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**Family help**

The VFW Hall in Plymouth will be the site for a spaghetti dinner fundraiser to help a local family through tough times.

The Pat Savage family of Canton has been struck by devastating medical news. Pat Savage was recently diagnosed with stage four esophageal cancer, which has metastasized through his body, rendering him unable to work. His wife, Joanne, recently went through a major surgery. The Savages have three sons: Colin, Jack and Nolan.

The spaghetti dinner fundraiser takes place 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at the VFW Hall, 1426 Mill, Plymouth. Cost is \$10 for adults and children 12 and older; \$5 for children 11 and younger. Those who can't make the dinner but want to help can make donations to the Pat Savage Support Fund at Chase Bank.

**Spartan honor**

Melissa Crosby of Canton, a Canton High School graduate now attending Michigan State University, was named a 2011-12 Homecoming Court Ambassador.

Crosby, who also attended Bentley Elementary and Discovery Middle schools, is a fourth-year senior at MSU. She said her experiences at MSU have changed her.

"I am fortunate enough to attend an educational institution that is founded on academic excellence while allowing me to get involved in community organizations that have shaped who I am as an individual," Crosby wrote in her blog. "With the knowledge I have gained in and out of the classroom, I hope to inspire, empower and change others as well."

She is the daughter of Albert and Gail Crosby of Canton.

**Spartans ticket contest**

Our website, [Hometownlife.com](http://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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# Lawsuit challenges recall language

**By Darrell Clem**  
Observer Staff Writer

An attorney representing recall-targeted state Reps. Dian Slavens of Canton, Phil Cavanaugh of Redford and Tim Bledsoe of Grosse Pointe filed a lawsuit Friday challenging the Wayne County Election Commission's decision to approve recall petition language against the Democratic lawmakers.

Attorney Mary Ellen Gurewitz said the lawsuit, filed in Wayne County Circuit Court, contends

the three-member panel erred by concluding in a majority vote that the recall language was clear enough for voters to understand.

Rather, Gurewitz said the language fails to provide enough information to allow voters to make "an informed decision" on whether they should sign recall petitions against Slavens, Cavanaugh and Bledsoe.

Gurewitz said the election commission has 28 days to respond to the lawsuit.

Republican attorney Stu

Sandler, who is helping to spearhead a flurry of recall efforts against Democrats, has lauded the commission for approving the language, which states in separate petitions that Slavens, Cavanaugh and Bledsoe "voted in opposition of Public Act 4 of 2011, the Local Government and School District Fiscal Accountability Act of 2011."

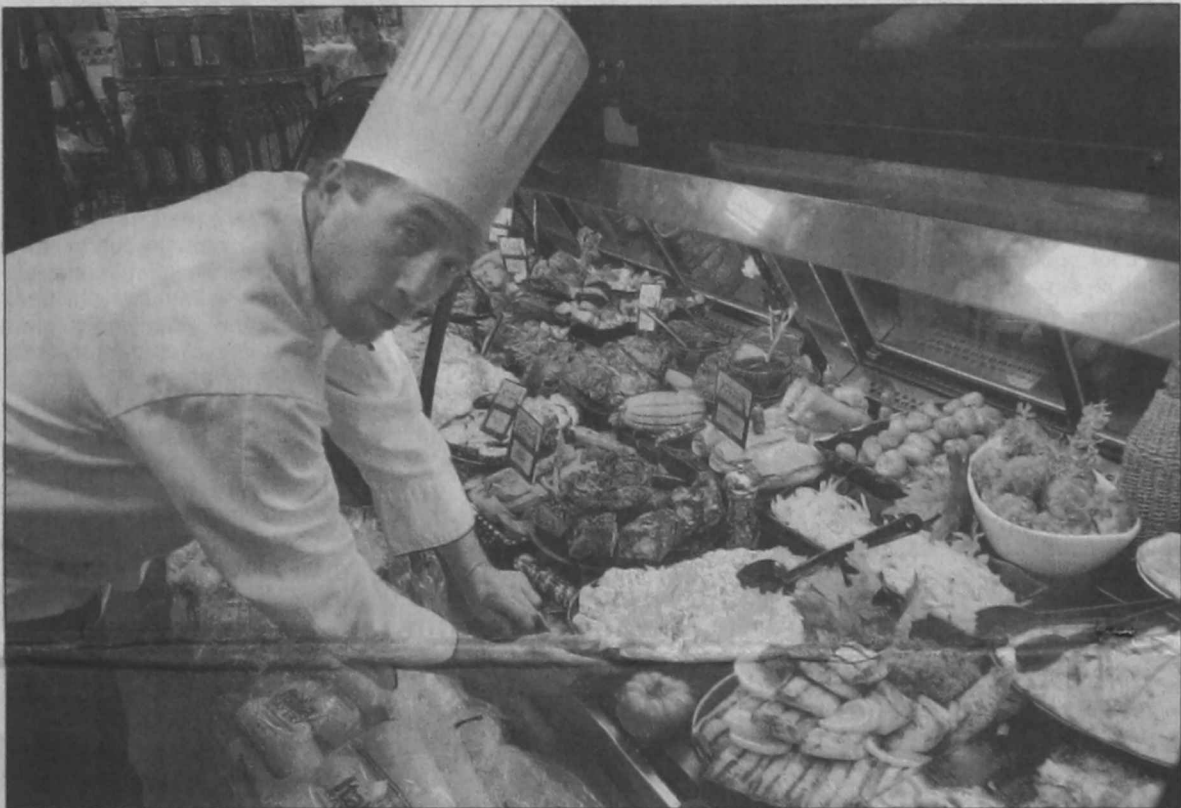
The law, approved by state legislators, handed to governor-appointed emergency financial managers a broadened authority over local municipalities and

school districts plagued by financial woes.

Sandler has said the election commission "did the right thing" by approving the petition language against Slavens, Cavanaugh and Bledsoe because "voters have the right to recall."

Slavens, elected last November to her second consecutive two-year term, has defended her voting record in Lansing and called the recall effort "a distraction" from her efforts to create jobs

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Chef Aaron Carmichael and some of Holiday Market's prepared food selections.

# Market gets cooking with new chef on board

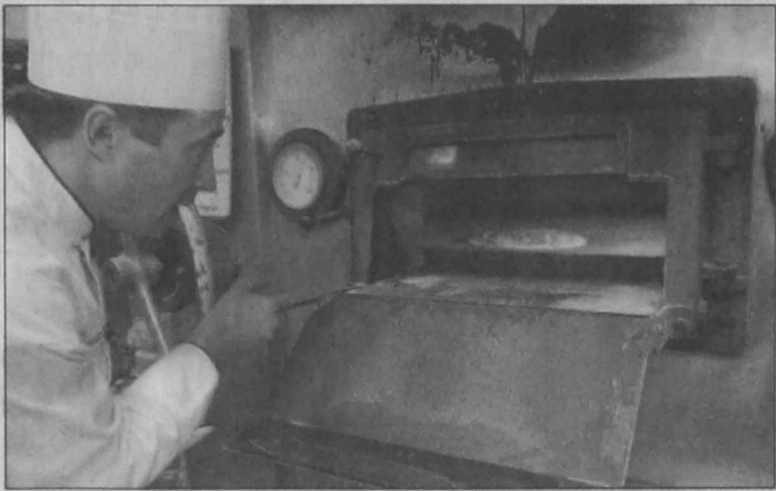
**By Brad Kadrich**  
Observer Staff Writer

Chef Aaron Carmichael has trained all over the world, including two of the more respected culinary schools in the world — Ecole Culinary School in Switzerland and the Cordon Bleu in Paris, France — but still thinks the art of cooking still boils down to what was done one of his favorite eateries of all time.

His grandmother's kitchen.

Carmichael, since June the head chef at Holiday Market in Canton, said he tries to emulate his grandmother's cooking style.

"Keeping it simple is like what my grandmother used to make," said Carmichael, a transplanted East Sider now living with his wife, Christina, and six children in Plymouth. "I loved eating at my grandma's house."



Holiday Market Chef Aaron Carmichael checks on a pizza in the oven.

Now he takes that mantra — keep it simple — into what he and his three-person staff make at Holiday Market. They take care all the "prepared" foods, ranging from such things as basic

roisserie chicken and turkey to prime rib and leg of lamb, as well as a variety of soups, salads and seafood.

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# Feds bust prostitution operation

**By Darrell Clem**  
Observer Staff Writer

Federal authorities say allegations that a prostitution ring used places such as the Shark Club in Canton for parties shouldn't necessarily be perceived as implying wrongdoing by businesses ranging from bars to bowling alleys.

FBI special agent and spokeswoman Sandra Berchtold said defendants accused of organizing so-called meet-and-greet parties for prostitutes and customers often arranged for private rooms or advised those attending the gatherings not to arouse suspicion.

"They would reserve a private room or advise their members to act appropriately," Berchtold said. "I don't know if the party places knew (what was occurring) or not."

She said party organizers, escorts and customers typically didn't overtly reveal their reasons for attending the gatherings.

Three attempts Friday to reach Shark Club owner Michael Mazza were unsuccessful.

According to a federal complaint, the Shark Club was one of the meeting places mentioned during an investigation that led authorities to bust an online prostitution ring that organized sex parties across metro Detroit and elsewhere.

The FBI has arrested three defendants accused in a prostitution ring that authorities say involved parties where prostitutes offered "goodie bags" filled

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# School district will study facility use

**By Brad Kadrich**  
Observer Staff Writer

When the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education considered closing Fiegel Elementary School over the summer as a cost-cutting move, trustees and administrators drew fire from people in the community because the choice appeared to be made without much study.

That won't be the case should the board consider closing a school during its 2012-2013 budget discussion.

Trustees Tuesday gave interim Supt. Jeremy Hughes the go-



Hughes

ahead to sign a deal with Plan-te Moran CRE-SA to conduct a facilities study throughout the district, with an eye toward determining where better efficiency can be had.

The deal was for a minimum \$39,750, but the board gave Hughes permission to go 20 percent above that if unforeseen expenses occur.

Hughes was careful to point out the study, which CRESA offi-

cials said would likely take some 12 weeks, wasn't necessarily about closing a school.

"It goes beyond closing schools, it goes to whether (facilities) are being used efficiently," Hughes said. "Because of Fiegel, people are expecting (CRESA) to tell us what school to close. But we're looking at whether any buildings could be converted, at the attendance balance between particular schools."

CRESA's work would likely supplant the work traditionally done by the district's housing committee. Board Vice President Dianne Gonzalez pointed

out housing studies have generally been done in-house. Hughes said he would comfortable doing it in-house, but recalled the push-back the last time the district tried.

"It took a long time, it was very contentious," Hughes pointed out. "A lot of people would like a third-party recommendation. The kind of data this company brings to the table, I don't think we have. I'm attracted to (CRESA) as a beginning."

CRESA would work with a district steering committee of sev-

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# Lawmakers: Judge cuts would save money

A package of bills to eliminate 45 trial court judgeships was unveiled Thursday in the House of Representatives by House Judiciary Committee Chair John Walsh and Vice Chair Kurt Heise.

The bipartisan legislation is based on the findings of the 2011 Judicial Resources Recommendations report, compiled by the State Court Administrative Office. The report also recommends reducing the number of Michigan Court of



Heise

Appeals judges from 28 to 24. "These reforms are necessary for creating greater efficiency in our judicial system across the state. This is a great example of cutting back on unnecessary expenses while continuing to maintain a high level of service to the residents of Michigan," said Heise,

R-Plymouth: "It's also an example of our effort to reform and restructure government at all levels."

"These recommendations are a common-sense answer to take the needed step of downsizing of our trial court system," said Walsh, R-Livonia. "This was a very well-developed study that analyzed not only the number of cases a judge handled, but how much of a judge's time a specific type of case needs. The study

also took into consideration population loss and population shift. This rebalancing of the workload will assign the correct number of judges for each court's workload and environment while continuing a citizen's access to justice."

The SCAO issues a report every two years. While past reports have recommended reductions in the state's trial and Court of Appeals benches, those recommendations were not implemented,

Walsh said. Both lawmakers acknowledged the great deal of work done by the SCAO, having met with all local judges in Michigan to gather the information.

"We propose eliminating these seats through attrition," Walsh said. "When a judge in an affected seat leaves office or dies, we simply would not fill that seat. It is estimated that this could save the state nearly \$8 million in taxpayer dollars for pay and benefits alone."

## 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](mailto:bkadrich@hometownlife.com)

### BEANS AND BARBECUE SAUCE

**Date/Time:** Nov. 5-12  
**Location:** Plymouth and Canton Neighborhoods  
**Details:** The annual Scouting for Food Can Do Food Drive is coming. Starting Nov. 5, Cub Scouts from all over the Canton and Plymouth area will distribute bags to homeowners on door knobs and mailboxes. Load up the bag with unexpired, unbreakable and imperishable containers of food. Everything from beans, barbecue sauce and baby formula is needed. Simply put the bag on your front porch anytime during the week. It will be picked back up by cub scouts on Saturday, Nov. 12. The food will be redistributed to local pantries in time for the holidays.  
**Contact:** Boy Scout Troop 743 by e-mailing Miguel Lopez at [Miglopezb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Miglopezb@sbcglobal.net) or call (734) 844-3151.  
**AAUW MEETING**  
**Date/Time:** 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20  
**Location:** Hoben Elementary School (Saltz Rd. between Sheldon and Canton Center).  
**Details:** The Plymouth/Canton branch of the American Association of University Women hosts its monthly meeting. We are proud to have one of our own members, Pamela Dean, as our speaker. Mrs.



### Toys for tots

Adam Zientarski, a freshman at the University of Michigan, and Jeff Taylor and Trish Brown of Canton were on hand at Sean O'Callaghan's Irish Pub in Plymouth Wednesday for the first [www.TippingPointEducation.com](http://www.TippingPointEducation.com) event co-sponsored by Magic 105.1-FM to benefit Toys for Tots. More than 50 toys were collected, and donations are still coming in. Brown is the founder of TPE, Taylor is the art director and Zientarski is the vice president of Student Relations.

Dean teaches Language Arts at Salem High School. She has written her first book titled Nothing Can Bring Back the Hour, which will be available in November. She will explain the process involved in having a book published. Mexican entrees will be served for \$6.  
**Contact:** For more information contact Becky Copenhaver at [bgcopenhaver@yahoo.com](mailto:bgcopenhaver@yahoo.com) or (734) 981-6023.  
**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.  
**NEWCOMERS EXTRAVAGANZA**  
**Date/Time:** Wednesday, Nov. 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford in Canton.  
**Details:** Kickoff your holiday shopping in style by joining the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors club at their Holiday Extravaganza. Over a dozen vendors, silent and a live auction, fun, friends, door prizes and more. You can expect unique gifts for all on your list, in every price range, including conversation French tutoring, pet products, golf, an evening out, along with refreshments  
**Contact:** For more information visit [www.cantonnewcomersandneighbors.org](http://www.cantonnewcomersandneighbors.org), or call Noreen at (734) 981-0486. RSVP to [nrybar@yahoo.com](mailto:nrybar@yahoo.com).

### HATING HAMLET

**Date/Time:** Friday, Nov. 11, 8 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 12, 2 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 13, 2 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 18, 8 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 19, 2 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 20, 2 p.m.  
**Location:** Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.  
**Details:** Spotlight Players present "I Hate Hamlet," in the Biltmore Studio. The story revolves around Andrew, a successful young television actor, who is offered the role of Hamlet for Shakespeare in the Park. Set up in a temporary apartment once used by the great Shakespearean actor John Barrymore, he finds himself visited by Barrymore's ghost – and becomes a reluctant student of the great master as the ghost begins training him for the part.  
**Contact:** Tickets available at Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at [www.spotlightplayersmi.org](http://www.spotlightplayersmi.org) or at the door. Tickets are \$15/adults; \$13/seniors and students under 19.

## PROSTITUTION

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with coupons for sexual favors, underwear and chocolates.

A criminal complaint unsealed in U.S. District Court indicates the FBI discovered the illegal activity after a concerned mother sent an e-mail to authorities in 2007, saying her teen daughter had become involved and asking officials to halt the alleged wrongdoing.

Bercholdt said Friday the defendants include Steven Thompson of Southfield and two West Bloomfield residents, David Kilvington and Mark LeBlanc.

According to federal documents, the defendants are accused of operating prostitution-related websites where escorts and customers could chat and learn about so-called meet-and-greet parties.

If convicted, Thompson, Kilvington and LeBlanc could face potential penalties of up to 20 years in prison.

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# Local stores notice upward trend in Halloween sales

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

Statistics say the Halloween season is an increasingly good time to scare up business, and area retailers are noticing that trend.

Americans are expected to spend \$6.86 billion on Halloween this year, with the average person spending just over \$72 on decorations, costumes and candy, up about \$8 per person from last year. About seven in 10 Americans will celebrate Halloween, an NRF-commissioned survey found, with those in the Northeast the most likely to celebrate, while people living in the South are the least likely.

In the Plymouth and Canton area, local retailers say their sales show the increasing popularity of Halloween.

"It has picked up this year," said Amy Hyst, an assistant manager at the Hobby Lobby on Ford Road in Canton Township, which carries Halloween decorations, party supplies, craft kits and candy. "We are going through it much faster than we did last year."

"I definitely didn't have enough stuff" for Halloween 2009, her first at Creatopia on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, owner Lindsey Lebovitz said. She was relying on what past owners had done for the season, she said, and came up short.

"Now, I've ordered more. I have more variety. ... I've grown it so there's more stock and more samples," Lebovitz said.

At Creatopia, where customers paint and per-



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Some decorations are big enough to dwarf your landscaping, like this inflatable Dracula seen on Longfellow Drive.

sonalize ceramic pieces, there are jack-o'-lantern decorations, pumpkin- and ghost-shaped dishes, spider figurines and Frankenstein-shaped cookie jars, Lebovitz said. "We have Halloween pottery out and ready to paint," she said.

At Hobby Lobby, there are also Halloween-themed decorations: yard displays, wall-hangings, window clings, plus foam and sticker craft sets for children. There are also dressup items, such as headbands with cat ears, Hyst said, but no full costumes.

Hyst said the store markets Halloween merchandise as part of a broader offering of autumn-related merchandise.

"Some people, they just really love Halloween, so that's all they're really interested in," said Hyst, who has been with the chain for eight years.

Big-box stores are cashing in on the season, too.

"It's almost the second Christmas, as a matter of fact," said Deborah Mitchell, the manager at the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township.

Costumes and inflatable figures, such as witches and pumpkins, are particularly popular, Mitchell said, and customers' chat seems to show an increasing number of Halloween parties from year to year.

"Our store population is really excited around the Halloween season," she

said.

Walmart Stores Inc. didn't provide specific information about its Ford Road store in Canton, but a spokeswoman said the Halloween season is important for it.

"Halloween continues to be a very popular holiday, and Walmart carries a wide range of merchandise to help our customers stay safe and have fun," the spokeswoman wrote in an e-mail.

Back in Plymouth, Sandy McGrew, owner of the Candy Trail on Ann Arbor Trail, said she does a good seasonal business in a Halloween staple — candy — but that it's more likely to be specialty candy for Halloween parties rather than the kind typically handed out to trick-or-treaters.

"Adults still come in and buy candy because they can't go trick-or-treating," McGrew said. She opened the store in 2009, and says Halloween sales have been trending up.

Popular Halloween candy items, McGrew said, include gummy "eyeballs," gummy "boogers" ("I got a lot more this year," she said), flavored wax shaped like moustaches and teeth and, new to the store, lollipops with crickets and scorpions inside.

"They take the sting-ers off," McGrew said of the novelty candy, which sell for \$3.50 each for the scorpions. "They're real bugs, and they eat them."

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## Suspect recovering after home invasion shooting

By Darrell Clem  
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As a wounded home invasion suspect was recovering Friday in a hospital, Canton authorities couldn't say whether a resident who shot him could potentially face criminal charges.

"That's a legal decision for the (Wayne County) Prosecutor's Office," Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said Friday afternoon.

Canton police were continuing an investigation that involved a potential second suspect and whether the pair may be implicated in other local crimes.

The wounded suspect was identified only as a 19-year-old Brownstown Township man because he hadn't yet been charged. He is expected to survive after police say he was shot by a resident during a home invasion that occurred shortly before 1 p.m. Wednesday on Canton's west side.

"He is continuing to recover," Schreiner said.

The suspect suffered a wound to his leg after the homeowner shot him with a handgun after he allegedly broke into the home on Townsend, near Ridge and Saltz roads.

The homeowner, described by Schreiner as in his early 40s, called police to report that "he had just shot an intruder who had broken into his house," Schreiner has said.

Police rushed to the home and found the intruder being held at gunpoint by the homeowner, who had a handgun. The resident wasn't injured.

Canton paramedics rushed the suspect to a hospital, and he was described as "alert and conscious" after the shooting.

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en-nine people, attend meetings and develop the plan for board decisions to be made "in a timely manner."

CRESA did similar work in the Walled Lake district, which ended up closing a building.

"I like the fact this team did the work at Walled Lake ... They have experience in this area,"

Hughes said even if CRESA recommends eliminating a school, it wouldn't necessarily mean closing a building. Any school marked for change could be converted.

"We still need a new home for Starkweather, and there's growing interest in establishing an International Baccalaureate facility," Hughes said.

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## Discover council embraces diversity

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

When Discovery Middle School officials started the school's Diversity Council a couple of years ago, 30 students responded to the call.

That number more than doubled to 65 last year and, with the club growing more popular seemingly by the day, some 85 students got involved. And it needn't have stopped there, save for one problem.

"We don't have a room big enough to hold them all," said Discovery teacher Rebecca Bastianelli, who joined original chair Rania Hammoud's team last year. "We could easily have more; we just don't have the space."

It's a good problem to have as the school strives to battle social issues such as bullying and

racial and cultural issues at the school.

The council was honored by the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education at Tuesday's board meeting for its accomplishments during the last school year.

"Diversity means we must understand and recognize every culture as one," said Discovery student Evan Luo, a member of the council. "We should embrace everyone with open arms. It's about moving beyond the color of our skin."

The council's mission is to work together to "promote a school environment where everyone can feel valued and respected." It strives to accomplish that mission through a variety of projects and activities, among them:

- Black History Month — Students created a movie to showcase influ-

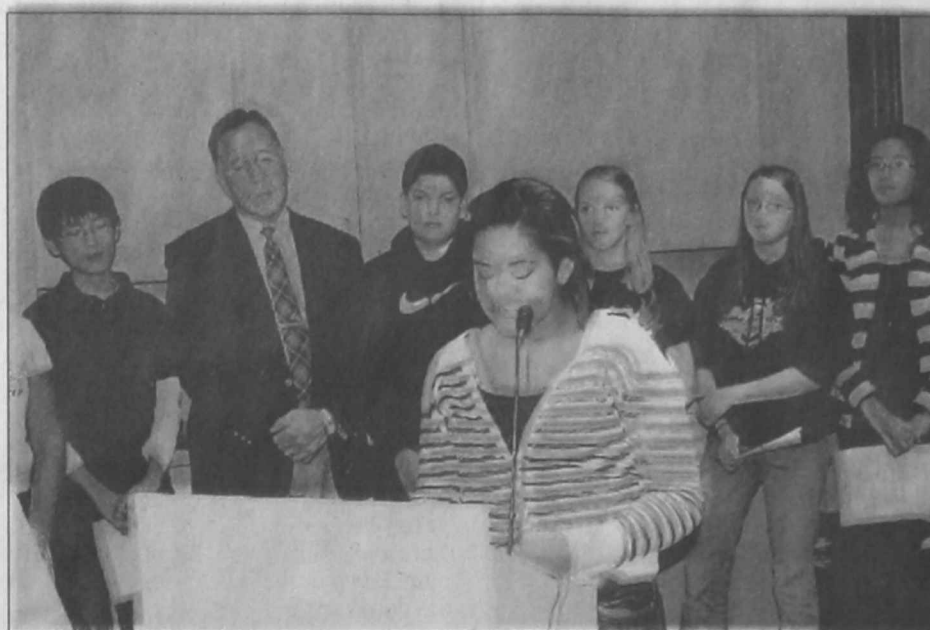
ential African-Americans who helped shape U.S. history. That project actually won an award from PBS.

- Holidays Around the World — Using books and reference material, students researched facts on major holidays celebrated by various religions, creating posters for display.

- Mix It Up Day — The event encouraged students to identify, question and cross social boundaries, and got them to move out of their comfort zones to connect with new peers during the lunch hour.

"In order to break up the kids sitting with the same people every day, we used rubber stamps, colors, etc., to get them to switch," Hammoud told the board. "It was a fun way to get kids to sit with new friends."

- Stand Up to Bullying campaign — The proj-



Students and faculty representing the Discovery Middle School Diversity Council made a presentation to the Board of Education Tuesday.

ect educated Discovery students about different forms of bullying and got them to sign a pledge not to just be bystanders when they come across bullying.

This was one of the council's more important efforts, because it's what's important to the kids, Bastianelli said.

"The kids find a need for it, especially against bullying," Bastianelli

said. "Pretty much every applicant who applies says bullying is still an issue, and they really do want to solve it."

The program is increasingly popular, Bastianelli thinks, because of its ability to touch nearly everyone.

"We involve a large number of students, and those students then lead activities with the entire school," she said. "It ends

up involving the entire student population."

And that student population appears to embrace it emphatically.

"It changed my sixth-grade experience," seventh-grader Olivia Dillaha said. "This year I believe we can do more about bullying. I think we can end it forever."

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Payton Dixon (from left), Gary Zhang, Michael Montesi, Rachel LaFramboise, Kylie Dunn, Langston Jackson.

### Poetry awards

Dodson Elementary has 250 published student poetry authors.

The school was recently notified that it had won two national poetry contests and its students were published in two books: Young American Poetry sponsored by National Schools Project in Boise, Idaho, and a Celebration of Poets sponsored by Creative Communication in Smithfield, Utah.

From the second book, Dodson School received a Creative Com-

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munication Language Arts Grant of \$250 to further develop writing.

This money was used to help bring Brod Baggett, a nationally acclaimed poet to the school for workshops and a parent evening presentation.

With hundreds of schools entering this contest, only a small percent were honored with this award.

#### Alumni event

The second annual Gathering at the Gridiron alumni tailgate

party takes place Friday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m. at the Varsity Football Stadium.

The Canton Chiefs take on the Salem Rocks in football at 7 p.m.

All alumni are invited to attend a tailgate party, which will feature food and entertainment before the game. The alumni festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. just outside the Varsity Football Stadium at the Park.

Tickets are just \$5 each and can be purchased online at [www.give-2schools.org/cat.asp?id=8662BF89DAD54B029F719C18D164B8A5](http://www.give-2schools.org/cat.asp?id=8662BF89DAD54B029F719C18D164B8A5)

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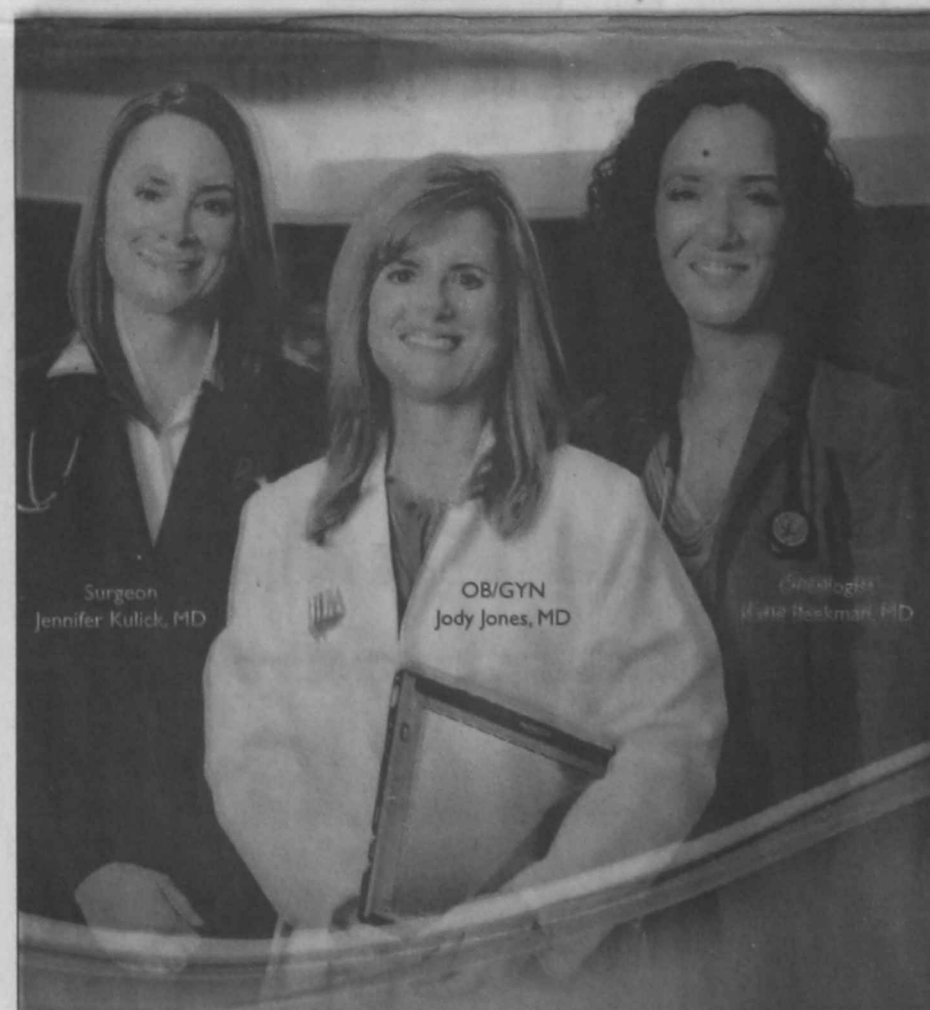
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# Colbeck foes push forward with recall effort

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

A recall organizer hoping to oust state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, appears confident the freshman legislator's critics can obtain enough petition signatures to get the issue placed on a ballot for 7th District voters to decide.

Colbeck, however, vowed to fight the recall effort even as he said he remains focused in Lansing on issues important to his constituents.

The recall effort against Colbeck, who was elected to a four-year term last November, cites his support of Public Act 4 of 2011 — a state law that broadened the powers of governor-appointed emergency financial managers over local gov-

ernments and school districts plagued by financial woes.

"Citizens do not want non-elected bureaucrats coming in to take control of our schools and our communities," recall leader Mary Kelley, a Northville Township resident and retired Trenton elementary principal, said.

Critics say the legislation stripped away the powers of voter-elected officials, while Gov. Rick Snyder, Colbeck and other supporters hailed the law as necessary to rescue certain school districts and municipalities from financial ruin.

Colbeck has defended his work in Lansing and said Thursday that, "I'm doing what I was elected to do."

He said his work goes beyond Public Act 4 to include creat-

ing jobs; pushing for educational excellence through better classroom performance rather than simply higher spending; fighting for federal dollars to improve the traffic-plagued I-275/Ford Road interchange; and supporting state efforts to sell the Robert Scott Correctional Facility in Northville Township.

Yet, Kelley said recall proponents believe Colbeck and others abused their legislative authority by supporting Public Act 4. She said well over 200 people are circulating more than 6,000 petitions against Colbeck — volunteers she said are registered voters from across a wide swath of southeast Michigan.

"There's a high level of anger that is fueling a very strong volunteer response," she said.

Kelley said she didn't have a

precise count on how many voters had signed the recall petitions. But, she said she "absolutely" believes the recall group can collect the 27,300 signatures that the Wayne County Clerk's Office says it needs from 7th District voters to get the issue on a ballot.

Though recall organizers have until early February to circulate their petitions, they have only a 90-day window within that time frame to collect all the signatures they need.

"It is a big task," Kelley conceded, but she said she has been "amazed" by the determination of recall volunteers.

Recall language against Colbeck was approved in August by the Wayne County Elections Commission. His dis-

trict includes all or part of the communities of Canton, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Belleville, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Northville, Rockwood, Trenton, Woodhaven and the townships of Brownstown, Grosse Ile, Huron, Northville, Sumpter and Van Buren.

Colbeck said he has remained focused in Lansing. However, he said the recall effort has detracted from the time he tries to spend with his family when he is in his district. He said he has had to focus on raising money to fight a potential recall.

"What has suffered is my ability to spend time back at the ranch with my family," Colbeck said.

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and work for her 21st District constituents.

Critics of Public Act 4 contend it usurped the authority of local officials elected by voters. They also say it gives emergency managers powers they shouldn't have, such as the ability to gut negotiated contracts for employ-

ee groups.

Supporters say the law gives the emergency managers the tools they need to rescue troubled municipalities and school districts from financial ruin.

In a 2-1 decision Oct. 6, the election commission approved the recall language against Slavens, Cavanagh and Bledsoe — after repeat attempts by recall supporters

to get petition wording approved.

Gurewitz argued that voters will not understand petition language that references Public Act 4, and she said she is concerned that recall volunteers may misrepresent the law to get voters to sign petitions.

Moreover, Gurewitz has blasted the recall effort as retaliatory against Democrats due to earlier-

approved recall petitions against Republicans who supported Public Act 4.

Gurewitz said voters trying to recall Republican lawmakers have a legitimate issue because the legislation strips away the rights of voters who elected their local leaders.

In its Oct. 6 vote, the election commission split 2-1 in approving recall language against Slavens,

Cavanagh and Bledsoe. Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett and Probate Judge Freddie Burton Jr. supported it, while Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz opposed it as unclear.

Sandler argued that the language was identical — except for two words — to earlier-approved recall petition language against state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton.

The language against Colbeck stated that he voted "in favor" of Public Act 4, while the wording against the Democrats said they voted "in opposition" to the law.

The recall efforts are among a flurry of such attempts that arose across Michigan since last November's election.

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# Filmmaker boosted by local setting, talent

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

Michigan's tax incentives for the movie industry have been curtailed, but those who work in the business still find the Plymouth-Canton area an attractive place for on-location filmmaking.

The latest local project is *The House*, an independently produced drama about a young couple and the criminal investigation that changes their lives.

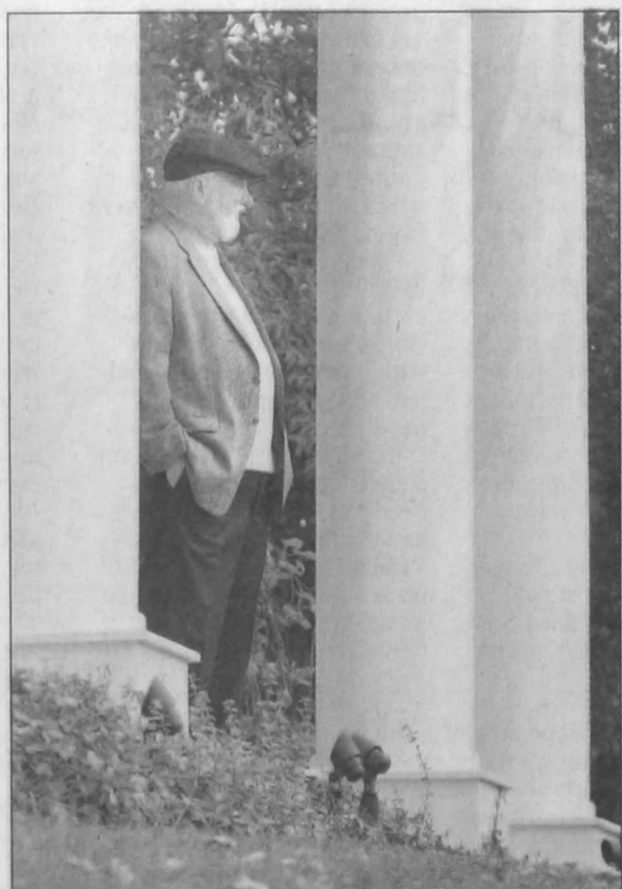
"That really is the lead character," said screenwriter, director and actor John Bosley of the film's central figures, Jack and Anne Peterson. "That's the dynamic of the story."

Bosley, who plays Jack, spoke Thursday during a break in shooting at the house of Debra Christian, just off Napier Road. It's a grand brick colonial on five acres in Superior Township, and Christian said hosting Bosley and his crew has been nothing but positive, and that she's glad to contribute to Michigan filmmaking.

"If I can help somebody's dream come true, I'm on board," Christian said.

## Small-town setting

The fictional Petersons live in the real town of Greenville, Maine, and Bosley's film opens with FBI agents visiting their



James Sands is one of the producers of "The House."

house as they investigate the killing of two girls whose bodies were found in a neighboring state.

Instead of a whodunit that unfolds from the investigators' point of view, *The House* shows what happens to the couple as Jack is put under scrutiny.

"You see more of it through the couple's eyes as things are unraveling,"

said Bosley.

It's also about the reaction of the townspeople — Bosley grew up in Maine and said Plymouth shares many similarities with the small towns there — as they ask themselves, "How do we deal with one of our people being investigated?" Bosley said.

The film also deals with the problems faced

by veterans returning from the war in Afghanistan, and with the question of where pharmaceutical companies put profits ahead of people, Bosley said.

Bosley wrote *The House* in 2005 and shelved it for a few years — with the collapse of the economy, he said, there was a lack of investors.

But co-star Erika Hoveland's screen test last year, for another of his projects, inspired him to pick up the script again.

"I believe she's probably the best actress we've got in Michigan," Bosley said.

## Local film credits

Hoveland, who is from Alberta, Canada, has been acting for more than 20 years. She's had parts in the upcoming *Roadkill: A Love Story*; *Sparkle*, the remake of a 1976 movie; and *Lee Martin's The Midnight Hour*, a series on running on local cable channels, two episodes of which have been filmed at Christian's house.

"It's a passion," said Hoveland of her acting. "It's just been in my blood."

Bosley said Hoveland was ready to take on the role of Ann after three hours of rehearsal. "I've never seen anybody jump into a character like that," he said.

Bosley said *The House* isn't getting any state tax incentives, but that the production has benefited indirectly from the incentives because of the local talent they've helped nurture by boosting the state's film industry.

"For a lot of people, in this economy, that is their only source of income," said James Sands, who has a bit part and is co-producing *The House* along with Bosley and Pam Wenzel.

Sands has a long acting history, starting out with the Kansas City Play-ers, a community theater troupe, in the 1960s. "The bug bit me," he said.

He is a featured extra in *Real Steel*, starring Hugh Jackman, which is currently in wide release, and also has a part in *13th Sign*, a horror movie that will premiere next month at The Fillmore in Detroit.

Sands, who was visiting the location for the first time Thursday, said he's pleased to be involved on a project with Bosley. "He's a very talented young man," he said.

Christian, a speech pathologist in the Garden City Public Schools, said Bosley and his crew have a knack for making her house look like someone else's — and for restoring it after they finish for the day. They clean up and take the Petersons' fami-

ly pictures from the walls and replace them with her own.

"At night, when they leave, it looks like my house again," Christian said.

## 'A win-win'

Christian said she listed house with the Michigan Film Office just over a year ago, and got a call about it just four days later: the folks making *LOL*, an upcoming comedy with Demi Moore and Miley Cyrus, were interested. Scouts spent a day looking around and taking pictures, she said, but ultimately the timing didn't work because of a previously planned family trip.

But *The Midnight Hour* and *The House* have stepped in to film there.

"It's been a really positive experience for us," Christian said. "If we can be a part of promoting (film) in Michigan, it's a win-win for everybody."

Bosley plans to wrap up the shooting schedule for *The House* by Sunday, Oct. 23, and plans to take his cast and crew to downtown Plymouth to shoot a scene. Once the film is shot, edited and completed, he said, he'll be looking to take it to film festivals — and looking for a distributor.

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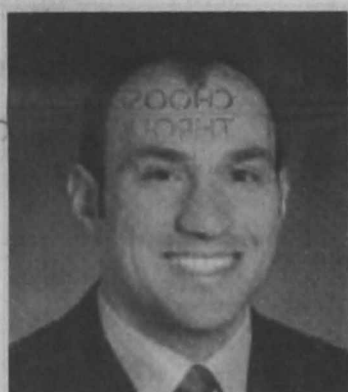


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Carmichael has been cooking for some 25 years, his interest born out of the Indianapolis restaurants owned by his grandfather. His first real job was at Don's Chuck Wagon, a mom-and-pop eatery on Detroit's east side where he started as a dishwasher and elevated to cook. He then moved to Lochmoor Country Club at the age of 16.

He has studied under star chefs like Chris Hessler, now the corporate chef for Kruse & Muer Restaurants. In addition to the international train-



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Holiday Market Chef Aaron Carmichael talks about his favorite apples.

ing, Carmichael has studied in the culinary programs at both Macomb Community College and Oakland Community College.

## Award winner

His cooking shows have earned him seven gold medals, five silver and two bronze medals, plus a Best of Show honor in a Michigan Restaurant Association competition. It was a \$10,000 MRA scholarship that helped pay for him to study at Cordon Bleu.

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Carmichael points out not everything about being a chef is about cooking — there's organization, inventory, portion control, budgeting and sanitation, among other responsibilities.

Still, Carmichael wouldn't trade places with anyone.

"I enjoy what I do," he said. "I spend most of my time doing it, so if I didn't have fun with it, life would be pretty miserable. If I died tomorrow, it will have been a great life."

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## Downtown retailers to debut Halloween event for kids

By Matt Jachman  
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Games, crafts, entertainment, a "haunted alley" and candy — of course — will hit the streets of downtown Plymouth next weekend for the debut of a one-day Halloween party for children.

Pumpkin Palooza, a free event being organized by downtown retailers, will combine elements the Great Pumpkin Caper (downtown trick-or-treating) and summertime's Kid Palooza, the two events it replaces. The first-ever Pumpkin Palooza is scheduled for noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23.

"We wanted it to be more of an event instead of the normal trick-or-treating," said Lindsey Lebovitz, the owner of Creatopia and chairwoman of the Pumpkin Palooza committee.

"It's more fun for the kids instead of just walking around in a circle on the sidewalk, in a big, huge crowd," Lebovitz added.

The Great Pumpkin Caper, which drew kids to downtown businesses that were passing out candy, was popular, said Teri Fry, events manager at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, but the spirit of Halloween — and fun — was lost in the crush of people.

Pumpkin Palooza, while offering trick-or-treating at some businesses (and at candy stations at three major intersections), will also feature a variety of activities that should be more in keeping with the Halloween theme, she said.

"They wanted to do something better," Fry said of the retailers.

Pumpkin Palooza will take place downtown on

Main, Forest, Ann Arbor Trail and Penniman — the streets will be closed to vehicles — and at Kellogg Park and The Gathering.

Games, with prizes, will include pumpkin bowling (pumpkins as bowling balls, gourds as the pins), witch-hat ring toss, pumpkin bocce ball and "ghost" waiter races. There will also be Halloween-themed crafts, a strolling magician and a strolling balloon sculptor, a 2:30 p.m. hula-hoop demonstration in Kellogg Park, and a noon pet costume contest and 1:30 p.m. children's costume contest both at The Gathering. (Registration for the pet contest is at 11:30 a.m.; entrants to the kids' contest can just show up).

Pumpkin Palooza will also feature a "haunted alley" (the passageway between Main and the lower part of the downtown parking deck) and a "pirate singer" who will be doing his swashbuckling on Forest between Wing and Ann Arbor Trail.

Jack Demmer Ford is the event's major sponsor, but Fry said upwards of 35 businesses are participating. Some 20 to 25 of those, said Lebovitz, will have candy for trick-or-treaters.

It'll be the only downtown Plymouth event designed especially for children, the two said.

"Most of the events that go on in town are for adults, except for Fall Festival," said Fry. "So this is strictly a children's event."

For updates on Pumpkin Palooza offerings, check the chamber's website, [www.plymouthmich.org](http://www.plymouthmich.org), and click on the "events" tab.

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# Mom wants treasure hunt to honor daughter

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

Most people seemingly pay no attention to pennies.

Maria Sterlini of Canton hopes to change all that.

In a tribute to her daughter, Lynda, stricken with stage four pancreatic cancer, Sterlini is hoping to organize a "treasure hunt" Tuesday — her daughter's 38th birthday — that will have people all over the area not only collecting pennies, but paying close attention to what it says on them.

"In God We Trust."

It's sort of become Sterlini's mantra, in light of the health of her daughter, diagnosed in 2008 with a cancer doctors said would kill her within a month.

But Lynda Sterlini has held on, beating the odds to become what her mother calls "a medical miracle." And Maria Sterlini believes the penny has a lot to do with it, in particular the saying on the front.



Maria Sterlini of Canton is hoping to organize a treasure hunt Tuesday to highlight the penny in honor of the saying printed upon it, "In God We Trust."

With her daughter stricken with a terminal disease, Maria found herself "at the lowest time of my life," when she says she suddenly started seeing pennies everywhere. They were next to her car, on windowsills, in bathrooms in parking lots.

One day, she said, she came across "a pile of pennies," and thought, "What is this? Somebody

dropped all these pennies. There's got to be a message there."

She gazed at the pen-

nies and saw that phrase: "In God We Trust."

"What that meant to me is I have to trust in God to protect and watch over my daughter, and bring her the people she needs," Maria said. "She's always told me that God would take care of her."

Maria said she and her friends were talking about the pennies, and remembered a few years ago someone wanting to remove "In God We Trust" from them. As a means of rebelling against that idea, she and her friends began ending all their e-mails with the phrase.

Now Maria wants to organize a treasure hunt of pennies. She's hoping to talk parents and grandparents into

spreading them among their children, in yards where kids can search for them, or in backpacks or bedrooms.

She's hoping companies will spread them among their employees, in conference rooms and cafeterias, where workers can find them, all to help spread the message: "In God We Trust."

"Maybe people will never look at a penny the same way again," Maria said. "I would like everybody to participate that day, whatever it means to an individual person ... if they take a moment to say a prayer, or if they just remember and pay attention. If it just gives them a moment of hope, it'd be well worth it."

It's been worth it for Maria and Lynda, who

has survived these years despite doctor's prognostications. Maria said U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter has arranged to fly a flag Tuesday, complete with a penny, in honor of her daughter.

"She's a miracle," Maria said of Lynda, who has a 21-year-old son, Daniel, and a 15-year-old daughter, Alexsa. "Doctors really don't know how she's alive. She has been through the gamut. Any one of the things should have taken her, but she's a medical miracle. She's such an inspiration."

Anyone who wants to help Sterlini take part in the treasure hunt can call her at (734) 981-3952.

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# Living trust can benefit partner, children

**By Rick Bloom**  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** Dear Rick: I'm in my mid-70s and a widower. I have a significant other who's about 10 years younger than me. We have lived together for the past seven to eight years. We are not married and because of some financial and legal issues, we don't plan to get married, however, most of our friends think we are. I want to make sure that she is taken care of upon my death. I've talked to my adult children about this and, to say the least, they're not happy. Is there a way that I can protect my significant other during her lifetime and, at the same time, not upset my children



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

too much? The house we live in is mine and my investment accounts are in the high six figures. She has some assets, but not nearly enough to maintain herself if something should happen to me. Any ideas?

**A:** There are a number of different ways that you can proceed. I would recommend a living trust in which you stipulate that upon your death, the assets remain in the trust and are used for the benefit of your significant other. Then, upon her death, those assets would be distributed to your children. This would protect your significant other during her lifetime and, at the same time, provide what is left in the estate upon her death would go to your children, not her beneficiaries. This would accomplish both your goals. However, there are a couple of sticking points that you will have

to resolve.

The first is how much would you want your significant other to get on a year-by-year basis? You have many options in this regard. You can provide that she gets the income from the trust, put a provision that provides she gets a set monthly distribution from the trust for as long as she lives (with or without a cost-of-living adjustment), or she can get a distribution based upon her actual living expenses. Whether you want her to have access to the principal of the estate or not is something that you also need to consider.

The other sticking point is who would be the trustee of this trust. In most situations, I want family members to be trustees, however, that may not work in your situation. I suggest having two trustees so that there is some sort

of check and balance. What you don't want is the trustees fighting and causing all sorts of problems. This is one of those rare cases that I may recommend you consider a professional trustee such as a bank or an attorney, however, you do have to proceed with caution. Choosing the right trustees is essential.

While you're setting up your living trust, you should also consider a medical durable power of attorney. If there is some sort of medical emergency, who would you want to make those decisions? Would you want your significant other or your children? Right now if something should happen, your significant other would have no rights. If you want her involved in the decision-making process, you definitely need a Medical Durable Power of Attorney. (A

free Medical Durable form is available on my website by opening the following direct link: Medical Durable Power of Attorney/Declaration of Medical Care.)

More and more couples are finding that for whatever reason, a formal marriage doesn't work in their situation. In those situations, it is more important than ever to make sure you establish the proper documentation to protect each other if something should happen. Currently, under our present laws, significant others virtually have no rights.

Good luck!

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# Sound Garden draws rave reviews

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Canton's second Sound Garden has drawn accolades after it drew an estimated 300 nature lovers, musicians and artists to the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail, deemed a perfect autumn setting for the popular outing.

Outdoor enthusiasts parked their cars near the trail head at Morton Taylor north of Michigan Avenue and escaped on a picture-perfect day Saturday, Oct. 8, along a trail shrouded in colorful fall foliage.

"We had perfect weather," Jon LaFever, Canton recreation supervisor, said. "The weather could not have been any more perfect for that day."

Some people brought their bikes and rode the length of the five-mile trail, connected by a series of wooden pedestrian bridges from Canton Center Road to I-275.

LaFever said many attendees discovered for the first time what many nature lovers consider Canton's best-kept secret.

They listened to musicians such as guitarist Bob Skon and saxophonist Tola Lewis and watched as local artist Sharon Dillenbeck, inspired by the landscape, painted under clear-blue skies. They also saw a demonstration of

Raku art.

Dillenbeck and Deana Salhaney, a teacher at Dillenbeck's D&M Art Studio in Canton, stood near the Rouge River bank and painted what they saw.

"It was awesome," Dillenbeck said. "It's being close to nature, one on one. Even with so many people, it still seemed like one on one. We had so much fun."

Organizers last year unveiled Sound Garden in August, but chose this year to move it to October. It is expected to become an annual event, and it costs nothing to attend.

"We've kind of discovered a niche audience for this event," LaFever said.

Outings such as Sound Garden also help to promote the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail, a seamless trail now that pedestrian bridges connect it.

"Every time we do something there, we're amazed at how many people are coming out for the first time," LaFever said.

Those who want to access it from the trail head should go north on Morton Taylor from Michigan Avenue and look for a parking area. From there, the trail can be accessed both east and west, and it also has smaller offshoots.

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Saxophonist Tola Lewis was among the performers at Canton's second Sound Garden.



Musician Bob Skon performs amid an autumn backdrop during Sound Garden.



Artist Sharon Dillenbeck stands near the bank of the Rouge River and paints during Sound Garden.



Crowds got to see Raku art during their visit to Sound Garden.

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# TV anchor gives hope to inner-city teens

## GIVING HOPE FACTS

Formed in 2006, the Giving Hope, Giving Circle provides grant making initiatives that address the needs of local women and their families, creates an endowment fund for the future, and builds a community of women philanthropists. By pooling their charitable dollars, members of the Circle are able to make a greater philanthropic impact. To date more than \$28,000 has been distributed through the fund which is held at the Canton Community Foundation. HOPE (Help, Opportunity, Philanthropy and Education) are the circle's key ingredients. Local organizations receive

ing grants in the past include First Step, Girl Scouts, Open Door Food Pantry, Starfish Family Services, Plymouth Council on Aging, Oakwood Healthcare Foundation, Canton Public Library and the Miracle League. Giving Hope has:

- 77 current members
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Sponsors of this year's annual meeting were St. John Providence Park Hospital, DTE Energy Foundation, Canton Township Leisure Services, MSA, Showroom of Elegance and Canton Park Dental.

"Giving back - that's what I believe life is about."

That was the message Rhonda Walker delivered to more than 150 women at last week's Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle annual meeting in The Village Theater at Cherry Hill Canton.

The WDIV Channel 4 morning news anchor talked about being raised by loving, supporting parents in a "family that always encouraged giving."

Walker was the keynote speaker at the Giving Hope event "Women & Philanthropy; Paying it Forward." And Walker is an example of a woman paying it forward. She received the 2010 Community Service Award from the Ford Motor Company and the Woman of the Year Award from the YWCA of West-



Keynote speaker Rhonda Walker was welcomed to the annual meeting by board members (from left) Debbie Maloni, Joan Noricks and Giving Hope Chairwoman Loren Wadington.

ern Wayne County. She is active with Cornerstone Schools, Winning Futures Mentor Collaboration, and Links, Inc. In 2010, McDonald's recognized her deep commitment to the community and for empowering teen

girls through the Rhonda Walker Foundation.

While most people know her as the morning news anchor at WDIV-Channel 4, Walker is also president of the Rhonda Walker Foundation, a non-profit mentoring program for teen girls. The mission of the foundation is to "empower inner city teen girls toward becoming strong, confident, successful and moral future leaders."

Girls are recruited in middle school (eighth grade) and continue until high school graduation. They meet monthly and attend workshops, seminars, retreats and field trips focused on career, education and personal development. Programs include college tours, etiquette training, job-shadowing, team building and leadership training.

Walker plays an active part in the meetings and is accessible to all of the girls. She participates in all monthly meetings including field trips and retreats. She stressed that while the programs are aimed at encouraging and helping the at-risk girls, the teens also are encouraged to "help others."

"We try to teach our girls that you always have something to give - if it's not money you can give your time," said Walker, explaining that girls prepared gifts and food baskets for families at area homeless shelters and do a variety of volunteer work in the community.

Walker is proud of the

foundation's success in helping to give inner city girls the encouragement and support needed to succeed. She is joined by a 13-member board of directors and many volunteers.

"We have a 100-percent high school graduation rate," said Walker, who started the foundation in 2003 shortly after speaking to group of girls then being approached by one teen who asked how she could become a better person when everyone around her was discouraging her and telling her she wouldn't amount to anything.

"I knew that if no one else was encouraging her, I would," said Walker. That event was the impetus for the Rhonda Walker Foundation "Girls into Women" program, which began shortly after that speaking experience.

"God kept giving me the ideas and the people," added Walker.

A graduate of Michigan State University, Walker was born in Detroit and raised in Lansing. She has been a news anchor at WDIV since 2001. She spent seven years in pharmaceutical sales and marketing before leaving to pursue her dreams and winning the job as traffic reporter at Fox 2.

Walker's message of giving and hope resonated with the women attending the Wednesday event.

"I watch her every morning and she's a beautiful person inside and out," said Debbie Zevalkink, of Canton.

Nadine Cook, representing St. John Providence Park Hospital (one of the event's sponsors) said Walker's sincerity and passion for helping others is evident. "She's a very special person and it shows," said Cook, who lives in Canton.

For more about the Rhonda Walker Foundation go to [www.rhondawalkerfoundation.org](http://www.rhondawalkerfoundation.org). The foundation will host its annual fund-raiser Sunday, Oct. 23 at the Max M. Fisher Music Center in Detroit. This year's event honors women in technology.

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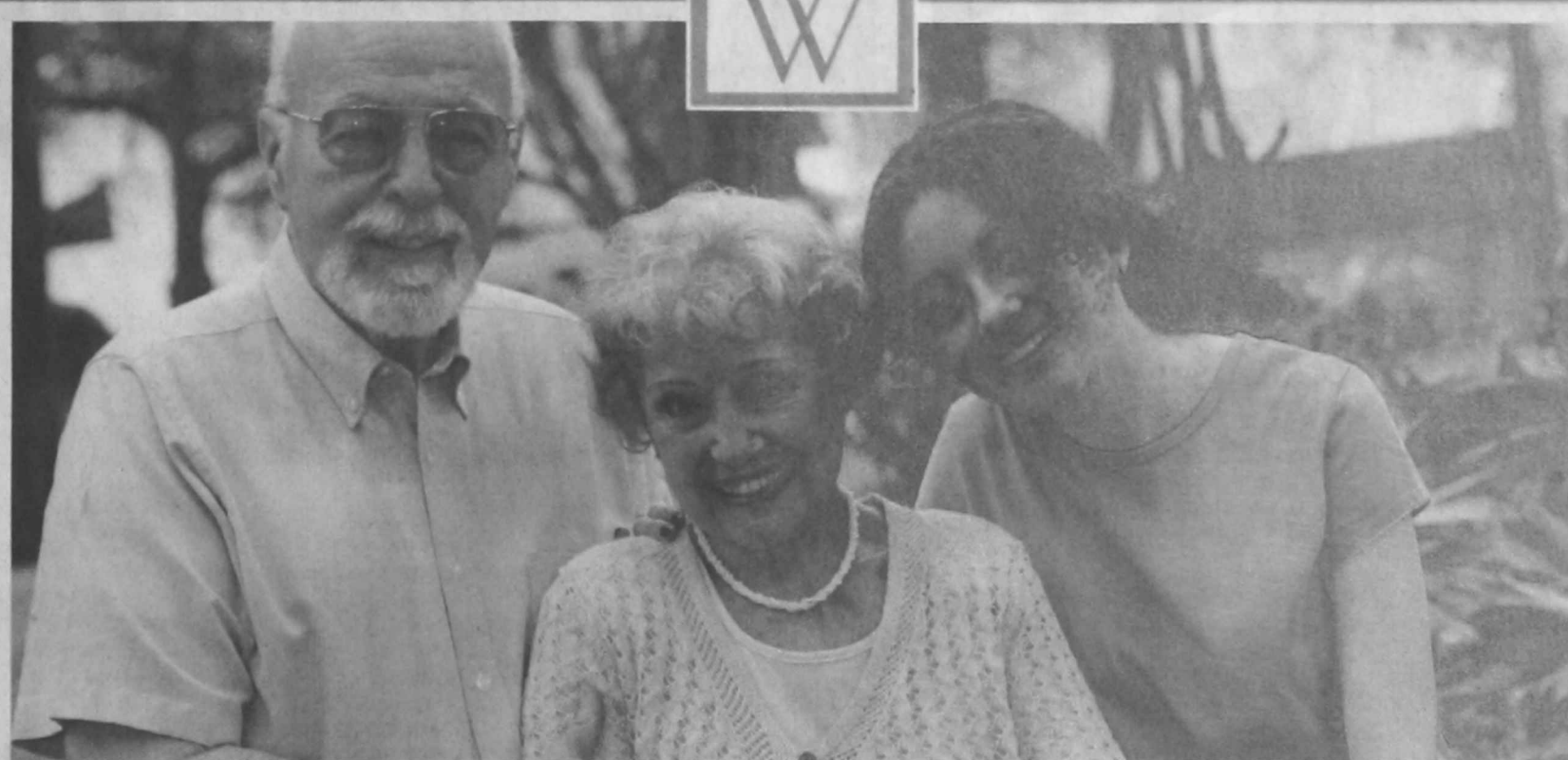
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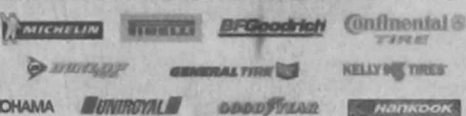


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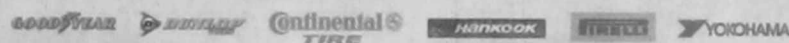


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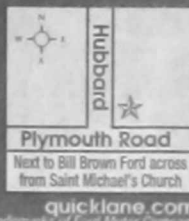
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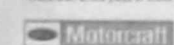
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# 'Cats hold on in conference final

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Players on Northville's varsity football team might be automatically getting out of the road whenever they see a black-and-silver truck with No. 5 on it for the foreseeable future.

The Mustangs were literally run over by Plymouth senior stud running back Donte Fox, who sparked the Wildcats (8-0) to Friday's 24-20 victory to win their first-ever KLAA Kensington Conference championship.

"My mindset was help our team make history, get this

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championship and continue our undefeated season," Fox said. "We're trying to do something very special this year. It takes all of us to do it and I'm just doing my part."

Fox rushed 22 times for 145 yards, scoring on runs of 23 and 16 yards, and added 58 yards for his four catches. All night long, he busted through road blocks.

Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk smiled when talking about Fox.

"You gotta take advantage of a player like that when you

have him," Sawchuk said. "He's a great kid."

But Sawchuk quickly emphasized that it's a team game, with individual success a nice bonus.

"Around here we preach, like Bo (Schembechler) said, the team, the team, the team," Sawchuk said. "And if the team plays well and Donte plays well too, then we're going to be pretty good."

Boy was he ever, although a late rally by the Mustangs (7-1) threw more than a scare into the host Wildcats.

## Ear to the ground

In fact, it took a clutch spe-

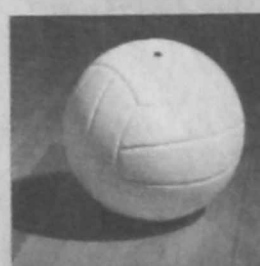
cial teams play by junior Jared Davis to clinch the victory and championship.

With just 1:20 left, the Wildcats were forced to punt. The ball hit the leg of a Northville blocker and Davis pounced on it at Northville's 46.

"I didn't see the ball, I just heard (teammates yell) 'fumble,'" Davis said. "I saw 23 (Sam Tacconelli) and I just took it from him on the ground. ... I just wanted to go get the ball, run down there and help my team win."

Sawchuk described the kick

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## Canton eyes another title

Last week, Canton's varsity girls volleyball team (29-6-0, 9-1-0 in the KLAA South Division) won the division title.

On Tuesday, the Chiefs will look to add to their trophy case when they host Novi (30-3-1) in the Kensington Conference championship game. The contest is slated to begin at 6:30 p.m.

# Rocks serve up win on 'Senior Night'

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

On a night when seniors were under the spotlight, Salem's varsity girls volleyball team glimpsed what the future might feature Thursday night.

Rocks head coach Amanda Nies brought Kelly Whalen up from the junior varsity. She played flawlessly as Salem swept South Lyon East, 25-11, 25-16 and 25-21.

"I just moved Kelly up from JV," Nies said. "She played excellent in her first game with no errors" not to mention five kills.

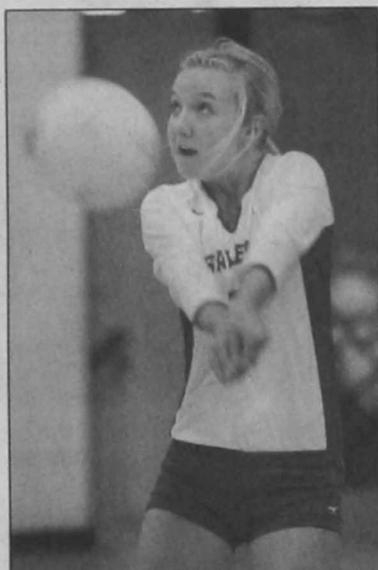
Of course, Salem veterans also played well as the Rocks totaled 12 aces from the stripe and took care of the Cougars from the get-go.

"It was senior night so it was very nice to win the game on their last night playing at home," Nies said. "The girls started off very strong with their serving."

"... It was a great night because everyone was able to play and every game I could put different lineups in and switch things around."

Senior Kara Hewett tallied four kills along with five of those aces.

Other Salem stalwarts included senior Quinn Fillinger, with 22 assists, senior Katie Vincent (10 digs, four aces), Brooke Berberet (nine kills), Erika Hatcher (six



Keeping a rally going for Salem on Thursday night is Emily Lipa (No. 7).

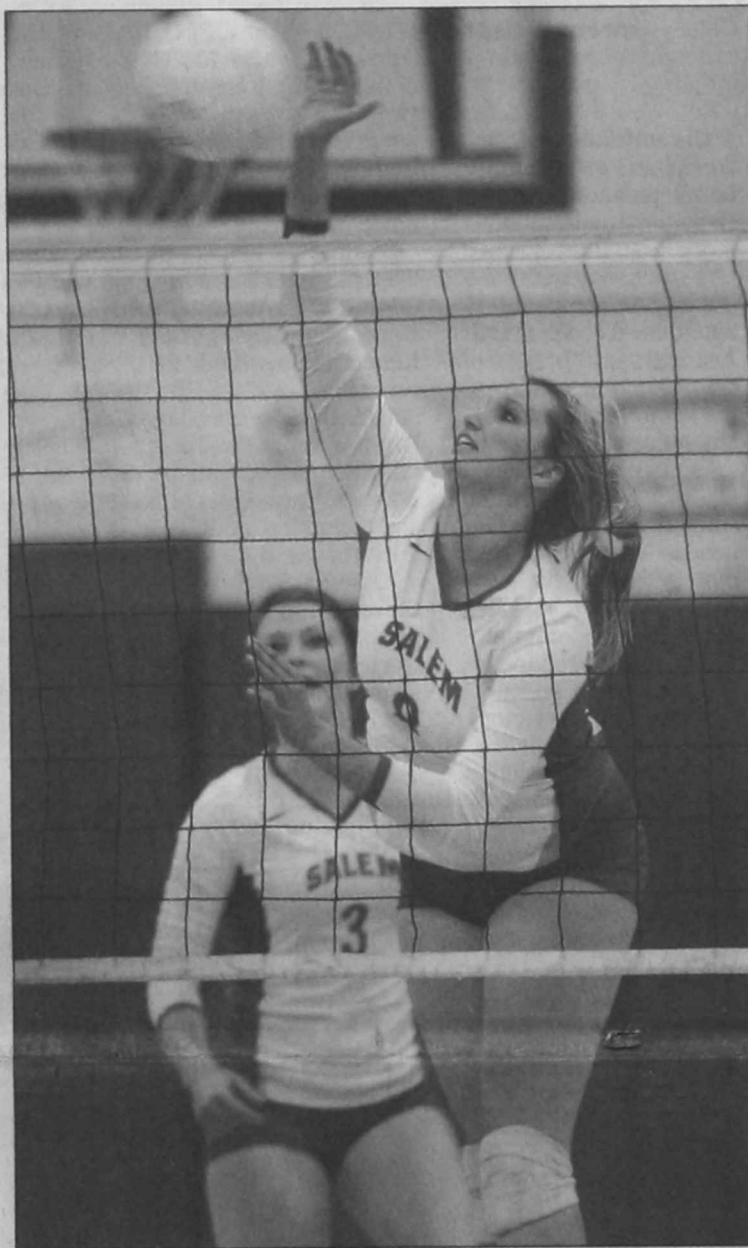
kills), Katie Heitmeyer (five digs, three aces) senior Parisa Rashidi (three kills) and senior Leslie Rodriguez (two aces, one block).

The victory moved Salem's record to 3-8 overall and 3-7 in the KLAA Central.

## Strong at tourney

That win followed an excellent showing at the Oct. 8 Waterford

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Salem's Kara Hewett (No. 8) elevates to knock the volleyball over the net Thursday against South Lyon East. Providing backup support is teammate Katie Heitmeyer (No. 3).

## Lacrosse meeting

An informational meeting for parents of prospective Plymouth boys lacrosse players will take place 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in Room 710 at the high school.

The meeting will provide an excellent opportunity to learn about playing lacrosse for the Plymouth Wildcats. Lacrosse is one of the fastest-growing sports in the country and the team is actively recruiting players for the 2012 spring season — no experience necessary.

For more information, see the team website at <http://www.lacrosse.plymouthwildcats.com>.

## Blazers draw 2-2 vs. Huron

Livonia Ladywood tuned up for the field hockey state tourney by earning a 2-2 tie Thursday with visiting Ann Arbor Huron.

The Blazers got a goal and assist from senior Kylie Birney, while junior Jackie Snyder added the other goal. Senior Erin Cronyn also had an assist as the Blazers improved to 12-2-3 overall and 4-2-3 in the division.

Huron (11-0-1, 7-0-1) got goals from Kelsey Gradwohl and Katie Yeatts.

Ladywood goalie Mackenzie Holme made three saves, while Megan Wesner and Tori Westhead combined for two saves for the River Rats.

"It was a great game where we scored first each time with Huron tying the score," Ladywood coach Kris Sanders said. "We moved ahead in the first half with a halftime score of 2-1. It was like a state playoff game and my players were up to the challenge."

# Canton kickers KLAA's best

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Three times Wednesday night, Canton senior Tyler Winningham sent a corner kick toward the Walled Lake Northern goal.

Three times, a teammate was able to turn each of those corner kicks into a goal as the Chiefs knocked off the host Knights 3-0 in the KLAA association boys soccer championship matchup.

The win gave Canton (15-1-2 overall) its first ever association title, with the Chiefs now gearing up for the 5 p.m. Monday district opener at home against Ann Arbor Skyline.

"We had Connor Shennan, Connor Furgason and Nate Bergeson all in the box," Winningham said about his corner kick strategy. "They're big guys who can jump, so I just



Corner kicks by Canton's Tyler Winningham (No. 6), shown from earlier this season, set up all three goals in the KLAA association final.

aim for them."

Senior forward Mitch Pepper actually scored two of the goals, with Furgason's marker sandwiched between them. Making six stops for the

shutout was senior goalkeeper Steven Murphy.

"We've always done well on set pieces," Canton head

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## BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

# Canton boys win division crown

Pack running at its finest once again lifted Canton's varsity boys cross country team to victory and a title in the process.

The Chiefs captured the KLAA South Division championship with Tuesday's 15-47 victory over Wayne Memorial at Cass Benton Park.

Canton, 5-0 overall, now prepares for the KLAA conference championship meet Thursday at Huron Meadows.

Canton grabbed the top five places against the winless Zebras, with Mitch Clinton the top finisher with a time of 17:09.

Taking the next four spots, in order, were Miles Felton (17:49), Tom Walkinshaw (17:58), Billy Toth (18:03) and Andrew Stephens (18:10).

Wayne's Devin Gibson took sixth

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Bradon Conley, shown running at the Wayne County Invite, was one of the reasons Canton went undefeated in the KLAA South Division.

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with a time of 18:18, followed by Canton's Evan Dunklee (seventh, 18:39), Wayne's Daniel Malcolm (eighth, 18:44) and Canton's Alex Krul (ninth, 18:52).

### Salem boys prevail

Salem followed up the Wayne County Invite with a 25-32 victory Tuesday over South Lyon.

Juniors Steve McEvilly and Riley Duxtader finished 1-2 overall,

with contributions from freshman Lewis Campbell, sophomore Donavon Drouillard and sophomore Evan Bruyere.

"I was happy with the way we competed," Salem head coach Steve Aspinall said. "In spite of the warm temperatures, we ran tough and come out with a close victory."

Aspinall added that "it was nice to see Steve and Riley finish 1-2. We still need to learn how to run more efficiently in the second half of (races) to reach our full potential."

Salem improved to 2-3 in the KLAA Central Division with the victory.

# Salem girls making strides

Over the past couple weeks, Salem's varsity girls cross country team has started to make a run for it.

On Tuesday, the Rocks improved to 4-1 in the KLAA Central Division with a 24-33 victory over South Lyon. Pack running continued to improve, with Shannon Flynn (20:30.7), Emily Bizon (20:39.8) and Alejandra Beltran (20:54.7) taking places 2-3-5.

Chipping in with fine showings were Natasha Stevenson (6th, 21:08.9), Amanda Beyer (8th, 21:13.2), Adrianna Beltran (10th, 21:17.9) and Hannah Stoliker (11th, 21:19.7).

Meanwhile, Salem had a strong fourth-place finish at the Oct. 8 Wayne County Invitational at Willow Metropark (see the Oct. 13 Observer) and prior to that defeated Novi in a key divisional showdown and placed sixth out 14 teams at the Haslett Invitational.

• On Oct. 4, Salem geared up for the Wayne County Invite with a 29-30 victory over Novi.

The Rocks (3-1 overall, 3-1 KLAA Central Division) were spearheaded by Burin (3rd, 20:40), Flynn (5th, 20:49) and Bizon (6th, 20:53).

Chipping in were Alejandra Beltran (21:04), Stoliker (21:24), Beyer (21:32), Adrianna Beltran (21:37), Stevenson (21:41), Kelly Kerwin (22:00) and Goodpasture (22:11).

• At Haslett High School, the Rocks tallied 156 points, with first place going to East Grand Rapids with 57 points. In ninth place was Plymouth (244).

Leading the Rocks was Bizon, with a 22nd place time of 20:17, followed by Flynn (29th, 20:34), Autumn Burin (32nd, 20:41), Beyer (36th, 20:47), Stoliker (37th, 20:48), Rebecca Lopez (46th, 21:13) and Goodpasture (58th, 21:39).

Salem head coach Dave Gerlach said Bizon, a junior, "had another good day and tried her best to lead the way."

The performances of freshmen Stoliker and Lopez, late additions to the varsity lineup, were positives for the squad.

"Hannah and Rebecca made the most of the opportunity and raced very well for us, (with) both running season personal bests," Gerlach added.

For Plymouth, top runners were Nicole Traitses (13th, 20:04) and Marina DeBiasi (15th), 21:06.



Running in lock-step at the county meet are Salem's Amanda Beyer (No. 101) and Sabrina Williams of Allen Park.

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### WAYNE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP OCT. 8 AT WILLOW METROPARK

**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Northville, 92 points; 2. Dearborn Divine Child, 124; 3. Livonia Churchill, 138; 4. Canton, 138; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 151; 6. Plymouth, 184; 9. Salem, 227; 13. Westland John Glenn, 376; 15. Livonia Franklin, 473; 17. Wayne Memorial, 476; 21. Lutheran Westland, 599; 24. Redford Union, 653; 26. Plymouth Christian Academy, 697; 28. Garden City, 828.

**Individual champion:** Nicholas Soter, Dearborn Divine Child, 15-minutes, 43-seconds.

**Churchill:** 7. Ryan Wise, 16:51; 18. Robert Howard, 17:13; 32. Ben Yates, 17:29; 39. Derek Puihes, 17:33; 42. Joe Hage, 17:35; 44. George Bowles, 17:37.

**Canton:** 6. Miles Felton, 16:51; 22. Mitch Clinton, 17:18; 26. Jeff Molchan, 17:20; 37. Bradon Conley, 17:32; 47. Tom Walkinshaw, 17:41; 58. Andrew Stephens, 17:52; 61. Billy Toth, 17:54.

**Stevenson:** 5. Stephen Fenech, 16:41; 20. Jake Colley, 17:16; 29. John Lynch, 17:26; 48. Michael Sopko, 17:42; 49. Ryan Petrul, 17:43; 59. Andrew Stratton, 17:53; 74. Drew Graham, 18:10.

**Plymouth:** 2. Derek Gielarowski, 16:15; 25. Liam Cardenas, 17:20; 41. James Maciag, 17:34; 43. Brandon Dalton, 17:35; 73. Nick Eiben, 18:09; 81. Zane Berlanga, 18:16; 98. Johnny Dalton, 18:40.

**Salem:** 17. Steve McEvilly, 17:11; 27. Riley Duxtader, 17:21; 57. Donovan Drouillard, 17:51; 62. Lewis Campbell, 17:55; 64. Jeremy Drouillard, 17:58; 90. Evan Bruyere, 18:28; 108. Mason Mills, 18:51.

**John Glenn:** 46. Ruben Maya, 17:37; 60. Jason Suarez, 17:54; 71. Jewell Jones, 18:07; 79. Micah Orr, 18:13; 122. Chris Codd, 19:10; 129. Ed Maya, 19:24; 162. Keven Wacker,

20:44.

**Franklin:** 31. Keenan Jones, 17:28; 52. Ross Cecil, 17:45; 117. Nick Robertson, 19:04; 139. Mike Witt, 19:45; 140. Richie Wiczorek, 19:46; 148. Andrew McGaughey, 20:09; 160. Mike Enod, 20:35.

**Wayne:** 23. Daniel Malcolm, 17:19; 55. Devin Gibson, 17:48; 99. Michael Gibson, 18:40; 138. Zack Williams, 19:41; 168. Avery Barron, 20:52; 208. Jordan Whitehouse, 24:24.

**Luth. Westland:** 52. Ross Cecil, 17:45; 100. Eric Smith, 18:41; 127. Daniel Bunge, 19:21; 156. Peter Sillanpaa, 20:31; 177. Caleb Kempf, 21:33; 178. Ian O'Banion, 21:36; 200. Philip Welte, 23:33.

**Redford Union:** 65. Paul Campbell, 18:00; 115. Demetrius Curry, 19:00; 154. Skylar Mulvihill, 20:26; 161. Daniel Mulligan, 20:42; 175. Sha'Quann Smith, 21:21.

**Ply. Christian:** 124. Ethan Levack, 19:12; 132. Jimmy Parks, 19:28; 133. Trevor Baloga, 19:28; 134. Ian Rose, 19:35; 192. Jacob Nichols, 22:09; 193. Steven Zomermaand, 22:13; 207. Nathan Harold, 24:24.

**Garden City:** 191. Aaron Halama, 22:02; 205. Brandon Plond, 24:15; 206. Daniel Lapan, 24:21; 209. Gary Hackett, 25:20.

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Grosse Pointe South, 31 points; 2. Northville, 41; 3. Livonia Churchill, 83; 4. Salem, 117; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 200; 6. Canton, 209; 7. Plymouth, 217; 9. Livonia Franklin, 259; 12. Lutheran Westland, 384; 14. Westland John Glenn, 441; 18. Livonia Ladywood, 531; 22. Redford Union, 614; 25. Garden City, 685; 26. Wayne Memorial, 778.

**Individual champion:** Hannah Meier, Grosse Pointe South, 17:48.69.

**Churchill:** 4. Kerigan Riley, 19:03.34; 14. Bethany Pilat, 19:59.69; 15. Sydney Anderson, 20:06.67; 18. Vivien Okechukwu, 20:20.74; 34. Michelle Azar, 20:56.54; 43. Lauren Ber-



Making their way toward the finish line Saturday at Willow Metropark are runners in the Wayne County girls cross country meet.

nhardt, 21:23.05; 44. Megan McFarlane, 21:23.34.

**Salem:** 17. Shannon Flynn, 20:20.27; 19. Autumn Burin, 20:28.73; 23. Emily Bizon, 20:38.83; 28. Amanda Beyer, 20:44.85; 33. Hannah Stoliker, 20:55.80; 39. Adrianna Beltran, 21:17.64; 41. Alejandra Beltran, 21:21.56.

**Stevenson:** 10. Lindsey Gallagher, 19:52.53; 40. Aphrodite Palazis, 21:18.67; 46. Julia Capenek, 21:28.54; 54. Jackie Deacon, 21:40.74; 58. Karlie Gallagher, 21:48.04; 76. Barbara Scupholm, 22:28.59; 79. Emily Kwasnik, 22:34.06.

**Canton:** 21. Jessica Siegler, 20:31.63; 24. Emily Southern, 20:41.15; 51. Anna Gorzalski, 21:36.19; 59. Katie Grimes, 21:51.40; 60. Allison Spitz, 21:53.78; 63. Paige Calvert, 21:59.52; 68. Laura Murphy, 22:10.36.

**Plymouth:** 12. Marina DeBiasi, 19:55.51; 13. Nicole Traitses, 19:58.65; 62. Alexa Chicon, 21:58.34; 65. Renae DeBrito, 22:00.80; 71. Brianna Lax, 22:24.69; 74. Shannon Shaver, 22:27.66; 89. Elyse Gryniiewicz, 22:57.27.

**Franklin:** 36. Tiffany Lamble,



21:00.48; 45. Madeline Herman, 21:27.82; 47. Christi Shoemaker, 21:30.05; 55. Amanda Pokryfky, 21:44.32; 86. Natalie Desautel, 22:52.39; 93. Tina Olter, 23:13.25; 98. Katelyn Kovach, 23:27.55.

**Luth. Westland:** 48. Erin Lyle, 21:31.54; 56. Jessica Rice,

21:47.43; 57. Erin Hardin, 21:47.75; 105. Michelle Greening, 23:42.94; 135. Jessica Drife, 25:14.99; 138. Angela Morrison, 25:17.56; 146. Kelsey Kruger, 25:38.58.

**John Glenn:** 49. Abbey Wright, 21:33.11; 81. Shekinah Johnson, 22:38.69; 108. Kaitlyn

One of Plymouth's top runners at the Wayne County girls cross country meet is Nicole Traitses.

Mitchell, 23:48.70; 109. Kayla Hall, 23:49.28; 113. Caroline Mahalak, 23:53.36; 116. Barb Messics, 23:58.84; 172. Madison Gehr, 28:19.12.

**Ladywood:** 84. Alexandra Darr, 22:46.36; 102. Katarina Gaffka, 23:36.76; 115. Meaghan Mulcahy, 23:58.54; 120. Brett Quick, 24:11.14; 133. Megan Talty, 25:03.00; 148. Mackenzie Darr, 25:43.25; 150. Pilar Furlong, 25:46.99.

**Redford Union:** 64. Erin Miley, 22:00.35; 92. Kelly Miley, 22:59.91; 153. Lindsey Gehlhousen, 25:59.40; 167. Cliffasi Stafford, 27:58.85; 170. Cliffadr Stafford, 28:16.66.

**Garden City:** 107. Breana Grant, 23:47.67; 127. Rebecca Relter, 24:24.21; 160. Hayley Plummer, 26:49.57; 165. Kaitlyn Walton, 27:20.11; 166. Hallie Werda, 27:34.75.

**Wayne:** 144. Megan Macek, 25:29.65; 145. Kendelle Hood, 25:31.73; 175. Carlita Jones, 29:00.37; 182. Vicki Poleski, 37:18.75; 183. Navreet Bhangu, 42:39.00.

**Ply. Christian:** 30. Terra Crown, 20:49.72; 155. Megan McHugh, 26:22.11.

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2011 6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 3, 2011 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

- Application 1485, 48100 Ann Arbor RD, R-1-H zoning district: requesting two variances for a detached accessory building:
  - o Height of 20.5 feet while only 12 feet is allowed; requested variance is 8.5 feet.
  - o Accessory structure is not to exceed 1 story; requested variance is for a 2 story structure.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department 734 354-3210.

## Plymouth, Canton tankers make splash

A showdown for the KLAA South Division is slated for Tuesday between the Canton and Plymouth varsity girls swimming and diving teams.

Both squads are unbeaten in the division entering the dual meet, at Canton High School.

Plymouth (5-1 overall, 4-0) reached that point with Thursday's

146-39 victory over Westland John Glenn.

Meanwhile, Salem defeated Walled Lake Central 113-70 on Tuesday.

For the Rocks, individual events were won by Jocey Lamoureux (200 freestyle, 2:11.14), Abby Aumiller (200 IM, 2:23.37), Lauren Seroka (50 free, 26.44; 100 free,

56.34), Bridget Maul (diving, 159.30 points) and Julia Suriano (500 free, 5:27.66).

Salem earned victories in the 200- and 400-free relays. In the former, the quartet of Seroka, Aumiller, Suriano and Maggie Sneiderman won with a time of 1:47.85. The same tandem captured the 400 relay with a mark of 3:55.90.



# Malcolm sparks PCA

Kristin Malcolm was a one-woman wrecking crew on Thursday.

The senior All-Stater racked up 30 kills, seven blocks and six digs as Plymouth Christian Academy stayed atop the Blue Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Thursday with a 25-14, 21-25, 25-10, 25-15 girls volleyball win at Lutheran High Westland.

Leaders for the Warriors included Amanda Terranella (12 kills), Taylor Wiemer (23 digs) and Erica Killian (17 assists).

"We played better, but we still committed too many mistakes," said Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade, whose team fell 12-11-4 overall and 2-6 in the MIAC Blue.

"When you play against good teams they take advantage of that, and PCA definitely did. We saw things we liked, but we do have some more things to work."

Other contributors for last year's Division 4 state runner-up PCA (28-4-3, 9-0) included Sarah Howard (nine kills, four blocks), Amy Zinn (28 points serving, five aces);

Rachael Fuller (five aces) and Jenny Malcolm (37 assists, two blocks).

Meanwhile, the Eagles also took care of nemesis Oakland Christian for the second time this season.

PCA defeated Oakland in four sets (25-9, 25-21, 20-25, 25-18) with Kristin Malcolm again a force with 18 kills, two blocks and 10 digs.

Zinn (six digs, nine kills), Jessica Rich (14 digs), Jenny Malcolm (36 assists, four aces) and Howard (11 kills, four blocks) also were heard from.

"As a coach, this match encouraged me to see the team's improvement," PCA head coach Kelly Blackney said. "For a while, it looked like we had reached a level of stagnation.

"But to beat our rival in four sets and not five, like the last match, shows that we are growing as a team."

**Wildcats sweep**

Host Plymouth knocked off KLAA South Division opponent Westland John Glenn 25-10, 25-15, 25-20 on Thursday to improve to 28-6 overall and 7-3 in

the division.

Plymouth head coach Sarah Marody said it was a solid all-around game considering senior middle blocker Rachael Hille was not available.

"The girls were playing positions that they normally don't play in order to fill the gap," Marody said. "They did a great job with the lineup shifts."

Leading the Wildcats with nine kills, two blocks and five digs was Madelyn Betts.

Lindsay Stemberger excelled on defense with 15 digs with front-row help from Olivia Beyer (four blocks, five kills), Emilee Beyer (two blocks, three kills, eight digs) and Shayla Smalls (seven kills, eight digs, 12 assists).

Jessica Scott spearheaded the offense with 18 assists and added seven digs.

Emily Burkman chipped in with four kills.

Brooklyn Holbrook paced Glenn (13-17-5, 2-7) with eight kills, 13 digs and one solo block, while setter Claire Truskowski added 14 assists, 12 digs and one ace.

# SOCCER

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coach George Tomasso said. "But tonight it just seemed like the boys had an extra step to attack the ball in the box."

Knights head coach Chris Stevanovic, whose team (10-4-4) will visit Walled Lake Central in Tuesday's district game, said the corner kicks spoiled a pretty competitive effort.

"Three corner kicks, three goals for them," Stevanovic said. "It's something Connor Furgason is very good at and they punished us today.

"We weren't as physical as they were in the box. Through the field of play, they didn't have as many chances as I thought they were going to get. I thought we defended well there. But if we can't defend set pieces like that, it's tough to win games."

**In control**

With a light rain falling before and during the contest, both teams tried to take control of the ball early on. The Chiefs did a better job of that and played confidently with the ball. Northern players looked slightly tentative, particularly during the first half.

"We wanted the boys to take a little bit better care of the ball, especially with the wet surface," Tomasso said. "They made sure of their touches tonight and they played well for the result we achieved."

Winningham said coaches worked with the players before the game, practicing getting their bodies behind the ball so the ball didn't slip by them.

"We really concentrated on that tonight so Walled Lake Northern didn't get any easy breaks on us," he said.

It only took 5:07 for Canton to get on the scoreboard, quickly putting Northern into a tough spot.

Winningham's corner kick from the right side was headed in by Pepper on the doorstep, earning praise from his coach.

"Mitch Pepper scored a fantastic goal today," Tomasso said. "He made a nice run to the goal and got on the end of it, and kind of surprised a couple players."

Murphy wasn't tested much, but he did come up with a timely play to keep the Chiefs in front. With about 28 minutes left in the first half, Northern junior David Cubr raced to reach a bouncing ball before Murphy could. But the goalkeeper, sliding near the top of the box, won that battle.

Then with 11:58 remaining, Furgason finished another Winningham corner kick to make it 2-0. Furgason was stationed several feet beyond the left post and assertively redirected the ball past Northern senior goalkeeper Mitchell Thompson (14 saves).

Northern seemed to gain some footing and kept Canton's offensive chances down the rest of

the way. But that couldn't prevent yet another goal off a corner kick.

**Insurance goal**

This time, Winningham's serve was flicked by Furgason, only to be blocked near the goal line. But Pepper, again, worked his way into the fray and buried his shot from point-blank range.

Northern tried to break Murphy's shutout, but long-range shots by Cubr and senior Alex Hays drifted over the top of the Canton goal.

"It's a good group here, it's a young group," Stevanovic said. "I'm happy we made it this far. Canton's a good team and I feel a favorite in the state to win the whole thing.

"We competed well, it's just three corner kicks, three goals. What can you do?"

According to Tomasso, the team will relish winning the association championship, but quickly regroup for the districts.

"It's an honor to make this game. There's a lot of good teams we've had to play to get to this game," Tomasso said. "Last year when we were in the association final, it was a very good Brighton team and they wound up beating us 4-3.

"We played a very good Walled Lake Northern team tonight."

But beginning Monday, it's on to the next challenge with the start of the postseason.

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# SALEM

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Mott Tournament where Salem went 4-1 before losing to South Lyon in the semifinals.

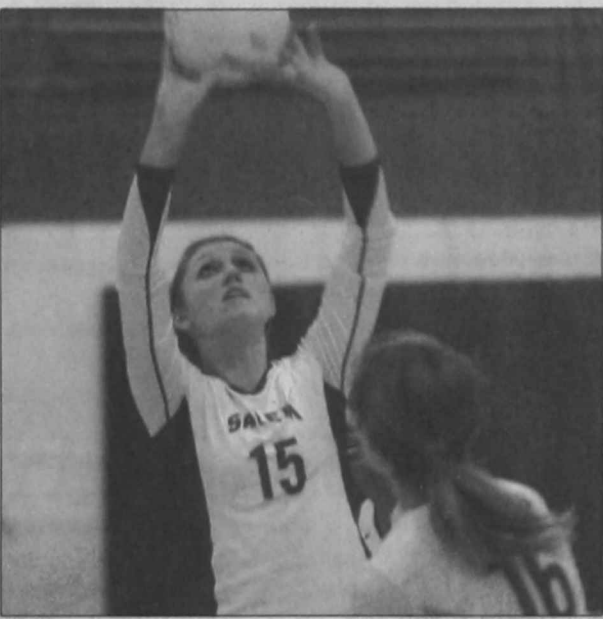
The Rocks defeated Waterford Mott (25-23, 25-13), Ypsilanti (25-16, 25-13) and Mason (25-13, 25-11) in pool play and then defeated Mott again in the quarterfinals by a count of 25-22, 25-18.

"Our attack was excellent and that is something we have been lacking the past two weeks," Nies noted. "It was nice to see it working together with our setter Quinn (Fillinger) and our hitters."

Fillinger chalked up 76 assists, many of them to Brooke Berberet, outstanding with 42 kills.

"She (Berberet) was our attack," Nies said. "When she gets going it is very hard to stop her."

Hewett (15 kills, five aces, five blocks), Vin-



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Salem's Quinn Fillinger (No. 15) keeps a play alive for the Rocks while Leslie Rodriguez (No. 16) is ready to help out.

cent (26 digs) and Heitmeyer (20 digs) were solid, as was Rodriguez.

"Leslie Rodriguez played well for the day and her serving was something that was very

aggressive," Nies added. "She was also very smart with the tipping and roll shots."

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## FOOTBALL

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by Bobby Deeg (three PATS, one field goal) as "a rugby punt and we were just trying to kick it out of bounds and pin them deep."

That sequence capped a Northville surge that made things slightly uncomfortable for the Wildcats. Plymouth led 24-7 with 2:02 left in the third quarter.

Undaunted, Mustangs quarterback Jeff Gertley (18-of-37 passing, 209 yards) connected with wide-open receiver Ryan O'Callaghan on a 44-yard score as time expired in the quarter.

Several penalties also helped Northville's comeback bid, with a pass interference call against Plymouth taking away an interception in the Wildcats' end zone.

The Mustangs quickly took advantage of the penalty as Brandon Love carried the ball in for a 2-yard TD. A missed extra point helped maintain a four-point spread for Plymouth.

"You're going to get calls and whether you like them or not, you got to play over them," Sawchuk said.

Of course, it didn't hurt having Fox around. His first TD of the night came with 2:17 to go in the first quarter, coming just 32

seconds after Northville's Love punched it in from the 11 to give the Mustangs a brief 7-0 advantage.

### Quick response

The Wildcats got an immediate spark when junior Jamarl Eiland fielded the ensuing kickoff on a bounce near his own 10-yard line and shot up the middle for 67 yards. It took a desperate tackle by Northville's Andrew Poterala to keep Eiland from going the distance.

Two plays later, Fox broke through the left side of the line and kept motor-ing into the end zone, leaving would-be tacklers in their wake.

"These games get really tough," Fox said. "And you just got to fight through whatever's going on, continue to play hard, play smart, and just come out here and do what you have to do for your team."

Before halftime, Deegs booted a 35-yard field goal to up Plymouth's lead to 10-7.

In the third quarter, Fox did his try-to-stop-me routine once again. On the first play of Plymouth's quarter-opening drive, Fox looked to be pinned for a 5-yard loss. But he escaped and galloped 27 yards to Northville's 44.

A 15-yard pass from senior quarterback Shaun Austin (8-of-24, 134 yards)

to Eiland (130 all-purpose yards) moved the ball deeper and Fox then took it in from the 16 — breaking tackles yet again.

Before the end of the quarter, Austin fired a 10-yard touchdown pass over the middle to Davis. Other big plays in a 65-yard drive included a 22-yard catch by Eiland and 31-yard carry by Fox.

### Not perfect

Although happy with the conference title, Sawchuk said there definitely remain loose ends to tidy up as the playoffs approach.

"They (Mustangs) are well-coached. Coach (Matt) Ladach does a really great job with those kids," Sawchuk said. "But we did a lot to hurt ourselves."

"Penalties again, not taking advantage of situations, blown coverage, we got to get better. We can't continue to squeak these out."

Ladach was disappointed in the outcome, but not his team's effort.

"We left some points on the board tonight, we had some opportunities," he said. "But I'm not going to stand here and say Plymouth didn't earn a victory because their players played just as hard as ours did. It was a great game."

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## Chiefs romp, qualify for playoffs

Canton on Friday night snapped a two-game losing skid and qualified once again for the MHSAA football playoffs with a 35-6 trouncing of Novi.

The game was played on Friday afternoon on the varsity turf field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park instead of the junior varsity field because of unplayable field conditions at the latter. Plymouth and Northville followed that up with

their matchup for the KLAA Kensington Conference title.

Canton improved to 6-2 with the victory, breaking out to a 28-6 half-time advantage.

The Chiefs were dominant in the ground game, carrying the ball 61 times for 367 yards (6.0 average) and gave up only 94 rushing yards to the Wildcats.

Malcolm Hollingsworth was Canton's big gun, with 158 rushing yards (in 26 attempts) and two touchdowns. Also scoring twice was quarterback Kyle Adams, who ran for 128 yards and only needed to throw five times (he completed four of those for 84 yards, including a five-yard TD toss to Nick Tata with 20 seconds left in the first half.

It took just 1:26 for Canton to get on the scoreboard as Adams rushed for a 65-yard touchdown. Just over three minutes later, he scored again, this time from 10-yards out.

Novi (3-5) did slice the lead to 14-6 with 3:07 to go in the first quarter. Quarterback Derek Ince (8-22, 127 yards) threw a 14-yard TD

pass to Logan Regnier.

But early in the second frame, Hollingsworth scored on a 41-yard run and it was a 21-6 lead for Canton.

Before the break, the Chiefs embarked on a 94-yard scoring drive in 13 plays, capped by the Tata touchdown.

Senior halfback Kevin Buford (123 all-purpose yards) had the big play of the march, a 42-yard catch-and-run that moved the chains down to Novi's 36-yard line.

The final TD of the night came in the third, when Hollingsworth scored on a 27-yard carry.

Canton's defense also was stellar. The leading tackler was Matt McKay with five, including two solos. Olaniyi Owagbemi chipped in with four tackles while Cory Peters had a sack among his three tackles. Ian McCormick also had three tackles.

Kicking four extra points was Scott Piwowar.

**FRANKLIN 54, SALEM 7:** Livonia Franklin's Joe McRobb had quite a night running the football — and then some.

The speedy 5-foot-9, 172-pound junior ran for a school-record 273 yards on 23 carries and three touchdowns Friday as the host Patriots crushed Salem in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Franklin (4-4) led 27-0 at halftime as McRobb, who broke D.J. Tracy's school mark of 240 set in 2005, scored on TD runs of 47, 1 and 97 yards. Cameron Pogorel added a 10-yard TD run in the second period.

Salem averted the shutout on Gu'wain Ingram's 6-yard TD run.

Franklin had a total of 534 total yards with Jesse McCall adding 104 yards on 10 carries.

Salem (3-5) finished with 198 total yards on the night as quarterback Jacob Deprez was 7-of-28 for 91 yards.

## Whalers trade winger Mahalak

The Plymouth Whalers this week traded left wing RJ Mahalak to the Sarnia Sting in exchange for a sixth round draft choice in the 2012 Ontario Hockey League Priority Selection.

The draft choice originally belonged to the London Knights.

The deal allows the Whalers to get down to the OHL limit of three overages (or 1991 birth-days).

With Jamie Devane returning to Plymouth from Toronto of the American Hockey League earlier this week and making his Whalers debut Thursday in Windsor, the Plymouth overages are now Devane, center Andy Bathgate and defenseman Beau Schmitz.



RJ Mahalak

Mahalak — from Monroe — was originally selected by Plymouth in the fourth round (80th overall) of the 2007 Ontario Hockey League Draft.

In 207 regular season games

with the Whalers, Mahalak scored 20 goals with 34 assists for 54 points.

OHL teams have to cut down to three overage players by the Jan. 9, 2012 final trade deadline.

**PLYMOUTH 6, NIAGARA 3:** On Friday night at Compuware Arena, the Whalers doubled up Niagara behind a two-goal performance by forward Andy Bathgate.

Also stellar for Plymouth (4-4-1-1) was defenseman Beau Schmitz (Howell), who scored a goal and assisted on three others.

Other Plymouth goals were netted by Mitchell Heard, Jamie Devane and Alex Aleardi (Farmington Hills).

The Whalers took a 2-1 lead after one period and opened up a 5-2 advantage after 40 minutes.



## Dragons eye CYO playoffs

It is of little surprise that the St. John Neumann varsity volleyball team is looking forward to the Catholic Youth Organization playoffs Saturday. It's the first playoff appearance for the Dragons, in their second season, and the team has impressed with an 8-2 record. The Dragons are coached by Sue O'Connor and consist of eighth graders Kari Klavon, Charlie Irvin, Marie Cantor, Kate Starr and seventh graders Lexi Granowicz, Cassie Doutsas, Adeline Renzi and Becca Barrie. The girls hail from four Plymouth-Canton district middle schools and have been playing together since mid-August.

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## Hospital supporters get dance lessons from pros

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E staff writer

A little bit of Hollywood waltzed its way to Livonia last weekend.

Edyta Sliwinska and Alec Mazo, professional dancers with the popular television show, *Dancing with the Stars*, performed for an audience of more than 600 guests at St. Mary Mercy Hospital's 19th Annual Gala on Friday, Oct. 7. They also asked the crowd to join them on the dance floor at Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center to learn a few dance moves.

"What was so exciting was for everyone to get to see the real dancers up close. And they were so personable and energetic," said Dan Murphy, who chaired the event. The gala's "Dancing like the Stars" theme, a twist on the television title's program, was Murphy's idea. He and his wife, Clare, take ballroom dance lessons and have competed.

"We love dancing and we also love the *Dancing with the Stars* show. My thought was that it would make it an event that everyone would be interested in attending."

Murphy was awarded a disco ball trophy, similar to the kind won by dancers on the television show, for chairing the event.

"It was his vision for the *Dancing with the Stars* theme. It was only appropriate to present him with a mirror ball trophy," said Sara Stauffer, director of development. "It was a unique way to celebrate the theme."

Stauffer said the event raised more than



Rob and Kristin Casalou of Novi have fun on the dance floor.



Edyta Sliwinska and Alec Mazo of "Dancing with the Stars" take a spin across the ballroom floor at the Gala fundraiser for St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

\$230,000 for the Generations Together Campaign that is funding the hospital's new South Pavilion.

The \$89 million construction project began

earlier this year and is expected to take approximately 18 months to complete. When it's finished, the new 154,000 square foot addition will include



Tamara and Mark Lark of Novi look at jewelry offered by Sal Scotto Divetta of Orin Jewelers during St. Mary Mercy Hospital's 19th annual Gala.

an emergency center with two triage rooms, four trauma bays, six rapid assessment bays and six bays for minor injuries, 14 general treatment rooms, 14 senior citizen treatment rooms, seven behavioral medicine treatment rooms and two radiology rooms. The center also will offer visitors a waiting room and meditation area.

Please see DANCE, B7



Gala committee members and volunteers include Patrizia Trupiano and Josie Norcia, both of Northville, Monique Marks of Detroit, Suzy Crossley of Northville, Mandy Buch of Novi, and Lynn Tokoph of Northville.



Dancers from The Dynamic Dancers Performing Company entertain.



The crowd gets excited as "Dancing with the Stars" couple Edyta Sliwinska and Alec Mazo enter the ballroom.

## It's homecoming Oct. 22 in East Lansing!

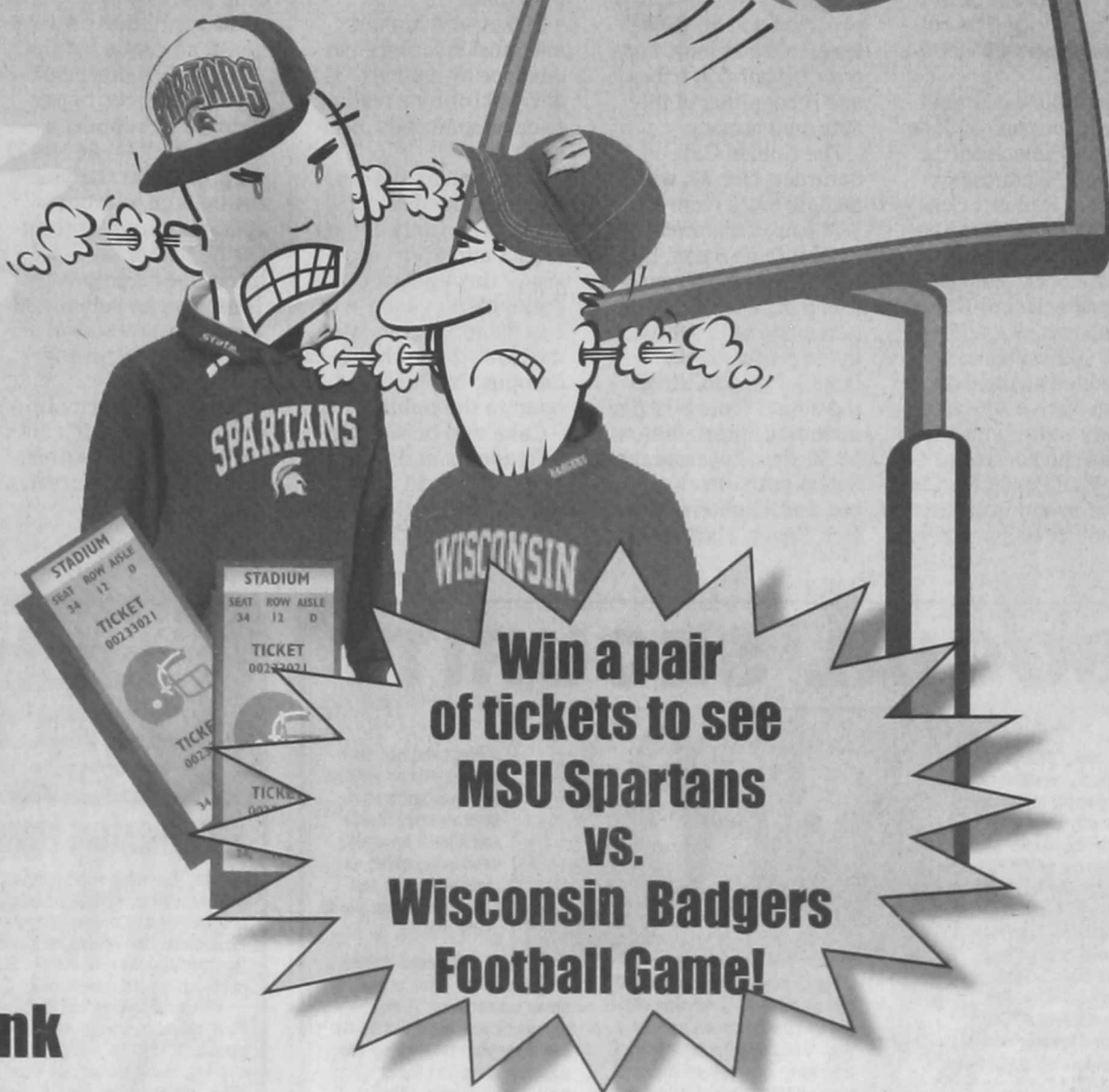
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## Patriotic celebration



Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, observes Constitution Month with members of the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the Plymouth District Library. Members rang the bells of freedom and recited parts of the U.S. Constitution. The Sarah Cochrane Chapter of the DAR was founded in 1926 and consists of nearly 60 members from Plymouth and Northville. They meet monthly from September-June. For more information, call Marie Pleuss at (248) 437-1954 or e-mail to t-mpleuss@att.net.

## Local author signs new book for kids

Colleen Murray Fisher, a fourth-grade teacher at Hayes Elementary School in Livonia, will sign her latest award-winning children's book, *Miss Martin is a Martian*, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 22, at Barnes & Noble Bookstore, 17111 Haggerty at Six Mile, in Northville.

*Miss Martin is a Martian* is about a boy who believes that his new teacher is a Martian. He

makes it his mission to stop her before she takes over the planet. After undertaking a thorough investigation, complete with scientific tests of his theory and a detailed journal, he realizes the "truth" and along the way discovers just how amazing her "teacher powers" really are.

The book won the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association's (MEMSPA)



Colleen Fisher will sign copies of her new book at Barnes & Noble in Northville.

Children's Picture Book Award.

Fisher also wrote and illustrated *The One and Only Bernadette P. McMullen*, a USA News Best Book Award finalist, and she illustrated *Oh No! Ah Yes!* which won



Fisher

a Silver Medal Mom's Choice Award and *I Can Dance, Too!* which won a Gold Medal Mom's Choice Award.

For more information about the book signing, call the store at (248) 348-0696.

## Milestone: Schoolcraft College marks anniversary with displays, tours

Schoolcraft College kicks off its 50th anniversary year with a variety of events and activities this month. The college was founded Oct. 24, 1961.

The public can attend a free discussion of Jane Johnston Schoolcraft at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19 at Radcliff Center, 1751 Radcliff in Garden City. Schoolcraft was the wife of the college's namesake, Henry Rowe Schoolcraft. A member of the Ojibwa tribe, she is credited as the first known Native American literary writer and poet.

The Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble Choral Union and Synthesizer Ensembles will perform

a free concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21 at the Radcliff Center. One of the featured selections on the program will be the college's official song, *Look Ever Upward*, in tribute and recognition of the 50th anniversary.

The Golden Gala on Saturday, Oct. 22, will include tours from 4:15-5:45 p.m., a historical exhibit from 6 p.m.-midnight, reception from 6-6:45 p.m., a time capsule ceremony with school hymn performance from 7-7:45 p.m. strolling dinner from 8-10 p.m., including entertainment by 50 Amp Fuse and the Schoolcraft Jazz Ensemble, and a lighting of the Bell Tower. The gala will

take place in the VisTaTech Center on the main campus, 18600 Haggerty, in Livonia.

Tickets are limited and must be ordered in advance by calling (734) 462-4490 or by e-mailing to development@schoolcraft.edu.

A historical display showing the development of various departments and areas of study throughout the college's 50 years, will run 9 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24 on the main campus. It's free and open to the public.

Cake will be served to students and their guests from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, at Henry's Food Court on

the main campus. Students also will run a mini Relay for Life, 6-11 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, to raise community awareness and funds for the American Cancer Society. To register to participate or support a team call (734) 462-4422.

Throughout the year the college will host special tours highlighting different areas of interest and emphasis. Tours can be scheduled at <http://www.schoolcraft.edu/recruit/tours.aspx>.

For more information about Schoolcraft's 50th anniversary activities, visit [www.schoolcraft.edu/50](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/50).



The Haunted Annex at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia raises money for missions. The walk-through attraction won't open this Halloween season because of fire hazards.

## Fire hazards close church spook house

Fire code violations are likely to prevent Newburg United Methodist Church from operating its Haunted Annex attraction this Halloween season.

The church was set to open the spooky venue, housed in a storage building, Friday, Oct. 14, as a fundraiser for local and global missions. But Livonia Fire Marshal Earl Fesler said fire hazards were discovered during an on-site inspection this week.

"There are quite a few things involved," Fesler said. "This was really overwhelming with combustible material, including the structure itself. It can't be made of combustible material."

"We cut a piece out and went into the parking lot and lit it and it held fire all the way through."

He said the display also included a vehicle, which is not permitted, and that emergency lights were set to turn on only if the power went out. Fesler said that in some fires, power stays on.

"We feel terrible. If we had just known a few weeks ago, we could have helped them. They just didn't know."

He said drywall would have been a better choice for the walk-through display.

Sara Nadeau, youth and young adult ministry coordinator for the church, said Friday that members were looking into potential remedies, but that it appeared unlikely the structure would reopen this Halloween season.

"To construct new walls would be much too expensive," she said in an e-mail. "I think that's too much to reconstruct within a short time. While we are disappointed that this happened we're thankful that we are going about things correctly, striving to meet code — and preventing possible injury and avoiding fire hazard."

She said members would be on hand this weekend to let visitors know the attraction won't open this month.

— By Sharon Dargay

## Walk raises funds for food allergy network

The Sixth Annual FAAN Walk for Food Allergy and Food Allergy Friendly Halloween Event will start at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22 at Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.

The walk will benefit the Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN) in its efforts to raise funds to provide education and advocacy, and to advance research on food allergies and anaphylaxis.

Participants may attend in costume and trick or treat for food allergy-friendly goodies and prizes. There will be games and activities for the entire family.

Honorary chair, Shannon Murphy from the Mojo in the Morning Show, will be on hand, along with honorary medical chairs and top allergists, Dr. Devang Doshi of Allergy, Asthma & Pulmonary Center of Royal Oak and Dr. Benjamin Song of Allergy and Immunology Associates of Ann Arbor, and honorary local teenage ambassador Jazmen Nelson.

The walk is free. Register at [www.foodallergy-walk.org](http://www.foodallergy-walk.org)

Eight foods account for 90 percent of all reactions in the United States: milk, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts — such as walnuts —, wheat, soy, fish, and shellfish.

For more information, e-mail [DetroitChair@FoodAllergyWalk.org](mailto:DetroitChair@FoodAllergyWalk.org).

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### WHY TREATING FIBROMYALGIA IS DIFFICULT

With the many medications physicians have available, a patient with fibromyalgia would think that there should be some combination of drugs that would bring pain under control. Physicians can prescribe Tylenol, Motrin, Vicodin, Prednisone, Fentanyl, Lyrica, Neurontin, Savella or combinations of these medications, to relieve pain.

The problems of using these drugs are at least threefold. First, flares of fibromyalgia tend to be sudden. When a flare occurs, it may be necessary for a person to use a combination of pain medications, but what combination? No two flares are alike, and what worked in the past may not do now, and what failed previously well could be appropriate for this surge in pain.

Second, patients with fibromyalgia are sensitive to medications. Even small doses of Vicodin may result in the patient feeling in a fog because of sensitivity to the drug and at the same time still remain in pain because the amount of Vicodin taken is insufficient to stop the discomfort.

Third, pain medications set up a response of tolerance when taken over time. Physicians know that patients will fibromyalgia have a condition that will last years, possibly a lifetime. Over time the body will adjust to doses of pain medication ordered now. Going higher on pain medication eventually leads to a need to go even higher.

The only way for a physician to stop that cycle is to not go higher, or not begin with narcotics at all. At present, the only alternative is exercise. It remains the best medication the medical community can offer for fibromyalgia.



## REUNIONS

Send information on local class reunions to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com). Class reunion information may also be mailed to Dargay at Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226.

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40th reunion, 7 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Livonia Marriott. Cost is \$45 per person and includes strolling dinner and DJ. Cash Bar. Contact Susan (Brock) Pfeiffer at (248) 360-8437 or Susan (Matheson) Plaine at (248) 752-3618 for more information and address to send check. Also listed on Facebook.

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Looking for classmates for 50th class reunion on May 19, 2012. E-mail to Judy (Ramsey) Oleson at [joleson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joleson@sbcglobal.net) or call her at (586) 268-1663 or e-mail to Kathy (Quinn) Hayes at [bustchr@aol.com](mailto:bustchr@aol.com)



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Steve and Camille Shy of Plymouth have fun on the dance floor after learning a few moves from Edyta Sliwinska and Alec Mazo of "Dancing with the Stars." That's Kristin Casalou (right) of Novi applauding.

## DANCE

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The second and third floors of the addition will house 80 private inpatient rooms with full bathrooms.

The construction project also includes renovation of 90 existing semi-private rooms on the third-fifth floors of the hospital. They'll be turned into private rooms.

Sponsors of the 19th Annual Gala were William and Bridget Phillips and family of Phillips Service Industries, Inc., Dan Murphy of Great Lakes Investment Group-Wells Fargo Advisors, Emergency Physicians Medical Group, PC, and Hearts of Livonia.

WXYZ-Channel 7 News anchor JoAnne Purtan emceed the evening. Mel Ball and Colours Band provided the music and Dynamic Dance Group of Walled Lake performed.

## GARDEN &amp; NATURE

Send garden and nature announcements to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com)

**SEMBA**

Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA) will present a program "Seed Collecting, Saving and Planting," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19 at Nan-kin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Participants will

learn how to collect seed from butterfly plants, store them during the winter and how to plant them in the spring. \$3 for non-members. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578 or visit [www.semba-butterfly.com](http://www.semba-butterfly.com).

**Hosta**

Members of the Metro Detroit Hosta Society will see a photo recap of the 2011 National Hosta Convention at their next meet-

ing, 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham. Jan Everson will present the program. Light refreshments will be served. Guests are welcome. For more information e-mail to [Hgold2843@comcast.net](mailto:Hgold2843@comcast.net).

**English Gardens**

These free in-store demonstrations start at 10 a.m.:

- Learn how to put your

garden "to bed" for winter on Saturday, Oct. 22

- Get tips on holiday decorating and trends on Saturday, Oct. 29.

• Kids, 3-12, can make a flower pot pumpkin or bat-o-lantern for \$5 during a workshop, 1:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 29. A costume contest also will be held. First prize is a \$25 English Gardens gift card; second and third place are \$10 gift cards. Sign up online for the

workshop at [www.englishgardens.com](http://www.englishgardens.com).

Local English Gardens stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road at Outer Drive, in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, at Maple, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506.

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## Tribute to the military



Staff Sgt. Phil Bessen, (left) an Air Force recruiter, and Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey help celebrate the new Blue Star Memorial marker at Larry Nehasil Park. Approximately 125 persons attended the dedication ceremony to hear remarks by Kirksey and Bessen. The Churchill/Stevenson ROTC and Churchill Choralation also attended the event. The Livonia Garden Club donated the marker that honors service men and women.

## RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar items to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com). Or mail items to Dargay, Observer, 615 Lafayette, Level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.

### Oct. 16-19

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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

#### NEW MEMBER CLASSES

**Time/Date:** Following 10 a.m. worship service on Oct. 16

**Location:** Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia

**Details:** Led by acting minister Eric Stenson

**Contact:** Call Stenson at (248) 277-6197 or leave a message at the church at (734) 427-2290

#### PANCAKE, FRENCH TOAST

**Time/Date:** 8:30 am - 12:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 16

**Location:** St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** Pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage; scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk; \$3 adults, \$1.50 children, 2-10

**Contact:** (734) 425-4421

#### PARISH MISSION

**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Oct. 17-19

**Location:** St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church 555 S. Lilley, Canton

**Details:** Passionist priest, the Rev. Jack Connor, presents "Holiness? Who Me?—Yes, You: Our Universal Call to Holiness." His style will reach teens through adults

**Contact:** (734) 981-1333

### Oct. 20-26

#### CLOTHING

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22

**Location:** 41920 Joy Road, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton

**Details:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank will give free clothing and shoes to anyone in need

**Contact:** (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

#### SEMINAR

**Time/Date:** 2 p.m., Oct. 23

**Location:** Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Paul L. Maier, author, historian and fifth vice president of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, will present "How We Got the Bible." The seminar considers the vast assemblage of documents forming the 66 books of the Bible. Topics include "The World's Most Important Book," "Can We Be Confident in the Bible?" "Silencing

the Old Testament Critics," "Did the Church Make Jesus Divine?" and "The High Price of an English Bible." Admission is free

**Contact:** (734) 522-6830; [www.christoursavior.org](http://www.christoursavior.org)

### Oct. 27-Nov. 2

#### COAT EXCHANGE

**Time/Date:** 4-6 p.m. Oct. 29

**Location:** St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile one block west of Inkster Road, in Livonia

**Details:** The coat exchange will take place during the Fall Fun Festival. Participants who need a coat can take one. Coat donations will be accepted in the church of office during business hours

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

#### FALL FESTIVAL

**Time/Date:** 1-4 p.m., Oct. 29

**Location:** Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** Family-oriented event with games, face painting, henna tattoos, bouncies, bake sale, and free cider and doughnuts. Participants may wear their costumes. Rain or shine

**Contact:** Pastor R. Wright at (313) 682-7491

#### FUN FEST, BARBECUE

**Time/Date:** 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29

**Location:** St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile one block west of Inkster Road, in Livonia

**Details:** Fall Fun Festival for children through 6th grade. There will be games, treats, fall activities and more. Church members will be in the parking lot to pass out treats as the children "Trunk or Treat" from car to car. The church encourages youngsters wear costumes for the event. Parents or guardians must accompany all children

**Also happening:** A barbecue from 4-7 p.m. on Oct. 29 will include North Carolina Pulled Pork Shoulder, Southern Bar-B-Q Chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, red-skinned potatoes and beverages. Proceeds will go to the church's "Feed

the Hungry" ministries. Advance tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. At the door, tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children while supplies last.

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

#### HARVEST SUPPER

**Time/Date:** 5:30-6:30 p.m. dinner, 5-7 p.m. bake sale, Thursday, Nov. 3

**Location:** Atonement Lutheran Church, 6961 Mead, Dearborn

**Details:** Adult admission is \$8. Grade school children pay \$3.50, pre-schoolers pay \$1.50. Tickets may be ordered in advance or purchased at the door. Carryouts must be ordered by Nov. 2

**Contact:** (313) 421-8036 or (313) 581-2525

### Nov. 3-9

#### LUNCHEON, FASHIONS

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6

**Location:** Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center, 29125 West Six Mile, Livonia

**Details:** The Ladies of Sacred Heart holds its annual Ladies Luncheon and Fashion Show. Reservations are accepted for tables of eight. Teens and adults only. Gourmet luncheon is catered by Thomas's Catering of Livonia and fashions are provided by The Clothing Cove of Milford. Doors open at noon for basket and auction preview. Tickets are \$30

**Contact:** (734) 522-3166, or [www.shbyzantine.com/#events](http://www.shbyzantine.com/#events)

### Nov. 10-16

#### WIDOWED FRIENDS

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 12

**Location:** St. Gerald Catholic Church, 21300 Farmington Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile, Farmington

**Details:** "Coping with the Holidays," will include a guest speaker, social and small group interaction and a memorial/healing service. Cost is \$20, which includes a box lunch and refreshments. Register by Nov. 6

**Contact:** Carol at (313) 562-3080 or Joan at (248) 478-1084; [www.widowedfriends.org](http://www.widowedfriends.org)

### ONGOING

#### CLASSES/STUDY

##### Emmanuel Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month

**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

**Details:** Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.

**Contact:** Pastor Scott Sessler at (734) 673-2485 or e-mail to [pastorsscott@emmanuel-livonia.org](mailto:pastorsscott@emmanuel-livonia.org)

##### Faith Bible Church

**Time/Date:** 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays through May 8

**Location:** 34541 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** "Four Views of the End Times" adult study

**Also ongoing:** "Life's Healing Choices" Study Group, 6 p.m., fourth Sunday through September, is for men and women who want freedom from hurts, hangups and habits of the past.

**Contact:** (734) 464-7990

##### Men's Bible study

**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

**Contact:** John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

##### New Life Community Church

**Time/Date:** Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.

**Location:** 42200 Tyler, Belleville

**Contact:** (734) 846-4615

##### Nicole's Revival

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday

**Location:** YWCA Northwest

Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford

**Details:** KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer

**Contact:** (313) 531-1234

##### Our Lady of Loretto

**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

**Details:** Scripture study

**Contact:** (313) 534-9000

##### St. Michael the Archangel

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday.

**Location:** School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** Catholic author and bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of Letter to the Hebrews. The sessions are open to all, regardless of faith or parish affiliation

**Contact:** (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200 or [www.livoniastmichael.org](http://www.livoniastmichael.org)

##### Ward Presbyterian

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Mondays

**Location:** Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

**Details:** Learner's Bible study is held

**Contact:** (248) 374-5920

##### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, beginning Sept. 13

**Location:** Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** Discussion-based study from the Gospel of Luke; preschool child care provided

**Contact:** (734) 427-8743

##### CLOTHING BANK

**Canton Christian Fellowship**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m. second Wednesday

**Location:** 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty

**Details:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need

**Contact:** (734) 404-2480, visit [www.CantonCF.org](http://www.CantonCF.org) or send e-mail to [info@cantoncf.org](mailto:info@cantoncf.org)



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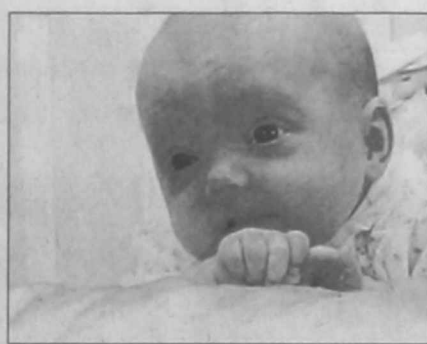
## Milestones

### Meadow September Likerick

Meadow September Likerick was born Feb. 22, 2011.

She joined her parents, Michelle and Joshua Likerick, and sisters, Mikaylah Rain, 10, and Heidi Nita, 6, at home in Homer, Ill.

Her parents both are



graduates of Garden City olina.

High School. Grandparents are Debbie and JB Likerick of Garden City; Roseanne Marsden and Rodney Knoop of Illinois and Dave Marsden of North Car-

### 50th wedding anniversary

James Reilly and Frances Rogowski were married on Oct. 21, 1961, at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in Detroit.

They have lived in Redford Township for 38 years and have three children: James (Karen) Reilly of Saline, Lisa (David) Hayes of Bradenton, Fla., and Robert (Laura) Reilly of Windermere, Fla.

Their six granddaughters are Grace, Emma, Kayla, Lily, Delaney and Payton.

James worked for Detroit Diesel until his retirement in 1996. Frances worked for Family Service Inc. and retired in 2005.

Many celebrations will take place to mark the couple's upcoming 50th anniversary.



James and Frances Reilly of Redford Township.



James and Frances Reilly on their wedding day in 1961

## METROPARK CALENDAR

**General:** 2011 annual parking and boat launch permits are available at the park office. Vehicle entry permits are \$25; senior citizen \$15. Boat launching permits are \$30; senior citizen \$15. The HCMA and Oakland County Parks permits, valid within both park systems, are \$48. Daily entry fee is \$5.

### Kensington

**Note:** For more information for registration, call the Kensington Park office at (248) 685-1561 or (800) 477-3178. The Nature Center office phone number is (248) 685-0603. Pre-registration required for programs and a \$2 fee per person unless stated otherwise. Park hours are 6 a.m.-10 p.m. daily.

#### NATURE CENTER

**Animal Myths, Legends & Superstitions:** Saturday, Oct. 22, 1 p.m. Learn about wolves, bats, snakes, spiders and other under-appreciated creatures. Sort out what's true and not true during this one hour program of photos and discussion. Fee: \$3 per person. For ages six years and older. Preregistration required.

**Feeding Birds in the Winter:** Sunday, Oct. 23, 2 p.m. Learn the habits of birds that stay through the winter, and how to attract these over-wintering avian friends to your backyard. For ages 6 and older. Fee: \$3 per person. Preregistration required.

**Leave No Trace Camping for Scouts:** Saturday, Oct. 29, 1 p.m. Learn how to camp without scarring the landscape. Dress for the weather. Fee: \$5 per Scout. Preregistration required. For ages 10 and older.

**Webelos - Forester:** Sunday, Oct. 30, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. All requirements for this badge will be met during this indoor/outdoor program. Fee: \$5 per Scout. Preregistration required.

**Survival Saturday - Shelter Building:** Saturday, Nov. 5, 1 p.m. Discover the basics of building a good shelter for those unexpected overnight stays in the wilderness. Fee: \$3 per person. Preregistration required. For ages 10 and older.

**Nature's Nutcases:** Sunday, Nov. 6, 2 p.m. Nuts come in all shapes and sizes, come see why the animals love them so. Fee: \$3 per person. Preregistration required. For ages 6 and older.

**Webelos - Geologist:** Saturday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. All requirements for this badge will be met during this indoor/outdoor program. Fee: \$5 per Scout. Preregistration required.

**Animal Tracks on T-shirts:** Sunday, Nov. 13, 2 p.m. Bring a white T-shirt or sweatshirt and track it up, while learning about the animals that left the tracks behind. Fee: \$4 per person. Preregistration required. For ages 6 and older.

**Animals Preparing for Winter:** Saturday, Nov. 19, 1 p.m. As the days get shorter, many animals prepare for the long winter ahead. Some leave and some hibernate, while others gather and find homes for the winter. Fee: \$3 per person. Preregistration required. For ages 6 and older.

**Ducks on the Move:** Sunday, Nov. 20, 2 p.m. Catch a glimpse of some migrating waterfowl as they pass through Kensington. Bring binoculars. Spotting scopes will be available for closer viewing. Fee: \$3 per person. Preregistration required. For ages 10 and older.

**Chickadee Chow-Down:** Friday, Nov. 25, 1 p.m. In winter, a variety of songbirds will actually take sunflower seeds from your hands. Bird seed will be provided for this short walk along the nature trails. Fee: \$3 per person. Preregistration required.

**Live Birds of Prey:** Saturday, Nov. 26, 1 p.m. Meet a live hawk and a great horned owl. Fee: \$3 per person. Preregistration required.

#### FARM CENTER

**Fun on the Farm - Halloween Party:** Thursday, Oct. 20, 10 a.m. Dress up in your favorite costume and enjoy games, treats, story time, a craft, an activity, a hayride and even a parade. Fee: \$5 per person.

**Farmer for a Day:** Friday, Nov. 25, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. This program is offered to children interested in working on a farm. Kids, ages 7 to 15 years, will work alongside our farmers cleaning stalls, feeding animals and working on other daily or seasonal chores. This program is designed to be educational and fun. Children will leave with a greater appreciation of farm life. Fee: \$30 per child and preregistration is required.

### Indian Springs

**Note:** For more information for registration, call Indian Springs at (248) 625-7280 or (800) 477-3192. The golf course number is (248) 625-7870. Discovery Center number is (248) 625-6640. Summer park hours are 7 a.m.-10 p.m. A metropark vehicle entry permit is required.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL DISCOVERY CENTER

**Boy Scouts:** Wilderness Survival Merit Badge: Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 22-23, 10 a.m. What would you do if you were lost in the woods? Learn about the priorities for survival in a variety of backcountry settings during this merit badge workshop. Scouts will learn some basic first aid, how to identify and circumvent outdoor hazards, create an emergency shelter, make fire with and without matches, and how to safely find water sources and treat questionable water. All of the requirements for the badge will be met in this program led by a certified merit badge counselor. Fee \$16 per scout, adults free. Preregistration required.

**Beastly Bones and Sinister Skulls:** Saturday, Oct. 29, 1 p.m. Celebrate Halloween the biology way by learning how to identify skulls and pelts of Michigan mammals. We'll also make realistic mammal masks to wear. Open to children in the first grade and up. Fee \$3 per person. Preregistration required.

**Owl Prowl:** Saturday, Oct. 29, 7 p.m. Enjoy an exciting night hike in search of owls, where you make hear or see a barred owl, an eastern screech owl or even a great horned owl. Head out with an interpreter into the park with recorded owl calls to bring some of these magnificent birds in close so they can be viewed. Then, examine owl folklore and learn some interesting facts about the owls in the park. Make sure to dress for the weather. Most of this program will take place outside. Ages 10 and up. Fee \$3 per person. Preregistration required.

**Creepy Crawlies Under the Scope:** Sunday, Oct. 30, 1 p.m. Think of your favorite (or least favorite) six- or eight-legged friends. Want to see them closer than ever before? View some "spooky" Halloween insects in the microscope lab, and then take digital photos of the creatures that can be emailed home. Ages 6 and older. Fee \$3 per person. Preregistration required.

**Intro to GPS:** Saturday, Nov. 5, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Families, scouts and individuals can sign up to learn how a GPS unit works. Participants will practice their new skills finding geocaches hidden in the park. Please dress for the weather. Learn about navigation by signing up for Basic Orienteering on the same day. Open to children in 4th grade and up. Fee \$3 per person, or a special rate of \$5 per person if you sign up for Basic Orienteering and GPS together. Preregistration required.

**Basic Orienteering:** Saturday, Nov. 5, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Can't find your way out of a paper bag? Then this program is for you! Individuals, families or scouts will learn basic map and compass skills, then navigate an outdoor course. Please dress for field conditions. Open to children in 4th grade and up. Fee \$3 per person, or a special rate of \$5 per person if you sign up for Basic Orienteering and GPS together. Preregistration required.

**Tot Time - Feathered Friends:** Saturday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m. Look up! We will discover the art of flight and see what makes birds fly. Children will also see which birds stay for the winter and those that escape the cold! Ages 2-5. Fee \$3 per child. Preregistration required.

**Brownies:** Science Wonders: Saturday, Nov. 12, 1 p.m. Scouts will perform experiments that are both educational and fun as they learn about their surroundings during the Science Wonders badge program. The program includes crystal growing, a magnet hunt, invisible ink and more! Fee \$4 per scout, adults no charge. Preregistration required.

**Magnificent Moon:** Saturday, Nov. 12, 6 p.m. Hold the howls - at least until we're done with this program! Learn about our Earth's companion through activities & legends. We will construct a moon finder and a star clock, and each person will receive their own moon map. Please bring flashlights and binoculars if you have them. Open to children in third grade and older. Fee \$3 per person. Preregistration required.

#### 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 whom Wally had a very special relationship. The family wants to thank the many caregivers at Plymouth and 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.

#### GLASS, SHIRLEY ANN (Griswold)

Of Hillsdale, formerly of Plymouth and Salem; went to be with the Lord on October 12, 2011. In 1952 she married the love of her life, Robert Allen Glass Sr. Her husband preceded her in death in 1974 and she never remarried. She is survived by her son Robert Allen Glass Jr. (Kim Dokumo) of Hillsdale, Daughter Janet Lee Glass of Arkansas, Grandson Robert Allen Glass III (Millie), Great-Granddaughter Jacquelyn Ann Glass, and Great-Grandson Garrett Michael Glass, all of Hillsdale, MI. She is also survived by her three sisters, Lucy Shaw, Nancy Corwin (Bill), and Bertha Houk. A funeral service was held Saturday, October 15, 2011 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., 122 West Dunlap, Northville. Ms. Glass was laid to rest at Knollwood Cemetery in Canton. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Hospice of Hillsdale County, 124 S. Howell St, Hillsdale, MI 49242.

#### JAHN, JAMES (Jim) ALEXANDER

Age 84, of Livonia, passed away October 7, 2011. Beloved husband of Theresa. Loving father of sons, Michael & Paul and daughters, Patricia Schumacher, Ann Jahn (deceased), Peggy Bellaire, Susan Jahn and Gail Foguth. Grandfather of eight and great-grandfather of five. Jim was a decorated WWII veteran, serving in Okinawa. Jim enjoyed many years of retirement from Ford Motor Co. He loved to fly his Cessna and recently learned piano. Jim will be truly missed and will remain in our hearts & memories forever. Memorial service will be at 10am Monday at St. Colette, Livonia, MI

#### SACKETT, RONALD PAUL

Age 43, of Livonia, passed away suddenly on Thursday, September 29, 2011. Beloved son of Roger and Mary Sackett (Livonia), Cherished brother of Michael and Tami (Whitmore Lake), his Love Ann Johnson, her daughter Amanda, 13 (Westland), Dearest nephew, cousin and friend to the many who loved him. He was a kind, gentle person known for his generosity and laughter. He was taken from us much too soon and his memory will live forever. Ron was employed for 19 years as a Marketing Coordinator for Best Buy currently assigned to the regional office in Novi. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date due to family illness. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy are requested in Ron's memory to help with the education of Amanda Johnson. Donations should be made payable to: Amanda Johnson and mailed to: Roger Sackett, 28739 Grandon, Livonia MI 48150

#### .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 wonderful 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 a.m. at St. Colette Catholic 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



#### STACHURA, LAURA

Age 97, Birmingham, Michigan & Pittsburgh, PA on Thursday, September 29th, we lost a great lady, whose love of life and sense of humor we will forever miss ... and Halloween will never be the same without her. Beloved wife of the late Stanley. Loving mother of Eleanor (Richard) Gabrys and Dolores (Thomas) Markle. Proud grandmother of Michael (Anne) Gabrys, Steven (Jennifer) Gabrys, Allison Gabrys, Jim and Jason Stachura, Justin Markle, Lauren (Edward) Hess and Bethany (Kenneth) Martin. Great-grandmother to Mariella, Nicholas, Stella, Pierce and Evan Gabrys, Ricky and Alexandria Martin. Visitation is at 10:30 am followed by mass at 11:00 am, will be held at Holy Name Church, 630 Harmon, Birmingham, Tuesday, October 18th.

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#### 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 predeceased 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.



#### WOHL, STEVEN E.

Mr. Steven Emery Wohl, 99, passed away September 14, 2011 in Atlanta, Georgia. He was born May 10, 1912 in Budapest Hungary, and graduated from the University of Budapest with a degree in Pharmacy. He came to the United States in 1939 and entered the United States Army in 1942. After proudly serving his country, Mr. Wohl began a retail pharmacy career in Detroit, Michigan and went on to build Sherman Drugs, a successful retail drug store chain in metropolitan Detroit until retiring. Survivors include his loving wife, Janet of 55 years along with his two sons, Greg and Brian and his daughter-in-law, Cate and granddaughter, Adeline. A memorial service will be held on October 22, 2011 at 2:00pm at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery 621 W. Long Lake Road Troy, Michigan 48098. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the Alzheimer's Association at: [http://act.alz.org/site/TR?pg=fund&fr\\_id=1060&pxfid=31671](http://act.alz.org/site/TR?pg=fund&fr_id=1060&pxfid=31671)



#### ZIEMER, AUDREY A.

82, of Westminster, CO died Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at Avista Adventist Hospital in Louisville, CO. A Celebration of Audrey's Life will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2200 Broadway, Boulder, CO on Monday Oct. 17, 2011 at 6 p.m. A reception will follow at the church. Private family burial will take place at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver. Audrey was born March 26, 1929 to Jacob and Catherine (Reinders) Manthey in Milwaukee, WI. She went to Shorewood High School in Shorewood, WI and attended Milwaukee Business College in Milwaukee. Audrey married Donald A. Ziemer in 1951. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Boulder, CO and enjoyed traveling, reading, needlepoint and crosswords. Her greatest joy and source of pride was her family. Survivors: husband, Donald Ziemer, Westminster, CO; three daughters, Linda (Steven) Wilkinson, Marietta, GA, Cynthia (William) Burke, Denver, CO and Kathleen (Gordon) Boyes of Boulder, CO; five grandchildren, Zachary Burke, Alexandra Burke, Katherine Wilkinson, Matthew Wilkinson, and Dylan Boyes. She was preceded in death by her sisters Jeanette Kile and Alice Hannigan. Contributions: Covenant Village Benevolent Fund, 9153 Yarrow Street, Westminster, CO 80021. M.P. Murphy & Associates Funeral Directors of Boulder, CO are in charge of arrangements.

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## Hoop it up for fun and fitness

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E staff writer

Jan Henry seamlessly passed a revolving hoop from her waist to just above her head. It hovered like an oversized halo, and then headed back down her body to its starting point.

Henry, a Farmington Hills resident, stepped her way across the studio floor Wednesday night at Positive Attitude Dance Academy in Farmington, swaying her hips forward and back to keep the hoop in motion.

"You want one foot in front, one in back," she coached potential clients during her free introductory class to Hoopnotica, an exercise program that mixes hoop skills and dance moves.

"Upper body stays over the hips. You want to avoid leaning forward — the hoop will fall. The other thing, keep that tummy tucked in."

As a personal trainer, Henry also employs more traditional fitness methods, such as weight lifting, cardiovascular movement, walking, hiking and running. She added Hoopnotica to her resume a year after noticing a hoop on display in a local active wear shop. The staff moved clothing racks aside and allowed Henry to try spinning the hoop.

"A few revolutions and yeah, I thought, I can do this. It just hit me. I didn't know a whole hooping community existed," she said.

She studied with a Hoopnotica instructor,



Ermon Sims of Westland tries a few neck moves with her exercise hoop during a free trial Hoopnotica class at Positive Attitude Dance Academy in Farmington.

starting with basic hip and waist hooping and then moving on to creating hoop routines set to music. She received her certification in the program late last year.

### Bigger hoops

Hoopnotica developed out of a single class in 2004 in Los Angeles, Calif. Today it offers the hoop and movement curriculum, instructor certification, training DVDs and hoops.

The fitness hoops are larger and heavier than the child-sized Hula Hoop made by Wham-O in the 1950s or found in toy stores today. The bigger diameter

and larger-sized tubing helps to slow the hoop down, making it easier to keep off the ground. Tape around the tubing helps create friction that keeps the hoop close to the body.

The Hoopnotica Web site says the hooping workout can burn up to 600 calories an hour.

"This is total body, so it's cardiovascular," Henry said. "It's core because we're working our waist. When people get real comfortable with these I put them down into a squat and into lunges. When you're first working with waist hooping, you do feel it in your quads



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Instructor Jan Henry (right) shows Jenny Arntz how to keep a hoop in motion. Arntz and her mother-in-law, Pam, drove from Stockbridge, west of Pinckney, to the exercise class in Farmington.

and you feel it in your abs the next day."

### Learning basics

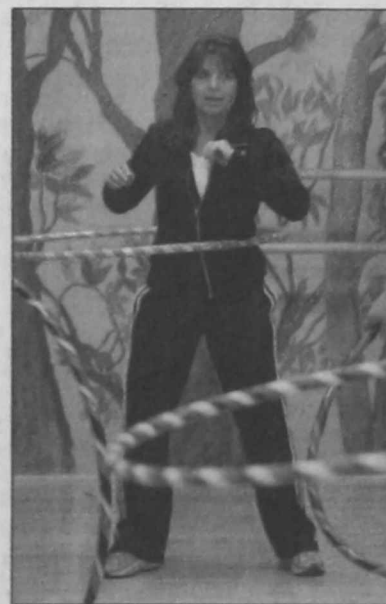
Students in her trial class concentrated on keeping the hoop revolving around their waists.

Marlene Masterson of Farmington easily picked up the movement and began walking while hooping.

"I remembered how to do it. It came back to me," said Masterson, recalling Hula Hoops from her childhood. "These are actually easier to work with than the smaller hoops."

Roger Miller of Canton stretched his arms outward to help with his balance as he kept the revolving hoop off the floor.

"I thought if I could learn to do this it would be helpful in dancing. I like to dance," he said. "The other thing, too, is



Carrie Mnich of Livonia exercises amid a sea of hoops.

that they have these 50s dances and they always have Hula Hoop contests."

Henry is organizing classes for beginners. She hopes to start them this week, but class

times and days will depend on the responses she receives. To join a class, e-mail Henry at hoop-trainer@henry-web.net. Visit her information site at [www.idealifeit.com/profile/jan-henry](http://www.idealifeit.com/profile/jan-henry).

"You've got to learn the skills and then the goal is that within a couple weeks or months to develop routines to music and then we can really get into it. We can have flash mobs and all that great stuff," she said.

"I was at the market in Farmington and they had a Zumba class and I swear there were 30 women all in formation. That's what I want. That's what I'm trying to build here."

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# What Will Employers Find When They Google Your Name?

Selena Dehne  
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If your current boss or the hiring manager at your target employer were to do an internet search on your name right now what would he find? Facebook photos of you donning a controversial Halloween costume or chugging a beer? A slew of information about dozens of other people with the same name as you? Or maybe he wouldn't find anything at all because there's little to no evidence online that you even exist.

Every one of these scenarios can be problematic in your career. In today's highly competitive job market and tech-savvy economy, you need a positive online identity that diversifies you from the crowd. Career experts Diane Crompton and Ellen Sautter further explain this importance in their book "Find a Job

Through Social Networking," saying, "Having an online identity that reflects positively on your personal brand is becoming increasingly important for all sorts of professionals. In the past, a business card or a résumé and interview suit were all you needed to establish yourself as 'real' in the minds of others. These days, your presence online is just as important as these offline image-makers."

To overcome problems associated with your online identity and boost your ability to stand out in cyberspace, consider the following tips.

## Dilemma 1: There's no online evidence that I exist.

How can you expect to compete with other candidates who have LinkedIn profiles packed with professional recommendations, thousands of Twitter followers or

blogs that showcase their industry expertise? Candidates who use these tools are able to give potential employers a sneak peek at what they have to offer. "If you have no online presence, you need to develop your online identity to stay competitive in the job market," say Crompton and Sautter.

To get your name to start showing up in search engines, they suggest

Starting with LinkedIn, and making sure you are fully leveraging that site.

Adding additional social networking sites such as Plaxo, XING or Viadeo.

Leveraging Facebook for professional networking.

Using social media tools like Twitter.

Creating a blog using a platform that will sync to your LinkedIn profile.

Joining discussion groups, delivering webinars, creating a video or recording a podcast.

## Dilemma 2: Too many people online have the same name as I do.

"If your name is fairly common, you might find that lots of other people who share your name have left a digital trail that is not yours. And sometimes it's a trail you'd rather not be associated with," explain Crompton and Sautter.

To troubleshoot this dilemma, they suggest, "Create a unique name for yourself by including an initial rather than only a first and last name when you do anything in public offline or online. You can also more aggressively build up your digital presence so that the first matches for Mary Jones or John Smith point to you and not someone else."

## Dilemma 3: I have digital dirt I don't want my boss or potential employers to see.

Digital dirt includes any information or photos about you that can damage your reputation or prompt others to question how well you'd do your job or fit in with co-workers. Here are a few examples of digital dirt, according to Crompton and Sautter.

Personal information you'd rather not share in the workplace.

Controversial associations, opinions or memberships.

Embarrassing evidence of unprofessional behavior.

Public records or references to lawsuits or felonies.

Information about your

credentials that contradicts data on your résumé or business marketing materials.

Evidence of a moonlighting business that could be a conflict of interest with, or distraction from, your primary work.

To eliminate your digital dirt, or do your best to smother it with more positive, professional content online, Crompton and Sautter offer the following advice:

**Wash over it.** Create so much new content about yourself that the negative or irrelevant information is buried under fresher, more relevant and more positive content.

**Wash it out.** Get rid of it entirely. Having online content deleted is not easy. Unless you or someone you know well created or posted the content in the first place, you might have a difficult time getting the owners of sites to remove the offending content.

**Wait it out.** Take no active measures to hide or delete the content, but just let nature take its course. Nature, in this case, is the natural sequence of events in most reasonably active, visible professionals' lives. This approach is recommended only if you write, speak or blog fairly often.

Crompton and Sautter add, "Whichever method you choose to bury or eradicate your digital dirt, be patient because it might take time to achieve your desired results."

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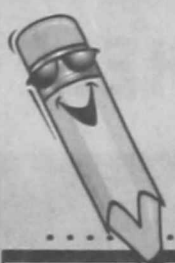
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### ACROSS

- 1 Vim and vigor
- 4 Jezebel's spouse
- 8 Fuse together
- 12 Breeze through
- 13 Gratify completely
- 14 Incense emanation
- 15 Resourceful
- 17 Comfy shoes
- 18 Wave rider
- 19 Rock concert souvenir
- 21 Young fish
- 22 "Werewolves Of"
- 26 Sink
- 29 Home tel.
- 30 Caviar, actually
- 31 Author Haley
- 32 Put down, slangily
- 33 Mental fog
- 34 Statute
- 35 Keystone Konstable

- 36 Advise against
- 37 Finely chopped
- 39 Playing marble
- 40 Drop behind
- 41 "Twelfth Night" maiden
- 45 Vacillate (hyph.)
- 48 Planet middles
- 50 Date in March
- 51 Puny pup
- 52 Spigot
- 53 Townshend or Seeger
- 54 Facet
- 55 Annapolis grad

### DOWN

- 1 Felt boots
- 2 Pantyhose shade
- 3 Gaze
- 4 Toward the rudder
- 5 Bearded
- 6 Off-road vehicle
- 7 Scarabs
- 8 Many spouses

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Level: Beginner

### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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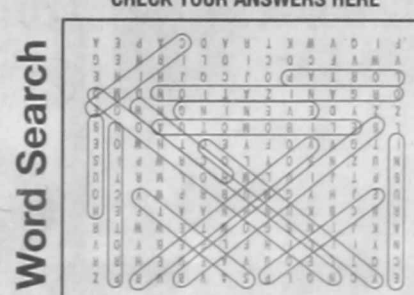
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## Car Report

Advertising Feature

# CHRYSLER PRODUCTS HELP BRANDS LEAD THE PACK

By Dale Buss

No wonder Chrysler executives went out of turn last week and announced their September sales before their traditional mid-day monthly slot. The company posted a whopping 27-percent increase in U.S. sales last month, to 127,334 units compared with 100,077 units, the best relative performance of any of the top-tier automakers by volume for the month.

It was sort of like how Florida is trying to jump the gun and host its presidential primary before Iowa. But Chrysler's news apparently was too exciting to wait. Not only were its overall sales up significantly in September, but the retail-sales component soared by 50 percent.

That's right: In the sales component that most reflects the

mood of the buying public, Chrysler and its dealers far outperformed the fleet-sales component that is tied to commercial purchases and is far more volatile.

Northland Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge General Manager Jack McInerney agrees that consumers' concerns about Chrysler's 2009 bailout "have gone away, especially after the company paid back the government." But the Oak Park dealership is seeing rising sales and showroom traffic these days mainly because Chrysler and its brands are nailing the products that they need to appeal to car buyers these days.

"People feel good about Chrysler and our brands again and their local roots, but if we don't have what they're looking for - which we didn't always have a few years ago - they're going to move on," McInerney said. "And they're not."



Jeep's new Grand Cherokee has become a great lease option.

Reid Bigland, Chrysler's head of U.S. sales, said in a release last week, "Irrespective of the economy, strong products equal strong sales, and with our retail sales up a whopping 50 percent, that is exactly what we have. We have now gained more retail market share than anyone else in the country. There is no double-dip downturn going on around here."

So what is going on around Chrysler? For one thing, its brands have re-emerged with clear vibrancy under Fiat ownership. Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge and Ram Truck brands each posted sales increases in September, led by a 42-percent surge for Ram truck. Ram pickup sales were up 45 percent, for the best sales month of any this year and the best September sales since 2007.

Jeep sales once again were strong, as they have been all year, up 24 percent over a year

ago. Chrysler said they were driven by availability of the new Compass, whose sales were up 306 percent over a year ago. Grand Cherokee sales rose 78 percent through September compared with sales of an older version a year ago. And Wrangler and Liberty each posted double-digit sales increases.

McInerney said that Grand Cherokee sales have been strong for the entire year since their introduction and that Northland is able to accommodate more buyers now because of easier availability of lease deals. Three years ago, almost all transactions for the previous version of the Grand Cherokee were leases, he said; that dropped to nearly zero during the depths of the recession. Now, it's back up to 30 to 40 percent.

"It's much easier looking at affording a Grand Cherokee with leather seats and a moon roof for

about \$38,000, if you can pay \$450 a month for three years in a lease, versus having to put down \$5,000 to \$6,000 down to get the vehicle for twice as long," he said.

Even the Chrysler brand with the thinnest product line, Chrysler itself, has been making the most of things: Its new 300 sedan, for instance, just got an uncharacteristically strong recommendation from Consumer Reports, which is highly influential with many American consumers.

"The ride is fantastic, whether it's all-wheel or rear-wheel-drive," McInerney said about the 300. "Plus you've got a moon roof, back-up sensors and cameras, and even a little window shade in the rear. Plus it's a great-looking car. It really brings people into the showroom."

Thus, with 300 sales up by 50 percent for the month because of the new model, compared with a year ago, the Chrysler brand logged its best sales month since August 2008 and the best September sales since 2007.

Perhaps the most remarkable element of Chrysler's run is that it has occurred without resorting to the deep-incentives play that American automakers too often have used over the last several years, to the long-term detriment of their brands. In fact, according to an analysis by Edmunds.com, Chrysler was the only major automaker besides Toyota to lower U.S. incentives in September from August, down by 2.5 percent while Toyota's dropped by 1.9 percent.

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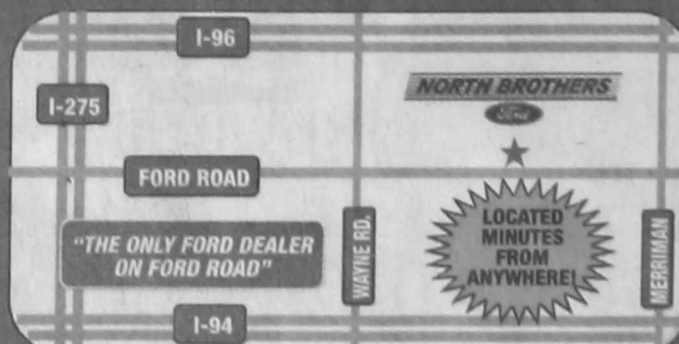
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