ruling "a huge victory for public safety and Michigan communities struggling with an invasion of pot shops near their schools, homes and churches."

Schuette described the horror created by the act. It seems that somewhere in the state, the holder of a medical marijuana card may have been stopped while driving under the influence of pot.

Some communities have passed local ordinances saying that, in short, "the possession, cultivation and use of marijuana violates the federal Controlled Substance Act." Other communities like have basically ignored the voter-approved law, placing a moratorium on the issue since it was passed. Officials have said they were waiting for county and state legislators to tackle the issue.

The law makes it legal for a person to use marijuana for medical purposes, but officials say it provides no legal way for a person to obtain that marijuana. That's even more true now that the appeals court has spoken.

But Lansing has barely lifted a finger, despite continued evidence that people want this solved in a way that will provide for the safe, effective distribution of marijuana for legitimate medical purposes.

Legislators have had time to cut funding to public schools, hack away at public employee benefits, raise taxes on retirees and cut benefits to children in poverty. But grandma and her glaucoma? She's on her own.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you think of President Obama's proposal for wealthier Americans to pay more taxes to help reduce the federal budget deficit?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I personally think that's fine."
Kimberly Smith
Canton



"I tend to support the president's ideas in general."
Diane Tufts
Canton



"I think something has to be done, but I'm not sure that's the correct answer. I think it would be better to focus on equal taxes for everybody."
Cindy Campeau
Canton



"I agree with it because I believe the idea is not to overtax the wealthy but to bring their tax rate up to what we all pay."
Keith Olivares
Canton

LETTERS

Government's role

As Americans (mired in a stagnant economy, with an aging population carrying a tremendous national debt burden), we are facing many tough and long-term economic and financial challenges.

By necessity, discretionary expenditures at all levels of government that were once unquestioned are being eliminated or drastically reduced. The urge is to just stop all discretionary spending, rather than prioritize our needs. One benefit of this crisis has been to spark a debate as to what the appropriate role of government (federal, state and local) should be.

It is this writer's belief that it is neither in our nation nor in our state's best interest to allow our border crossings to be privately owned. If border security and the facilitation of international commerce is not a governmental function, what is?

Mike Gerou
Canton

Pension tax problem

Dear state Rep. Kurt Heise,
The other day I found your Fall 2011 news letter ("Protecting Michigan Seniors") in my mailbox. It was not addressed to me, but rather my mother-in-law who died earlier this year at age 90.

In your newsletter, you tell your target audience, "Seniors age 67 and older by the end of 2012 will be held harmless and remain exempt from pension taxes." It's obvious I am not one of the Michigan seniors you are trying to protect. I am a retired, 57-year-old senior, living off a fixed income from a private pension.

The new Michigan Tax Pension law, which you endorsed, will fully tax pensions for people under age 60. This new tax will cost me thousands of dollars for years to come. I would have used this money to stimulate our local economy. This new pension tax is clearly based on age discrimination and is wrong.

As a precautionary measure, Gov. Rick Snyder has asked the Michigan Supreme Court for an advisory opinion as to whether this new pension tax is unconstitutional. I'm keeping my fingers crossed. Regardless of the outcome, I will not vote for you when you are up for re-election.

John M. Vraniak
Plymouth

Active involvement key

I read the recent article, "Researcher: Future depends on raising overall test scores" with interest until I came to the Harvard University faculty member and researcher's comments about the role of parenting in closing the gap between the test scores of whites and nonwhites.

He is reported as having stated, "At age 2, they need to play simple board games so they can begin to learn to count

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and understand the relationship between numbers." Even if you could get 2-year-olds to stay in one place long enough to play simple board games, this certainly would not be the best way for them to learn to count and understand the relationship between numbers.

For children this age, active involvement with real objects in their environment and counting steps as they go up and down them are far more important than game board representations. Verbalizing (including counting) throughout their activities and while being read stories are far more effective than board games.

When I read his theory about classroom control being "more important when teaching math and English language arts than caring about students or captivating them by making the material interesting," I wondered how long it had been since he had taught in an elementary or middle school classroom.

Important? Yes. More important? After 32 years of teaching experience, I would have to see plenty of research supporting that statement before I would believe it. Hopefully, his audience had more experience working with young children than he appears to have had.

Jane Libbing
Plymouth

Holding us hostage

Given that there will always be greedy people, the controversy over the New International Trade Crossing Bridge highlights one of the major flaws in our governmental system.

Virtually everyone in the Metro Detroit area wants the city to get back on its feet and grow once again. Assuming that happens, we will need a second span across the Detroit River. Yet one guy — the fellow who owns the Ambassador Bridge — is able to hold all of us hostage by, as John Gallagher of the Free Press writes, "donating hundreds of thousands of dollars in campaign cash to Michigan legislators and filing lawsuits in both (U.S. and Canada) in an effort to stop the process."

Why is one rich guy able to circumvent the need of the larger community? It won't be the first time this has happened in Detroit. Remember what happened when the people's mass transit system was scuttled by GM and various other car-related companies, which didn't want the competition? We are struggling with the results of the debacle to this very day.

Joy Kind
Livonia

Pass jobs plan now

President Obama laid out a bold and comprehensive jobs plan before a joint session of Congress. This plan directly challenged Congress to immediately address the unemployed and underemployed suffering in our nation. This plan, many features having bipartisan agreement in the past, should be swiftly enacted. It would put this country to work immediately.

Contrary to his predecessor, who for eight years paid for nothing and instead passed debt on to future generations, Obama spelled out how this plan will be paid for by further deficit reduction and, yes, tax increases.

If Congress, particularly the Republican-controlled U.S. House, simply sits on their hands and becomes constipated by their own rhetoric, the nation will suffer — as will they at the polls. If Congress does nothing while they try to single-mindedly work for Obama's defeat, then the reverse is likely to happen.

Gerald Maxey
Farmington Hills

Want to trade?

To all of you who are complaining about having to pay perhaps 25 percent of your company-provided health care: stop it. You do not know how good you have it. Neither did I until my husband was laid off from one company and hired by another. Check your pay stub. Do a little math. Even if your portion of health care was increased by 50 percent, you still would not be close to what we pay. Get on your knees and say a prayer of gratitude, and stop whining.

Here's my reality: BCBS health and dental coverage for my husband and myself costs us \$20,000 out of pocket for our premiums a year, plus deductibles and co-pays. That's \$5,000 per quarter, \$1,650 per month, \$825 per pay period. My husband is a contracted department director for one of the Big Three and he has no benefits whatsoever. What do I get for this preposterous premium payment? Two doctor visits per year, and an upcoming \$5,000 dental bill that I will have to pay entirely by myself.

Want to trade? That's what I thought.

Tommi West
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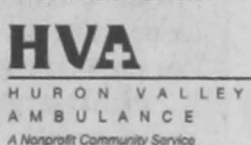
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Eagles power past Warriors

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Once Plymouth Christian Academy's offensive ball started rolling Tuesday night, there was nothing Lutheran Westland High could do to stop it.

The Eagles' power-packed offense and hard-nosed defense proved too much for the Warriors in the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference Blue Division matchup.

PCA earned a 25-15, 25-18, 25-21 victory, improving to 17-4-3 overall and 4-0 in the MIAC Blue. The Warriors fell to 11-7-4 and 1-3.

According to Eagles head coach Kelly Blackney, whose team kept momentum from last Thursday's riveting five-game victory over nemesis Oakland Christian, consistency and defensive determination were keys to the latest win.

"I think we've been a little inconsistent here and there," Blackney said. "And (with) these games I know we're playing to the potential we need to every game."

Senior middle hitter Kristin Malcolm (15 kills) again was a force.

She was on the business end of many sweet sets from her sophomore sister Jennifer Malcolm (25

assists) and also joined forces with senior outside hitter Amy Zinn (13 digs, five kills, four aces) to stymie Lutheran Westland's offensive game plan.

"Serving was key for us," Kristin Malcolm said. "We just aimed for the spots and we just brought on the heat especially Amy, she had awesome serves. They just couldn't handle her."

Zinn said the win over Oakland Christian might be the springboard for the Eagles to fly back to the Class D finals for a second straight year.

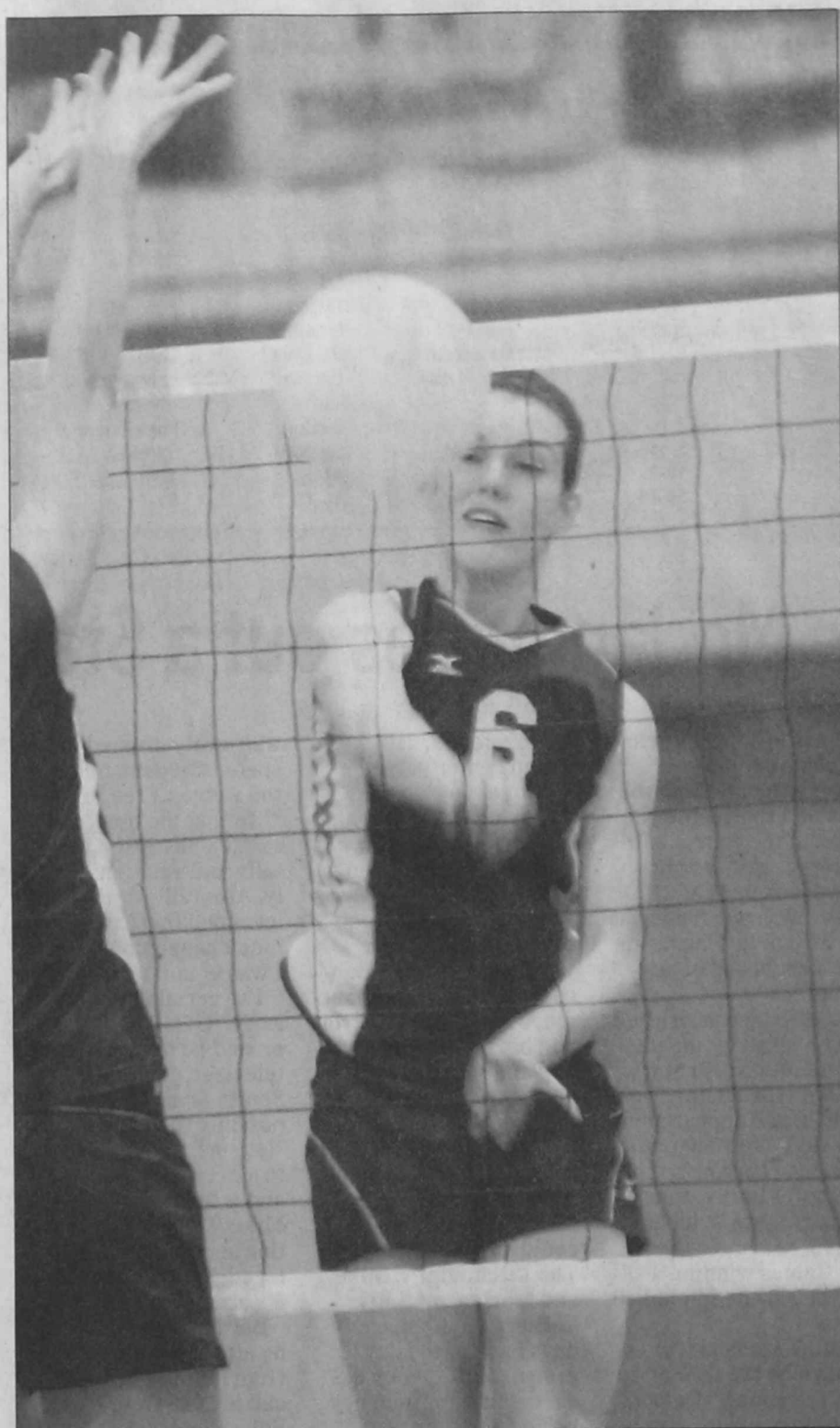
"We're definitely as good as last year," Zinn said. "I mean even this last week with Oakland, we went to five games with them. It just was on-and-off, on-and-off."

"But we're the kind of team that comes back. And we are known for pushing through until the very end. It's a mindset."

Tough to stop

For Lutheran Westland head coach Kevin Wade, whose team was led by senior middle hitter Amanda Terranella (six kills, six blocks), senior libero Taylor Wiemer (22 digs) and senior setter Erica Killian (10 assists), the Warriors could not stem the PCA tide and

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Plymouth Christian's Kristin Malcolm (No. 6) scores another point Tuesday against Lutheran Westland.

VOLLEYBALL

Salem rallies for win

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Salem's varsity girls volleyball team cleared a hurdle Tuesday, overcoming adversity to edge South Lyon in a five-game set between KLA Central Division squads.

The Rocks lost the fourth game, along with losing Erika Hatcher with an ankle injury. But they hung tough, with a big contribution by Nancy Krutty in Hatcher's spot up front, and took the decisive fifth game 18-16.

"I am so proud of my girls; they all worked so hard and never gave up," Salem head coach Amanda Nies said.

"That was a huge milestone for us tonight and I could not be happier."

"I always tell the girls to leave everything they got on the floor and they proved to do that tonight."

Other standouts included Brooke Berberet (13 kills), Hatcher (10 kills), Kara Hewett (six kills, three blocks), Katie Vincent (20 digs),

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WHALERS HOME OPENER

Aleardi sparks Whalers

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Alex Aleardi already has pretty good returns on his decision to switch from uniform No. 18 to No 40 to start the Plymouth Whalers 2011-12 season.

The Farmington Hills native broke a 2-2 tie early in the third period of Saturday's home opener against Erie and that seemingly flipped the switch that the Whalers were looking for.

Aleardi scored again as the Whalers skated to a 6-2 Ontario Hockey League victory before just under 2,000 fans at Compuware Arena. The win followed Plymouth's 6-2 loss in Wednesday's opener at Owen Sound.

"I changed it up, (No.) 42's been my lucky number my whole life so we only go up to 40 at Plymouth," Aleardi said. "So I took advantage of when Peter Neal moved on and just decided to take it."

Aleardi didn't immediately have a new good-luck charm, however. He clanged a shot off the post just moments after Erie tied the game at 2-2 in the first minute of the

third.

But with 14:34 left, he did score his first goal of the season, capping a beautiful individual effort.

He took a feed and bulled his way along the left half-wall, cutting behind the defense along the goal line and switching to his backhand as he moved laterally in front of Otters goalie Tyson Teichmann (47 saves).

Just enough room

Aleardi then slipped the puck inside the far post, with assists to forward Mitchell Dempsey and defenseman Dylan MacDonald.

"I found a little lane to maneuver and I got a lot of speed so I just took it wide," Aleardi explained. "One of the things I've really been working on is driving the net, right across the crease to make the goalie extend out."

"Teichmann just couldn't adjust fast enough by the time I was across the crease, so I just slid it in."

That goal seemed to provide a chance for the team to collectively exhale and begin to relax

on offense.

Despite heavily outshooting the Otters (including by a 19-4 margin in the first), Plymouth held a slim 2-1 lead entering the third (on goals by Stefan Noesen and Mitchell Heard, both in the second period).

Then in the first minute of the final stanza, Erie winger Greg McKegg snapped a sharp angle shot from the left circle past Whalers goalie Scott Wedgewood to knot the score.

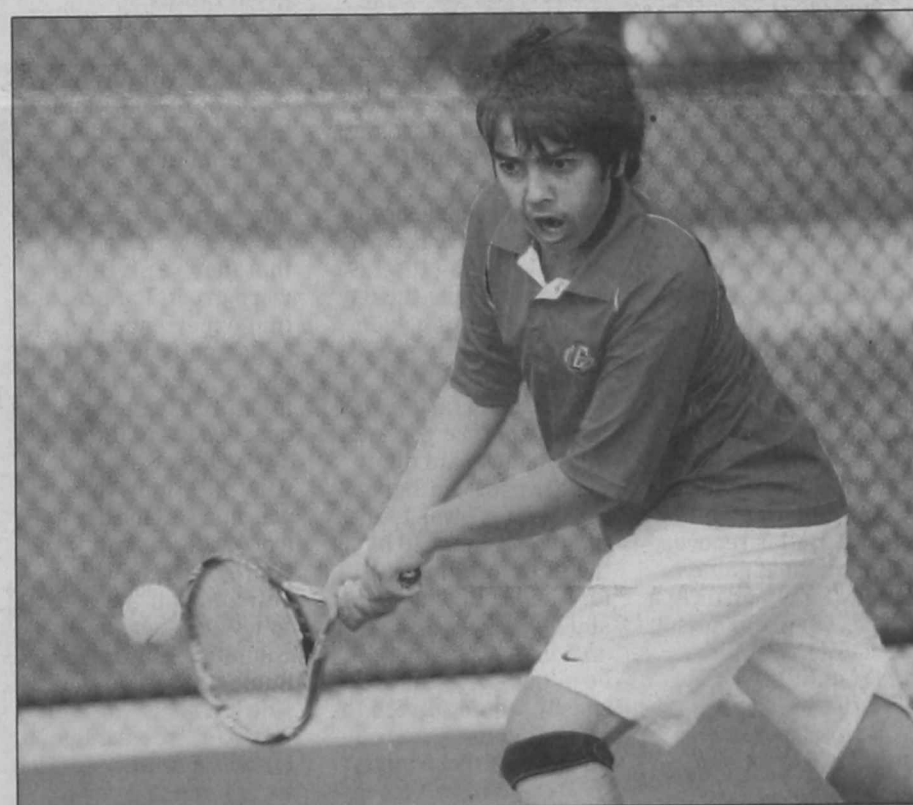
With about 18 minutes to play, Wedgewood faced a similar chance. This time, he blocked the scoring bid by Stephen Harper.

Wedgewood and the defense then killed off a Plymouth penalty and Aleardi soon netted the go-ahead tally.

Compuware fans could almost see the rust melt away from Plymouth's offensive machine over the final 15 minutes.

Less than two minutes later it was a 4-2 game. Noesen centered the puck to Rickard Rake-ll cutting in from the left wing and Rakell went

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Canton freshman Rohan Vaishnav makes sure to not lose focus, determination etched all over his face.

Young gun

Canton freshman rises to top spot in lineup

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

From day one, Canton freshman Rohan Vaishnav showed he belonged.

And not just as a member of the Chiefs varsity boys tennis team, but as the go-to guy at No. 1 singles.

"Rohan along with all the new players have been a wonderful addition to the team," Canton head coach Barb Lehmann said. "To have a freshman in the No. 1 singles position is an asset to the current season and to our future."

The 13-year-old Vaishnav already is quite accomplished (he's garnered national ranking from 2008-11 via the United States Tennis Association for tournament excellence) and

it's no surprise according to senior teammate Alan Halim.

"He's incredible. His serve is one of the best, one of the most consistent," said Halim, Canton's No. 2 singles player. "And he has killer accuracy. He hits it always on the line, on the corners. It's just incredible."

Halim noted there was slight apprehension before the season about a ninth-grader rolling in and rising to the top of the pecking order. But that pretty much disappeared overnight.

"We were surprised, but we knew it would be a good thing for Canton as a team having a great player who could take the No. 1 singles spot," Halim said. "We're really happy for him."

Bright future

Vaishnav, who started playing competitive tennis as a 9-year-old, said this year has been a great experience and he sees nothing but good things ahead for the Canton program.

"By the time I'm a junior, I really want to carry the team to states," he said. "Even this year, I want to go as far as we can. Canton's a great team. We're doing really well."

When the season ends, he will return to taking private lessons from Armand Molino (who is on the same coaching page as Lehmann, pushing for consistency and aggressive serving) and competing in USTA tournaments — as he has for several years,

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Plymouth center Mitchell Heard (No. 15) scores against Erie goalie Tyson Teichmann (No. 1) late in the second period Saturday night to put the Whalers up 2-1. Assisting on the goal was J.T. Miller, his first point for Plymouth.



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Annapolis (2-3, 1-2) at Garden City (4-1, 2-1), 7 p.m.	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City	
Crestwood (0-5, 0-3) at Redford Union (0-5, 0-3), 7 p.m.	Union	Union	Crestwood	Crestwood	
Canton (5-0, 3-0) at Churchill (3-2, 1-2), 7 p.m.	Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton	
Northville (5-0, 3-0) at Stevenson (2-3, 1-2), 7 p.m.	Northville	Northville	Northville	Northville	
South Lyon East (1-4, 0-3) at Salem (1-4, 0-3), 7 p.m.	Salem	Salem	Salem	S.L. East	
Plymouth (5-0, 3-0) at John Glenn (2-3, 1-2), 7 p.m.	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth	
Wayne (0-5, 0-3) at Franklin (1-2, 2-3), 7 p.m.	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin	
O.L. Lakes (3-2) at Clarenceville (2-3), 7 p.m.	O.L. Lakes	Clarenceville	O.L. Lakes	Clarenceville	
Oakl. Christian (1-3, 0-2) at Luth. Westland (2-3, 1-2), 7 p.m.	Luth. Westland	Luth. Westland	Luth. Westland	Luth. Westland	
Saturday, Oct. 1					
Berkley (3-2, 3-1) at North Farmington (3-2, 3-2), 1 p.m.	Berkley	Berkley	Berkley	North Farmington	
Farmington (4-1, 3-1) at Southfield (4-1, 3-1), 1 p.m.	Southfield	Southfield	Southfield	Southfield	
Last week	10-2	10-2	11-1	12-0	
Overall	54-14	46-22	56-12	61-7	

Westland's Modano goes out a Star

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

An American hockey icon from Westland said a tearful goodbye to the game during a press conference held Friday afternoon in Dallas.

Mike Modano, who starred in the National Hockey League for 21 seasons, signed a one-day contract so he could retire as a member of the Dallas Stars organization.

The Stars put a value of \$999,999 on the contract as a symbolic gesture to salute Modano's wearing of the No. 9 jersey in Dallas. The 41-year-old then immediately sent his retirement papers to the league office.

Modano played all but one of his 21 NHL seasons with the Stars, starting with the team in 1988-89 when the franchise was located in Bloomington, Minn.

He played his last NHL season with Detroit. This summer he considered re-signing with another team with the Vancouver Canucks making overtures, but Modano announced earlier last week that he would retire Friday as a Star.

With 561 goals and 1,374 points, Modano retires as the highest-scoring American-born player in NHL history.

Modano, known for his dynamic skating ability, holds 21 Dallas records, including most games played (1,459), goals in a season (50) and points in a career (1,359).

"I thought I'd get through the first sentence, it looks easy on paper," said Modano, who became emotional throughout the hour-long press conference. "You'd wonder what this day would be like. It

feels pretty overwhelming. The people you seem to touch along the way and the people you meet in the course of a career is pretty amazing. I look back at 21 years with one franchise . . . I think that made me the most proud of anything."

In 1988 he was drafted first overall by the then Minnesota North Stars. He won the Stanley Cup in 1999 and appeared in the 1991 and 2000 finals. Modano represented the U.S. in 11 international tournaments, including three Winter Olympic Games winning a silver in 2002 in Salt Lake City.

"Mike Modano will always be the face of this franchise," Dallas general manager Joe Nieuwendyk said in a statement released by the team. "He means so much to our organization and all of our fans. We wanted to give him the opportunity to retire as a Dallas Star. Mike has given his heart and soul to this game for over 30 years."

Modano, who scored a Stars franchise record 50 goals during the 1993-94 season, knew the day would be coming when he'd have to put away his skates for good.

"It does go fast, it will be over before you know it," Modano said during the press gathering. "When I was told that when I was 18 by the guys in Minnesota, I just rolled my eyes and I said, 'No, you're 35 and old, you're going to be out of the game soon so why would I listen to you?' It does come full circle with those guys."

After being cut loose by Dallas, Modano took a shot at a Stanley Cup run with his hometown Red Wings.

The 6-foot-3, 210-pound center played in 40 games for Detroit, amassing four goals and 11 assists, but appeared in only two of the Wings' playoff games.

"Kenny Holland (general manager) had a vision, so did Mike Babcock (head coach) about maybe coming to Detroit and having a re-birth of some sort," Modano said. "Just for them to think about me, and to play for their organization, certainly was a thrill. It was an opportunity I don't think I could have given up. The Ilitch family, Mike and Marian, my Little Caesars (youth league) days back in the day . . . growing up . . . they did everything for us. They helped with our travel, they helped with our gear, all of the sticks that we needed . . . just a great family."

"My teammates in Detroit . . . played up against them for years. Some of the most amazing guys and skilled players I ever saw in one room. You can see after one year with them why they're at such a level that they're at. But they were great. I appreciate that experience and the opportunity to be a part of that. Of course, all of my minor league youth coaches along the way."

His abbreviated stint with the Wings, though, was marked mostly by a devastating injury to his right wrist, which cost him half the season. When he came back from the injury, No. 99 found himself on the outside having to work his way back into the lineup. He was a healthy scratch for a game in April that cost him the chance to reach a nice, round 1,500 career games.

"After last year, I

was really drained and spent," Modano told the Detroit Free Press. "I felt, at the time, I've exhausted myself mentally and emotionally. After July came and went and there wasn't much happening, I knew I was going to retire."

The certain first-ballot NHL Hall of Famer said he may do some televised games for Fox Sports Southwest, and possibly for the NHL Network. He is married to actress Willa Ford and is an avid golfer. His Mike Modano Foundation serves underprivileged youth in the Dallas area.

Born in Livonia, Modano attended Franklin High before getting a call in 1985 from Rick Wilson and he left home as a 16-year-old junior. Modano went on to play three seasons for the Prince Albert, Alberta Raiders of the Western Hockey League before going as the NHL's first pick overall in the 1988 draft.

"It was great a preparation for the NHL I'd have to say," Modano said of his junior days in Western Canada.

Modano thanked former teammates, coaches, the media, fans, the Stars support staff and friends, but saved his final remarks for his mother and father, Michael and Karen Modano.

"Those long van rides, the 6 a.m. practices, the love and support that you gave to me was a life of hockey," Modano said tearfully.

In 2003, the City of Westland dedicated its ice arena in his name and renamed the rink Mike Modano Arena.

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SOCCER

Canton win streak ends in tie

On a cool, rainy night at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, two rival boys soccer teams faced off in a KLAA South Division battle.

When 80 minutes of action was over on Tuesday, Canton and Plymouth played to a 2-2 tie to snap the Chiefs' 10-game winning streak.

The Wildcats nearly pulled out a win on their Senior Night. But with about 10 minutes left, Canton's Neil Zech ran down Plymouth senior Michael Himmelsbach, who had gotten behind the Chiefs' defense, and tackled the ball out of bounds.

Each team had corner kicks late in the ball game, but could not crack the 2-2 deadlock.

The Wildcats took an early 1-0 lead when junior Chandler Olah pounced on a loose ball in the middle of the Canton goal box and booted it into the corner of the net past senior goalkeeper Steven Murphy.

But less than a minute later, Brian Berinti led Mitch Posuniak with a long pass up the sideline and he made it 1-1 with a blast that beat Plymouth senior goalie Rene Mejia.

It was 2-1 Canton four minutes after that.

Following a Tyler Wingham corner kick, Berinti found the ball at the top of the Plymouth goal box and touched a pass to senior Nathan Bergeson.

The subsequent chip shot gave the Chiefs a 2-1 lead at halftime.

Plymouth finally drew even midway through the second half. Olah intercepted a bad clearing pass and drove a beautiful shot from about 25 yards out that found the side netting behind Murphy.

The division-leading Chiefs' record moved to 12-1-2 overall and 6-0-1 with the tie while Plymouth's record is 4-4-1 and 4-2-1 — good for second place in the KLAA South.

Canton Lions still unbeaten

The Canton Lions Junior Varsity football team improved their record to 3-0 with a recent hard-fought win over the Westland Meteors, 30-13.

The Lions defense continues to be stingy giving up only 19 points through the first three games. They have been led by strong play from Joey Glunt, Rubin Williams, Spencer Brown, Kyle Amick, Victor Abraham, Alan Farmer, Noah Brown, Colton Wieloch, Jason Arnold and Miles Davenport.

Against the Meteors, Davenport intercepted a pass late in the game and returned it 40 yards for the Lions last touchdown.

Offensively, the Lions have been led by the strong quarterback play of Evan Voyles,

Noah Brown, and Colton Wieloch, who scored on a quarterback sneak late in the first half.

The offensive line has received strong play from Kyrece Smith, David Mason, and Matt Wayne, opening large holes which have allowed Jason Arnold, Victor Abraham, and Miles Davenport to record eight touchdown runs this season all over 25 yards.

Arnold had touchdown runs of 97 and 35 yards against the Meteors.

The Lions face a touch test this weekend against the Ypsilanti Braves at the PCEP football stadium. First games begin at 10 a.m. for the Junior Freshman team, followed by the Freshman, JV, and Varsity at Noon, 2 and 4 p.m., respectively.

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top-shelf for the goal. Farmington Hills' Austin Levi collected his second assist on the play.

With 7:55 remaining, Plymouth newcomers Andy Bathgate and Mitchell Dempsey chalked up their first points in a Whalers uniform to make it 5-2.

Bathgate sent a pass to Aleardi, who in turn put a centering pass on the tape of rookie winger Dempsey — who slipped the puck along the ice between Teichmann's pads.

Wrapping up the scoring in the final minute was Aleardi, from Michael Whaley and Dempsey.

According to Plymouth assistant coach Don Eiland, the way the Whalers turned on the offense is something Compuware fans could see on a regular basis.

"We've got it built into three lines instead of loading up one line like we had to do last year," Eiland said. "Hopefully with the three deep lines

we have we look forward to that if we work hard. Don't expect it to come but make it happen."

Eiland said players are still getting used to each other, what with eight Whalers just returning from various National Hockey League training camps.

"It's going to take time, we haven't been together that long," he added. "A lot of guys were away at camp. Everyone's getting to know each other."

Fitting footnote

The assist by Whaley came at the end of a night that began with a moment of silence for his father.

Hockey official David Whaley, 48, recently died following a bout with cancer. He had served as a video goal judge in the OHL since the 2006-07 season.

(Plymouth's next games — both at Compuware — are Friday against Ottawa and Saturday against London. Both games begin at 7 p.m. Call (734) 453-8400 for ticket information.)

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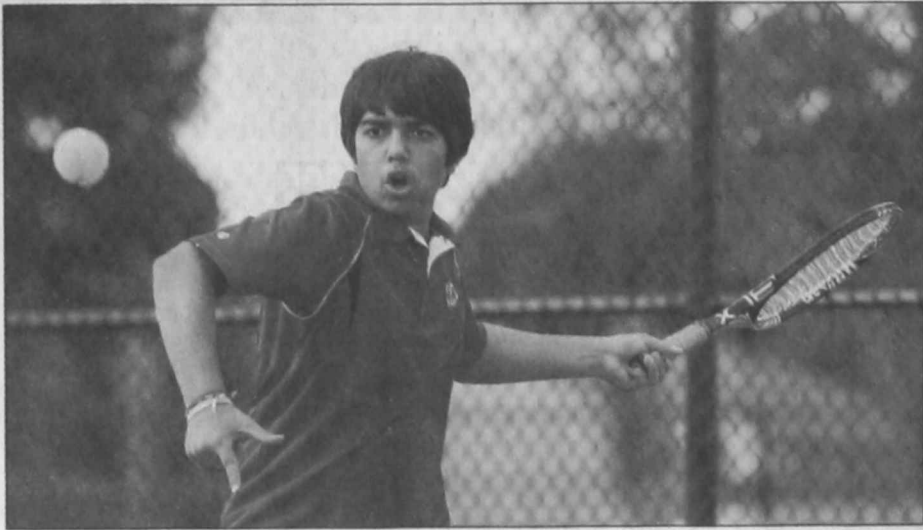
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with much success.

"I've won a few (USTA) tournaments, I've made runner-up in a few tournaments as well," Vaishnav said. "During the high school season, I haven't been playing (elsewhere), but as soon as it's over I'm going to get right back to it. As long as high school season's going on, I'm not going to play USTA."

Lehmann said the level of commitment to excellence that Vaishnav has bodes well for his Canton career and beyond.

"His family (especially parents Dhaval and Brenda) is a great supporter of his desire to be a great player and one day play in college," she said. "He brings a level of knowledge of competitive play and sportsmanship that is a great example to all of the players on the team."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Putting everything he has into this shot is Canton standout freshman Rohan Vaishnav, excelling as the Chiefs' No. 1 singles player this season.

Better than expected

Vaishnav smiled when talking about what he set out to accomplish as a freshman and what has actually happened.

"When I came here, I wanted to be at least No. 2 (singles), for sure," he said. "When I got here, I won all my matches. I was extremely happy

with the results. It was beyond what I had hoped for."

In fact, he can look across Plymouth-Canton Educational Park at another No. 1 singles player who is pretty good — Plymouth senior All-Stater Aaron Zhang — and perhaps visualize getting to that point as a high school player. So far, one of the few blemishes on

Vaishnav's record came at the hands of Zhang.

"We played once, it was a tight match," Vaishnav said. "He ended up winning, but it was good. He's a great player, he's a good guy."

It's not taking long to describe young Rohan Vaishnav in the same way.

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GIRLS SWIMMING

Salem tankers nip Chiefs, 97-89

On the heels of Saturday's Rock Mauer Invitational, both Salem and Canton got after it Tuesday in a KLAA crossover varsity girls swimming and diving meet.

The Rocks held on for an exciting 97-89 triumph, sparked by senior Lauren Seroka who was part of two winning relays along with two individual triumphs.

Seroka, Abby Aumiller, Maria Radzwion and Julia Suriano came in first in the 200-yard med-

ley relay with a time of 1:57.27, nipping Canton's quartet of Caitlin Orr, Hannah Jenkins, Delaney Adams and Abby Madison (1:58.43).

The Salem 400 relay also came in first as Seroka, Maddie Gorman, Suriano and Aumiller prevailed in 3:47.78.

Seroka's individual wins came in the 200 IM (2:13.64) and 500 free-style (5:14.57).

Also claiming two solo events was Canton's Destinee Barmore-Hicks

(50 free, 25:30; 100 free, 55:28).

Barmore-Hicks also joined Abby Madison, Claire Greene and Madeline Madison to win the 200 relay, in 1:47.42.

Other swimmers to finish first in events were Canton's Greene (200 free, 2:03.40), Adams (100 fly, 1:01.39) and Jenkins (100 breast, 1:14.11) while Salem's Bridget Maul (diving, 133.75 points) and Aumiller (100 back, 1:01.78) were the other event winners.

Rocks, Chiefs swim hard at invite

By Tim Smith

Observer Staff Writer

Despite finishing in the middle of the pack at Saturday's Rock Mauer Swimming & Diving Invitational at Salem High School, the Rocks and campus rival Canton did have some positives to take out of the day.

Salem's varsity girls team finished fourth with 140 points while Canton placed fifth with 126. The top spots were secured by Farmington Hills Mercy (352), Northville (249) and Livonia Stevenson (195). Rounding up the standings in sixth place was Ann Arbor Pioneer (120).

There were multiple heats in each event.

"We had a great crowd that were entertained to some exciting competition by all six teams involved," Salem head coach Chuck Olson said. "I was impressed by the sportsmanship and conduct of all the teams which is so important to interscholastic sports."

The Rocks and Chiefs

each collected one first-place finish. For Salem, junior Abby Aumiller won the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:01.53 while Canton sophomore Destinee Barmore-Hicks was first in the 50 free with a mark of 25.72 seconds.

Earning second in one heat of the 200 IM was Canton junior Caitlin Orr (2:24.89), while Salem's Lauren Seroka and Canton's Delaney Adams finished 2-3 in the another heat of that event.

Seroka, a senior, finished in 2:16.49 while junior Adams came in third with a mark of 2:18.48.

In the 500 free, Canton freshman Claire Greene impressed. She placed second in her heat with a time of 5:23.74.

Several individuals from Salem and Canton earned third-place points.

Green took the third spot in the 200 free (2:04.42), while Canton sophomores Mackenzie Dugas and Hannah Jenkins were third in

their heats of the 200 IM (2:32.61, 2:22.45, respectively).

Salem juniors Nicole Kariotis (50 free, 28.15) and Natasha Consul (100 fly, 1:15.52) registered third-place finishes. So did Canton sophomore Rachel Barszcz in her heat of the 100 fly (1:09.73).

Other Salem individual thirds were tallied by Julia Suriano (100 free, 57.58) and Seroka (100 breast, 1:11.98); Canton's Adams (100 fly, 1:03.04) and junior Christine Pray (500 free, 5:42.30) also came in third.

In relays, Salem chalked up thirds in two races. In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the tandem of Kristy Rupp, Michelle Gutta, Noele Milad and Claire Cousino finished in 1:57.48. Also third, in the 400-free relay, were Salem's Vincenzo Zaia, Jocey Lamoureux, Stephanie Solterman and Maggie Sniedeman.

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SPIKERS

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minimize damage.

"You give them a point, at least lately we've been giving them four or five more," Wade stressed. "We talk about it all the time, it's one-and-done."

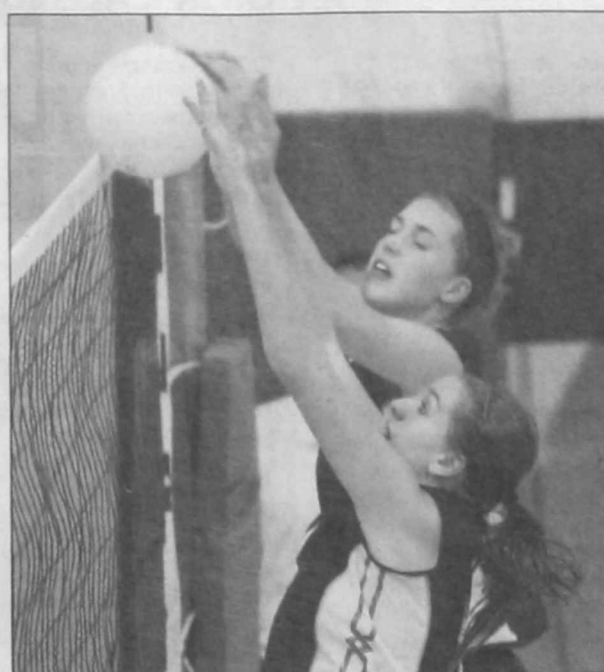
"If you can slow down their attack by getting the next point, you're fine."

In Game 1, a 10-point serving run by PCA senior libero Jessica Rich (nine digs, two aces) opened up a healthy 22-10 advantage.

It was more of the same in the second set, as Zinn hammered three aces among an eight-point surge that made it 19-10.

"I saw an open spot in the corner," said Zinn, recalling her Game 2 surge. "And once I had the first ace it worked, it seemed like a good spot so I just kept hitting that spot."

The two long PCA scoring runs frustrated Wade, adding that with a veteran team (five seniors), adjustments to stop runs shouldn't be too much to ask.



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Standing tall to block the ball Tuesday night are Plymouth Christian's Jennifer Malcolm (top) and Katelyn McCormick.

"But they're not making those adjustments," he said. "We're telling them to make the adjustments and it's not computing right now. We're kind of in a rut."

Lutheran Westland played better in the third game, hanging around for most of the set.

It was 14-14 after junior setter Shannon Abbott

served up two points.

But Kristin Malcolm was there to spoil Abbott's bid to finally put the Warriors in the lead as she spiked the ball for a sideout.

The Warriors could not even tie PCA the rest of the night.

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SALEM

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Katie Heitmeyer (10 digs, four aces) and Quinn Fillingier (49 assists, six kills).

"Quinn played her best match tonight," Nies said. "Her setting was very consistent and that really made a difference for our hitters."

Salem got off to a good start, winning two of the first three games. Heitmeyer's 8-0 serving run opened things up on a high note.

But when the fourth game rolled around, the Rocks could not muster the lead for the longest time.

After finally pulling to within 14-13, Nies called a timeout to try to stop the mistakes that threw away points to the Lions.

Salem (2-4, 2-4) bounced out of that timeout and took it to South Lyon (10-4, 3-3), right up to the clinching point.

"We have been working the past couple weeks on just building our confidence and being smarter players on the floor,"

Nies added. "It really started to come together tonight."

Wildcats stay hot Plymouth defeated Livonia Churchill Tuesday night in five sets, improving to 25-5 overall and 4-2 in the KLAA Central Division.

The teams traded wins all night, with the Wildcats finally winning 3-2 (25-21, 30-32, 25-23, 19-25, 15-5).

"I'm so proud of these girls," Plymouth head coach Sarah Marody said. "They earned this victory, they beat a very talented Churchill team."

"The first four games were intense. Every point was back and forth but in the fifth game we came out firing."

Marody said Plymouth's offense clicked "and the defense gave the setters some great passes to convert."

Madelyn Betts led in kills with 16, with Emilee Beyer (13) and Olivia Beyer (10) also big up front for the Wildcats.

Shayla Smalls and Olivia Beyer had seven and six blocks, respectively, while Jessica Scott (30 assists) and Smalls (21

assists) helped keep the Plymouth offense moving.

Betts also was team leader in digs with 27, followed by Emilee Beyer (18) and libero Lindsay Stemberger (17).

Other players to help the cause included Rachael Hille (eight kills, three blocks) and Taylor Rieckhoff (two blocks, two aces).

At Saturday's University of Michigan-Dearborn tournament, the Wildcats finished third (losing to Dexter in the semifinals).

Plymouth handled Livonia Clarenceville, Dearborn Edsel Ford and Flat Rock in pool play, and then defeated Dearborn Fordson 25-6, 25-11 in the quarterfinals before dropping a 25-21, 25-16 match to Dexter.

Key contributors for Plymouth included Stemberger (29 digs, nine aces), Smalls (10 aces, seven blocks, 40 assists), Betts (27 kills, 14 digs), Emilee Beyer (27 digs, 19 kills), Scott (50 assists) and Olivia Beyer (26 kills).

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

MONROE JEFFERSON INVITATIONAL RESULTS

Sept. 24 at Sterling State Park
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Brighton, 18 points; 2. Canton, 83; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 88; 4. Livonia Churchill, 92; 5. Ann Arbor Huron, 156; 6. Livonia Franklin, 209; 7. Belleville, 244; 8. (tie) Monroe and Wayne Memorial, 248 each; 10. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 259; 11. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 277; 12. Southgate Anderson, 298; 13. Garden City, 372.

Individual winner: Timmy Jurick (Brighton), 16:35.13 (5,000 meters).

Canton finishers: 10. Mitch Clinton, 17:26 (medal); 12. Miles Felton, 17:35 (medal); 15. Jeff Molchan, 17:40 (medal); 22. Billy Toth, 17:56 (medal); 24. Tom Walkinshaw, 17:58 (medal); 25. Bradon Conley, 17:58 (medal); 33. Andrew Stephens, 18:17.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Brighton, 36 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 57; 3. Saline, 114; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 122; 5. Plymouth, 133; 6. Canton, 148; 7. Livonia Franklin, 194; 8. Salem (B), 197; 9. Monroe, 233; 10. Southgate Anderson, 324; 11. Garden City, 326; 12. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 398; 14. (tie) Wayne Memorial and Ypsilanti Lincoln, no team scores.

Individual winner: Kerigan Riley (Churchill), 19:19.33 (5,000 meters).

Salem finishers: 31. Adrianna Beltran, 21:43; 33. Hannah Stoller, 21:47; 45. Rebecca Lopez, 22:08; 46. Lauren Arquette, 22:09; 55. Madison Goodpasture, 22:35; 56. Jamie Olsen, 22:41; 77. Emily Marcero, 23:37; 88. Katy Robeson, 24:12; 90. Alexis Foley, 24:19; 97. Shannon Fitzpatrick, 25:05.

JACKSON INVITATIONAL RESULTS

Sept. 24 at Sharp Park
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Saline, 42 points (24 teams in race); 2. Northville (A), 70; 3. Troy (A), 118; 4. Pinckney, 177; 5. Temper-

ance Bedford (197); 6. White Lake Lakeland (199); 7. Sterling Heights Stevenson (209); 8. East Kentwood (231); 9. Traverse City West (234); 10. Northville (B), 240; 11. Salem (A), 244.

Salem finishers: 38. Shannon Flynn, 20:05.5; 40. Emily Bizon, 20:11.2; 48. Autumn Burin, 20:28.3; 53. Amanda Beyer, 20:32.0; 68. Natasha Stevenson, 20:52.6; 75. Alejandra Beltran, 21:00.9; 92. Kelly Kerwin, 21:19.4.

BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS

CANTON 25

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 31

Sept. 27 at Cass Benton Park

Individual winner: Miles Felton (Canton), 17:14.2 (5,000 meters).

Other Canton finishers: 2.

Mitch Clinton, 17:16.5; 3. Bradon Conley, 17:26.3; 8. Billy Toth, 17:44.0; 10. Tom Walkinshaw, 17:56.7; 13. Evan Dunklee, 18:02.1; 14. Andrew Stephens, 18:24.0.

Dual meet records: Canton, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAA South Division; Churchill, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAA South.

PLYMOUTH 15

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 47

Sept. 27 at Nankin Mills

Individual winner: Derek Gielarowski (Plymouth), 16:34.2 (5,000 meters).

Other Plymouth finishers: 2.

Nick Eiben, 17:08.8; 3. Zane Perlona, 17:16.3; 4. Liam Carde-nas, 17:16.8; 5. Jimmy Maciag, 17:20.3; 7. Brandon Dalton, 17:27.3; 9. Garrett Newman, 17:48.9.

Dual meet records: Plymouth, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAA South Division; Franklin, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLAA South.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 20

SALEM 37

Sept. 27 at Cass Benton Park

Individual winner: Stephen Fenech (Stevenson), 17:06.5 (5,000 meters).

Salem finishers: 2. Steve McEv-illy, 17:26.7; 6. Riley Duxtader, 17:53.4; 8. Jeremy Drouillard, 18:05.7; 9. Donovan Drouil-

lard, 18:09.3; 15. Noah Engerer, 18:43.2; 17. Alex Creekmore, 18:44.5; 18. Lucas Salinas, 18:48.7.

Dual meet records: Stevenson, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAA Central Division; Salem, 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLAA Central.

GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 17

CANTON 42

Sept. 27 at Cass Benton Park

Individual winner: Kerigan Riley (Churchill), 20:02.54 (5,000 meters).

Canton finishers: 5. Emily Southern, 21:08.94; 6. Jessica Siegler, 21:19.35; 8. Anna Gorzalski, 21:26.1; 11. Paige Calvert, 22:07.98; 12. Katie Grimes, 22:17.74; 13. Hannah Ferel, 22:47.31; 14. Anna Lang, 22:47.72.

Dual meet records: Churchill, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAA South Division; Canton, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAA South.

PLYMOUTH 19

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 37

Sept. 27 at Nankin Mills

Individual winner: Nicole Trait-ses (Plymouth), 19:57.4 (5,000 meters).

Other Plymouth finishers: 2.

Marina DiBiasi, 20:38.4; 4. Alexa Chicon, 21:19.8; 5. Briana Lax, 21:27.7; 7. Shannon Shaver, 22:02.7; 10. Renae DeBrito, 22:11.4; 12. Morgan Henson, 22:32.5.

Dual meet records: Plymouth, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAA South Division; Franklin, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLAA South.

SALEM 28

LIVONIA STEVENSON 30

Sept. 27 at Nankin Mills

Individual winner: Lindsey Gal-lagher (Stevenson), 20:27.

Salem finishers: 3. Adrianna Beltran, 20:57; 4. Shannon Flynn, 21:00; 6. Natasha Stevenson, 21:06; 7. Autumn Burin, 21:08; 8. Amanda Beyer, 21:15; 9. Ale-jandra Beltran, 21:27; 11. Rebeca Lopez, 21:50.

Dual meet records: Salem, 2-1 in KLAA Central Division.

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Sept. 26 at Whispering Wil-lows G.C.

Churchill scorers: Jordyn Shepler, 41 (medalist); Nicole Kruse, 47; Jackie Burdette, 47; Maggie McGowan, 50; Claire Rose, 53; Lauren Pickworth, 70.

Canton scorers: Kelsey McDougall, 48; Paige Osler, 50;

Kaylie Lobb, 53; Chloe Luyet, 53; Rachel Pisano, 58; Kayla Lagola, 69.

Dual match records: Churchill, 6-2 KLAA South Division; Canton, 5-3 KLAA South.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 193

SALEM 225

Sept. 20 at Fox Hills G.C.

Stevenson scorers: Becca Bubenheimer, 44 (medalist); Mary Peltz, 46; Sarah King,

51; Laura Shureb, 52; Maddie Omietanski, 53; Rachel Schuit, 59.

Salem scorers: Gabby LeBlance, 53; Christine Li and KaLaya Thomas, 56 each; Amanda Bennett, 60; Katie Vena, 61; Kahrlee Kozan, 66.

Dual match records: Stevenson, 3-4 overall, 3-4 KLAA Central Division; Salem, 0-7 overall, 0-7 KLAA Central.

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Church refurbishes antique statue

St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia will dedicate a recently-restored statue of St. Michael today, Thursday, Sept. 29, on the saint's feast day.
The dedication will start at 6:30 p.m. in the church, located at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road.
The St. Michael figure is one of several Daprato statues in the church. Since the early 19th century, Daprato statues have set the standard for religious art around the world and found homes in many Catholic churches. When a St. Michael's parishioner happened upon an original Daprato statue of the Sacred Heart sitting in the basement of a closed Catholic church in Redford, the Rev. William Tindall, pastor at St. Michael's, was happy to give it a new home. He missed the beautiful, old Daprato statuary that had filled his former church at St. Charles Borromeo parish in Newport.
While in the process of acquiring that statue, another piece, Our Lady of Grace, was discovered and purchased. Appreciative parishioners stepped forward and anonymously funded the cost of a Daprato statue of St. Michael the Archangel, along with a full set of hand-carved Stations of the Cross, depicting the passion and death of Christ.
All of the art treasures were restored on different occasions by Michael Wendt of Ecclesiastical Studios of San Antonio, Texas. He was on hand at St. Michael's recently to work on the St. Michael piece and Stations of the Cross. Wendt is one of the few church art restorers who actually does his restorations on the parish site in order to avoid shipping the antiques, which could be damaged during the



The colorful statue of St. Michael has been restored and will be dedicated on Thursday, Sept. 29, at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia.

process. The artist, who is related to the original Daprato family through marriage, has confirmed that the St. Michael statue is one of the rarest artistic portrayals created by the Daprato family and dates to the early 1900s.
Tindall pointed out that the statues, restored with special dyes and paints unique to the original Daprato creations, are works of art.
"Take the time to look closely at the fac-

es of these statues and the detail and emotions in the stations and you will surely discover the beauty and spirituality such art can inspire, for us and for all those who come after us," he said.
The dedication, which will include the recitation of the Chaplet of St. Michael and Benediction, will conclude a full day of Eucharistic Adoration. The ceremony is open to the public. For more information, visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

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BRICKMAN, VIRGINIA

Age 94, born in Denver, CO, ascended peacefully to her reward on Sept. 20, 2011 from her residence at Superior Woods Assisted Living facility to be reunited with her husband, Arthur & her original family. Mom had been a wonderful, most caring teacher at Wayne-Westland schools for over 30 years, taking the students on nature walks, playing baseball with them, allowing them to earn lunch-time crossword puzzle time. Her only child, Mary Carole, living in Memphis, TN with her husband, will most sadly miss her! Fr. Tom will say the memorial Mass Sat., Oct. 1st at 11am.



DILLON, WILLIAM

Sept 24, 2011. Loving husband of Katherine. Dear father of William T. (Jill), Laurence (Mary), Kathleen (Dennis) Blaharski, Mary Margaret (James) Bilicki and the late Maureen Ann, Brother of Jacqueline Sferlazzo. Past Grand Knight of Cardinal Edward Mooney K of C and past State District Deputy. Share a "memorial tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com

GERST, GERALD A.

September 25, 2011, age 78. Life-long resident of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Bessie. Dear father of Steven (Nancy) Gerst, Michael (Debbie) Gerst and Denise (Jill) Gerst. Dear grandfather of Katie (Jon) Haywood, Lindsay, Bryan, Rebecca, Kayla and Kyleigh. Services were held Wednesday. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com

GOBLE, WYMAN LEE, JR.

Age 43, of Westland, September 26, 2011. Beloved husband of Laura. Loving father of Anthony Lee Goble and Joy Charlotte Rose Goble. Dearest son of Nyoka and Wyman Goble. Dear brother of James Long, Gary (Donna) Goble, Sherry (Donald) Skidmore, Theresa Allread and Marsha (Billy) Norris. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, family and friends. He was the past president of the Detroit Jokers Motorcycle Club. Service is Friday, 2:00 PM at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Visitation is Thursday, 1:00-8:00 PM. He will then be taken by a custom-built motorcycle hearse for a final ride to Michigan Memorial Park for Interment.
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MINCH, JOHN

49, of Barton City, MI, formerly of Wayne died 9/20/2011. A private memorial service is planned. Gillies Funeral Home.



SITLER, MARILYN A.

Age 79, September 24, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Ralph Sitler, Sr. Loving mother of Ralph, Jr. (Jean), Margaret Draus, Therese (Mark) Oller, Anne Marie (Todd) Meadows, John (Pamela), Thomas (Marisa), Karl (Theresa), Stephen (Stephanie), Karen (John) Currey, Kurt (Kelly) and Erich. Proud grandmother of 29 and great grandmother of 9. Dear sister of Ellen and Rosemary. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Thursday 2-9 PM with a Scripture Service Thursday at 7 PM. Instate at Christ the King Catholic Church, 20800 Grand River, Detroit, Friday from 9:30 AM until Funeral Mass at 10 AM. Memorial contributions may be directed to The Alzheimers Association.
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Italian teen tenors to visit benefit dinner

by Sharon Dargay
O&E staff writer

The first time Anthony Rugiero heard Il Volo sing, he was struck by the group's similarity to both opera's The Three Tenors and the pop music world's Jonas Brothers.

"I was amazed," said Rugiero, who owns a home abroad. "It was, like wow! They are treating these kids like the Jonas Brothers in Italy and they're singing opera, like The Three Tenors. You look at them and it's like, these guys have it all. It's too good to be true."

The trio, Piero Barone, 17, Gianluca Ginoble, 16, and Ignazio Boschetto, 16, won a televised talent competition with their rendition of *O Sole Mio* in May 2009. Since then, the three young tenors — who put a pop spin on classical music, opera and standards — have watched their careers take flight. They released an album last year in Italy, signed a recording contract with Gefen Records in the United States, sang on *American Idol* in May and are on a tour that will bring them to the Fox Theatre in Detroit next month.

Rugiero, who heard the group sing in Italy, knew Il Volo could help his charitable endeavors

soar, too. The president and CEO of Antonio's Corp — which includes his family's restaurants, Antonio's Cucina Italiana in Canton, Dearborn Heights and Farmington Hills, and Roman Village Cucina Italiana in Dearborn — Rugiero had been looking for a way to raise funds for Boys' Town of Italy, Italian Language Inter-Cultural Alliance and the Volterra-Detroit.

"I was thinking, how can I get a group together that's big enough that it would reach all age levels? I thought about singing groups and was trying to think of who I could get, when I see these young kids in Italy," Rugiero recalled. "They take classical music and put a little something into it. These kids are wonderful."

Producing a concert

Rugiero, who also is a board member of the Detroit Opera House, was determined to bring the group to Detroit as a fundraiser for the three organizations and began working on a plan to produce the concert himself. After Live Nation bought the group's North American concert tour, Rugiero suggested a benefit dinner that would be held in conjunction with the show on Sunday, Oct. 16. Concert promoters liked



Il Volo will attend a benefit dinner Sunday, Oct. 16, at the Detroit Opera House after performing at the Fox Theatre.



Rugiero

Shuttle buses will take ticket-holders to the Fox Theatre for Il Volo's concert at 4 p.m. They'll return via shuttle to the

idea. The benefit will start with a cafe and biscotti reception at The Detroit Opera House.

Detroit Opera House for the dinner, which Il Volo will attend.

"I purchased the first 20 rows, center section, all premium seats," Rugiero said, describing seats at the Fox Theatre. "We hope to have a great evening."

Fiat is a sponsor of the event, along with several Italian-American business leaders including Tom Celani and Anthony Soave.

Benefiting organizations

The Volterra-Detroit Foundation supports The University of Detroit Mercy School of Architecture and Comune di Volterra, which have

formed a partnership to provide a new educational opportunity in the City of Volterra, Italy, for students in metro Detroit. Through the partnership, U.S. students can study in Italy for no additional fee, after paying their regular college tuition.

"I love programs that bridge the gap between Italy and the U.S.," Rugiero said.

Italian Language Inter-Cultural Alliance (ILI-CA) is a worldwide organization that opens doors for many students around the world to learn more about Italy, its language and its culture through programs and activities that support the value of Italian heritage. The organization is a leader in promoting and facilitating the study of Italian language in American schools.

Boys' Town of Italy has funded the development of more than 60 child care centers for communities throughout the globe, and has been the primary sponsor of the Boys' Towns and Girls' Town in Rome and United States.

Plymouth chili rides rev up

There's still time to register for the Motor City Chili Ride that will raise money for the Habitat for Humanity and Penrickton Center for Blind Children on Sunday, Oct. 9.

Cost is \$10 per person and riders can depart at 10:30 a.m. from either Dick Scott's Classic Motorcycles in Livonia or Motor City Harley-Davidson in Farmington Hills. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. at both locations. Both rides will

end at the 16th Annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff in downtown Plymouth.

All riders will receive free VIP parking at the event.

The Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off runs 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9 and will include red chili, green chili and salsa competitions, the Restaurant Chili Challenge and Battle of the Businesses Chili competition, "Hottest Dog in the Coolest

City" costume contest, kids' activities, a motorcycle show, dance performances and music by Steve King and the Dittilies.

For more information about the ride from Livonia, call Dick Scott's Classic Motorcycles at (734) 542-8000 or visit www.DickScott.com. For the Farmington Hills ride, call Motor City Harley Davidson at (248) 473-7433 or visit www.motorcityharley.com.

Clubs bring music, art to Westland

The Rotary Club of Westland and Three Cities Art Club will present an art show of original paintings, drawings, graphics and photography Oct. 14-16 at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 W. Warren, in Westland.

The free event has something for every-

one. Sharon Lee Dillenbeck, owner of D&M Art Studio will demonstrate painting techniques beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15. A "paint off" will be held at 2 p.m., when Dillenbeck, Marilyn Meredith, Deanna Salhaney and Elizabeth Gullikson paint the

same still life in four different mediums and styles.

Select members of the Michigan Philharmonic will perform from 1-2 p.m. and Jay. D. Kilgus of Piano Pleasures will play at 2 p.m.

Westland Mayor William Wild, Westland Rotary Club president

Mary Vellardita, and Carol Rutz of Westland Shopping Center will select winning works of art. Awards will be presented at 1 p.m. Saturday.

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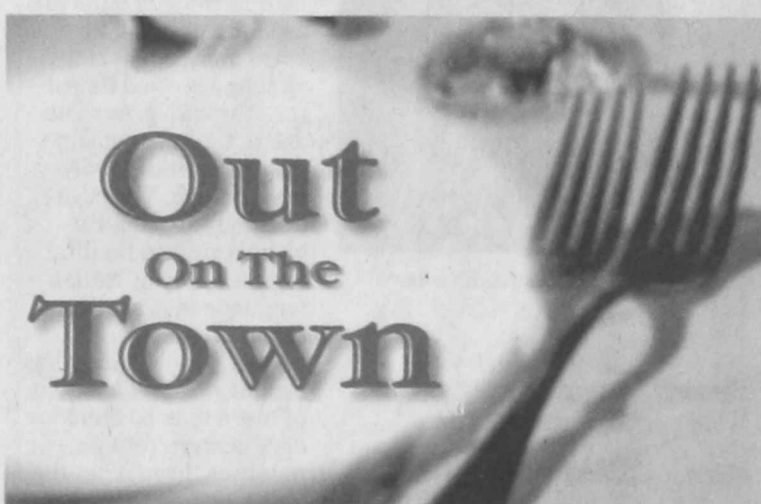
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Get the buzz on locally produced honey

By Sharon Dargay
O&E staff writer

As National Honey Month wound down this month, Bob "the bee guy" Jastrzebski harvested the last of his 2011 crop.

"I do things a little different than the other guys. I pull honey twice a year, in July and in September," said Jastrzebski, owner of Bobilin Honey in Canton. "Honey pulled in July is from the spring (blossoms). It's a real light honey and it has a distinct flavor that will be different from what I pull from the same spot in the fall. Fall honey is much darker."

Jastrzebski, a beekeeper with hundreds of hives throughout southeastern Michigan, says 95 percent of Michigan's honey comes nectar bees collect from trees. The rest is from flowers.

"All Michigan honey is 'wildflower,' meaning they got it from wherever."

He said the Basswood tree produces the "biggest honey flow" in the area.

"I taste butter. The other guys taste apple and cinnamon," he said, describing honey from Basswood trees.

Honey harvested in July and made from the nectar of early spring Black Locust trees sometimes has a hint of mint flavoring.

Taste varies depending on the nectar source.

Jastrzebski collects honey and has tasted samples from around the world. Whenever friends travel abroad, they bring him a jar of honey.

"I've got orange blossom honey from Florida. You talk about sweet. It will hurt your teeth it's so sweet. I've got honey from Hawaii that looks almost like hand cream. It's white. It's like tasting a York Peppermint Patty."

Jastrzebski said he collects about 8,000-10,000 pounds of honey from his hives annually. After collecting, he extracts it from honeycombs, heats it — making sure not to kill off enzymes — and bottles it. Water content is kept at 18 percent or below to ensure the product doesn't ferment and spoil.

He suggests consumers carefully read labels on any jars of non-local honey they buy.

"Some companies are adding corn syrup to their honey and calling it honey. Read the label."

Find Bobilin honey at Canton Farmer's Market, Sundays through October, Ridge Road just north of Cherry Hill or Holiday Market at Cherry Hill and Lilley in Canton. For other locations, check his website at www.bobilinhoney.com.



ARCHIVE PHOTO

Bear-shaped jars filled with Bobilin honey await a buyer at Canton Farmer's Market. National Honey Month winds up Friday, Sept. 30.

Sweeten your dinner hour with honey

Whether you're celebrating National Honey Month or observing Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, it's the perfect time to add nature's sweetener to your cooking.

With more than 300 unique kinds of honey — such as eucalyptus, clover and orange blossom — in the U.S., there's a taste for every palate. Lighter colored honey generally tastes milder than dark honey, which has a more robust flavor.

Find honey harvested by local beekeepers at farmer's markets and food stores.

For more honey recipes, visit the National Honey Board Web site at www.honey.com.

Sweet and Sour Zucchini

Makes 2 quarts

- 4 zucchini, or approximately 7 cups, thinly sliced
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup honey
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup white wine vinegar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup vegetable oil
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped green bell pepper
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup diced celery
- 1 tablespoon chopped onion
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper

Combine zucchini, honey, vinegar, oil, bell pepper, celery, onion, salt and black pepper in large glass or ceramic bowl. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Drain and serve chilled or at room temperature.

Eggplant, French Toast Style

Makes 6-8 servings

- 1 large eggplant
- Salt, to taste
- 2 eggs
- 2 Tablespoons milk
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup honey
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup flour
- 5 cups crushed corn flakes
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup unsalted butter, divided
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup honey, warmed, for serving

Slice eggplant into $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch rounds. Sprinkle generously with salt and set aside on paper towels or in a colander for 30 minutes. Rinse slices thoroughly to remove salt and brown juice that has formed. Pat dry. In a shallow bowl, beat eggs slightly and combine with milk and honey; set aside. Place flour on a plate; set aside. Place corn flakes in a shallow bowl. Dust eggplant slices with flour, dip into egg mixture, and then coat with corn flakes, coating both sides. Melt 2 tablespoons butter in large skillet over medium heat. Add eggplant slices and cook until brown on both sides and fork-tender. Add more butter to skillet as needed. Serve eggplant slices with additional butter and warm honey.

Golden Pear and Almond Gratin

Makes 6 servings

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup honey
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup dry white wine
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon orange juice
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sliced almonds, toasted and divided, optional
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel
- 1 tablespoon grated orange peel
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 pounds ripe pears, peeled, halved, cored and cut

In saucepan, combine honey, wine, lemon and orange juices. Bring mixture to a boil, whisking to dissolve honey. Reduce heat and simmer until liquid is reduced by half, about 15 minutes. Set aside. Meanwhile, chop $\frac{1}{2}$ cup almonds. In small bowl, stir together chopped almonds, lemon peel, orange peel and cinnamon until thoroughly mixed. Set aside. In greased 10-inch gratin dish or pie plate, layer half of pear slices; sprinkle with chopped almond mixture. Top with remaining pear slices and remaining $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sliced almonds. Pour honey mixture over pears. Bake at 400°F for 25 minutes or until top is golden brown. Serve warm or chilled. For those who don't eat nuts during Rosh Hashanah, almonds can be replaced with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup dried breadcrumbs.

Salmon with Honey Balsamic Glaze

Makes 6 servings

- 6 (5-6 ounce) salmon filets with skin
 - Salt
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ cup honey
 - 3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
 - 1 tablespoon olive oil
 - 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
- Season flesh-side of filets with salt; arrange skin-side down in shallow baking pan. Roast at 500°F for 5 minutes. To make glaze, thoroughly mix honey, balsamic vinegar, olive oil, garlic and salt. Drizzle 1 tablespoon glaze over each filet. Roast at 500°F for 3-5 minutes. Remove salmon to serving plates; drizzle 1 tablespoon remaining glaze over each filet.

Honey Baked Apples

Makes 4 servings

- 3 apples, pared and cored
 - 1 teaspoon lemon juice
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ cup honey
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ cup fresh or frozen cranberries
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped walnuts
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ cup bread crumbs
 - 1 tablespoon butter or margarine, melted
 - 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - Salt
 - Ground ginger
- Halve 2 apples lengthwise; brush with lemon juice. Place cut side down in oiled baking dish. Brush with honey. Bake, covered, at 400°F for 15 minutes. Chop remaining apple; toss with remaining ingredients. Remove apples from oven; mound apple mixture on apples. Bake, uncovered, 10 minutes longer or until topping browns. One-half cup dried cranberries may be substituted for fresh or frozen cranberries.

CITY BITES

Ahoy, Matesy

PLYMOUTH — Don your best swashbuckling garb and head to the second annual Pirate Pub Crawl 7 p.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, in downtown Plymouth for fun, drink specials and a chance to win prizes. Cost is \$10 per person, age 21 and over. Costumes are optional. The event will begin at 336 Piano Bar, 336 S. Main, where pirates and wenches will check in to receive their official treasure map. Other participating venues will include Penn Grill — providing free appetizers to pirates and wenches from 9-11 p.m. and music by Violin Monster, The Rock, offering free tarot card reading, and Sean O'Callahan's, where participants can get free temporary tattoos courtesy of Lucky Monkey Tattoo. Pirates and wenches who get their treasure maps stamped at each venue will be eligible to win the grand prize of a free deluxe one-night stay at MotorCity Casino. The best pirate and wench costumes will each win a High Liquors & Lucky Monkey Tattoo prize package.

New business

Kurt M. Lienhard, formerly with Sweets 21, has added Italian cannoli to his samplings at his new businesses, Perfectly Sweet Cakes & Desserts, located with Boule Artisan Bakery, at 880 W. Ann Arbor Trail. Try the soft German Pretzels every Saturday, gelato, Angel Wings and cupcakes. Yum. Open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

Zoo Brew

ROYAL OAK — Take a twilight stroll through the Detroit Zoo Thursday, Oct. 6 with your favorite brew in hand. The Zoo will offer a tasting of more than 30 beers from Michigan craft brewers, along with music by popular local blues-rock band the Howling Diablos with special guests Horse Cave Trio and Staggo Lee. The event will run from 6-10:30 p.m. and costs \$25 before Oct. 1 and \$30 after, online or at the gathering. Get tickets at www.detroit-zoo.org/zoobrew. Ticket packages include Zoo admission, parking and 12 beer tasting tickets. Additional tasting tickets and food will be available for purchase.

Designated driver tickets will be available at the gate the night of the event for \$15 and include admission, parking and unlimited soft drinks. Designated driver ticket holders will not be permitted to consume alcohol at the event. All attendees must be 21 or older; photo ID is required.

Peppery condiment

TRI-COUNTY — Hiller's Markets, including stores in Plymouth, Ann Arbor, Commerce Township and Union Lake, now carry Ajeeka, a blend of sweet red bell peppers, hot red peppers, and garlic, based on a centuries old East European recipe. George Witkowski, who grew up in Plymouth, makes the condiment through his company, GT Food Specialties, LLC in Traverse City. The gluten-free product can be stirred into mayonnaise to make a sandwich spread, spoon on cream cheese and crackers as an appetizer, added to marinades and barbecue sauce, combined with chili or soup, and applied directly to sandwiches, hot dogs, sausages and



cheese.

Food and wine FARMINGTON HILLS — Students at Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute will serve a six-course dinner with wine pairings at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, in the dining room at J Building on the Orchard Ridge campus, located on Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696. The menu will include hors d'oeuvres, October Bean and Butternut Squash Soup, Grilled Salmon with Citrus Caper Butter Sauce and Beef Wellington. Cost is \$75 per person. Reservations are required. Call Maureen Gilbert at (248) 522-3700 or visit www.oaklandcc.edu/culinary and click on events.

Tailgate with Michigan apples

Football season is under way, which means it's time to get out your favorite jerseys and start planning tailgates. When choosing a tailgate menu for your friends and family this season, consider slipping healthful apples into the mix.

The Michigan Apple Committee suggests the Cheesy Apple Quiche for early morning tailgates. Or for heartier fare, try the Apple-Pecan Burger.

Cheesy Apple Quiche

By Jennifer Vick of DeWitt, a winner in the 2009 Michigan Apple committee online amateur recipe contest

- Ingredients
- 1 10-inch pie shell
 - $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups shredded Swiss cheese
 - 2 cups peeled, cubed tart Michigan Apples, such as Empire, Jonamac or Ida Red
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ cup minced shallots
 - 2 tablespoons butter
 - $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons flour
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon cinnamon
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon nutmeg
 - 4 eggs, beaten
 - 2 cups half & half
 - 1 teaspoon salt

Prepare pie shell and press into pie plate; sprinkle $\frac{1}{2}$ of Swiss cheese in pie shell and bake 10 minutes on lowest rack of oven; cool.

In medium skillet, sauté apples and shallots in butter until soft, about 8-10 minutes.



Stir in flour, cinnamon and nutmeg. Spread apple mixture evenly in pie shell; sprinkle with remaining cheese. In separate glass bowl, whisk together eggs, half & half and salt. Place pie plate on lowest rack in oven; pour egg mixture over apples and cheese. Bake until firm and knife comes out clean, about 60 minutes. Remove from oven and let stand for 10 minutes. Serve warm.

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Realtor safety tips good for all workers to heed



Realtors mark their Realtor Safety Month in September, but those tips apply to many business professionals.

See www.REALTOR.org/Safety for more information.

TIP #1

Keep it light

Show properties before dark. If you are going to be working after hours, advise your associate or first-line supervisor of your schedule. If you must show a property after dark, turn on all lights as you go through, and don't lower any shades or draw curtains or blinds.

Canton police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said, "You always want to try to show property during the daytime. If something doesn't feel quite right, there's nothing wrong with saying, 'I'm not going to show the house.'"

Gajeski acknowledged that's a challenge in these times when sales count, but safety comes first. You can always call and have police come out, with the non-emergency number best unless you sense immediate danger.

TIP #2

Checking in

When you have a new client, ask him/her to stop by your office and complete a Prospect Identification Form (Find a copy online at www.REALTOR.org/Safety). Also, photocopy their driver's license and retain this information at your office. Be certain to properly discard this personal information when you no longer need it.

"That's always a good idea," Gajeski said of copying a driver's license. "The person will be less likely to do something wrong if you actually know who they are."

TIP #3

Don't be too public

Limit the amount of personal information you share. Consider advertising without using your photograph, home phone number and/or home address in the newspaper or on business cards. Don't use your full name with middle name or initial. Use your office address — or list no address at all. Giving out too much of the wrong information can make you a target.

"Never give out any private information," Gajeski said.

TIP #4

Touch base

Always let someone know where you are going and when you will be back; leave the name and phone number of the client you're meeting and schedule a time for your office to call you to check in.

"Let them know you'll be at this location," Canton's Gajeski agreed. A Realtor can call his other office when through and check in.

Gajeski's been on the job in police work 25 years and never heard of a real estate safety problem.

TIP #5

Open house:

Don't assume that everyone has left the premises at the end of an open house. Be prepared to defend yourself, if necessary.

TIP #6

Stranger danger

Tell your client not to show their home by themselves. Alert them that not all agents, buyers and sellers are who they say they are. Predators come in all shapes and sizes.

TIP #7

Make sure that all your home's doors to the outside are metal or solid, 1 3/4" hardwood and have good, sturdy locks.

TIP #8

Block identity theft

Contact the fraud department of any of the three consumer reporting companies — Equifax®, Experian® and Trans Union® — to place a fraud alert on your credit report. The fraud alert automatically lists credit card companies and other creditors know they must contact you before opening

any new accounts or making any changes to your existing accounts.

TIP #9

Keep track of colleagues

Have a check-out employee badge at your office, listing your name, destination, customer name, date and expected return time.

TIP #10

Always wear visible company identification such as a badge. It is also best to drive a vehicle clearly marked with your company name. These will be invaluable for identification if you need to get assistance.

TIP #11

Bring up the rear

When showing a home, always have your prospect walk in front of you. Don't lead them, but rather, direct them from a position slightly behind them.

TIP #12

Pick up some self-defense skills

The best way to find a good self-defense class is to learn what is available, and then make a decision.

TIP #13

Whenever possible, take your own car to a showing. When you leave your car, lock it.

TIP #14

Shield your computer from e-mail viruses

Computer viruses can impair and seriously damage your computer. Viruses are often distributed via attachments in e-mail spam.

TIP #15

When you're showing commercial property, thick walls and/or remote locations may interfere with mobile phone reception. Check in advance to be sure your phone is serviceable.

TIP #16

Choose flight over fight

While every real estate agent should take a basic self-defense course, the primary goal in any threatening situation is to escape from immediate danger and call for help.

TIP #17

"Who's calling?"

Install caller I.D. on your telephone, which should automatically reject calls from numbers that have been blocked. This will provide you with immediate information about the source of the call.

TIP #18

Watch your trash

Just bought a new entertainment system? A bunch of empty boxes out by the curb triggers an alarm to would-be thieves. Cut them down, and stuff them in trash bags.

TIP #19

Hide personal information

Tell your sellers: DON'T leave personal information like mail or bills out in the open where anyone can see it. Be sure to lock down your computer and lock up your laptop and any other expensive, easy-to-pocket electronics, like iPods, before your showing.

TIP #20

Agree on an office distress code

Create a voice distress code, a secret word or phrase that is not commonly used but can be worked into any conversation for cases where you feel that you are in danger. Use this if the person you are with can overhear the conversation, but you don't want to alarm them. Example: "Hi, this is Jennifer. I'm with Mr. Henderson at the Elm Street listing. Could you e-mail me the RED FILE?"

TIP #21

Have your excuse ready

Part of being prepared to deal with a threatening situation is having "an out." Prepare a scenario in advance so that you can leave — or you can encourage someone who makes you uncomfortable to leave.

TIP #22

Take two seconds when you arrive at your destination to check out potential dangers:

- Is there any questionable activity in the area?
- Are you parked in a well-lit, visible location?
- Can you be blocked in the driveway by another vehicle?

TIP #23

You are not alone

If you encounter an individual while working late or alone in your office, indicate to that person that you are not alone. Say something like, "Let me check with my supervisor to see whether she's able to see you now."

TIP #24

Your e-mail is public

Don't send any vital or private information via e-mail. Keep in mind that unlike websites, e-mail is never secure.

TIP #25

Don't get lost

If you are in an unfamiliar area, make mental notes of landmarks, points of interest and intersections. And always know the exact address of where you are going.

TIP #26

Careful with cash deposits!

If you periodically carry large deposits to the bank, be especially aware of any strangers lurking around the office parking lot. If you must transport cash deposits, use the buddy system.

TIP #27

Lock up client keys

Be sure to use the lockbox property-key procedure that has been established to improve real estate agent safety. A reliable, secure lockbox system such as those made by National Association of Realtors Benefits® Partner Sentrilock (www.sentrilock.com) ensures that keys don't fall into the wrong hands.

TIP #28

When shopping online, check out a website before entering your credit card number or other personal information. Enter this information only on secure Web pages with addresses that start with "https" and have a closed padlock

symbol at the bottom of the browser window. Tip #29

When talking to clients and prospects, be friendly but still keep your personal information private.

TIP #30

Take two seconds as you walk towards your destination to check out potential risks.

- Are people coming and going or is the area unusually quiet?
- Do you observe any obstacles or hiding places in the parking lot or along the street?
- Is anyone loitering in the area?

TIP #31

Be careful with keys

Don't hand out house keys to friends, even if they are trustworthy. Know the location of all your house keys all the time. Never use hide-a-keys or leave the key under the doormat, above the door, in a flowerpot, or anywhere outside the house.

TIP #32

From dawn till dusk

When showing a vacant commercial site, be aware of the time of day you meet a client. Showing a property at dusk or after dark, with no electricity on in the space you are showing, is not advisable.

TIP #33

Thwart thieves

Remind your clients that strangers will be walking through their home during showings or open houses. Tell them to hide any valuables in a safe place.

TIP #34

Long-term thinking

If you think it may be some time before a property sells (and you may, therefore, be showing it often), get acquainted with a few of the immediate neighbors.

TIP #35

Using a cell phone while driving can cause an accident. For driving safety, purchase a hands-free phone kit for your vehicle. And never attempt to take notes while driving — pull over and stop in a safe place first.

TIP #36

Carry less

Carry only nonvaluable business items (except for your cell phone), and do not wear expensive jewelry or watches, or appear to be carrying large sums of money.

TIP #37

When showing property or meeting someone, park your car in front of the property rather than in the driveway.

TIP #38

Open your credit card bills and bank statements right away. Check for any unauthorized charges or withdrawals and report them immediately. Call if bills don't arrive on time. It may mean that someone has changed contact information to hide fraudulent charges.

TIP #39

Upon entering an open house property for the first time, check each room and determine at least two "escape" routes. Make sure all deadbolt locks are unlocked for easy access to the outside.

TIP #40

Don't use alluring or provocative photography in advertising, on the Web or on your business cards.

TIP #41

Have the locks changed when you move in. And just use your last name, or if necessary last name and first initial, on your door or mailbox.

TIP #42

Rely on good neighbors

Inform a neighbor that you will be hosting an open house, and ask if he or she would keep an eye and ear open for anything out of the ordinary.

TIP #43

Don't use the "V word"

When describing a listing, never say that a property is "vacant." This may be an invitation to criminals.

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

Audits required annually for condos

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: What if my condominium association's officers refuse to do an audit? I am trying to sell my place but I cannot do it because there are no audits and no lawyer would recommend to their client to get into such a mess.

A: The Michigan Condominium Act requires that an audit be provided on an annual basis by an independent accountant. More than likely your bylaws also require at least that type of an undertaking. The fact that your association has refused to do so is gross mismanagement and your



Robert Meisner

lawyer, if you have one, should write a letter advising the board of the fact that they are in violation of the

Condominium Act and it is impeding your ability to sell your unit with consequential damages suffered by you.

Q: I am a board member of a large condominium and our attorney says that if there is no equity in the unit, that there is no point in going after the co-owner for delinquencies. He also boasts about representing hundreds of condominium associations, but we are never able to get a hold of him and he has a laissez faire attitude towards us. Now is he correct?

A: Each case has to be evaluated on its own merits. Many times, even though there is not equity in the unit for the association to obtain payment, there are alternate means of recovery, including getting a personal judgment against the delinquent co-owners and seeking to recover the judgment through garnishment, execution and the like. Moreover, depending upon the situation, the association may have a right to take priority, vis-à-vis the mortgage company in terms of the equity in the Unit. It sounds like your attorney is too busy or too brazen to give you the service that you need and you are best advised to seek new counsel.

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

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 14-17, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office.

FARMINGTON
32718 Grand River Ave Unit C \$35,000
36126 Smithfield Rd \$231,000
22432 Springbrook Ave \$125,000
33230 Tall Oaks Ct \$133,000

FARMINGTON HILLS
23151 Albion Ave \$25,000
28780 Appleblossom Ln \$273,000
33483 Bostwick Pl \$130,000
38953 Country Cir \$75,000
32391 Dunford St \$177,000
28317 Forestbrook Dr \$230,000
29410 Glen Oaks Blvd W \$91,000
35351 Glengary Cir \$175,000
21295 Juniper Ct \$109,000
31915 W 14 Mile Rd \$70,000

MILFORD
4215 Heatherwood Dr \$205,000
1001 Prince St \$63,000

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 2-4, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sale prices.

CANTON
4848 Antique Rd \$405,000
6818 Ardley Dr \$121,000
924 Ashton Woods Dr \$217,000
4332 Barchester Rd \$120,000
4459 Cherry Hill Rd \$205,000
107 Dundee Dr \$226,000
671 Fox Path \$235,000
4403 Gladstone Rd \$341,000
4462 Glengary Blvd \$276,000
4239 Gloria Dr \$148,000
270 Hampshire Dr \$99,000
6208 Hamford Rd \$237,000
536 Kensington Dr \$290,000

2359 Knollwood Dr \$89,000
42745 Lilley Pointe Dr \$44,000
41250 Maplewood Dr \$100,000
42087 Metaline Dr \$170,000
3994 Napier Rd \$315,000
49795 Taft Ln \$308,000
4345 Timberline Dr \$155,000
41566 Wayside Dr \$135,000
5710 Willow Creek Dr \$130,000
45972 Windridge Ln \$295,000
46610 Woodside Dr \$299,000

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5713 Deering St \$13,000
31460 Donnelly St \$50,000
29616 Maplewood St \$75,000
30624 Pardo St \$42,000
6705 Schaller St \$55,000
29601 Warren Rd \$33,000
6820 Whitby St \$81,000
27616 Windsor St \$65,000

LIVONIA
35161 Six Mile Rd \$110,000

14977 Arcola St \$81,000
14793 Berwick St \$98,000
9815 Blackburn St \$130,000
14623 Blue Skies St \$114,000
12133 Cardwell St \$62,000
9323 Eastwind Dr \$123,000
36709 Gardner St \$160,000
9228 Gillman St \$104,000
11101 Haller St \$114,000
15969 Harrison St \$113,000
16821 Hubbard St \$210,000
9614 Loveland St \$73,000
32968 Oakley St \$158,000
39118 Richland St \$125,000
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S. of Cherry Hill, W. of Beck. Subwide Sale Sept. 29, Sept. 30, & Oct. 1st, 9-4pm. Furniture, household, clothing, misc.

CANTON: 47806 Pavilion

Beck & Cherry Hill. Thurs-Sun. 10-6. Furniture, Mac tools, appliances, clothes (some designer), mink Bomber jacket & more!

Lathrup Village: Relocating

Sale. Oct. 1, 9-4. All Must Go. Antiques, dolls, stamps, Beanie Babies, collector sport cards, books galore. 18190 Ramsgate. Off Southfield, btwn 10 & 11 Mile.

LIVONIA - FURNITURE SALE

34544 Navin Ave., Livonia. Mahogany Bedroom & Dining room set. Plus more! Come and see 10/1 and 10/2!

LIVONIA Charity & Multi-Family Combined Garage Sale

Sept. 29-30, Fri. 9:30 & Sat. 10:01, 9am-4pm. 16818 Polyanna, Livonia, corner of Grove. 1 blk W. of Farmington; 2 blks S. of 6 Mile. Burton Hollow Sub. Charity items make offer support National Kidney Foundation of MI. Electronics, furniture, garden, holiday, household, sports, toys, more!

LIVONIA- 2 family sale!

Roll-top desk, pond w/pump, household items. 9/30 9-5pm, 10/1 9-3pm. 19280 Glen Eagles Dr. 7 Mile/Newburgh

LIVONIA- Lots of household

everything must go! One day only! Sept. 30th, 8-5pm. 34597 Middleboro, Schoolcraft btwn Stark & Levan.

LIVONIA- Sept 29-Oct 1st. 9-5pm.

Infant & children's clothing & equip, household items & misc. 18537 Myron, 7 Mile & Farmington rd

LIVONIA: 16742 Rougeway.

SW corner of 6 Mile & Inkster. Fri. Sept. 30, 9-6pm & Sat. Oct. 1, 9-5pm. Household, books, furniture, clothes & misc.

LIVONIA: 2 family garage

sale. Christmas/Halloween Decor, furniture & misc. household. Winter clothes. Video games. 18900 Laurel Dr. W. of Farmington, S. of 7 Mile. Sept. 30 - Oct. 1, 9-5.

LIVONIA: 8860 Utah. Off Joy

1 blk E. of Farmington. 9/29/10/2: 9-5pm. Tools, lumber, X-mas & Halloween, power equip, hunting & fishing.

LIVONIA: Basement Sale.

Fri. & Sat. Sept. 30 & Oct. 1, 9-4. 29326 Meadowlark. Off Middlebelt btwn. Schoolcraft & Lyndon. Furniture & household items, books & crafts.

LIVONIA: KIMBERLY OAKS SUBDIVISION SALE

Fri-Sat, Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 9-5pm. N. of 96, E/Farmington Rd. www.koclassifieds.com

Garage/Moving Sales

MILFORD MOVING SALE

INCLUDING A UPRIGHT BALDWIN PIANO, A VIKING SEWING MACHINE, A GRANDFATHER CLOCK, furniture, kitchen table, kitchen ware, Christmas decorations, garden tools, sporting goods, camping supplies and more. 611 River Oaks Dr. Oct. 1st & 2nd, 9am-4pm.

MILFORD: Clothing, house-

hold items, christmas decor. Sept 29-Oct 1st 9-5pm. 155 Dipone Rossi Dr., off South Hill N of Dawson

MILFORD: 2777 Wixom Trail.

Sept. 29 & 30, 9-6. Oct. 1, 9-noon. A 15 yr. accumulation Furniture, kids items, Toledo scale, collapsible bike, etc.

MOVING SALE Furniture,

clothing, kitchen items, bedding, toys, lots and lots of books, costume jewelry..... Reasonable prices. Our goal is to sell everything Sept. 28 thru Oct. 1 10am-4pm everyday no early birds no pre-sales

12 Mile and Orchard Lk Echo Valley Condominiums 27671-upstairs

NEW HUDSON-Community

yard sale Abbey Park at Mill River. 28413 Abbey Ln., off Milford, across from coyote golf course. All proceeds benefit the Lyon Twp Fire Fighters Assoc. Sat. 10/1, 9-3pm

NORTHVILLE - Moving Sale

Furniture, household goods, tools, antiques & more! 1076 Grace Ct. near 8 Mile and Center. ONE DAY ONLY! Sat., 10/1, 8am-3pm.

Northville Sub. S of Main,

btw Clement and Beck. Grape press, brush shredder, misc. Sept 29-Oct 1, 9-5

NOVI MOVING SALE: 23776

Hickory Grove Lane, Thurs-Sat. Sept. 29-1st, 9am-2pm. Housewares, dishes, home decor, tools, sports.

PLYMOUTH TWP: Fri & Sat.

Sept. 30 & Oct. 1st, 9-4pm. Furniture, hand & power tools, household, clothing, & many misc items. 47578 Katherine Ct., W of Beck, N of Joy

PLYMOUTH: Multi-family!

Lots of PartyLite, furnishings, appliances & more! Sept 29-Oct 1, Thurs & Fri, 8-6pm; Sat. 8-noon. 664 Coolidge, btwn Lilley & Main St.

PLYMOUTH: ALL MUST GO!

NEEDFUL THINGS SALE! Fri. & Sat. 10-4. Antiques, furniture, china, holiday decor, toys, piano, pop-up camper, tools. 9575 W. Ann Arbor Rd. 1/4 mile W. of Goffredson.

REDFORD: 15949 Denby,

N. of 5 Mile, E. of Inkster. Antique dealer overstock! Vintage items, many smalls, some household. Dealers & All Welcome. Thurs-Sat. Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 9-4pm.

REDFORD: Huge sale! 9385

Kinloch. Records, purses, etc. Sat. Oct. 1st 9-5pm. W. of Beech Daly, off W. Chicago. Rain or shine!

SOUTH LYON- 336 University

off Pontiac Trail btwn 9 & 10 Mile. Fri. Sept. 30 & Sat. Oct. 1st 10-6pm, Sun Oct 2nd 10-3pm. Car parts, tools, household items, & much more!

SOUTH LYON- One day only

moving sale Thurs., Sept. 29th, 9-3pm. 836 Knollwood Cir. off 11 Mile btwn Pontiac Trl and Martindale

SOUTH LYON: Huge 3 family

sale! Antiques, Drexel Collector's Mahogany poster bed, Bernhardt couch & chair, oak bookshelves, misc. furniture, hot tub, exercise equip, sewing machine in cabinet, misc. sports tables, horse trailer, manure spreader, camper, misc. horse items. Duck Hunter's boat. Fri-Sat. Sept. 30 & Oct. 1, 9-4pm. 8830 S. Rushton, btwn 6 & 7 Mile Rds. Rain or Shine.

WALLED LAKE- Multi family!

Items of all kinds Women's clothing, home good items, more! Willow Ridge Sub, 465 Cherry Grove Ln., Oct. 1st 8am

WAYNE: 5120 Niagara, W of

Merriman, S. of Annapolis. 9/30, 9am-5pm and 10/1 9am-1pm. NordicTrac, furniture, household items, linens, tools, books.

WAYNE ESTATE SALE:

By Mrs. Robinsons 38205 Laurenwood, off Newburgh Rd. 1 blk N of Michigan Ave., take Hillcrest Drive to Laurenwood and turn right. Sat., 10/1, 9-4pm & Sun., 10/2, 10-3pm. Boehm birds, Lladro, Belleek, Fenton, Fostoria, depression glass, 60s glassware, airborne uniform and items, Noritaki china sets, bookcases, books, records, dining table w/6 chairs, sideboards, cameras, linens, kitchen & baking items, gas stove, end tables, sofa, jewelry, art work and much, much more! Photos & list: www.michiganstatesales.com Call 734-675-6586

WAYNE- Starting to clear out

60 yrs of treasures. Furniture, dolls, toys, frames, old magazines & much more! 4520 Howe. Next to Annapolis. 9/30 Fri noon-5pm; 10/1, Sat. 8-5pm. No early sales!

WESTLAND - Estate Sale

38292 Saint Joe Dr., W. of Newburgh, off Avondale. Sept. 25th-Oct. 1st, 9am-3pm. Appliances, Oak curio & tools.

WESTLAND CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

SAT. OCT. 1, 9am - 3pm. 31133 Hivley, Westland. Call Roz for further details: 734-812-9962

WESTLAND HUNTER'S POINTE CONDO COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Thurs. Fri. & Sat. Sept. 29-30 & Oct. 1, 9am-6pm. Many Sales! Used & New Items. West of Wayne Rd., off Hunter Ave., between Warren & Ford Rd.

WESTLAND- 29948 Gladys

Ave., btwn Joy & Ann Arbor Trl. Fri-Sun. Sept. 30-Oct. 2nd, 9-6pm. Misc incl tools, furniture, appliances. Come!

WESTLAND: Multi-House

Garage Sale. Sat. Oct. 1st, 9-4. 34201 Barton, off Wildwood btwn Ford & Cherry Hill.

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Rummage Sale/ Flea Market

BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH RUMMAGE & BOUTIQUE SALE

38651 N Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills. (N of Lone Pine Rd). Sale begins on Thurs. Sept. 29, 6:30-9. Fri. Sept. 30, 10-2, everything 1/2 price. Sat. Oct. 1, 9-noon, \$5 & \$10 for a bag of rummage.

FLAT ROCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Antiques/Flea Market Sun., Oct. 2nd, 7am-4pm. 200+ Dealers. Free parking & admission. No pets allowed. Flat Rock Speedway, 1 mile S. of Flat Rock on Telegraph Rd. (734) 782-5220 www.flatrockhistory.org

LIVONIA CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

Pre-Sale Thurs. Sept. 29th, 5-8pm (Adults \$2). Free Admission: Fri. Sept. 30th, 9am-1pm & Sat. Oct. 1st, 9am-noon (1/2 off sale). Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia.

Estate Sales

ANOTHER BERNARD DAVIS ESTATE SALE 313-837-1993

19588 Canterbury, Detroit Historic District of Sherwood Forest. Fri. Sept. 30 & Sat. Oct. 1, 8:45am-4pm go to estate-sales.net for more info. SEE YOU THERE!!!

FARMINGTON HILLS ESTATE SALE

Thurs-Sat. 9am-4pm. 32225 Middlebelt Rd. FULL HOUSE! 60 years of Accumulation!

LIQUIDATION ANTIQUE DEALER'S ENTIRE ESTATE

Oct. 1st & 2nd 8am - 5pm Antique Furniture, Select Toys, Bronze, Pottery, Glassware, Persian Rugs, Rare Floor Model Version of the Cream City Flour Bin & Sifter, China, Nippon, Art work, Art Frames, Beautiful Sag Glass Lamp, Victorian Brass and Crystal Prism Chandelier, Brass Lamp Parts, 1962 Thunderbird Dealer Promo Car w/ Original Box, Cast Iron, Bookends, Door stops, Native American Baskets and Pottery, Tea Cart, Mahogany Corner Cabinet, Drop-leaf Tables, Train Lantern, Steiff Teddy Bears, Vintage Dolls, Tools, Fishing Gear and more.

For more information and photos, please visit: www.eastbaystatesale.blogspot.com or call Jim, 925-784-9411

2044 E 8th Street in Traverse City (where 8th St. meets East Bay)

MOVING SALE- White Lake.

All must go. Furniture, household goods etc. Hrs: 9-5pm Thurs., Sept 29th - Sat., Oct. 1st & noon-5pm Sun., Oct. 2nd. 315 Woodside Ln, Williams Lk Rd/ Cooley Lk Rd

SOUTH LYON ESTATE SALE:

Pottery, vintage items, furniture, household, pocket knives, guy stuff, 1929 Rooper Gas Stove & much more. All must go. Fri. Sept. 30, 9-5. Sat., Oct. 1, 9-3. 22360 Natasha Lane. W. of Currie, S. of 9 Mile.

Household Goods

ARMOIRE, oak, exc. cond.

retails \$600. Sell for \$120. Glass dining table, round, wood base. Retails \$600, sell for \$120. Lots of antique collectibles. Mon-Sat. 11:30-5:30 at 81 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Directly across from the downtown courthouse.

BDRM SET- Oak, queen size,

box spring/ mattress, 2 nightstand, dresser & chest. \$1000/best. 248-788-4085

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1930s walnut china cabinet. perfect condition. Matching table and chairs avail. \$400. 248-355-5319

DINING SET with china cabinet

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- 12 Pea-green boat passenger
- 13 Hawaiian strings
- 14 Pasternak heroine
- 15 Club holders (2 wds.)
- 17 Sandler or West
- 18 Clay-target sport
- 19 In a diplomatic way
- 21 Keebler baker, in ads
- 23 It may be fragile
- 24 White-water enthusiasts
- 28 Carve a canyon

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- Pictures
- Oola's guy
- 35 So long!
- 36 Alpine peak
- 39 Roadblock
- 42 Butter square
- 44 London lav
- 45 Least possible
- 49 Faint flicker
- 53 Black-hearted
- 54 Feign
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- 57 — measure
- 58 TV knob
- 59 Catch
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