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Slavens vote

Canton Democrat Dian Slavens wants her constituents to know one thing: She voted in favor of legislation ending lifetime health care for Michigan leg-



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who represents the 21st District that includes most of Canton, voted against the House Bill ending lifetime health care for legislators not vested in the program by 2013.

Slavens, who has pushed the issue the last two House sessions, said she supported the bill even though she felt it was weak.

On the air

The Escape 88.1 (WSDP-FM) will air interviews with each of the candidates for **Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education** between now and the Nov. 8 election. The interviews will air during the Community Focus Program.

Community Focus normally airs on Wednesday at 5:40 p.m. but to accommodate all 15 of the candidates the station also will air the interviews on Tuesday at 5:40 p.m. Listen each week for the interviews and learn about the candidates' thoughts on a variety of issues including school funding, the search for a new superintendent, budget cuts and much more.

Spartans ticket contest



Colbeck joins push for I-275/Ford upgrade

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

Citing a need to improve the I-275/Ford Road interchange and create new jobs, state Sen. Patrick Colbeck has formally joined a push by Canton officials to seek federal dollars to reshape the traffic-snarled area.

Colbeck, R-Canton, has introduced a state Senate concurrent resolution urging prioritization of the I-275 project and imploring the U.S. Congress and federal Department of Transportation to approve funding for it.

Colbeck's move comes as Can-



after twice losing out on federal dollars, have revived their fight for a third round of TIGER Transportation

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ic Recovery - dollars. Canton officials hope to secure a \$20.3 million TIGER grant to reconfigure the interchange a project township officials and Colbeck say could ease traffic congestion and reduce crashes along one of the most accidentprone stretches of road in Michigan, along Ford between the south I-275 ramp and Lilley.

"Every day more than 50,000 vehicles travel the roads in and around the I-275/Ford Road interchange, creating lengthy traffic backups and numerous accidents," Colbeck said. "As the population continues to rise in Canton Township, this problem will only worsen. The project is not only necessary to make our roadways more efficient, but to also protect human life.

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy and other Canton officials have repeatedly voiced frustration over a lack of funding to reshape the interchange. Just last month, LaJoy went to Lansing to make a renewed pitch to gain support from state leaders for the project.

In federal road money, LaJoy has said, a \$20.3 million grant "is chump change," especially considering the far-reaching impact it would have on Canton and neighboring communities.

In a statement, Colbeck said the interchange reconfiguration would reduce accident rates, reduce emissions due to fewer

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Board extends Hughes' pact

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

One of the issues facing the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education is the hiring of a new, permanent superintendent. On Tuesday, board

members bought themselves another year to get it done.

The board voted 6-0 (Trustee Steven Sneideman was absent) to extend the contract of Jeremy Hughes, the interim superintendent they hired near the end of last school year, through June 30, 2013. When they hired him to replace Craig Fiegel, his contract was designed to run until the board found a permanent replacement. Hughes, who has hired several new administrators to rebuild a leadership team wracked by retirements, said he's glad for the chance to help lead them. "With my experience working in a board office, I can be a mentor," Hughes said. "I'd like to mentor this group a little longer. I like to think it would help us all to not only finish this year with them, but to carry on into next year."

When Hughes was hired, it was partly to bridge the transition from the tumultuous end to Fiegel's tenure to a new permanent superintendent. His experience in a large district - he was superintendent in Dearborn - and at the state level were attractive attributes. **Board** members

recently approached him to gauge his interest in staying one more year, and Hughes agreed. The board voted Tuesday to allow the district's attorney, Gary Collins, to draw up a new pact for Hughes. "I think that would be great," Trustee Nancy Eggenberger said. "(Hughes) has done great things. I like the stability he has brought with his new team, and I think that stability will only help the district going forward."



Stylist Renee Stipcak of Redford applies dye to Whaler Nick Malysa's moustache. He is from Bridgewater, N.J.



Our website, Hometownlife.com, is having a Facebook contest and the lucky winner will get two tickets to see the Michigan State Spartans battle the Wisconsin Badgers on Saturday, Oct. 22 at Spartan Stadium. All you have to do to enter is click on the Spartans logo in our Don't Miss module and fill out a short form.

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Home Delivery (866) 887-2737 **Return Address** 41304 Concept Dr. uth MI 48170 Salon trims locks to raise cancer awareness

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

When Leza Ivezaj of Northville was diagnosed with breast cancer three years ago, she wasn't so much scared of the disease as she was troubled by having to tell her two children.

She's beaten the disease, but Ivezaj, now 31, is still troubled by the memory.

"I was devastated," recalled Ivezaj, a staffer at the Lucky Hair Company in Canton. "I was so scared for the boys. I wondered how I was going to explain it to them, they were so little at the time.'

It's stories like that of Ivezaj and others like her that prompted Dave and Melissa Coughlin, the owners of Lucky Hair, to start raising money for breast cancer awareness. Last year, the Coughlins and their stylists raised some \$1,200 with a bowla-thon at Super Bowl in Canton.

But some 30 percent of the profits raised by the fundraiser went to pay the expenses asso-



Stylists Leia Wilson of Livonia and Emily Davis of Canton work with Plymouth Whalers Andy Bathgate of Georgetown, Ontario and Rickard Rakell of Stockholm, Sweden.

ciated with it. This year, the Coughlins wanted all of the proceeds to go to research. So, following plans designed by stylists Leia Wilson and Theresa Wojtan, Lucky Hair Company staffers took part in their first cut-a-thon to benefit breast cancer research.

"We wanted 100 percent of it to go to breast cancer (research)," Dave Coughlin said.

The cut-a-thon, which took place Monday, was just one way Lucky Hair is raising money. Staffers also took donations, conducted raffles and gave

away baskets to raise money this week. It all coincides with the Plymouth Whalers' Pink Out! for Breast Cancer game, scheduled for Saturday at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township. Whalers players spent time this week getting their hair dyed pink for the occasion.

Lucky Hair Company will present a check representing their total donation at the game.

"We wanted to maximize our donation," Wilson said.

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Board Treasurer Judy Mardigian said she, likewise, was pleased to hear Hughes was interested in sticking around.

"You told us you weren't going to just be an interim, that you planned to lead, and you've done that," said Mardigian, the board's

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Dr. Jeremy Hughes (left), interim superintendent for Plymouth-Canton schools, agreed to a one-year extension of his contract Tuesday, though details still need to be worked out. At right is school board President John Jackson.



Summit features nonprofit expert

When Pete Christ joined the nonprofit world as a CEO, he was challenged by the lack of defined responsibilities between a board of directors and his work. Learning the jargon used in charitable organizations was another challenge, not to mention getting his new board to work as a group rather than as individuals.

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His experiences probably are not too unlike those shared by many in the nonprofit industry. "As nonprofits grow, they all run into a series of challenges," said Christ, former CEO for the Battle Creek Community Foundation. "Challenges never stop."

Christ will explain to nonprofit leaders how to address the challenges they may face in governing their organization at the Canton Community Foundation's annual Community Philanthropy Summit at 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 20. "This will not be a text-

book lecture on governance. It will be howto on day-to-day governance," Christ said.

The free event, which includes lunch, will be at the foundation's offices in the Canton Human Services Center, 50430 School House Road, Canton.

"Our summit this year is totally devoted to helping area nonprofits work with the governance of their organizations," said Joan Noricks, CCF president. "No matter what your strategic plan or your vision for the organization is, if your internal roles and responsibilities are not defined, you will not move forward."

Christ, who is now a consultant with the Council of Michigan Foundations, will help nonprofit leaders understand and use strategies that will take the mystery and agony out of governance. "We tend to treat governance as some mystifying requirement that is being imposed," Christ said.

Governance of nonprofits has become an issue as a number of national scandals have hit the public airwaves, Christ said. "The big concern today is how do you run a good nonprofit?"

The annual summit will begin with registration and lunch. The program — "Board Governance: Who is in Charge Anyway?" — will start at 12:30 p.m., followed by a half-hour of networking. At 2:30 p.m., Christ will facilitate a second program, "Conversation with Nonprofit Leaders: What Nonprofit Leaders are Saying."

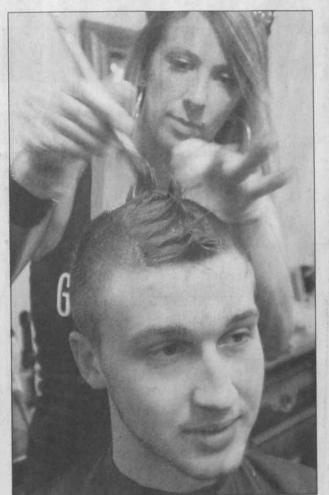
Nonprofit leaders are encouraged to bring their concerns, challenges and ideas to the event so others can learn how to address governance and its problems, Christ said.

"This is a good event for board members and staff," Noricks said. "Often, roles can be confused in any organization."

The central issue for many organizations is "who is responsible for the nonprofit organization?" Christ said. "Is it the board or the CEO? The challenge is: Where do the board responsibilities end and where do staff responsibilities begin?"

To add to the challenges, nonprofits rely on volunteers. "This can create a whole series of ripple effects," Christ added.

For more information, please contact CCF at (734) 495-1200. To register, please go to the CCF website at www.cantonfoundation.org.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Owner/stylist Melissa Coughlin applies pink dye to Whaler Matt Mahalak's mohawk. Matt is from Monroe.

Stone, a Canton resident.

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For their part, the Whal-

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Rick Stone just happened to be looking for a haircut Monday, and called Lucky Hair to see if they were open (the salon isn't usually open on Mondays). He was happy to take part in the cut-a-thon.

"I think it's great," said



Lucky Hair Company and the Plymouth Whalers went pink to fight cancer.

HUGHES

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longest-serving member. "I'm very excited to see what you and your team do going forward." With the Nov. 8 school

election on the horizon, one caveat was added: Hughes' contract will contain an escape clause that allows the new board to make a change, should it decide one was necessary. The contract is expect-

ed to be finalized at the board's Oct. 25 meeting.

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Police: Canton intruder shot

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

A suspect who was allegedly involved in a home invasion on Canton's west side was shot in the leg by the homeowner Wednesday afternoon, Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said.

The alleged intruder was taken to a hospital following the incident, and Schreiner said police were investigating the possibility that the suspect may have been accompanied by a second suspect.

The incident happened just before 1 p.m. Wednesday inside a home on Townsend, near Ridge and Saltz roads, Schreiner said.

The homeowner called police to report that "he

had just shot an intruder who had broken into his house," Schreiner said. "He was inside the house."

Police arrived on the scene and found the intruder being held at gunpoint by the homeowner, who had a handgun.

Canton paramedics took the suspect to a hospital, and he was reportedly "alert and conscious" as of Wednesday afternoon, Schreiner said.

The homeowner wasn't injured.

Police hadn't disclosed whether the suspect had a weapon of his own.

Little was known about the suspect at press time. He was described by Schreiner as "a young adult."

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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

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Date/Time: Thursday, Oct. 20, 5-9 p.m.

Location: VFW Post 6695, Lilley Road just north of Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth

Details: The VFW Post 6695 hosts a spaghetti dinner to benefit Sue Willum, who handles duties for the CRUZ'N 528 car shows sponsored by Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 and VFW 6695. The dinner benefits Willum, who suffered a stroke last month. Chapter officials said the outlook was originally bleak for Willum, but that doctors are now hopeful for a full recovery. Cost for the all-you-can-eat dinner is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children.

COME TO CABARET

Date/Time: Friday-Saturday, Oct. 14-15, 8 p.m. Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton

Details: For two nights only, Spotlight Players are taking The Biltmore Studio at The Village Theater and transforming it into an intimate night club with a Cabaret show called 'And the Award Goes To." Vocalists will take the audience on a musical journey that will bring laughter, fun and tunes to sing along to. Many familiar tunes from Broadway musicals and Hollywood movies will be part of the program, including songs from such shows as Kiss Me Kate, South Pacific, Les Miserable and Chicago from such performers as Plymouth and Canton residents Tim Chanko, Rob Doyle, Maureen Paraventi, Linda Trygg and Rebecca Winder with Ryan Hinman on Piano.

Contact: Get tickets by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www.cantonmi.org/villagetheater or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door. Tickets are \$15.



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New Canton Township Trustee Greg Demopoulos is sworn in by 35th District Court Judge Michael Gerou, himself a Canton resident, during a brief ceremony Tuesday night. Demopoulos was appointed to replace Todd Caccamo, who resigned effective Aug. 31.

New trustee ready to 'do what is best'

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

Amid an upbeat swearing-in ceremony watched by his wife, his parents and local officials, newly appointed Canton Township Trustee Greg Demopoulos formally took office Tuesday evening for a term that expires late November 2012.

"I'm going to be a team player," Demopoulos, 48, said after he finished his first township board meeting. "I'm going to try to do what is best for the township."

Demopoulos was sworn in to office Tuesday evening by 35th District

Judge Mike Gerou. The newest trustee already has confirmed he will campaign for a four-year term in next year's local elections.

Demopoulos replaced former Trustee Todd Caccamo, who resigned Aug. 31 due to heightened job duties with GE Aviation.

To avoid a potential conflict of interest, Demopoulos has stepped down from Canton's three-member Merit Commission, a panel that approves non-union employee policies and procedures.

Human Resources Manager Dave Medley confirmed that rules govern-

dinner is \$10 for adults, 394-5300 cr (734) 394-5450

ing the Merit Commission prohibit a member from serving as a township trustee.

Demopoulos, a 23-year Canton resident who is employed as Northville Township prosecutor, became a trustee after the township board tapped him for the part-time job in a 6-0 vote last month. He was chosen from among seven finalists.

"I really am very appreciative of this opportunity," he told the board Tuesday. "I look forward to working closely with you."

Demopoulos also has served on the Canton Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

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His family indicated strong confidence in his abilities as a local official. "I am very proud of

him. This is something he has wanted for a long time," wife Georgia said. "He loves Canton, and he wants to see it progress."

She sat with Demopoulos' father and stepmother, George and Alia Demopoulos of West Bloomfield.

"We feel very proud of him and his service to the community," George Demopoulos said. "We're confident he will do a very good job."

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Canton woman plugs cancer research

Elizabeth Paruch of Canton traveled with other Michigan cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers to Washington, D.C., and met recently with representatives of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter to discuss the need to protect funding for cancer research and prevention programs.

The visit was part of the annual American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network Leadership Summit and Lobby Day, which brought nearly 600 cancer survivors and volunteers from all 50 states and nearly every congressional district to Washington to call on Congress to commit to fund proven cancer control programs and research to help develop better early detection tools and treatments for cancer.

"We cannot afford to rest on past successes in fighting cancer," said Paruch. "Even in this tough economic climate, Congress should commit to protecting funding for research that makes existing tests and treatments more effective and works to find breakthroughs for the most deadly cancers."

The lobby day was preceded by hundreds of events across all 50 states during the week of Sept. 19, when advocates collected thousands of stories from cancer patients and survivors about personal milestones they have reached in their lives thanks to cancer research. Those milestones were delivered to members of Congress and put on display on the National Mall. The activities were part of ACS

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CAN's national Celebrate with Action campaign commemorating the organization's 10 years of saving lives from cancer through public policy at the federal, state and local level.

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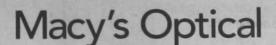
In Washington, Paruch stressed that thanks to past investment and continued breakthroughs in cancer research, millions of cancer patients and their families have reached milestones that they may not have thought possible following their diagnosis, turning cancer from an automatic death sentence decades ago to a disease that includes about 12 million survivors today.

"As an advocate I know how important cancer research is to treatment, care and saving lives," said Paruch. "As I handed them the milestone stories from Michigan, I let McCotter's representatives know how critical it is that Congress sustain funding for cancer research and programs. We cannot reduce death and suffering from cancer if our country does not invest in potential medical breakthroughs."

Federally funded medical research and cancer prevention programs have had a role in every major advance against this disease, resulting in 350 more lives saved from cancer per day than in 1991. Despite this progress, cancer continues to kill 1,500 people in the United State every day - nearly 570,000 people each year.

For more information about ACS CAN and the Celebrate with Action campaign, visit www.acscan.org.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Redford teen faces trial on gun charge

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

A Redford teen is facing trial in Wayne County Circuit Court following allegations he was concealing an unloaded handgun inside his clothing when he was brought to the Canton police station following a traffic stop on the township's southeast side.

Keon Lavell Pritchett, 19, could face penalties ranging up to five years in prison if he is convicted of a felony charge of carrying a concealed weapon. He was ordered Friday to stand trial after he voluntarily waived his right to a preliminary examination in 35th District Court.

Canton Detective Brian Schultz has said Pritchett was charged amid allegations he had an unloaded .25-caliber handgun tied to the drawstring of his sweat pants. Police say the weapon was found after the suspect was arrested about 2:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, for driving with a suspended license.

Pritchett's troubles started when a patrol officer stopped a 2003 Chevrolet Malibu on eastbound Michigan Avenue near Hannan amid accusations the car twice weaved out of a lane, according to a police



from Pritchett

Eastern Michigan University and wasn't familiar with the area.

Police learned that the driver, identified as Pritchett, had a suspended driver's license, prompting his arrest.

A police report indicated that after the suspect was taken to the police station, the gun fell down the leg of his sweat pants when he was asked to remove the drawstring.

Schultz has said the gun had been tied to the drawstring, allegedly to conceal the weapon. Police confiscated the gun.

According to the police report, Pritchett told authorities he didn't mention the gun because he didn't want to get into trouble. He had described himself as a collector.

Pritchett was jailed with a \$10,000/10 percent bond after his arrest. A not-guilty plea has been placed on record for him as he awaits the outcome of his case.

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Police praise

Canton police received kudos Tuesday evening for making a swift arrest of a 15year-old boy who allegedly caused a stir after he left threatening notes at Salem High School, including one that was slipped beneath a teacher's classroom door and one that was found on a stairwell.

Canton Township Trustee John Anthony, a retired FBI special agent, publicly commended local police Tuesday evening during a township board meeting, saying he and many others were relieved that the case was so quickly resolved.

Anthony said the police did "a hell of a job in such a short period of time.'

The incidents happened on Monday and Wednesday of last week. By Friday, police had turned the juvenile suspect over to juvenile authorities.

Pics pilfered

2 Canton police were investigating reports that a woman's neighbor may have stolen nude images of her from her computer and distributed them for others to see, a police report said.

The 26-year-old woman notified police after she said the incident happened in late September. She lives in an apartment in the 44700 block of Trails Court, southwest of Joy and Sheldon.



CRIME WATCH

A police report indicated the woman had consumed a lot of alcohol and gone to sleep. She said when she woke up, a neighbor who lives in the same apartment complex was on her computer.

The woman told police she had left her door unlocked. Another neighbor approached the woman and told her that the man who had gone into her apartment may have stolen files off her computer, including nude images of her and, in some cases, of her and her boyfriend.

The suspect is believed to have shared the files with others. The alleged victim indicated to police that she wants to prosecute.

Trash can fire

Canton firefighters and police went to

spread to shopping carts located under an overhang outside the store, a police report said.

The incident happened about 9:30 p.m. Oct. 6 outside the store on Ford Road, west of Sheldon. Several shopping carts had melted and the trash can was damaged. A woman dining at a nearby restaurant saw the flames and called for help.

Pickup stolen

A 51-year-old contacted police after his Ford F-150 pickup truck was stolen from the driveway of his home in the 45700 block of Morningside Court, northwest of Ford and Canton Center, late Oct. 5 or early Oct. 6.

The man told police he left the truck unlocked and the keys on the front to take his daughter to school.

Police advised the man to change the locks on his residence and garage door.

Intruder alert

C An intruder went Jinto a woman's apartment in the 43600 block of West Arbor Way, southeast of Palmer and Sheldon, and stole an xBox 360, games, DVDs and a laptop computer, a police report said.

The incident happened between 6 p.m. Oct. 3 and 8 p.m. Oct. 4. The report indicated the woman had locked her door. It also said her boyfriend had lost keys he had to the apartment.

Barn breached

6 A 61-year-old man told police someone forced open an entry door of his pole barn in the 48700 area of Hanford, east of Ridge, sometime prior to 4:45 p.m. Oct. 6. He said nothing appeared to have been taken, however.

TV taken

7 A man who stayed in a room of the Fellows Creek Motel, on Michigan Avenue east of Lotz. stole a television from the room, according to a police report.

The incident happened between 5:30 p.m. Oct. 3 and 9 a.m. Oct. 4.

An employee noticed the TV was missing while going inside to clean the room.



LOCAL NEWS

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Chili fans pack Plymouth for 16th annual cookoff

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

Enjoying weather that was more August than October, an estimated 20,000 people visited downtown Plymouth Sunday for the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff.

The 16th annual chili festival, which netted around \$40,000 for Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County, featured a motorcycle show, performances by dance troupes, live music by Steve King and the Dittilies, vendors' booths — and chili: 90 different varieties in five competition categories.

The crowd went through more than 50,000 samples of chili, according to organizers Annette and Ken Horn.

"It was the smoothestrunning event so far," said Annette Horn, board president of Great Lakes Chili Inc., the nonprofit that runs the festival. "It's one of the most fun days of the fall season for us, even though it is crazy and hectic."

At its peak around 1 p.m., Horn said, people were packed into Kellogg Park.

"You can't even move in the park, and getting from one side of the park to the other could take you 15, 20 minutes. It was jammed," she said.



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Chuck and Pat Brovis of Livonia prepare their People's Choice entry at Sunday's Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff in Plymouth.

Running dry

The chili ran out shortly before the event's official 5 p.m. closing time.

"Usually a restaurant here and there will have some chili left, but we absolutely ran dry," said Horn.

Returning cooks took

see from behind the

some of the top honors in the cookoff at The Gathering.

"They're getting a little tired of me here," joked Richard Chauvin of Windsor after picking up his first-place award, in International Chili Society competition, for chili



Jerry and Maureen Makled prep the ingredients for their chili. They live in Plymouth.

verde, or green chili.

It was the third straight chili verde win for Chauvin, who was fresh from the Oct. 1 ICS world championship in Manchester, N.H., where he (and about 140 other chili verde cooks) lost to Gary Ray of Livonia.

With his win Sunday, Chauvin, a master cook in both green and red chili, is guaranteed a spot in next fall's world championship.

People's choice

By contrast, Ron Smith of Novi took home top honors in the people's choice category, a non-ICS competition, after competing in the Plymouth festival for the first time.

Smith had whipped up a little more than 10 gallons of his white chicken chili. "This is great," said

Smith. "I know I have a popular chili, but it never dawned on me I would win the people's choice." Smith is also a member of the Motor City HOG (Harley Owners Group) at Motor City Harley-Davidson in Farmington Hills, which sponsored one of two "chili rides" of motorcyclists into downtown Plymouth. The events — the other chili ride was sponsored by Dick Scott Classic Motorcycles in Livonia brought about 400 motorcycles rumbling into town, the Horns said.

In addition, there were 146 motorcycles, parked on Ann Arbor Trail between Union and Main, in the festival's motorcycle show, in which prizes were awarded in 18 different categories. Motorcycle-related events raised money for the Penrickton Center for Blind Children in Taylor, and the proceeds were still being counted up Tuesday, Annette Horn said.

Horn said she and her husband were helped by about 200 volunteers, many of whom have a history with the festival.

"The people who work the event, the volunteers, they love coming back every year," Annette Horn said.

There's a lot of love going into this event, and I think that's a lot of its success," she added. Other tip winners Sunday were:

• Diane Lentz of Nicholsville, Ky., who took first place in the ICS red chili category.

• Leo Buk of Trenton, who won the best booth award for his "Nuclear Chili" booth. Buk was dressed in a yellow jumper marked "Nuclear Chili" that made him look like part of a hazardous waste disposal crew.

• Bill Donovan of Cincinnati, who took first in the ICS salsa contest.

• The Picnic Basket Marketplace, which won first place, for the fourth straight year, in the people's choice category of the restaurant chili challenge.

• Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center, which placed first in the restaurant chili challenge's bestjudged category.

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traffic bottlenecks and spur jobs.

"This project enjoys overwhelming support from local leaders and the surrounding community, not just for the improvements we will wheel, but also for its economic impact," Colbeck said in a statement. "The project itself will create more than 200 construction jobs, and upon completion the reconfiguration will encourage increased economic development, creating more jobs in the area." Colbeck has indicated his Senate resolution will be sent to federal Senate and House leaders, members of the Michigan Congressional delegation and the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Colbeck also has asked the Senate Transportation Committee to conduct a hearing in the 7th District to discuss the issue. He said he is working with the committee's chairman, Sen. Tom Casperson, to try to get a meeting set.

The proposed road project involves building two new ramps, or slips, to allow motorists exiting southbound I-275 to access Haggerty, either northbound or southbound, without traveling on Ford Road.

The project also involves adding a service drive along the east side of I-275, allowing traffic from the Cherry Hill Road area to travel north and merge onto the interstate north of Ford Road. LaJoy has said efforts to reshape the existing interchange would be far less costly than building an entirely new interchange. Area traffic has only worsened as Canton witnessed an 18.1-percent spike in population during the last U.S. Census.

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Figure skater wins regional championship

By Ken Abramczyk Observer Staff Writer

A Livonia teenager won a regional figure skating championship the first weekend in October.

Madison DeLuca, 15, won the novice ladies championship, which consisted of first-place finishes in the qualifying program, the short program and the long program, at the Eastern Great Lakes Regional championship in Mentor, Ohio. DeLuca, a sophomore at Stevenson High School, is the daughter of Kelly and Piero DeLuca.

The EGL Regional Championship was one of nine competitions scheduled to be held throughout the United States this year. Skaters competed in a variety of ability levels in men's and ladies singles, pairs and ice dance

The EGL region is comprised of the states of Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama.

Madison will advance to the Midwestern Sectional championship in Fort Collins, Colo., in November. Winners of that competition advance to the U.S. National Championship in January in San Jose, Calif.

DeLuca, who skates at the Arctic Edge in Canton, placed first in the qualifying program on Sunday, the short program on Monday and the long program on Tuesday.

Hard work

DeLuca performed triple salchow and double axel jumps at the championship, said her mother Kelly DeLuca.

"She is just really a hard worker," said Kelly DeLuca about her daughter's efforts. DeLuca skates six days a week, two to three hours a day, then takes ballet lessons three days a week.

Through an arrangement with Stevenson, she is home-schooled and attends Stevenson part time.

DeLuca began skating when she was 3, Kelly said. Her mom took her to skate at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena, not far from the family's Livonia home.

'She just started out in a Learn to Skate program, and she loved it," Kelly DeLuca said.

Madison has always enjoyed figure skating. "It's just the excitement of the sport," she said.

Madison credits her Arctic Edge coaches, Lisa Kirby and Theresa McKendry. "They've supported me a lot and helped me get through everything," Madison said.



Kelly DeLuca (middle) stands with coaches Theresa McKendry (left) and head coach Lisa Kirby.

"They tell me what to do on elements." It's also exciting for skaters to see the 2010 Olympic ice dancing medalists, such as Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir, Meryl Davis and Charlie White, and Madison Chock and Greg Zuerlein, all who skate at Arctic Edge.

'They are so nice," said Kelly DeLuca. "They are just regular people. They always say hello and chit-chat. They are also very supportive."

That exposure to those athletes also helps DeLuca. "It's exciting and inspires me to do well." she said.

Kelly said the Olympics are "probably all the girls' dream" at the competitions.

Focus on skating

At the competition, DeLuca skated to Moon River for her short program. "You can skate freely to it because it is graceful," she said.

Kelly DeLuca said her daughter is focused when she skates. "She knows what she needs to do. She puts her skates on and is a good competitor.

'She was determined to win. She worked hard at it all year and she was determined. We had faith in her and in God that she would do well.'

Kelly DeLuca said she and her husband have three other children. Oldest daughter Mallory helps by watching the two youngest children.

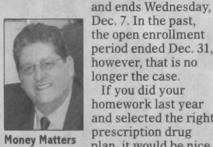
"Everyone helps out to do what needs to be done," Kelly DeLuca said. "Everyone is supportive of Madison and so proud of her.'

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Picking Medicare prescription plan takes research

By Rick Bloom Guest Columnist

t's that time of year when seniors must be proactive and start their search for a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. The time period for open enrollment begins Saturday, Oct. 15,



Rick Bloom

Dec. 7. In the past, the open enrollment period ended Dec. 31, however, that is no longer the case. If you did your homework last year

and selected the right prescription drug plan, it would be nice if you could automat-

ically resign up for that plan. Unfortunately, it doesn't work

that way. It seems that every year the prescription drug plans are changing. Whether it is different premiums, copays, or benefits, plans change from year to year, therefore, every year you must begin your search anew. In addition, let's also recognize that your prescriptions may have changed over the year. Last year, you may have used one drug and this year you're using another or, your dosage may have changed. These are key factors in determining what prescription drug plan you should select. Therefore, my advice for seniors who have Medicare Prescription D is to begin your search anew every year.

There is no doubt that the Medicare Prescription D Plan is confusing and sometimes difficult to understand. I wish I could tell you which plan was the best but I can't. There is no one plan that is good for everyone. In fact, what you may find is that the prescription drug plan that is good for you may not be good for your spouse. In addition, you can't assume that AARP has the best and most cost effective plans because that may or may not be the case.

In looking for a new plan, it is

important to know that all prescription drug plans end Dec. 31 and restart Jan. 1. Therefore, by changing plans you won't have the problem of having a gap where there is no coverage.

I believe the best way to start your search is at Medicare's website (go to the Medicare Plan Finder at www. medicare.gov/find-a-plan). The finder is a great tool to help you find the best prescription drug plan for yourself. The key is to know the medications you're using and the dosage.

I recognize that not all seniors are computer-literate. If you don't have a computer or you just don't feel confident in using it, the State of Michigan does have an assistance program. The State Heath Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) does offer assistance over the phone. The tollfree number is (800) 803-7174. Once again, knowing the medications you are using and the dosages is something they will need in order to assist you.

Many seniors will, unfortunately, take the position that if they're happy with their current plan they really don't have to do anything. What was good for you in 2011 may not be good for you in 2012. Therefore, there is no alternative but to re-look at all the Medicare Prescription D Plans available to you.

It is important to understand that you can only make changes in your plan once a year and it's not like if you get in the wrong plan you can change it three or four months down the road because you can't. The open enrollment period ends Dec. 7. Therefore, whether you like it or not, now is the time to be proactive and do your homework so you can get the best prescription drug plan for yourself. Good luck!

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LOCAL NEWS

Marchers tops in class, second overall at regional

By Diane Hanson Correspondent

For the second year in a row, the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band captured the Class 4A championship trophy, and placed second overall of the 17 high school marching bands from five states, including Georgia, Illinois, Nebraska and Ohio along with eight Michigan bands at the Bands of America Regional Championships held Saturday at the Pontiac Silverdome

"We are very, very proud of them," said Jonathan Thomann of the hometown marchers. Thomann is in his first year as assistant director of bands at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and took over the reins Saturday for Director David Armbruster, who was in New York making arrangements for the band's performance in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade later this year.

"Our show is not finished yet and they did an amazing job," added Thomann of the band's Saturday competition performances.

Day-long drama

Amazing was an appropriate description for the two performances the 180-member band conducted during the daylong competition.

Their nearly 10-minute show, "Ancient Gardens of Babylon", still has about a minute to go before completion and is a captivating, dramatic, musical, marching portrayal of one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

The show was a real crowd-pleaser and pleased the judges as well. The preliminary performance netted the hometown marchers the Class 4A (largest schools are in this category) championship trophy along with trophies for all three caption awards - Outstanding Music Performance, Outstanding Visual Performance and Outstanding General Effect.

After the finals nighttime performances of the top 10 highest-scoring bands, Plymouth-Canton captured the second-place trophy with a score of 74.7 while first place went to the Harrison High School Marching Band from Kennesaw, Ga., with a score of 78.9.

"I think we did really well," said Salem senior Ben Van Allen, an alto saxophonist. "I really enjoyed today's performance."

More music

So did Salem junior Amanda Houghton, who



The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band in preliminary Bands of America Regional competition at the Pontiac Silverdome Saturday. The hometown performers captured the Class 4A Championship and took second place in the finals evening competition.



From left, tuba players Jonathan Blomberg, Anna Marchesano, Alexandra Lemieus, Scott Davison, Ethan Williams and Prescott Vayda hit the low notes during the P-CMB finals performance at Saturday's Bands of America Pontiac Regional Championships at the Silverdome.

plays the baritone.

"I think this year's show is a lot more musical while last year's show was more visual," she said. "I like this show a lot more. It has been fun to see it develop and this one is still in the process of developing."

Senior Grace Wine, one of three drum majors along with Alison Johnson and Shelbie Torok, agreed.

"This show is a little different as compared to the last three years," she said. "We have fewer props and we're doing a lot more complex music. The marching is a little different and the brass is up front a lot, so it is really cool."

Thomann is excited

about the P-CEP band's potential as they complete the already awardwinning program and tuck a few more competitions under their performance belt. "We had only one show

prior to this, but I would say our official competitive season is now officially started today," he said after the final awards were presented on Saturday. "We'll finish the entire show this week and I think the kids are really going to be able to max out everything. I can't tell you how proud I am of these students and I speak on behalf of the entire staff and the Plymouth community. They're just amazing people to work with."

Band hosts middle school event

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band is inviting all local seventh- and eighth-grade band students to PerCEPtion Weekend Oct. 28-29 at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

PerCEPtion Weekend is a two-day event designed to give middle school band students a first-hand, active experience as they perform among the students of one of the most recognized high school bands in the country. The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band is a 22-time state champion scheduled to march in the 2011 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York.

On Friday, Oct. 28, the student participants will join the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band at the Plymouth High School band room. They will then walk to the varsity stadium alongside the marching band to perform pep songs for fans attending the varsity football state playoff game.

On Saturday evening, the annual Great Lakes Invitational, a local band competition hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters, will be held at the varsity stadium, where high school bands will perform their competition show for the crowd of hundreds. The public is welcome. The seventh- and eighthgrade band students will play center stage at this event and be part of the opening ceremonies, playing the National Anthem at the beginning of the event.

Middle school students will be able to talk to current marching band members and learn first-hand of the potential experiences that await them in high school. Parents of the students will also have the opportunity to speak with band parents about their child's future participation in this rewarding activity.

Registration forms, times of events, drop-off and pick-up times, and additional information can be found on the marching band's website at www. pcmb.net. For further information, middle school students are encouraged to speak with their own band director.



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Habitat benefits from red-hot chili festival

About 175 volunteers from Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne Community contributed to the success of Sunday's Great Lakes Chili Cookoff in downtown Plymouth. "This has been the best we've ever had,"

said Michael Sage of Livonia, a Habitat board member and volunteer coordinator for the annual chili event, partial proceeds of which support Habitat's home building for lowincome people. "It's going very well. It's been a wonderful day."

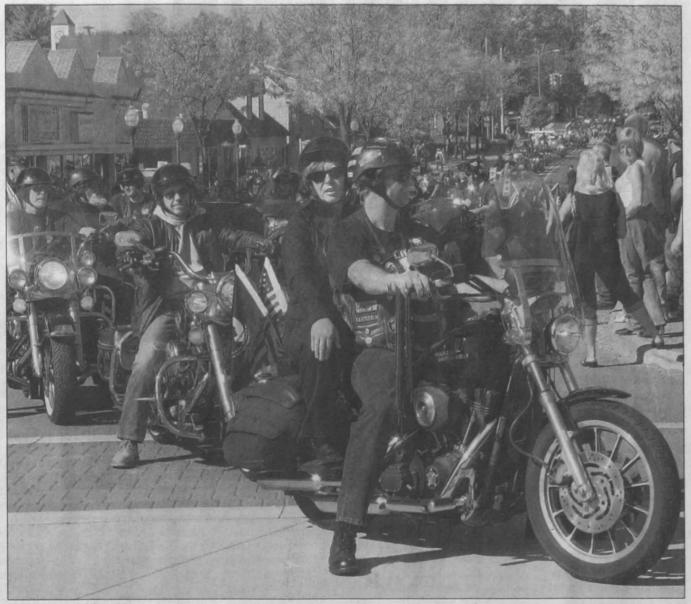
NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Town-ship sent a volunteer contingent, he said, as did the Apostles Build churches of Habi-tat. The National Honor Society members at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park also volunteered at the chili event, as did the Canton High Chiefs baseball team, which helped with setup.

DTE Energy, where Sage works, sent about 40 volunteers, with Monroe Bank & Trust sending about 12. The tellers were a big help with money counting chores, Sage said. Some

volunteers had signed up online. Sage wasn't talking early Sunday afternoon about the potential winners of the chili judging.

"I can't divulge that," he said kiddingly. "I would get in chili jail if I said anything like that."

- By Julie Brown



Bikers enter downtown in a line that stretches as far as the eye can see.



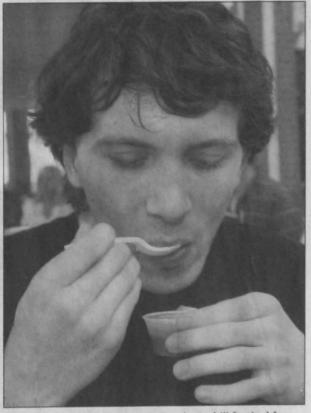
Bill Martin of South Lyon ladles up samples of BTB Chili.

Fuzzy's Armadillo Ambrosia. They're tight-lipped about their ingredients, but you hardly ever see an armadillo flattened along Hines Drive.



John Chamie of Livonia waits for the rest of his friends to arrive. Chamie is an officer with the Wayne County Airport Police Motor Unit.

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Zach Smith of Livonia came to Sunday's chili festival for the chili, not the motorcycles. Zach and his dad, Kyle Smith, are "eaters, not bikers, according to Zach.



The "Chili Wenches" are Cathy Cherewick of Plymouth, Kim Martin of South Lyon and Karen Tulpa of Redford.

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CANTON CHAMBER CHAT



Super Bowl in Canton is the site for the chamber's after-hours mixer Oct. 20.

Candidate forum

The Canton Chamber of Commerce announced an online candidate forum for the Plymouth-Canton Community School Board of Education election in November

Part of the mission of the Chamber of Commerce is to be an advocate for business. The Nov. 8 PCCS Board of Education election is an important event in the community. Chamber officials asked the candidates to provide answers to the following questions they felt were important to the business community:

 How does a quality school system help our community and its ability to attract quality business development?

. What do you see as the most urgent problem in the district? How do you propose to address this issue?

· Where do you believe that additional revenue can be found to help balance the budget and still insure that monies get directed to the classroom to guarantee a quality education?

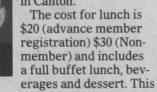
· How do you plan to deal with declining revenues, closing schools and how to fund extracurricular activities?

"We appreciate the candidates participating in this online forum to let voters and our membership know their thoughts on critical issues facing the school district," said Tracey Rettig, President, Canton Chamber of Commerce.

To view the responses go to http:// www.cantonchamber.com/pccsquestions.php

November luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its November Networking Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.



Rothwell luncheon is open to the

public. November's luncheon will feature guest speaker, Doug Rothwell, President & CEO of Business Leaders for Michigan.

Mr. Rothwell has an impressive background as a champion for economic development initiatives," Canton Chamber President Tracey Rettig said. "We are thrilled to have him as a speaker."

November's Luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Bovitz CPA, P.C. and PNC Bank. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make a reservation, 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 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 \$10 for non-members.

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

Use online resources to win your fantasy league

By Jon Gunnells Guest Columnist

antasy football season is in full swing and if your league is anything like my leagues, the competition is about to get intense.

Here are some helpful sites and tools that will give you a competitive advantage over fellow owners - without spending any money.

 Free live scoring – Many fantasy football hosting services offer free live scoring. My favorite is Yahoo.com's stat tracker, because it's been offering the service free for years and also has correct stats almost immediately. If you league isn't on Yahoo, check if the host offers a similar tool for free. Some sites also offer live scoring for a small fee. **CBS** Sports even offers a stat analysis program for \$24.99, but that is a bit pricey for fancy graphs and charts that you could quickly build yourself in PowerPoint or Keynote. Thefootballguys.com

- One of the best sites around, thefootballguys. com offers a number of free services to keep you at the top of the standings. Sign up for breaking e-mail alerts for player injuries and news, plug in your players and receive a team rating from site experts and even receive advice on who to start and sit.

 FFtoolbox.com – Are you sick of sites like ESPN giving predictions based on ESPN standard scoring when nobody uses ESPN standard scoring? With FFtoolbox.com,

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Jon Gunnells

FFtoolbox.com also offers a number of other useful tools, including a strength of schedule chart, team depth charts, transaction trend reports and more.

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week.

 Fantasysharks.com - If you have a league dispute or simply need advice on trades or transactions, visit Fantasysharks.com. The site has busy forums as well as blogs and expert analysis about the players that are most important to your team.

 Fantasy Football Now - The popular ESPN2 television show, which airs at 11:30 a.m. each Sunday, is also available on ESPN.com. So if you don't have cable, or don't receive ESPN, visit ESPN.com and watch live streaming video with up-to-date injuries and projections for upcoming games. Fantasy Football Now is the best fantasy sports show. The television personalities and other fantasy sports experts share their knowledge on ESPN.com each week with composite rankings of the best players and start/sit lists.

 Fantasyfootballcalculator.com - Possibly the best pre-draft fantasy site around also serves a big purpose during the season because it shows

where players were drafted, helping owners plan fair trades.

• Mobile apps — This was mentioned in the last tech tips article, but it is worth repeating. Check and see if your league hosting site offers a free app with scoring, transaction information or other tools. This will help you stay on top of league happenings when you are traveling or not near a computer. Yahoo and ESPN mobile fantasy football apps have received great reviews this season and I plan on using them both each Sunday. Fantasy Football Insider also offers news and information plus premium content for Pro Football Weekly subscribers. Of course, most of that information can be found on other sites, and breaking news can be seen on Twitter. To find new fantasy football tweeters that can help you win your league, visit Twitter.com and type "fantasy football" into the search bar to find the most influential football tweeters.

These apps and sites will help you have better inseason management. And coupled with a solid draft and some good luck, you might be taking home your league trophy and bragging rights this winter.

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ShopCanton and Magic 105.1 are looking for a true shopping diva who can keep up with mid-day personality, Mitzi Miles. The lucky winner gets to spend the day with Miles, whose alter ego is known as "shop star"

Listeners of 105.1-FM from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Friday can call in to win a ShopCanton Prize Packet that includes dinner for two, movie passes for two and a retail gift certificate.

Then go to Detroit.magic.com, watch Mitzi Shop-Canton, and enter to win a shopping spree and

in gift cards to shop Canton's Ford Road. A limo ride to shopping and lunch

with Miles is included, too.

Miles

"What's great about Canton is you just look up to find the banner for the shopping district you want," Miles said. "Everything is color coded." And to make shopping even easier, there's the ShopCanton guide.

Miles has strategies for how to shop like a pro, and she'll take the winner through Canton's Ford Road, one of the area's hot shopping districts. With over 300 establishments, shoppers can find home furnishings, clothing, entertainment and restaurants all in one location.

The contest runs through Nov. 13, and entrants must be at least 18 years old to enter. For more information on the contest, check out Miles on Detroitmagic.com, or visit www.Shopcanton.org.

CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

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 healthful 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 10 and 11:30 a.m.

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

Candy buy-back

Bright Side Dental is hosting its second annual Halloween Candy Buy-Back Program to benefit Operation Gratitude.

Last year, Bright Side Dental Roval Oak collected over 250 pounds of Halloween candy that was sent overseas to service members.

This year, all four Bright Side Dental locations will participate (Royal Oak, Sterling Heights, Canton, and Livonia). Bright Side officials encourage kids to go out and safely enjoy the annual "Fright Night" and then stop in to donate any excess pounds of goodies to the troops for a chance to win prizes.

For every pound of unopened candy brought in, kids will be rewarded a raffle ticket for a chance to win an amazing gift. The more candy you bring in, the more raffle tickets you get (up to 10 ponds per person).

"We were so proud of the kids last year," said Josh Gershonowicz, vice president of marketing and public relations at Bright Side Dental. "We hope that the kids from Sterling Heights, Canton, and Livonia will be just as inspired to donate their candy this year."

All kids from each of the communities and surrounding areas are welcome to participate. Bright Side Dental will be accepting candy for the entire week following Halloween. For locations and directions visit www.brightsidedental.com.



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OUR VIEWS

On Nov. 8 Our choices in school board election

When Plymouth-Canton Community Schools voters go to the polls to elect a new Board of Education next month, they have 14 good candidates from which to choose.

We recommend Sheila Paton, John Barrett, Nancy Eggenberger and Steven Sneideman.

Paton, of Plymouth, is co-founder of the Legislative Action Network, the grassroots group that has paid close attention to developments in Lansing, particularly as they pertain to public education funding. She has served as senior financial analyst for the University of Michigan Health System, so her background in finance will serve the board well.

She's the mother of two West Middle School



students, so she's got some skin in the game. Paton has ideas she thinks can improve the district (an International Baccalaureate program, for instance).

Paton is an independent thinker who will bring a valuable business acumen as tough economic times continue.

Barrett, also of Plymouth, gave up a potential vre-election bid to the Plymouth City Commission to run for the Board of Education. He's lived in Plymouth for more than 30 years, and his daughters are Salem High School graduates.

Barrett will bring a unique

skill-set to the board: a long

years as an educator, and was

a principal in the Farmington

school district when he retired.

During that time, his school

was recognized by both Time

and Newsweek magazines as

On the city commission, he

Eggenberger has been an

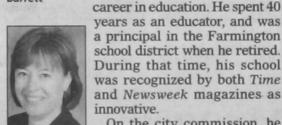
has demonstrated a willingness

to listen to varied opinions and

innovative.

Barrett

Paton



Eggenberger

to come to his own conclusions, and would likely be an independent voice on the Board of Education. effective board member. She's worked on a variety of com-

Sneideman

COMMUNITY VOICE

Now that the Detroit Tigers have reached the American League Championship Series, how far do you think they can go?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I don't think they're going to go all the way. I'm just a pessimist." **Debbie Shea**

Canton



"I think they're going to win the World Series. They have a great coach and players."

Margo Panko Canton



the way. They've been playing really well this year. They've been fun to watch.

Gordon Johnson Canton



"I pray they'll go all the way. As long as their pitchers can keep their pitches in the strike zone, where they should be.' **Ashley Valimont**

Canton

LETTERS

Story was wrong

I am writing in response to an article you published Oct. 9 titled "Bill ends state lawmakers' lifetime health care benefits."

In the article, you indicated that I voted against HB 4087 when in fact, I not only voted for this bill, I have championed, both this session and last, bills to eliminate health care benefits for all lawmakers, present and future.

I voluntarily gave up this perk for myself along with many of my colleagues. On Oct. 6, I offered a substitution to make HB 4087 more stringent by not allowing lawmakers vested by Jan. 1, 2013 still eligible for taxpayer-funded lifetime health care. Unfortunately, that substitution was not even allowed a vote by the

majority-led House.

I will continue to fight on this issue to ensure that people are put before politician's own self-interest.

> **Dian Slavens** state representative House District 21

Research, then vote

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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voters need to carefully consider the candidates.

My children attended school in this district, and every year received an excellent education provided by professional, compassionate and dedicated staff. From kindergarten through high school the entire staff went above and beyond in providing a quality learning experience. I am offended that there are people

providing a safe refuge to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, operates a 24-hour crisis hotline, available at (313) 861-5300.

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Since 1979, the YWCA of Metropolitan Detroit's Interim House has given women and children who have fled domestic and sexual violence not just a place to stay, but a place to salvage their former selves. The YWCA Interim House is a 24/7, 67bed facility dedicated to the needs of these women and their children. We provide food, clothing, emergency shelter, counseling and additional support services for up to 90 days. In 2010, 2,275 women and children were admitted to Interim House.

At the YWCA, our mission is simple - improving the lives of women, children and families in southeast In 2010, we served 4,749 women, children and men and provided 74,694 meals and 24,898 nights of shelter through Interim House programming. Four hundred metro Detroit area children participated in after school programs.

But we can't do it all alone. While

committees. She has a strong working knowledge of the district and an interest in seeing it

mittees, and has chaired the

curriculum and development

continue to thrive. With a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's in guidance and counseling, she has the background to help that happen.

She understands the district still has difficult decisions to make, and is willing to consider the tough choices. Like most of her colleagues, she has voted to protect smaller class sizes and gets credit, along with her fellow board members, for balancing the budget, as tenuous as that balancing act might be.

Sneideman is a former board president who, like Eggenberger, has been an effective board member. He's pushed for stronger use of technology, has fought to protect class sizes and has been instrumental in the attempt to help the district connect with its alumni.

His experience will come in handy as the district wrestles with continuing budget problems and the search for a new superintendent. Sneideman is tenacious and while he fought strongly and smartly (and we believe rightly so) for former Superintendent Craig Fiegel, the vote was taken and the district has moved on

Sneideman should put the issue aside and use the leadership skills he exhibited during his term as board president to work with other board members, whomever they might be, to form a cohesive team working in the best interests of the district's students.

When voters go to the polls Nov. 8, they have many good choices and some difficult decisions to make. It's amazing and encouraging to us that so many people - 15 in all stepped forward to show their concern for the future of the children and their willingness to work toward bettering it. Those 15 people are putting an impressive amount of time and energy into this campaign.

Having said that, voters can only choose four. We have met the candidates, followed the issues and we believe Sheila Paton, John Barrett, Nancy Eggenberger and Steven Sneideman are the best choices for the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education.



Brad Kadrich, Community Editor Susan Rosiek, **Executive** Editor

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district in Michigan, with an annual budget of over \$167 million.

A strong school system is a critical component for the vitality and wellbeing of our community. A majority of homebuyers begin their search for a new home based on the quality of the local schools.

Our local community governments are intrinsically tied together with our local school systems. The two obvious ties are public safety and property values which generate revenue for our local governments. Our local schools DO NOT receive any local tax revenue. The monies they receive come 100 percent from Lansing (bonds being the exception).

All Canton Township residents and businesses are direct beneficiaries of the ongoing success of our local school systems. While we in Michigan have taken our share of hits over the past decade Canton Township has continued to support the PCCS to ensure that our schools are the finest in Michigan. Things may not be exactly where we want them to be, but we need to stay focused on what is best for all our students.

We need a PCCS school board working cohesively as a team. The better our schools and community, the more people will want to move here. The PCCS does have all the pieces in place with amazing facilities, great teachers and staff. It is important that we elect candidates who will rebuild the "PCCS Board Team" and put our children first We all have a stake in this election.

Please research all the highly qualified candidates for the PCCS school

board and VOTE Nov. 8.

John Anthony **Greg Demopoulos** Dr. Syed Taj Pat Williams Canton Township trustees

Supporting Jackson

There is a school board election soon and it is vitally important to the future of our district. There are four seats that need to be filled and the

running for the school board who are suggesting otherwise.

There are four men running together calling themselves either the Fiscal 4 or the M & Ms. They come off as negative towards the current school board and staff. There is a school board of seven and hundreds of employees; if elected they need to work collaboratively with each other and the district staff.

I'm not sure bad-mouthing the district during an election is an effective strategy for getting things done later. Several also seem overly committed to the idea of charter and cyber schools. Do they honestly believe that those are the best educational choices for this district or do they have another motive? Why is a political party funding their candidacy for school board, a nonpartisan race?

This is the first year that I have done anything other than simply vote in the school board election. I have never campaigned, given money, or even had a sign in my yard. I am supporting John Jackson this year because I know he will work tirelessly to provide this community with exceptional educational opportunities expected in this district.

> Patti McCoin Plymouth

Simple mission

Some come to us in the still of the night, with nothing but the clothes on their back and a child at their side. Others sneak away during the day, and have enough time to pack a few essentials but little else before escaping their home.

These are survivors of domestic abuse. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, as proclaimed by President Obama, and locally, the YWCA of Metropolitan Detroit is observing the initiative to build awareness of our many programs and services for women and children.

Do you know someone who needs help? A safe place to stay? YWCA Interim House, the city of Detroit's only women's shelter dedicated to

we do receive funding from various sources, it simply isn't enough to support everyone who comes to us for help. Nationally, more than 9,500 requests for this kind of assistance went unmet in the U.S., mostly due to funding shortfalls.

This October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, please take a moment to remember the survivors of domestic violence. Your support is critical

Emma L Peterson president & CEO YWCA of Metropolitan Detroit

Smog leaves kids gasping

Every day should be a safe day to breathe, but on far too many days. children and seniors in the Detroit area and across Michigan are exposed to dangerous smog pollution. According to a new Environment Michigan report, residents in the Detroit area were exposed to air quality that made it dangerous to breathe on 12 days last year, ranking it the 23rd smoggiest large metropolitan area in the country. Smog pollution leads to more asthma attacks, increased respiratory difficulty, and reduced lung function, and the impacts are worse for children, the elderly and people with respiratory illnesses.

Rather than updating smog standards this year, President Obama abandoned any strengthening of the standard until 2013. Michigan's children deserve better; President Obama should establish an updated standard for smog pollution that is based on the science. Additionally, Michigan's members of Congress should stand up for Michiganders' health and oppose any attacks on the Clean Air Act - including the "TRAIN" Act (H.R. 2401) - which would roll back existing clean air protections for smog-forming pollution and other deadly pollutants.

> Jessica Surma Environment Michigan, Ann Arbor

LOCAL NEWS

BET ON EVERYTHING

Political waters don't take long to muddy

Well, that didn't take long. More than a month away from the Nov. 8 Plymouth-Canton Board of Education election, a flier that can be categorized in its best light as disingenuous has already circulated blasting the three incumbent school board members seeking re-election.

The flier, which showed up in mailboxes last week, cautions voters against voting for the cur-

voting for the current "MEA

school board" and takes the board to task for issues varying as widely as their handling of the budget to the district's hiring practices.

For instance, the flier blasts the "current MEA school board" for excessive spending, and claims the board has left the district facing a \$26 million deficit for the 2012-13 school year, attributing it to a June 2011 preliminary budget projection. Nowhere in the flier do they point out that projection has been reduced to estimates ranging from \$4 million to \$10 million.

It also points out administrators wiped out the district's entire fund balance, which was true until recent developments, including settling the teachers' contract, lifted it back above \$7 million (\$10 million if you count the Durant lawsuit money).

Nobody is trying to say the district is in fine financial shape. Heck, no one is even saying this board isn't dysfunctional, disorganized and discordant. For much of the last 18 months or so, they certainly have been. (Oddly enough, though, the current board has largely been on the same page when it comes to the budget).

Even the flier's main premise - that the current board is an "MEA board," is patently wrong, at least as it pertains to the incumbent candidates. Only one of those - President John Jackson - got the MEA's endorsement recently. Incumbents Nancy Eggenberger and Steven Sneideman paid the price for their support of former Supt. Craig Fiegel, whom some in union leadership very much wanted gone.

The same flier claims the district has created a "diversity program" to increase the racial makeup of its teaching staff in lieu of simply finding the most qualified teachers. There's no proof offered that teachers hired by the district aren't qualified.

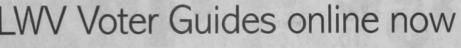
The flier also takes the board to task for failing to properly screen its teachers, which allowed a teacher who lied several times on his resume to end up bringing a gun to school. The obvious reference to former history teacher Ray Schepansky neglects to point out the charge of bringing the gun to school was dropped, or that the hiring of teachers is not the board's responsibility.

It really shouldn't come as much of a surprise though it's certainly disturbing in a nonpartisan election — the flier in question was paid for by the Wayne 11th Congressional Republicans. This same group torched one of their own, former Republican state representative candidate Beth Stewart, in a primary a few years ago.

If you want to think current board members have been irresponsible, so be it. But you should form those opinions based on something other than old projections and fuzzy numbers.

Voters have long memories, and pretty good baloney detectors. They don't have much tolerance any more for shady political maneuvers and negative campaigning. You'd think, after bashing Stewart into submission to secure a primary win for Mark Abbo the Republicans lost longtime control of the 20th District seat to Democrat Marc Corriveau, it's a lesson local Republicans would have learned.

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Non-partisan Voter Guides for the candidates running in the Nov. 8 election are now available on the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County's website: www. lwvnww.org.

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Chiefs work OT for conference title

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Monday's showdown between host Canton and Novi for the **KLAA Kensington Conference** varsity boys soccer title had everything.

There were collisions that left players prone on the field for minutes. Players from each team were shown the sideline for disputing officials' calls against them and the teams needed overtime to decide the outcome

As it turned out, a goal in the first 10-minute overtime by Canton sophomore Ken Krolicki broke a 1-1 tie and the stateranked Chiefs went on to a 3-1 triumph to claim the conference championship.

"It was just the will and the desire to never quit," said Canton head coach George Tomasso about his squad's big win, which set up Wednesday night's association title tilt against Walled Lake Northern. " ... This team has goals and they want to achieve them. They want to achieve them in the worst way.

"They would do anything, they'd sacrifice everything they had on the field to win the game.'

The player who most epitomized that mindset Monday night was senior co-captain Connor Furgason, who scored on two penalty kicks after nearly being knocked out of the contest about 13 minutes into the second half.

Furgason knocked heads - literally - with a Wildcat on the play that resulted in a goal by Novi's Matt Wilson to make it 1-0.

Able to return

Play was stopped until paramedics could arrive at the



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton senior defender Conner Hicks (No. 13) works to clear the ball out of his zone Monday, despite pressure from Novi's Sean Hazen (No. 6).

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity soccer field and attend to Furgason.

"When they check your neck and they press on it if it hurts they automatically have to call the ambulance." Furgason explained. "It's just procedure

... but I was fine. It hurt immediately, but after sitting there for a while it eased off."

That turned out to be fortuitous for KLAA South Division champion Canton, 14-1-2 overall. At 22:40 of the second half,

Canton senior defender Tyler

Winningham was knocked down inside the box in the Novi end of the pitch and a penalty kick was called.

Furgason took the kick, a hard, low shot inside the right

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PREP FOOTBALL

Rocks prevail, 28-27

Salem hung on for dear life to offset a furious Livonia Stevenson fourthquarter rally Saturday, edging the Spartans 28-27 at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Stevenson trailed 28-7 after three quarters of the KLAA Central Division matchup before scoring three unanswered touchdowns capped by Joe Mims' 41-yard touchdown strike to Mitch Deacon with just over two minutes remaining.

Spartans' first-year coach Matt Fielder then decided to go for the twopoint conversion attempt and the win, but the Rocks stuffed a power running play and escaped with the victory.

Salem is 3-4 overall and 2-3 in the KLAA Central, while Stevenson falls to 2-5 and 1-4.

"We got sloppy in the second half," lamented Salem head coach Kurt Britnell.

Salem led 13-7 after one quarter thanks to a 40yard TD run by Nick Troher and a 35-yard scoring pass from Jacob Deprez to Evian Pardo. (Alex Kenrick converted oneof-two extra points for a 13-7 advantage.)

Please see SALEM, B2

WAYNE COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP **Good showing by Salem** Chiefs finish 4th; 'Cats' Gielarowski 2nd overall **By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer**

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Northville's varsity boys cross country team coasted to victory in Saturday's Wayne County meet at New Boston's Willow Metropark.

But several Observerland squads were in the hunt for second and third place, with Livonia Churchill earning the third-place plaque (138 points) after winning a tie-breaker against Canton.

Taking second place was Dearborn Divine Child, with 124 points. In fifth and sixth place were Livonia Stevenson (151) and Plymouth (184).

"We were running a good pack," Churchill head coach John McGreevy said. "Our second, third and fourth runners stayed really close together. That makes a big difference.'

The top Charger was Ryan Wise, who placed seventh with a time of 16:51. Other All-State finishers (top 35) were Robert Howard (18th, 17:13) and Ben Yates (32nd, 17:29).

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Plymouth senior Derek Gielarowski (No. 53) earned second place and All-County honors at the Wayne County boys cross country meet.

Grosse Pointe South showed why it has the No. 2-ranked girls cross country team, topping the 32-team field at Saturday's Wayne County cross country meet.

The Blue Devils, with a total of 31 points, had four of the top five finishers at Willow Metropark in New Boston with only Livonia Churchill's Kerigan Riley cracking the group. Riley finished fourth with a time of 19:03.34.

Also strong was second-place Northville (41 points), comfortably ahead of Livonia Churchill (third, 83 points) and meet host Salem (fourth, 101 points). The Chargers earned a plaque for third place.

"It was what I expected, that we'd take third," Churchill head coach Sue Tatro said. "We were hoping to get as many girls into the top 35 as possible in order to medal.

'This meet is the first big meet of a series of meets that are coming up. So this is always a good measuring stick to see where we're at, especially against such stiff competition."

Riley said it was rewarding both for herself and the team to have such success at the county meet.

She added that Tatro's encouragement

Please see GIRLS CC, B2



Salem's Shannon Flynn finished 17th in the Wayne County girls cross country meet Saturday.



Plymouth junior varsity volleyball player Marina Renzi hammers a serve during Tuesday's match

'She'd be proud'

Renzi teen to play in tournament honoring her mom

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

It's bittersweet for Marina Renzi, whose mom Kim would be so proud to watch the teenager fly around the volleyball court setting teammates up with ready-to-hit passes.

"I'm really excited that I can kind of show her how much I've gotten better, and show everybody," said Marina, 14, who plays on the Plymouth junior varsity team despite being a freshman. "Hopefully we can win."

Marina will compete at Saturday's third annual Kim Renzi Memorial Tournament at Plymouth High School (8 a.m.). She is the first family member to play in the tourney.

"I'm happy that they have the tournament just because she loved volleyball so much," Marina said. "And now, people can play for her still. They can represent her when they play."

Dream cut short

Kim Renzi's passions were her family and volleyball, in that order, and her "dream job" of coaching Plymouth High School's freshman team lasted just a short while in 2008 before she was struck down with melanoma. She died the following spring.

She wanted to be a volleyball coach," said Canton resident Todd Renzi, Kim's widower. "She just got the job and was in her first season when she got sick."

During the months between her diagnosis and death, a tournament was launched to help the Renzis with their medical bills.

But in subsequent years, it became a memorial tournament to celebrate Kim and the sport she loved.

Games on Saturday are set to begin at 8 a.m. and continue until mid-afternoon, with a 50/50 raffle and silent auction part of the festivities. All schools at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park are participating, as are teams from surrounding schools.

All proceeds will go toward college

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YOUTH FOOTBALL

P-C Steelers dominate Ypsi

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers junior football program geared up for its upcoming homecoming with a Saturday sweep of the host Ypsilanti Braves.

The varsity Steelers improved to 6-0 with an electric 42-24 triumph at Ypsilanti High School. The victors scored early and often, jumping in front on a Jake Meadows TD run (his first of two), which was followed by Alex Nicholson's 64yard pick-six moments later. The Steelers also ran back a pair of kickoffs for scores, one each by Cameron Stella and Tyler Laurentius. Jalen Cochran added a 12-yard TD run.

The offense's success was spearheaded by the strong play of offensive linemen Gavin McAuliffe, Jack Pardington, Shane Prevo, Jim Szegi, Clay Walker, Chris Bennett and Evan Fisher. Jake McKinnon was a menace to the Braves' offense all afternoon.

The Steelers' JV squad improved to 6-0 with a 27-6 triumph over Ypsi. Led by offensive linemen Chase Cunningham. Thomas Noble and Spencer Zwarka, among others, the Steelers were bolstered by scoring runs from AJ Brazelton, Isaac Emminger and Mason Phillips. Kyle Burnette

hauled in an extra-point attack

The Steelers' defense was led by Dylan Stackhouse (interception return for TD), Luke Walkley, Andrew Neal and Nick Saker.

The freshmen Steelers moved to 5-1 with a 27-6 win over the Braves. The Steelers won the battle of the trenches thanks to stellar play from two-way standouts Seth Troszak and Dean Kaye. Cameron Miller paced the Steelers' ground game with several strong up-the-middle runs.

The Steelers' juniorfreshmen unit cranked out 16 first down and four touchdowns against the overmatched Braves. Luke Janack and Nate Cain were both instrumental in the performance as they contributed two scores each. Defensively, Aidan Tafelski, Acelino Villarini and Tanner Wyatt excelled.

The Steelers will host the Dearborn Heights Redskins in four homecoming games that are set to start with the junior freshmen game 2 p.m. at Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth. The freshmen game will follow at 4 p.m., the juniorvarsity game will kick off at 6 p.m. with the varsity game capping the day's festivities at 8 p.m.

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Week 8 Friday, Oct. 14

Dearborn Fordson (5-2, 4-0) at Thurston (6-1, 5-0), 7 p.m. Harper Woods (3-4) at Redford Union (0-7), 7 p.m. Edsel Ford (3-4, 2-2) at Garden City (5-2, 3-2), 7 p.m. Stevenson (2-5, 1-4) at John Glenn (3-4, 2-3), 7 p.m. Salem (3-4, 2-3) at Franklin (3-4, 2-3), 7 p.m. South Lyon (5-2, 4-1) at Churchill (5-2, 3-2), 7 p.m. Novi (3-4, 3-2) at Canton (5-2, 3-2), 7 p.m. South Lyon East (1-6, 0-5) at Wayne (0-7, 0-5), 7 p.m. Northville (7-0, 5-0) at Plymouth (7-0, 5-0), 7 p.m. Luth. Westland (4-3, 2-2) at Parkway Christ. (4-3, 3-1), 7 p.m. Andover (0-7, 0-6) at North Farmington (5-2, 5-2), 7 p.m. Harrison (7-0, 6-0) at Lake Orion (6-1, 5-0), 7 p.m. Farmington (5-2, 4-2) at Pontiac (4-3, 4-3), 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15 Melvindale ABT (3-4) at Clarenceville (3-4), 7 p.m. Last week

Overall

BOYS CC

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Persevering

According to Canton head coach Bill Boyd, it was a good showing for his team despite warm conditions that ultimately sapped some runners of their energy at the end of the 5-kilometer course.

"We had a few guys who didn't run real strong today," Boyd emphasized. But we got some guys, we did two high-mileage weeks in a row so we have some nagging injuries.

"They're starting to recover, so hopefully in a week they'll be ready to go.'

Miles Felton placed sixth for the Chiefs (16:51) while Mitch Clinton (22nd, 17:18) and Jeff Molchan (26th, 17:20)

'Miles Felton jumped up, he was All-County with sixth place and had his season best time," Boyd said. "It was nice to see him kind of come out of his slump a little bit

guys in the region and qualify for states. It's a real tough region this year."

Boyd praised Molchan's effort, particularly since the senior is recover-



Salem's Steve McEvilly (No. 97) earned All-County honors for finishing 17th at Saturday's Wayne County boys cross country meet at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

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we're fifth or sixth out "But it does feel a little bit weak at the end when of 32 teams, and that's good. Unfortunately, we got beat by Churchill and wasn't so bad. Just strain-Canton."

All-State finishers for the Spartans were Stephen Fenech (5th, 16:41), Jake Colley (20th, 17:16), seconds, edging Novi's Dan Sims (16:19).

'I raced Dan (Sims) before, against Northville last week," Gielarowski noted. "The same kind of finish sort of happened. Me coming in fourth and him coming in sixth.

"But he's a good competitor, I stuck on him most of the time, and it was just a great race."

Plymouth's Liam Cardenas also won an All-State medal, placing 25th with a time of 17:20.

The meet hosts, Salem, took ninth overall with 227 points. Leading the Rocks were All-County finishers Steve McEvilly (17th, 17:11) and Riley Doxtader (27th, 17:21).

Salem head coach Steve Aspinall said it was a good performance by his young team, with most coming through with best times.

"We continue to improve our times and places as the year goes on," Aspinall said. "Our best is still in front of us."

He noted efforts by sophomore Donovan Drouillard (57th, 17:51), freshman Lewis Campbell (62nd, 17:55) and junior Jeremy Drouillard (64th, 17:58).

Other Observerland runners in the top 35 were Wayne Memorial's Daniel Malcolm (23rd, 17:19) and Livonia Franklin's Keenan Jones (31st, 17:28).

In the team standings,

Lions keep winning

The Canton Lions Junior Varsity football team flexed their muscles in the fourth quarter to take over the game last weekend with a 30-14 win over the Dearborn Heights Redskins.

The game was tied 6-6 early in the fourth quarter when the Lions (5-0) began to enforce their will against the Redskins. Victor Abraham started the Lions scoring early in the game on a nice run, followed by touchdown

received strong contributions from Nick Krone, Tyler Hernandez, and Adam Stepek.

Defensively, the Lions starting defense yielded their first points of the season to a tough Redskins offense, allowing a rushing touchdown late in the first half.

The physical Lions defense was led by Spencer Brown, Kyle Amick, Noah Brown, Joey Glunt, Miles Davenport, Colton Wieloch, Evan Voyles, Matt Wayne, Victor Abraham, Rubin Williams, Alan Farmer, and Jason Arnold, who returned an interception for a touchdown late in the game to seal the victory. The Lions face Ypsilanti Lincoln at the PCEP football stadium this Sunday, Oct. 16th. First games begin at 10 a.m. for the Junior Freshman team, followed by the Freshman, JV, and Varsity at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., respectively.

were All-County for placing within the top 35.

and have a big run. "Hopefully, he'll be

right there with the top

carries by Miles Davenport and Jason Arnold in the decisive fourth quarter

Evan Voyles completed a key fourth down pass to Joey Glunt for a 30yard gain which set up the Lions second touchdown. The Lions offensive line, battling all day against the stingy Redskins defense, was led by David Mason, Matt Wayne, Kyrece Smith, Rubin Williams, and Alan Farmer. The Lions also

ing from a leg injury that hampered him in recent weeks.

Molchan said shin splints and patella tendinitis in his left leg have slowed him in practices.

"It's more hard training than it is in the races," Molchan explained. "In the races, it's more adrenaline pumping. So it's less painful.

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coach Jerry Young said his team did fairly well, considering the number of strong teams at the meet.

I try to kick and finish

ing to get my mileage

Stevenson assistant

it off. Other than that, it

back up. I did pretty good

for my second race back."

We had two kids that didn't run real well, three kids that did," Young said. "Sometimes, that's what happens.

'It's the county meet, you're talking about all of Wayne County. I think and John Lynch (29th, 17:26).

String ends

For the Wildcats, the sixth-place finish ended a string of three consecutive championships at the Wayne County meet. But they did boast the No. 2 individual finisher in Derek Gielarowski. He finished in 16 minutes, 15

Westland John Glenn took 13th place with 376 points, followed by Franklin (15th, 473), Wayne (17th, 476), Lutheran High Westland (21st, 599), Redford Union (24th, 653), Plymouth Christian Academy (26th, 697) and Garden City (28th, 828).

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as a team and packed it in pretty well.

'We didn't all run exactly the times that we wanted but we got the places we wanted, and that's all that matters.

Burin said the team 'really stepped it up today and I think it's motivation for the rest of the season."

The Chargers and Rocks had a healthy edge on nearest competitors Livonia Stevenson (fifth, 200), Canton (sixth, 209) and Plymouth (seventh, 217).

Medalists for those teams included Stevenson's Lindsey Gallagher (10th, 19:52.53), Canton's Jessica Siegler (21st, 20:31.63) and Emily Southern (24th, 20:41.15) and Plymouth's Marina DeBiasi (12th, 19:55.51) and Nicole Traitses (13th, 19:58.65).

The only other Observerland runner to win an All-County medal was Plymouth Christian Academy's Terra Crown (30th, 20:49.72). Just missing the cut was Livonia Franklin's Tiffany Lamble, whose time of 21:00.48 was 36th best. In team standings,

Franklin finished ninth with 259 points.

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Sandwiched in between Salem's two first-quarter TDs was a 91-yard kickoff return by Tony Wilson

In the second quarter, Salem scored again on a 2-yard run by Marcus Houston (11 rushes, 127 yards) followed by Kenrick's PAT.

The Rocks increased their lead to 28-7 when Troher (16-100) scored on a 1-yard run set up by Houston's 50-yard jaunt. Deprez, who completed seven of 15 passes for 83 yards, then converted the two-point conversion with a run.

Comeback bid

Stevenson mounted its comeback in the fourth when Mims hit Wilson on a 15-yard TD pass followed by a 31-yard scoring run by the junior quarterback on a scramble.

Tyler Szerlag's PAT cut the deficit to 28-21.

The Spartans then scored again on the Mims-to-Deacon pass, but



BILL BRESLER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Salem senior running back Marcus Houston (No. 3), shown from earlier this season, played a key factor in the Rocks win Saturday over Livonia Stevenson.

came up one point short after the ill-fated twopoint conversion attempt.

Five first-half turnovers led the Stevenson's undoing.

"We fumbled on the one going in to score and threw an interception in the red zone," Fielder said. "The last six minutes (of the game) was some of the best football we played, but we recovered too late."

Defensively, Devin Kelly came up with an interception for Stevenson.

"helped us to do our best" as well as the fact the varsity race started earlier than the junior varsity race, when the sun started to really cook. The earlier start preserved some energy.

"It wasn't so hot for the varsity race, which was good," Riley said. "We were lucky.'

Other Churchill medalists were Bethany Pilat (14th, 19:59.69), Sydney Anderson (15th, 20:06.67), Vivien Okechukwu (18th, 20:20.74) and Michelle Azar (34th, 20:56.54).

Moving forward

According to Salem head coach Dave Gerlach, his team continued to run well as a pack with five athletes coming away with medals. The top-35 finishers earn All-County honors).

"We started off last week getting the ball rolling with a big victory over Novi," Gerlach said. "And we knew today was going to be a nice day with some great competition.

"I wanted them to be a little more aggressive and we did that today. So fourth place out of 32

teams was real good." Gerlach said Shannon Flynn (17th, 20:20.27) and Autumn Burin (19th, 20:28.73) ran outstanding races and his top five performed well overall.

"We've been running like a pack all year long," Gerlach said.

"We've been trying to move our pack up a little bit and we did that today. "All five of our scorers

medaled, so it was real nice to see. We're trying to keep it going for the conference meet and the

Other Salem medalists were Emily Bizon (23rd,

Stepping up

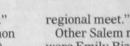
Both Flynn and Burin said they felt the county meet continued the team's consistent improvement from the start of the season.

"I'm really happy with how we did today," Flynn noted. "We really ran

Placing 12th overall at the Wayne County girls cross country meet is Plymouth's Marina DeBiasi.

> regional meet." 20:38.83), Amanda Beyer (28th, 20:44.85) and Hannah Stoliker (33rd,

20:55.80).



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post past Novi goalkeeper Mitchell Adams.

"After we scored, they played like a team that was behind. They were throwing bodies forward, they got into our box and they drew a penalty there," Novi head coach Dennis O'Leary said. "So I don't think it's anything we did wrong, it's just that they were down a goal and they were going to play desperate.

Several minutes later, the KLAA Central Division champs (13-3-0) nearly regained the lead.

Wilson fed a pass to senior teammate Chase Jabbori, who collided with Chiefs senior goalkeeper Steven Murphy, near the top of the 18yard box.

With Murphy down (he would require several minutes to recover after getting shaken up on the play), a Canton defender shot back toward the vacated goal to clear the ball from danger.

The game moved into the two 10-minute overtimes still tied at 1-1, and that's how things continued until the second extra stanza

Just 58 seconds into the second OT, the Chiefs broke the ice. Winningham's re-start from about 40 yards on the left side of the field was punched out by Adams.

Breaking the tie

But Canton senior cocaptain Mitch Posuniak pounced on the ball and sent it back toward the goal from inside the box.



Working to maintain control of the ball for Canton during Monday's game is senior midfielder Shean Krolicki (No. 19). Closing in on him is Novi's Chris Park (No. 2).

Adams made the save but Krolicki worked his way into prime position to knock in the rebound.

"Mitch took a shot within the box and Ken got a good step to go towards the goalie, saw the rebound and finished the goal," Tomasso said.

In the final minute of the second overtime, Furgason buried another penalty kick to the same spot he had success with earlier to salt away the victory

Setting up the PK was a nice play from senior Brian Berinti to senior Shean Krolicki, with the latter

tripped up inside the box.

"I focus on putting it down low in the corner and hard," Furgason said. "As long as it's there it should go in, either side.

"I chose to go the same side on the second goal just because I thought the goalie would (think) I'd go to the opposite side that I did the first time."

Meanwhile, in the second overtime of the intense, physical match, the Chiefs lost Posuniak, who was tossed for deliberately bumping into the Novi goalkeeper at the end of a rush. He will miss Wednesday's associ-



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boys get so emotionally involved in a game when everything's on the line," Tomasso said. "Emotions got the better of some of our players. We'll look to fix that and be better at that in the future.'

Tomasso, however, praised his team defense, including seniors Furgason, Winningham, Neil Zech, Nathan Bergeson, Conner Hicks and junior Connor Shennan along with goalkeeper Murphy.

"You can never count Novi out, they're so dangerous every time they touch the ball," the coach said. "I felt the guys in the back line did a good job.

O'Leary downplayed not coming away with the conference trophy.

"We had two goals at the beginning of the year," O'Leary said. "Win our division, which we

did, and advance as far as we can in the state playoffs.

"The whole crossover thing to me is kind of mythical. So I'm not really that disappointed. I learned one thing, we're even with them. That's all I need to know.'

SALEM 4, PLYMOUTH 1:

On Monday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, Salem defeated Plymouth in a Kensington Conference crossover matchup of second place teams.

The Rocks (8-6-4) broke a scoreless tie with four quick goals in the second half with the Wildcats finally getting on the board when Chandler Olah scored.

For Salem, Blake Townes netted two goals with Jake Pascarella and Brady Cole also scoring. With the victory, the Rocks

moved on to face Brighton on Wednesday night. Plymouth's record dipped to 6-5-2

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Birmingham Roeper overcame an early deficit to edge host Plymouth Christian Academy 3-2 in a matchup of Michigan Independent Athletics Conference boys soccer teams last Thursday.

The Eagles did get off to a quick start when senior Chris Scagnetti rolled a pass to Alex Chapman, who finished the play off to give PCA a 1-0 advantage in the opening minute.

But the Rough Riders answered quickly to make it 1-1 and had several other quality chances stopped by Eagles goalkeeper Jamye Putney.

And Roeper took a 2-1 edge midway through the first half, with a header getting past Putney.

That's how the game remained until PCA allstater Dan Ross teed up a shot from 25 yards out and found the upper right corner, evening things up at 2-2.

However, Roeper regained the lead in the final 10 minutes of play, as a chip shot eluded Putney.



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scholarships for Marina, 14, and Adeline, 12.

The younger Renzi plays volleyball on the St. John Neumann Dragons varsity team and attends Discovery Middle School.

"They're going to keep going with the girls through high school," Todd Renzi said. "Marina is a freshman and she's the first Renzi to play in It's pre tty excitin He said the entire Plymouth volleyball program continues to be instrumental in the tourney.

"Their whole team (varsity) is going to be helping out," Todd stressed. "There's still a player on that team (Hille) that played for Kim when she was coaching here.

"And they're trying to get Kim's entire freshman team out to the tournament as well, so they can be reunited."

Todd, meanwhile, said he is optimistic the invitational will be a long-term endeavor, even after his girls are in college.

"I'd love for it to contine (after the girls gradu-

"And they're great kids. She would be (proud of them), I am."

Keeping tabs

Meanwhile, Marina remembers advice her mom gave her when things don't go well during a game or practice. It gets her through any rough spots.

"She taught us to never give up," Marina said, "(because) sometimes when I'd have a bad game or played really bad at practice, she'd just tell me 'Everybody has off days and it will get better next time."

ation title game. Sometimes high school Vikas Kanneganti (No. 5) and Salem's Daniel Mardsen (No. 16) battle after a 50/50 ball

during Monday's game.

It was originally spearheaded by Kelly McCausland, a longtime varsity coach for the Wildcats who turned over the reins this season to Sarah Marody.

Honoring Kim

One of the players Kim Renzi coached in 2008 is Plymouth senior Rachael Hille, currently on the Wildcats varsity.

ate)," he said. "I think it would be a great way to honor Kim. Maybe with a scholarship."

Todd wiped some moisture from his eyes when talking about how much Kim would have been proud of Marina and Adeline

"We think about it all the time," he said. "Boy, if Kim could see Marina playing right now, and Adeline, too. Adeline is just a great athlete. But if she could see them playing.

And on Saturday, Marina will be playing as if her mom were up in the stands keeping tabs.

"Yeah, I just kind of pretend she's watching me and I kind of blow it (a mistake) off," she added. "I just make sure I get the next one and show her I can get better."

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Wildcats' night to celebrate

On "Seniors and Parents Night" Tuesday at Plymouth, the Wildcats varsity girls volleyball team sent everyone home happy with a 3-1 triumph over Westland John Glenn.

"It was an exciting and emotional night as the team and fans thanked our outstanding seniors and their families for all the hard work, dedication and commitment they have put into the Plymouth volleyball program over the last four years," head coach Sarah Marody said.

Madelyn Betts, whose dad Steve put together a video for the occasion, led the Wildcats with 10 kills and also tallied eight digs.

Others chipping in were Emilee Beyer (9 kills, 7 digs), Lindsay Stemberger (11 digs), Jessica Scott (32 assists, 7 digs), Rachael Hille (6 kills, 3 aces) and Taylor Rieckhoff (3 kills, 4 assists, 4 digs).

The Wildcats improved to 27-6 overall and 6-3 in the KLAA South Division.

Chiefs clinch

On Tuesday, host Canton wrapped up the KLAA South Division crown on Senior Night a 27-25, 25-11, 25-13 win over Livonia Franklin.

The victory gave the Chiefs a record of 28-6-0 overall and 8-1 in divisional play

NORTHVILLE 3, SALEM 1: After coming out with a 25-22 win in Tuesday's opening set, the visiting Rocks could not keep up the momentum

The Mustangs rolled to 25-20, 25-13 and 25-14 wins to finish a 3-1 match win over Salem. Head coach Amanda Nies said a bright spot for the team was an improvement on offense,

spurred by Brooke Berberet (21 kills). "She was our attack," Nies noted. "She has been playing smart and has been improving the past couple weeks. As a sophomore, this is

something that is great to see." Strong on the defensive side of things was Katie Vincent, with 32 digs. "She moved nicely and did not hesitate."

Other contributors were Katie Heitmeyer (10 digs), Emily Lipa (10 digs), Quinn Fillinger (35 assists, 8 digs), Erika Hatcher (6 kills) and Breanne Beaver (5 kills, 5 blocks). Salem (2-8, 2-7 in the KLAA Central) will host

South Lyon East at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Blazers stop

Sacred Heart

Senior goalie Mackenzie Holme made five saves Tuesday as Livonia Ladywood blanked

Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart in girls field hockey, 2-0. Senior Erin Cronyn had a goal and assist as the Blazers improved to 12-2-1 overall and 4-2-1 in the

division. Senior Emma Ellswood tallied the other goal, while junior Jackie Snyder drew an assist.

Mei-Mei Butcher had eight saves for Sacred Heart (2-9-1, 0-7-1).

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Church's spooky venue raises funds for missions

By Sharon Dargay O&E staff writer

Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia will open the doors to its Halloween attraction on Friday, Oct. 14.

It's the second year the church has turned a storage building into a "haunted annex" complete with skulls, skeletons and creepy spider webs. The spooky venue is larger this year, its list of beneficiaries has expanded and it will remain open an additional weekend.

"It was pretty well received," said Sarah Nadeau, youth and young adult ministry coordinator, recalling the event last year. "I'd say we had 300 people come through ... people from the community and other church vouth groups and neighboring churches that wanted to support it."

The Halloween attraction is housed in a storage building, that at other times of the year is filled with items for the church's rummage sales. Several tents expand the attraction beyond the building.

Members of the church's mission committee and a crew of some 20-40 other church members help plan and develop the scenes inside the attraction under the direction of members Mike and Katy Fillion. Mike is an actor at Erebus, a haunted house in Pontiac. Katy chairs Newburg's mission committee and is a frequent short-term missionary to Jamaica and Appalachia.

"Mike has gone out to Appalachia a few times, too," Nadeau said. "Both have a mission focus but they also have a passion for Halloween. It's a nice combination of gifts and skills.'

Many young members of the church serve as actors and "try to be as scary as possible"



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BERRY, WALLACE MALCOLM

Age 50, Wally was born on November 3, 1960 in Dearborn and died at his home in Plymouth on October 7, 2011. He is survived by his father Tom, brothers and sisters Eileen, Phyllis (Zana Easton), Gordon (Dianne), Sandra (Mark LaPointe), Ron, Marcia Coll, Stuart, and his twin Craig (Laura); nieces and nephews Dan Easton (Kari), Kerry Iaconelli, Brent Iaconelli, Sharilyn Keller, Jill Danbert, Leah Coll, Gina Coll and George Berry. He was predeceased by his mother Jean, brother Bruce, and his grandparents, including grandfather Y.G.T Rehner with including whom Wally had a very special relationship. The family wants to thank the many caregivers at and Plymouth Redford Opportunity Houses for all the love and care they gave Wally. Wally was a gentle and loving soul, and the world was a better place because of him. Memorial contributions can be made to the Community Opportunity Center in Livonia, MI.

> May you find comfort in Family and Friends

SLOAN, TIMOTHY J.

Age 47 of Toledo, passed away Sunday, October 2, 2011 in Perrysburg OH. He was born in Detroit on February 9, 1964 to John Jr. and Christine (Manning) Sloan. Tim was most recently a bartender and server at the Elephant Bar in Toledo, and had been employed in the Food Service Industry in Southeastern Michigan and Northern Ohio for more than 25 years. Tim's won-derful sense of humor brightened his family's and many friends' days. He loved geo-caching, power boating and water sports and was an avid fan of Detroit's professional sports teams and the University of Michigan. He is survived by his parents John Jr. and Christine of Livonia; his wife Stacey (Lucas) of Toledo; his children Patrick (Foley) of Spokane Washington and Shaun of Toledo; his brother John III of Birmingham, Alabama; and his sister Kathleen (Kietur) of Westland, Michigan. A memorial service for Tim will be held Saturday, October 15th, at 10:00 St. Colette Catholic a.m.at Church, 17600 Newburgh Rd. Livonia, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the Hospice of Northwest Ohio, 30000 East River Rd., Perrysburg, OH 43551, Blanchard-Strabler Funeral Home

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

TIBUS-BRICE, BARBARA

Age 80, September 28, 2011. Beloved wife of Donald and a wonderful loving Mom to her children Dawn, Cheryl, Shawn, Janice (deceased) and Joe. Also survived by grand and great-grandchildren. Barbara was born in Detroit, Michigan and prede-ceased by her parents, Leo (Doc) Derkis and Jean Thomason. Barbara attended Wayne State University and for many years owned a breeding, boarding and grooming kennel. She will be sadly missed by her family and dear friends. A memorial service will be held at RG & GR Harris Funeral Home, Livonia, Michigan on October 22, 2011. Visitation: 10:00 a.m. Service: 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Parkinson's Foundation.

IN MEMORIAM OF **ROBERT WILLIAM** PRESTON

Born February 14, 1970, killed in motorcycle accident September 23, 2011 in Missouri. A Memorial was held for him in southern California by his motorcycle club. Mr. Preston is survived by his fiancé, Jeri Laratta of Livonia, Michigan. Jeri wishes

to thank everyone for their prayers, condolences, and donations. All donations are being forwarded to Forgotten Harvest in Robert's name. She asks that any future donations be given to Forgotten Harvest at

www.sharedharvest.now or at .org. If you prefer, call F.H. at 1-800-352-3063 or donate to your favorite charity in Robert's name.

Nadeau said.

"I think it's pretty spooky. It's mostly creepy bolts in the head type of thing ... skulls, skeletons, spider webs. The witch was the greeter at the door last year," Nadeau said. "Workers have walkie talkies, so if a family comes through with little kids, they can give a code word to tone it down and make it more family friendly.

"It's a fun thing that families can do. We wanted to do a community event that was not expensive and was of high quality."

The event last year raised more than \$1,000 for Nothing But Nets, a global effort to end Malaria. This year,

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Oct. 13-19

ANNIVERSARY Time/Date: Celebration at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15; anniversary worship service at 10:15 a.m. Oct. 16 Location: St. Paul's Presby-

terian Church, located on Five Mile west of Inkster Road, Livonia

Details: The church will celebrate its 60th anniversary with appetizers, punch and memories. Past and current members may submit photos for the celebration. Tickets are a \$12 donation

Contact: (734) 422-1470 **APOLOGETICS CON-**

FERENCE Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Oct. 14

Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church & School, 800 S. Military in Dearborn Details: John Pless of Concordia Theological Seminary will present "Human Beings vs Persons: Conflicting Worldviews; cost is \$10, \$5 for students. Download a brochure at www.emmanueldeareborn.org



Denise Klein gets ready to welcome visitors to the Haunted Annex last year.

funds also will go to the church's non-food pantry, which gives toiletries and cleaning supplies to Livonia residents; Joy-Southfield

RELIGION CALENDAR

Contact: (313) 565-4002 COAT DRIVE

Time/Date: Through Oct. 16

Location: Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The church is collecting winter coats, sweaters, sweatshirts, boots and other winter gear. A drop box is available 24 hours a day for clothing donations. It's located under the canopy at the main entrance

Contact: (248) 476-8222 CLOTHING

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 15

Location: Farmington Hills Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 33900 W. 13 Mile, between Farmington Road and Drake, in Farmington Hills

Details: Refurbished

winter clothing and coats and refurbished and new bedding and quilts will be available at no charge to needy families. The clothing distribution is sponsored by the church, Farmington Area Goodfellows, Neighborhood House, Farmington Hills Senior Division and Farmington Public Schools Contact: (248) 661-1353

CONCERT

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday,

Oct. 16

Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 35300 W. Eight Mile, Farmington Hills Details: Free violin and organ recital by Tapani Yrjola and David Troniano

Contact; (248) 478-6520

CRAFT SHOW

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15

Location: Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: More than 30 booths with handmade crafts

Contact: (734) 464-0990

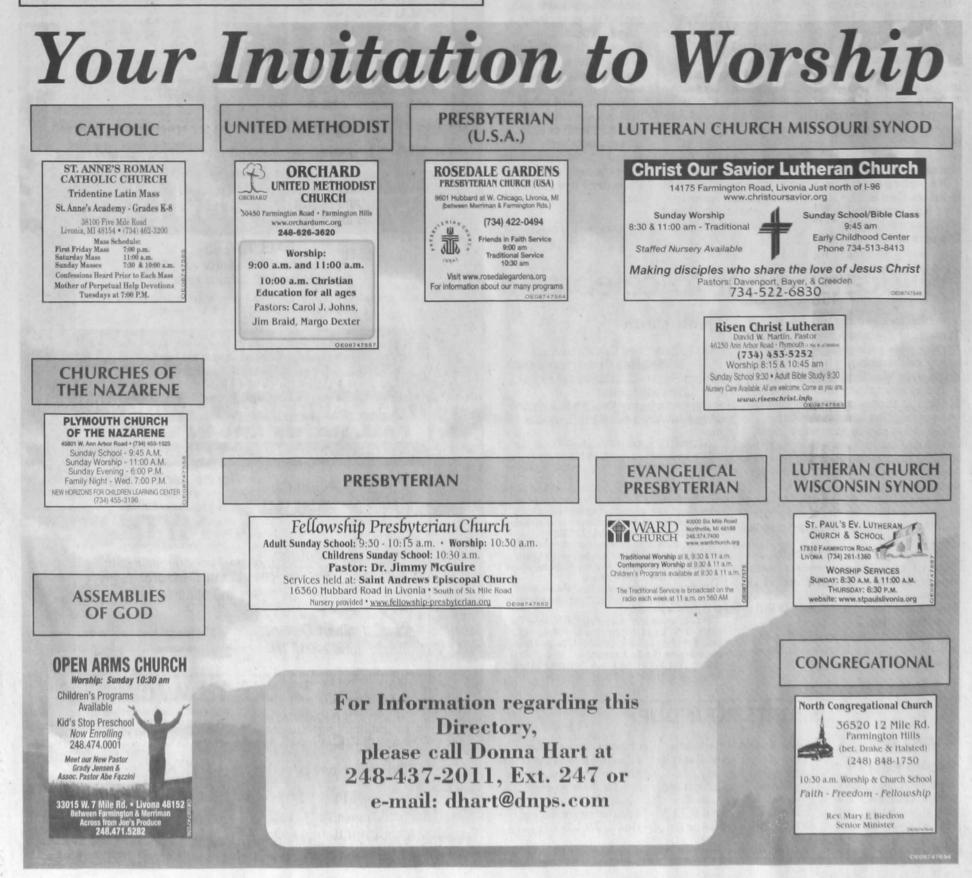
GRIEF SUPPORT

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

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth

Details: "Grieving with Great Hope," a four-week grief support series for Catholics who are grieving the loss of a loved one will offer practical guidance, fellowship with other grievers and time for private reflection and prayer. Speakers will include The Rev. John Riccardo from the parish, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry. Series began Oct. 5

Contact: www.goodmourningministry.net



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Meet a 'Munster' at Redford Theatre screening

By Sharon Dargay O&E Staff Writer

How long did it take to apply wolf boy makeup? Was "Spot" a dragon or

a dinosaur? Who was your favorite co-star?

If you've got questions about The Munsters, you'll get a chance to quiz one of its stars at a special screening of the 1966 movie, Munster, Go Home! Friday-Saturday, Oct. 21-22, at the Redford Theater.

Butch Patrick, who played Eddie Munster in the film, as well as the popular 1960s television show, The Munsters, will be on hand to sign autographs and meet fans.

Show times are 8 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, at the theater, located at 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., Detroit; (313) 537-2560. Tickets are \$5.

In the meantime, we recently chatted with Patrick, who's on a personal appearance tour this month, and asked a few questions of our own: Q: Have you been to

Detroit?

A: I did some stuff for Little Caesar's years ago and came into town and did some stuff at the Fox Theatre. I've never been to the Redford. I'm really looking forward to it.

Q: How long have you been doing the Munster personal appearances?

A: I've been doing this since I was a kid. I have pictures at the Hollywood Bowl on Easter Sunday from 1966. I've got stuff from Marineland...from the Shrine Circus and various parades.



Butch Patrick as Eddie Munster in the television series that ran 1964-66 on CBS.

Q: It never gets old for you? A: There was a

period when I was about 18-30 when I didn't do too much. And then promoters started putting together these autograph collectible shows and toy collectible shows, comic book shows and car shows. Q: How does being on the

road compare with an acting gig? A: Acting is acting. This is very much a fan-based situation,

very casual and impromptu, answering questions, posing for photos and offering

merchandise. Q: Talk about some of the folks you've met. What have been the most memorable

appearances? A: You're talking about a lot of appearances probably hundreds of thousands of people. But in general, the types of groups I usually like the most are families that come in with three generations. They're all watching the show together. That's nice. Q: How does The Munsters compare with the other work you've done in your career. Where does it rate for you?

A: It's good times, it really is. It's the most popular by all means, but I did a year of The Real McCoys and General Hospital before The Munsters. Afterward I did a couple years of My Three Sons. I did a show called Lidsville by Sid and Marty Krofft. So, that's five series and around that I did commercials and a lot of guest star roles in, I Dream of Jeannie, Mr. Ed, The Untouchables, Ben Casey — all the top



A poster for the 1966 film, "Munster, Go Home!"

shows of the period. I went into westerns because I could ride horses. Between them I did 17 movies. It was all happening in and around 12 years. I got in at about 7 and out at 19.

Q: When you left acting at 19, was it to pursue other interests?

A: No, I just wanted to be a kid, kind of run wild like everyone else. I did a lot of traveling.

Q: What brought you back into the business?

A: In 1982 was the start of MTV with rock videos. I did (the song) Whatever Happened to Eddie? and that led me back into the Munster angle. And from that things started happening and people started offering me parts. Halloween had grown from one night of trick or treat to a full month-long of haunted houses and venues and theme parks.

Q: It expanded your ability to do personal appearances? A: Yeah. But now,

I'm going in a new direction. The Redford Theatre kind of planted a seed. I came up with

movie and a meeting. You know, I've been in recovery for most of the year now. So, I asked the powers that be at AA (Alcoholics Anonymous), would it be okay if showed a movie at a meeting -Lost Weekend or Days of Wine and Roses or Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf - big movie themes with alcohol abuse in the scripts. You get people to come to the movie and once the movie is over, they can listen to a panel in which local celebrities explain how (AA) works. You know a lot of people are resistant to going to a typical AA meeting in a church basement or a little room in a government building, but I think they would be receptive to going to a theater and seeing a movie and local peers talk about their problems, to educate them and introduce them to the program. They agreed it was a good idea, so I'm setting some of

those up for next year. Q: Are you working on a

new television show? A: We're documenting this whole trip and I'd like to do something about traveling the country, meeting people who have collectible hobbies, meeting fans, a little bit of Americana, traveling the countryside. There are a lot of recovery overtones in it. The more I get out there and the more I get into the pubic eye, the more people come up and introduce themselves. It starts to build. It's really pretty cool.





Celebrate the harvest, buy a pumpkin

Hear a performance by the Kerfuffles Family Band, watch a cooking demonstration and enter a scarecrow decorating contest at Harvest Celebration, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, in Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road, Canton.

The event will help bring the Canton Farmer's Market to a close for the season.

Look for cider, pumpkins, gourds, hay bales, cornstalks, mums and a variety of apples at the market.

Pumpkin Carver, Ed Moody, also known as "Pumpkin Ed," from Frankfort, will carve a large pumpkin on site and Chef Paul will cook with apples.

Youngsters can parade in costumes at noon. Priz-



es will be awarded for different categories.

Families, groups and businesses may join the scarecrow decorating contest that will start at 9 a.m. at the park. The entry fee is \$10 and will include hay, hanging materials and a chance to win a scarecrow trophy and Canton Leisure Services gift certificates. Visitors to the market will vote on three win-

Call Camille Ulrich for scarecrow contest details at (734) 394-5474.

It's pumpkin time

The Pumpkin Fest at Wilson Barn in Livonia is in full swing, with pumpkins, gourds, and cornstalks for sale 10 a.m.-8 p.m. daily through Oct. 30

Check out the Pumpkin Fest Craft Show 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Oct. 14-16, 21-23, and 28-30.

Admission to the Haunted Barn is \$1. It's open 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14,21,28; noon-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 15,22 and 29; and 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, 23 and 30. Children, 3-10, can

make a Halloween craft at noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22. Cost

is \$1.

Doughnuts, cider, coffee and hot chocolate is sold at the Barn 11 a.m.-8 p.m. every weekend. Proceeds benefit the Barn.

The Wilson Barn is located at Middlebelt and W. Chicago Road, in Livonia.

Pumpkin Palooza

Mark Sunday, Oct. 23 on your calendar for games, contests, activities, entertainment, trick-or-treating and more in downtown Plymouth.

The first annual Pumpkin Palooza will run noon-4 p.m. with fun — including costume contests for kids of all ages. There's even a pet costume contest.

For more information visit www.plymouthmich. org/events.



Flappers and tap dancers

Evan Philips (left) of Belleville, Clare Shortal of Plymouth, Cora Dessert of Farmington Hills and Connor Keliikuli of Northville are cast in Spotlight on Youth's production of "Thoroughly Modern Millie, Jr." Show times are 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Oct. 20-21, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23 and 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 24, at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton. "Thoroughly Modern Millie, Jr." tells the story of a small town Kansas girl who comes to New York City during the sultry Jazz era of the 1920s, seeking a thrilling new life. Millie bobs her hair and seeks to marry her boss for money, not for love. Then she meets a special someone and everything changes. Tickets are \$13-15. For more information about Spotlight on Youth or Spotlight Players call at (734) 480-4945 or Visit:www.spotlightplayersmi.org.



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Saturday, October 15, 2011 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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LIVONIA ART CLUB

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15 and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16 Location: Livonia Civic Center, 32777 Five Mile east of Farmington Road

Details: 13th Annual Affordable Art Sale will offer unframed, small framed paintings, note cards and art objects at affordable prices Contact: Al Weber at (734) 454-7421

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: through Oct. 22; gallery hours are 1-5 p.m.

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville Details: "Outside In," an all-media landscape exhibit juried by plein air painter, Heiner Hertling Contact: (248) 344-0497

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY

ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Thursday in October Location: 744 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

Details: Works by photo journalist **Douglas Elbinger** Contact: (734) 416-4278

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday through Oct. 26 Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road,

Canton Details: Works from the 19th Annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition Contact: (734) 394-5308

VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA

Location: New Five Village Shopping Center, 37653 5 Mile, Livonia Details: Artisans and crafters are needed for the second annual VAAL Holiday Shoppe; accepting applications now Contact: (734) 424 1566



Go Comedy!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

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

JD'S HOUSE OF COMEDY

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

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

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB OF LIVONIA

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

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Kevin Bozeman, Oct. 12-15; Mike Kosta, Oct. 19-22 Contact: (734) 261-0555, www. kickerscomplex.com

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: John Heffron, Oct. 13-15; Bobby Collins, Oct. 20-22; Tim Gaither, Oct. 27-29

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

Dance

MOON DUSTERS

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

Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia Details: Singles and couples dance

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

Contact: Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

MUSIC HALL

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15 Location: 350 Madison, Detroit Details: The Compañia Flamenca Jose Porcel, kicks off the new season with flamenco dance; tickets are \$30, \$40, and \$50

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othing brings the family together quite like taco night. So why not make it extra special by putting a taco twist on some other family favorites to make an easy, fun meal the whole family will love?

Whether it's the crunch that brings them to the table, the craveable taste of tacos or the ability to make their taco, their way, it's the one dinner the whole family loves.

• Do the kids love cheeseburgers? Try the Old El Paso ABC Taco (Amazing Bacon Cheeseburger Taco) recipe to change things up.

 Need something to spice up spaghetti? Make Fiesta Spaghetti Tacos, which serve up spaghetti and meat sauce in a fun fiesta form.

· Chicken nuggets, again? Spice up the flavor by adding taco toppings such as lettuce, sour cream and salsa and serving in hard and soft taco shells.

Visit www.OldElPaso.com for coupons and more ways to put some fiesta into your weeknight dinner routine.

Chicken Nugget Tacos

Prep Time: 30 minutes Start to Finish: 30 minutes 6 servings (2 tacos each)

24 frozen breaded cooked chicken nuggets

% cup sour cream

2 teaspoons Old El Paso 40 percent less-sodium taco seasoning mix (from 1ounce package)

1 to 2 tablespoons milk

1 box (7.4 ounces) Old El Paso hard and soft taco shells 6 hard corn shells and 6 soft flour tortillas)

¼ cup shredded cheddar cheese (3 ounces)

1½ cups shredded lettuce.

½ cup Old El Paso Thick 'n Chunky salsa Bake chicken nuggets as

directed on package. Cover to keep warm. Reduce oven temperature to 325°F. Heat taco shells and tortillas as directed on box.

Meanwhile, in small bowl, mix sour cream, taco seasoning mix and enough milk for desired consistency. Set aside.

Fill each taco shell and tortilla with 2 chicken nuggets, cheese, lettuce and salsa. Drizzle each with sour cream mixture.

Fiesta Spaghetti Tacos

Prep Time: 25 minutes Start to Finish: 25 minutes 5 servings (2 tacos each)

5 ounces uncooked spaghetti, broken in half

1 pound lean (at least 80 percent) ground beef

1 package (1 ounce) Old El Paso 40 percent less-sodium taco seasoning mix 1/2 cup water

1¼ cups tomato pasta sauce (any variety)

1 box (4.7 ounces) Old El Paso Stand 'N Stuff taco shells (10 shells)

1 medium tomato, chopped (3/4 cup), if desired

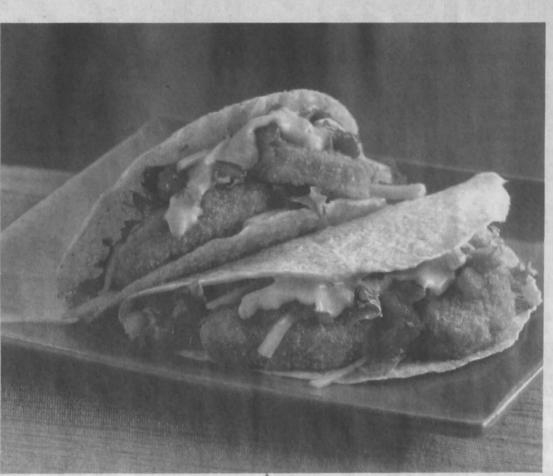
2 tablespoons shredded Parmesan cheese

Cook spaghetti as directed on package; drain.

Meanwhile, in 10-inch nonstick skillet, cook beef over medium-high heat 5 to 7 minutes, stirring frequently, until thoroughly cooked; drain. Stir in taco seasoning mix and water. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat; simmer uncovered 3 to 4 minutes or until thickened. Stir in pasta sauce; cook over medium heat until hot. Stir in cooked spaghetti.

Meanwhile, heat taco shells as directed on box. Spoon about 1/2 cup spaghetti mixture into each taco shell; top with tomato and Parmesan cheese.

Variation: If you like corn, add 1 cup frozen whole kernel corn with the pasta sauce. Cook about 5 minutes or until hot.



Chicken Nugget Tacos

in meal time, so gather the whole family to pitch in and make taco night right - and let the fiesta begin.

Amazing Bacon Cheeseburger Tacos

Prep Time: 25 minutes Start to Finish: 25 minutes 6 servings (2 tacos each)

1 pound lean (at least 80 percent) ground beef

1 medium onion, chopped (1/2 cup) 1 package (1 ounce) Old El Paso 40 percent less-sodium taco seasoning mix

cup water

cup Old El Paso Cheese 'n Salsa dip (from 15-ounce jar)

1 box (7.4 ounce) Old El Paso hard and soft taco shells (6 hard corn shells and 6 soft flour tortillas)

1½ cups shredded lettuce

1 large tomato, seeded and chopped (1 cup)

6 slices bacon, crisply cooked, crumbled

In 10-inch nonstick skillet, cook beef and onion over medium-high heat 5 to 7 minutes, stirring frequently, until thoroughly cooked; drain. Stir in taco seasoning mix and water. Reduce heat to medium; cook 3 to 4 minutes, stirring frequently, until thickened. Stir in dip until well mixed.

Heat taco shells and tortillas as directed on box.

Fill heated taco shells and tortillas with warm beef mixture, lettuce, tomato and bacon.

Substitution: Can't find the Cheese 'n Salsa dip? Try 4 ounces Mexican prepared cheese product, cubed, or another soft cheese that melts easily. If you prefer less spice, use regular prepared cheese product.

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Local Realtor tapped for Leadership Academy

By Julie Brown O&E Staff Writer

Seventeen Realtors who have demonstrated personal and professional success in their respective local markets recently were selected to participate in the 2012 class of the National Association of Realtors Leadership Academy, an initiative designed to nurture and inspire new leaders in the real estate industry.

The only Michigan Realtor chosen was Gary J. Reggish, 45, a Livonia resident and broker/owner of Remerica United Realty in Novi. Reggish is immediate past president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, now the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors.

He is also vice chair of the **RPAC Trustees (Realtor Polit**ical Action Committee) for the Michigan Association of Realtors, State and Local Issues Committee for the National Association of Realtors, Board of Directors member for the National Association of Realtors and two-time winner of the prestigious Realtor of the Year award by the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors

The 2012 Leadership Academy class is comprised of Realtors from 11 states, and the



Gary J. Reggish was chosen for the 2012 class of the National Association of Realtors Leadership Academy. Reggish, a Livonia resident, is broker/owner of Remerica United Realty in Novi.

first international participant from southern Brazil. The participants will gain and expand upon existing leadership skills and abilities while learning more about NAR as the voice for real estate.

The Academy starts Nov. 9. "I'm totally excited. The cool thing is NAR looked at over 100 individuals," Reggish said. "I was just elated to hear I was one of 17 chosen to participate. Just the opportunity to network with the best of the best, you couldn't buy this opportunity.

He looks forward to learning more about national initiatives. "It gives us the ability to really interact with the NAR staff," he said.

"It really helps individuals clarify your own personal goals from a higher level of thinking, and provides a window to how we can achieve our highest potential.'

Reggish is also pleased about the international perspective which is really exciting. It's going to provide the perfect way to meet new colleagues whose values, communication styles, beliefs are significantly different from your own. It causes you to stretch your thinking."

Training will last about a year and take place in Anaheim, Calif., Chicago and Wash-ington, D.C. "My agents are going to have firsthand exposure through one on one training and office sessions.'

He'll also share knowledge through the local real estate association with the public. "It really is an exciting opportunity." He compared it to personal business coaching combined with brainstorming with an international flavor.

Academy participants, who had to undergo an application and interview process conducted by the Academy Advisory Board, will undergo a challenging series of team-building exercises and workshops.

Since the Academy was formed in 2008, over 100 Realtors have graduated and many advance to serve in volunteer leadership positions within their respective state and local associations, as well as within NAR.

Reggish said he'll bring back "an enhanced perspective" he's eager to share.

Bill Martin, state association CEO for the Michigan Association of Realtors, said, "This is highly competitive." The NAR has over a million members nationwide.

"Being selected is quite an accomplishment. We couldn't be more proud," Martin said.

"I think Gary is going to be such an integral part of this Academy," he said. "Gary's so well-versed in so many of these things already. He has a lot more to offer, I think, as an individual participant than the Academy has to offer him."

Martin found out about the selection the same time Reggish did. "I think Gary Reggish is the exact person they had in mind, young, vibrant and certainly an asset not only today but into the future," Martin said.



By Robert Meisner Guest Columnist

Q: Do you know anything about a relatively new real estate issue concerning Wind Power Leases as I am interested in possibly utilizing my farm land for that purpose?

A: As the wind energy market has



matured, the issues relating to the leasing of surface property necessary to build wind

farms has

Robert Meisner

become more sophisticated and complex. As a land owner, you should not blindly sign any lease offered. Negotiations in virtually all facets of the wind lease, from lease compensation, uses and reserve rights to restoration security and renegotiation options, have become highly evolved and creative. Land owners should be introducing new protections and presenting new proposals to share in the revenues of the wind farm or benefit from better than expected wind production. You should consult with a knowledgeable expert regarding the latest compensation structures and land owner requested provisions as well as the possibility of new pooling and co-tenancy arrangements that are at the vanguard of negotiating these types of contracts. You also should be mindful of the severance of "wind rights" as opposed to a mineral right and

Reader reaction to Senior Living column: Write on!

By Nancy Austin Seniors Real Estate Specialist

pparently, this Senior Living column has met with a great deal of enthusiasm. I have received numerous calls and e-mails and will share some with you.



Theresa from Canton says, "It's great information." Jovce from Farmington: "I have read your article pertaining to detached condos in

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er. We are

the paper or have open houses. How some place is to be found without either is mindboggling.'

I explained that many ads are online in the classified section of the paper; Craig's List, Trulia, Zillow, Realtor. com and MoveInMichigan. com, to name a few. I admit, however, that if you are not computer-minded, the search is not an easy one. Most Realtors have the information available to them through the Multiple Listing Service (MLS)

R. G. responded: "We are very interested in Del Webb. We have seen them in Florida. I hope they will build in Canton or even towards Ann Arbor or Howell.' C.K. called to say: "I am a landowner who has been trying to do something nice with my property instead of seeing it divided into a subdivision. It would be unique to the State of Michigan. I've been working on it for over seven

years." More on this later. Karen from Canton: "Your articles are so informative. I look forward to reading them in the Observer.'

Kathie, marketing manager for Village of Redford: "I read your article ... with great interest. It contained valuable information for area seniors, mainly those looking for independent living. The Village of Redford, offers the vast senior housing options all on one 33-acre campus. We are a continuing care retirement community and have served area seniors since 1945. We offer independent living apartments and ranchstyle cottages, assisted living and memory support studios as well as sub-acute rehabilitation and skilled nursing services. Residents who live in our community are offered first priority to health care as they age and their needs change." The director of American House Dearborn Heights

writes to say, "... our community is different from other American Houses because we have 51 Villas (like a condo) in the back of our main building. Private entrance, front porch, full kitchen with appliances, stacked washer/dryer, 1 or 2 bedrooms, ranch style, emergency pull cords in bedrooms and bathrooms."

I can't believe how many people have responded by telling me how informative and necessary this kind of a column is for seniors and for the adult children of seniors. I've been approached by readers in stores, at church, and at meetings. There is much more to come. There is a substantial need for this kind of information.

Nancy Austin Senior Living

retired, but are not interested in any type of retirement community. We are interested in looking for either a ranch home or a detached ranch condo. It seems like Realtors do not do much in the way of listing houses available anymore in

In the meantime, I will keep researching and writing. It's a pleasure to help you, readers.

Seniors Real Estate Specialist Nancy Austin may be reached at nancyaustin@gmail.com or by calling her at (734) 718-8900

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the implications this has for wind leases. In short, this is a whole new area of the law which has just "blown in."

Q: Does Michigan law recognize an easement by necessity for utilities?

A: The answer is simply "no." In effect, the Michigan Court of Appeals said that owners of parcels lacking access to utilities cannot claim such access rights as a matter of law by necessity. Instead, they must obtain additional easements for utility access which may be an added cost of development. The decision is a good reminder that the terms of an express easement are paramount and that the scope of an easement for ingress and egress will not ordinarily be broadened by the court so that drafters of easements should insure that all potentially desired uses are included in the easement conveyance.

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

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 4-8, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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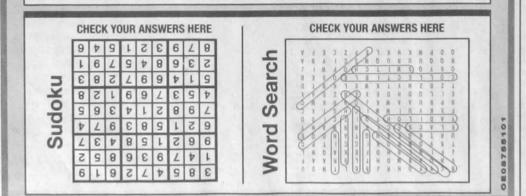
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Chestnut St 14 Mile Rd Puritan Ave	\$249,000 \$246,000	5267 Lancaster Ln 3548 Trentwood Dr FARMINGTON	\$260,000 \$158,000	45167 Bartlett Dr 29308 Douglas Dr 24474 Fairway Hills Dr	\$334,000 \$153,000 \$193,000	28602 Red Leaf Ln 18327 Winterset Dr	\$37,000 \$115,000
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