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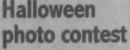
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#### **Diwali** party

The celebration of Diwali, a Hindu festival also known as the festival of lights, will be the feature of a multicultural program 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, at the Canton Public Library.

The all-ages program features Nadanta, a classical dance troupe directed by Chaula Thacker, musical performances by Shilpa Modhak and samples of traditional festive food. There will also be henna demonstrations, a fashion show of colorful costumes from different parts of India and Rangoli floor designs.

The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road. For more information, visit www.cantonpl.org.



Calling all ghosts, goblins, witches and warlocks, our website, Hometownlife.com, is having its second annual Halloween Photo contest. Prizes include free Buddy's pizza and tickets to Emagine theatres. To enter, go to the Don't Miss module on our home page or visit us on Facebook. You can vote once a day and encourage your friends to vote too. The contest ends Nov. 8, so you'll have plenty of time to share photos from Halloween night, and compete for prizes via Facebook.

#### **U-M** tickets

Our website. Hometownlife.com, is giving away two prime tickets to the Nov. 19 Michigan football game against Nebraska through a special Facebook promotion. To enter, visit us on Facebook and click on the sweepstakes tab, or go to Hometownlife. com, and click on the Wolverine helmet in our Don't Miss module. The contest winner will be selected at random Nov. 14.

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Michigan state Sens. Tom Casperson (right) and Goeff Hansen, who came to Canton with three of their transportation committee colleagues, listen to complaints about Ford Road traffic woes.

### Senate adds teeth to TIGER

### Hearing ends with support for Ford Road plan

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

Amid strong, bipartisan lobbying by local and regional officials, the Senate Transportation Committee capped a visit Tuesday night to Canton by approving a pair of resolutions imploring federal authorities to provide \$20.3 million to improve the traffic-snarled I-275/Ford Road area.

In another boost to a nineyear battle to revamp the beleaguered interchange, Michigan Department of Transportation officials indicated the state will support efforts by Canton to secure federal dollars from a third-round grant program dubbed TIGER, or Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery.

Canton, publicly backed

Tuesday by leaders from neighboring communities such as Westland, Livonia, Plymouth, Northville Township and Wayne, made an impassioned plea for help by portraying Ford Road as among Michigan's most accident-prone thorough-

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy described himself as "cautiously optimistic" after the Senate **Transportation Committee** concluded a three-hour public hearing attended by an estimated 125-150 people inside Summit on the Park.

"I believe they heard the message," LaJoy said.

Message ignored

It's a message he and others implied has been largely

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**Canton Municipal Services Director** Tim Faas (from left), Supervisor Phil LaJoy and state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, seek help from the Senate Transportation Committee to reshape the I-275/Ford Road interchange.

### Local message: 'Fix Ford first'

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

Tired of traffic bottlenecks and crashes, Canton residents, public safety and judicial officials, elected leaders and business representatives had one message Tuesday for state officials who face burgeoning road problems and shrinking revenues - fix Ford first.

Their demands came Tuesday night as the state Senate Transportation Committee came to Canton for a public hearing on traffic problems around

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#### 1-275/Ford Rd. Recommended **Enhancement** Concept

Access to Northbound I-275 from Cherry Hill Rd. without use of Haggerty Rd., bypassing Ford/Haggerty intersection.

Access from Southbound 1-275 to SB Haggerty Rd. and Cherry Hill Rd. without use of the Ford/Haggerty

Access from Southbound I-275 to NB Haggerty Rd. without use of the Ford/Haggerty intersection.

Potential for improved access to development parcels east of I-275, g congestion at Ford/Lotz



### Chamber chief ends brief run

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

Canton Chamber of Commerce President Tracey Rettig confirmed Wednesday she has resigned from her position effective Nov. 11, though she described herself as proud of her accomplishments since she started the job in Jan-

Rettig's impending departure follows a sometimes-tumultuous stint that

brought praise from some chamber members and criticism from former board members who, during a September board meeting, publicly criticized her lead-

Rettig, however, cited other reasons for her Rettig

departure, saying she has been accepted to Lawrence Technological University's business administration master's degree program. Rettig, a Berkley resident, also said her "family dynamics have changed" since she took the chamber job, making it difficult to attend as many community events as she had hoped.

"I'm excited about the future," she said, adding later, "I can say I've met some really great people in Canton."

Despite a short run in her job, Rettig said she believes she has made a dif-

"I have made improvements in the

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#### Boycotts threatened over support for board candidates

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

Owners of several businesses in Canton are upset at what they say are threats by callers alleging to represent the teachers union to boycott their businesses if they show support for a slate of candidates in Tuesday's Plymouth-

Canton Board of Education election.

The callers, owners say, are telling them to remove any signs of support for the socalled "M&M" slate of candidates - former board presidents Mark Horvath and Mike Maloney and politi-



cal newcomers Matt Dame and Mike Andro - or face boycott of their establishments.

Businesses reportedly targeted included a BP gas station, The Crow's Nest, Mexican Fiesta and others whose owners asked not to be named for fear of retribution. One business owner, who asked not to be identified, confirmed one instance of being told "teachers won't come in here" if he continued to show support.

Owners Domenic Tassielli of The Crow's Nest and Robert Alderado of Mexican Fiesta did not return calls seeking comment.

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In addition to accepting plastics, paper, cardboard, tin, glass, oil, paint (limit 5 one gallon containers), antifreeze, and batteries for recycling, CWR will also accept electronic waste. Only home electronics from Canton residents will be accepted, electronics for commercial business will NOT be accepted.

Acceptable home electronics include; televisions, computers, laptops, printers, fax machines, computer keyboards and mice and small handheld electronic devices (I-Pods, radios, game boy, etc). Please note: E-waste

is only accepted at Canton Clean-up and NOT at the curb. All clean-up dates can be found in your Focus newsletter or on canton's website at www.canton-mi.org.

Before donating or recycling your equipment, remember to remove all sensitive and personal information from its memory. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has two fact sheets that provide information about donating and a list of free software you can use to delete information from your computer. To view this information visit www.epa.gov.

CWR clean-up dates are only open to Canton residents and are free of charge. For questions or more information visit www.canton-mi.org or call CWR at (734) 397-5801.

#### **BOYCOTTS**

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Andro said he checked with Canton Township officials on the proper procedures for putting up signs, and obtained permission from Alderado to put his sign up at Mexican Fiesta.

Andro said Alderado told him if other candidates approached him, he'd also allow their signs. He said he's disappointed someone would threaten a local business with a boycott, rather than support it.

"I was just trying to promote myself the fairest way I could. ... If it's going to cause trouble for the business, I don't want that," Andro said. "It's kind of disheartening to me that folks would take the other approach and say, 'If you're going to put this guy's sign up, we're not going to fre-

quent your business.' It's kind of disappointing to me that other folks have that same opportunity, but instead take the negative way.

"We have to do everything we can to promote local business," Andro added. "This seems like the opposite idea."

On a Facebook page titled "Working for Change," several posts referencing phone calls to businesses were posted in the last few weeks. One woman, Dara Whitmer Edgerton, wrote, "Noticed today that the Andro for School Board sign was taken down from in front of Mexican Fiesta. The calls must have worked:)."

Edgerton did not return a Facebook request for comment. Her post was followed by several others clearly in support of the tactic.

One poster, Bridget Bak Nichols, is a teacher at Field Elementary School in Canton. Nichols wouldn't comment on whether she was helping make the calls — "I don't feel comfortable saying whether I'm making them," she said — but said anyone participating in such a telephone campaign is "exercising their constitutional

rights."

"I believe it's within our constitutional right," Nichols said. "It's something our country has done numerous times. I don't think there's anything wrong with boycotts; many things have changed in our country because of boycotts."

er teacher in the district, is making those calls, they aren't doing it with either the backing or the blessing of the teachers union. The union isn't backing any of the "M&M" candidates, but instead endorsed incum-

If Nichols, or any oth-

bent President John Jackson, Plymouth City Commissioner John Barrett, Plymouth resident and activist Sheila Paton and newcomer Abdul Muhiuddin.

There are no MEA reps boycotting any businesses in Plymouth or Canton that I know of," said Ken Fistler, president of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association, which represents the district's 1,100 teachers. "I don't know of anyone making phone calls. We're not making them through our office and I'm not recommending such calls, nor would I ever recommend boycot-

"We are definitely looking for positive people for our district," Fistler added. "I want to stay away from those kinds of divisive tactics."

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#### **CHAMBER**

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increased level of transparency and accountability in financial matters," she said. "I have participated in a strategic planning effort to move the chamber in a direction of sustainability in the future."

Rettig also said she initiated proposals that can improve the chamber's committee structure and financial position. According to Rettig, the chamber's net income for 2011 is projected to increase by 27 percent over last year — and by 62 percent over 2009.

Marty Heator, who chairs the chamber board, said Rettig and some board members are working on an interim plan for chamber operations, and he said he hopes a plan can be completed next week.

"We appreciate the work Tracey is doing with us in setting up that plan," Heator said.

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

"The board appreciates Tracey's service to the chamber," Heator said, "and we wish her the best in her future endeavors."

Heator said a chamber president search team is being formed. He said such a committee did a search across Michigan and in some neighboring states when Ret-

tig was hired to replace former President Dianne Cojei, who had the job for a decade before she retired.

Rettig has drawn accolades from supporters such as chamber member and local businesswoman Jeanie Deraniyagala. During a chamber awards luncheon in October, she called Rettig "a great leader" who has reached out to chamber members, township officials and others "with courtesy, respect and equality."

In September, however, former chamber board leaders Bob Carrigan, Janet Volante, Bob Boyer and Terry Jobbit attended a chamber board meeting to question whether Rettig was right for the job.

Carrigan said chamber membership had fallen from 582 to 558 since late last year, but Heator said the chamber has actually fought against a five-year decline in membership.

Rettig didn't discuss the turmoil in her reasons for leaving. Even when she came under fire in September, she said she valued chamber members and always welcomed "honest and open feedback from the membership."

It wasn't clear Wednesday how quickly the chamber board might try to have Rettig's successor on the job, though Heator said he hopes the process can be decided by next week.

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### Canton ceremony honors vets

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

Canton will pause on Veterans Day to honor those who formerly served their country and those still on active duty - during a pair of events that each year have come to define this community's patriotism.

"It's important to honor those who served and the sacrifice they made leaving their family and community and going in to the military to do whatever was asked of them," said John Spencer, a Vietnam veteran and president of the Canton Veterans Memorial Association.

Formerly known as Armistice Day, Veterans Day harkens back to Nov. 11, 1918 — the day the Allies and Germany agreed to end World War I. Yet it has come to represent a tribute to all those who have served their country in battle and during peaceful times.

Canton's first event underscores three 11s-11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, 2011 — when a Veterans Day ceremony unfolds at the Canton Veterans Memorial in Heritage Park, a memorial where brick pavers honor scores of service people from the Civil War to the ongoing war in Afghanistan.

The event, open to the public, includes the Pledge of Allegiance, an opening prayer, comments from veterans such as Spencer, the reading of In Flanders Fields, which is a poem written in World War I by Lt. Col. John McCrae, and the playing of Taps.

A few hours later, doors open at 6 p.m. at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, on the southeast corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads, for a Veterans Day program, dubbed



Canton honors its veterans in two separate events Nov. 11.

Salute to Service, that once again honors service men and women who have served their country and those who are still serving.

The program starts at 7 p.m., but doors open an hour early to let the public view an exhibit of military memorabilia on display inside the theater.

The event honors area service people including those on active duty in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserves, as well as veterans. Admission is free.

Canton Township Trustee John Anthony, who served 1962-68 in the U.S. Marines Corps Reserves, will be the keynote speaker. Anthony said he will speak to "the sacrifices made by the men and women in the military who served in all the wars this country has been involved in."

Anthony also said he will mention the sacrifices of military families and the need to support efforts, such as the Wounded Warrior Project, that provide help to service men and women returning home after being placed in

harm's way.

Spencer said the Village Theater program also will include performances by the BeckRidge Chorale and the Workman Elementary School choir.

Spencer said the event is expected to include a replaying of a World War II veterans video that was shown two years ago during the Salute to Excellence.

Meanwhile, area Michigan Military Moms plan to attend the Village Theater event to collect items for service people overseas. They will collect beef jerky, Slim Jim sticks, cans of tuna, Ramen noodles, power/energy bars, pudding cups, individual drink mixes, granola bars, individual canned fruits, coffee and hot chocolate mixes, candy, gum, sun screen, bug spray, travelsize toiletries, travel and hand-held games, batteries, AT&T international calling cards and small Michigan-made items that can serve as reminders of home.

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### Expo offers women major outing

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

It promises jewelry, scrapbooking tips, handbags, flowers, candles, cookies, personal training advice, fashion sunglasses, designer soap even the lowdown on pet-care services.

With more than 55 vendors, it's a fourhour event that gives women from Canton and beyond a chance to shop, browse, sample, feel pampered - and perhaps get a wealth of gift-giving ideas as the holiday season approaches.

It's the 2011 Women's Expo, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, inside the grand ballroom of Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, west of Canton Center.

And it's free. Women can just show up and have fun, although those who pay \$10 for a premium ticket get a continental breakfast, a deluxe goody bag, health screenings and raffle prize tickets. Those tickets are for sale through Monday at the Summit or online at www.Cantonfun.org.

Kathy McCarthy, Canton Leisure Services health and wellness coordinator, said the event in the past, with a flat \$5 fee, has typically drawn about 300 people.

Organizers say Women's Expo is a perfect getaway close to home

for women of all ages, and hundreds of people

are expected. Chef Paul is expected on site with a cooking demonstration and additional speakers addressing topics such as healthy eating habits and saving money with coupons. Those who need to ease a little stress might take advantage of chair massages.

Vendors as wideranging as Cellar Door Soap Co., Ela's Fashion Scarves, Flowers from the Garden by Karen, New York Life, The Cake Place and United Home Health Services are set to descend on the Summit for Women's Expo. For a complete list of vendors, visit www.Cantonfun.org.





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### PUBLIC SAFETY

### Two veteran police officers retire

Canton Police Officer Brian Schultz and Sergeant Chuck Raycraft are retiring from the Canton Police Department this

"These two officers have each contributed unique and valuable skills to our police department and to the community they so proudly served," said Public Safety Director Patrick E. Nemecek. "I congratulate these men and their families on the successful careers they leave behind, and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.'

Schultz was hired on to the Canton Police Department in 1986 after earning his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Western Michigan University.

During his 25 years of watch over Canton, Schultz has served on several special units within the department including the field training officer program, evidence technician unit, bicycle unit, and fire investigation team.

For the past seven years, Schultz has been assigned to the Detective Bureau as the Computer Crimes Investigator, for which he successfully completed various computer forensics training courses including Computer Crimes Investigation through Eastern Michigan University.

His specialized training provided a means for Canton to investigate the growing number of criminal cases perpetrated through the use of a computer including identity theft, fraud and child pornography. But it was Schultz's attention to detail and compas-



Schultz



sion for susceptible victims that allowed him to accomplish this task to the utmost satisfaction of everyone that relied on his work.

Throughout his career, Schultz has earned numerous department awards and citations for meritorious service. He has also received many letters from citizens acknowledging the professionalism and care he extended to them in their time of need.

Whether taking a call for service on road patrol or investigating a highprofile criminal case, Schultz was meticulous and dedicated to the task at hand. His knowledge, work ethic and personal demeanor have made him a well-respected member of the Canton Police Department.

Schultz has been married for 22 years, and has three children ages 20, 18

Raycraft was hired on to the Canton Police Department in 1985 as a patrol officer. He came to the department with eight years of law enforcement experience, having worked as a police officer in both Detroit and Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Raycraft was appointed to sergeant in 1995.

Throughout his career, Raycraft has earned numerous department awards and citations for meritorious service. He has also received several letters from state and federal law enforcement agencies commending the high-degree of professionalism and dedication he displayed on collaborative case work.

Raycraft spent over half of his career in special assignments including two tours of duty in the Detective Bureau, first as an investigator, and later as the bureau's supervisor. He was assigned twice to Western Wayne Criminal Investigations, first as a detective, and most recently as a supervising sergeant. Raycraft's keen investigative skills contributed to the apprehension and prosecution of countless criminals charged with homicide, serial bank robbery and large-scale drug operations, just to name a few.

Raycraft also spent three-years as the Community Relations Coordinator. In this position he successfully developed and implemented the department's first Crime and Data Analysis program, providing valuable crime-fighting information to fellow officers and detectives.

While assigned to the road as a patrol officer, and later as a shift supervisor, Raycraft's approach could best be described as that of good old-fashioned police work. His sharp instincts and decisive nature enabled him to quickly recognize criminal activity, at times from nothing more than a vehicle stopped a few seconds too long at a stop sign. Raycraft has been married for nine years; he has two adult sons and three grandsons.

#### **CRIME WATCH**

#### **Gun-related arrest**

Canton police arrested a man on Mott west of Denton on the township's west side after making a traffic stop and learning that he had a semiautomatic handgun, ammunition and marijuana though he didn't have a license to carry

The incident occurred about 11:50 p.m. last Thursday.

A police report indicated the 30-yearold man had a semiautomatic handgun in his waistband. He had eight rounds in a magazine but none in the chamber, according to police.

Police also found a butterfly knife in the man's pocket, and they discovered he had ammunition and marijuana in a backpack in the car. He said his ex-girlfriend must have put the marijuana in the backpack.

The police report indicated the man said he was a pizza delivery driver and was carrying a weapon because other pizza drivers had been robbed. He said he was carrying the gun for protection.

A police report indicated the man was arrested and the car impounded.

#### Suspicious situation

Canton police arrested a 48-year-old man on a warrant for third-degree retail fraud after they encountered him while he was walking along Cherry Hill Road near Ridge about 1:45 a.m. Saturday, a police report said.

A police officer on patrol saw the man and stopped to ask him what he was doing walking in the area at such an hour. Police noticed the man had two large screwdrivers sticking out of his pants pocket.

A police officer took the screwdrivers away for his own safety and handed them to a reserve officer. The man initially told police he and his wife had argued and he was walking home, though he wasn't walking in the direction of where he said he lived on Mott.

The man's cell phone rang while he was talking with police, and an officer spoke with the man's wife, who said the two had argued earlier at a party near Cherry Hill and Ridge - and that she left him there.

Then, the man changed his story and told police he was in the area because he collects scrap metal and he had heard that others had been dumping items in the area.

Police ran a background check and learned that the man was wanted in Canton for third-degree retail fraud. He was taken into custody.

#### Indecent exposure

Canton police were investigating reports that a man exposed himself during an incident that happened about 4 p.m. last Thursday on Tamarack, in the Fairway Club apartment complex northeast of I-275 and Michigan Avenue.

Police went there following reports that a 49-year-old man could be seen standing in a common area of four apartments dressed in white boxers and a T-shirt. A witness told police the man touched himself and walked over to a recycling bin, where he was accused of masturbating.

Police took the man into custody and continued to investigate the allegations.

#### Disorderly man

A Canton man who called police to complain about the way neighbors were parking their vehicles near his driveway ended up losing his temper and getting a ticket for disorderly conduct, a police report said.

The incident happened about 9:30 p.m. Oct. 21 on Parklawn, northeast of Ged-

des and Beck

A 51-year-old man called police to his house to report that cars parked across from his driveway were making it nearly impossible to get in and out. He said it has been an ongoing problem. A neighbor woman and her teenage

son came outside to move their cars, but a police report indicated that an argument ensued between the neighbors. The man who had filed the report told the neighbors and a police officer to "kiss my a-" and initially refused to calm down. He was cited for being disorderly.

The mother and her son indicated to police that they were concerned about the suspect's behavior. He was ordered not to have contact with the neighbors.

The man later apologized to police and said he let his anger get the best of him.

#### Home invasion

Canton police were investigating reports of an attempted home invasion that occurred about 3 p.m. Friday in the 47100 block of Labana, northeast of Beck and Warren.

Police declined to release other details because the case remained under investigation early this week.

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







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### Old Village dresses up for Halloween

Kids and adults got an early start on Halloween Sunday at the fifth annual Old Village Association -sponsored Haunted Halloween Block Party.

The family-friendly event took place on Liberty between Starkweather and Mill in the heart of Old Village. The four-hour party featured pumpkin bowling and pumpkin stacking — called the Pumpkin Tower of Death — pumpkin patining and train rides

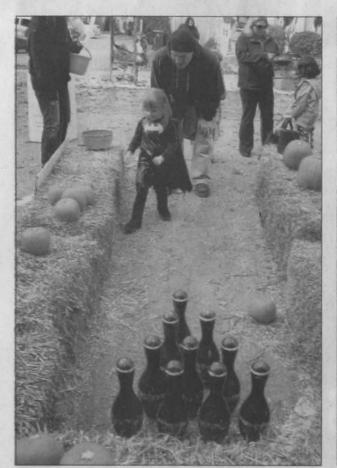
from the popular Dan-Dan the Choo-Choo Man. There were costume contests for kids, adults and pets and of course treat or tricking for the kids at various candy stations along the street.

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Event sponsors were Community Financial, Hermann's Olde Town Grille, the Old Village Market and the Liberty Street Brewing Co. Waggin' Tails Dog Rescue Inc., sponsored the pumpkin-painting and the dog costume contest.



Taking time out from the fun at Sunday's Old Village Halloween block party were Plymouth youngsters Ryan Matta, 4 (back left), Savannagh Matta, 2 (bumblebee), Caden Harris, 3, (Batman) and Lexi Harris, 4.



Getting ready to try her hand at pumpkin bowling is Bat Girl Brynlee Williams of Dexter.



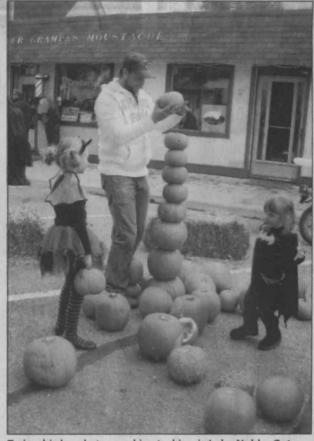
The Linkowski Family of Plymouth Township — Robin, Truman, 2, and Paul — joined the fun at Sunday's event.



Taylor Lynn Mutch puts a washable tattoo on Samantha Barber, 4½, of Canton Township outside of Urban Roots at Sunday's block party.



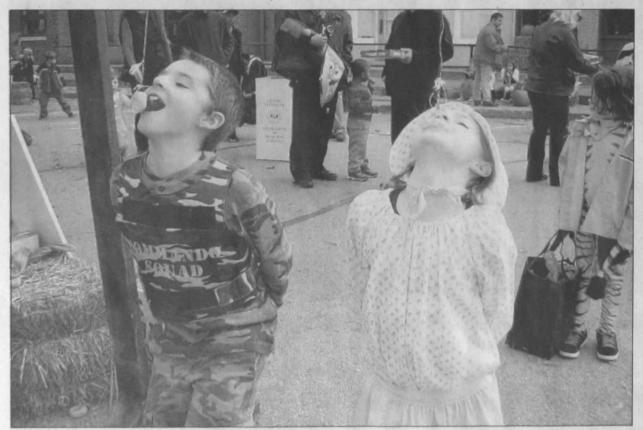
Spiderman Stephen Miller, 3, of Plymouth is ready for candy and games. He was escorted by his grandmother, Angie Skiba of Alpena. Skiba joined in the fun and came dressed as a bumblebee.



Trying his hand at pumpkin stacking is Luke Noble. Getting ready to hand the next pumpkin to be added to the tower is Isabella Greene-Noble of Plymouth while Brynlee (Bat Girl) Williams of Dexter watches.



The sights of Old Village last Sunday included some real and not-so-real scary creatures.



Mitchell, 9, and Danielle White compete in the 'Doughnut Gallows,' a variation of apple-bobbing where doughnuts are hung on strings and contestants compete to see who can finish first.



Allyssa Hastings, 4, of Plymouth gets a little help with pumpkin painting from Julia Long Ackland of Hartland. Ackland is a longtime volunteer at the Old Village Halloween block party.

### Marchers, boosters host band spectacular

By Diane Hanson Correspondent

Eleven talented high school marching bands from southeast Michigan marched onto the P-CEP home gridiron Saturday for an extraordinary display of musical prowess, masterful marching and creative choreography at the annual Great Lakes Invitational, hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band and Music Boosters.

"These are good kids doing something very special," said Carl Battishill, member of the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters and GLI chairperson. "And this is a unique program where no one on these teams is left on the sidelines."

Battishill is a longtime music booster. His daughter Maddie is a junior clarinetist with the band and son Nick, a P-CMB alumnus, is now a U of M marcher.

"We have 1,300 kids involved in this competition today, an audience of approximately 3,000 people and 200 to 250 volunteers," noted Battishill. And planning for one of the largest fundraisers for the nationally acclaimed hometown band is a yearlong process. "Next week we'll start talking about what needs to happen for next year's event," he said.

This year's event was evidence of all the hard work and planning poured into the creative show. The band spectacular kicked off with a performance from the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps and the playing of the National Anthem by local seventh- and eighthgrade band students. The middle schoolers also had



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Jackie Wine, left, and Tony Nyberg concentrate on their music during the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's exhibition performance of their show, "Ancient Gardens of Babylon" Saturday at the Great Lakes Invitational.

have certainly paid off in the band's performance, according to the students as well.

"I thought we did extremely well," said clarinetist Michael Fluegemann, a Canton senior. "I felt really good after our run-through and I loved it."

Baritone player Emily Hanson, a Plymouth sophomore, agreed.

long hours of practice

"It was a really good run," she said. "Most of the band feels pretty confident now. The hardest thing is how fast the tempo is. It's a lot more tiring than last year's show – we start out fast and end even faster."

Local marching bands at Saturday's competition included Farmington, capturing third place in Flight II with a score of 75.87. In Flight I, Livonia Franklin was fifth, 70.97 and Novi took fourth, 76.45.

was fifth, 70.97 and Novi took fourth, 76.45. Walled Lake Central marched off with the Flight I first place trophy

along with the Lundy tro-

phy for highest score of

the competition, 88.27.
Practice will be intense
this week as the hometown marchers prepare
for the Michigan Competing Marching Band Association State Championships on Saturday at Ford

And practice has already begun for their first-time appearance in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. "We have been working on Macy's for several weeks now," said Armbruster.



The Walled Lake Central marchers captured all Flight I trophies, including the Lundy trophy for highest score of the competition with an outstanding performance of the music of Beethoven titled, "Through the Master's Eyes," complete with baby grand piano.

the opportunity to participate in a special weekend program with the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band to learn more about the prestigious program.

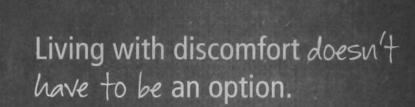
The 180-member hometown marching band took the field in exhibition performance for the final show of the evening and wowed the crowd with their intriguing performance of "Ancient Gardens of Babylon," a fast-paced, visually and musically stunning presentation.

"The band had a pretty solid run tonight," said David Armbruster, director of bands at P-CEP. "The show is extremely difficult from both a musical and visual viewpoint. We have many tempo changes as well as visual demands that spread that band out over 80 yards."

But the hard work and









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Canton officials hope

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the I-275/Ford Road cor-

ridor. "I'm tired of waiting for Santa Claus," said

retired truck driver Daniel McCausland, a 29-year Canton resident who lives on Haggerty near Ford. McCausland said efforts to reshape the I-275/Ford interchange, partly by

adding new ramps linking directly to Haggerty, could ease traffic congestion and spur economic growth. The plan also calls for building a service drive along the east side of the interstate from Cherry Hill to north of Ford Road.

McCausland said 300 acres of vacant land along Ford near Lotz could be used to spur economic development and jobs if traffic conditions ease.

"There's potential right there for an economic spark," he said.

Canton Public Safety Director Patrick

Nemecek told the Senate panel that, since 2008, his department has implemented 58 special enforcement patrols along Ford Road that resulted in over 700 citations. He said motorists drive too closely behind one another, fail to obey traffic laws and often become angry.

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"We are still expending an exorbitant amount of resources down in that area," Nemecek said.

Fire Chief Tim Dunn said fire trucks and rescue vehicles face the same problems as casual motorists as they travel Ford to respond to emergencies.

"We have to deal with that traffic," he said.

Barbara Weide, a 12year Canton resident and retired Detroit police officer, said she adds 30 minutes to her commute when she realizes she has to use Ford Road during rush hour.

"It's a horrendous situation," she said, "and something needs to be done about it.'

#### TIGER

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ignored by the state even though a consultant hired by MDOT in 2006 suggested a three-pronged effort to ease traffic congestion:

· Install a new ramp, or slip, allowing motorists exiting southbound I-275 to access northbound Haggerty without traveling on Ford.

· Install another ramp to allow drivers on the same exit to access southbound Haggerty, also without using Ford.

 Build a service drive along the east side of I-275 from Cherry Hill Road one that would allow motorists to drive past Ford and merge onto the interstate.

Canton has twice been rejected for a TIGER grant, and MDOT came under fire Tuesday amid accusations state officials haven't strongly fought for it. But MDOT officials Tony Kratofil, metro region engineer, and Kelly Bartlett, governmental affairs office director, indicated the state will join the push for the third-round grant.

'MDOT supports this TIGER grant," Kratofil said.

#### **Needing support**

Bartlett pledged he will relay to state Transportation Director Kirk Steudle the contents of Tuesday's hearing. Senate Transportation Committee Chairman Tom Casperson, R-Escanaba, said the latest TIGER proposal needs strong support from Lansing.

We need the director (Steudle) to pick the phone up and say (to federal authorities) that this is a priority," Casperson said.

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, appeared encouraged after the Senate panel voted 5-0 Tuesday to approve two separate pro-TIGER resolutions he introduced - one which he said could go to Washington, D.C., within days and another that still needs a state House vote.

"It's a major safety issue," Colbeck said during the hearing.

Project supporters say the federal grant would improve traffic flow, ease traffic hazards and generate as much as \$45 million for the local economy.

#### Local voices

Among the highlights of Tuesday's hearing:

· LaJoy questioned why

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the project "was not on anyone's radar" despite the earlier MDOT study that cost \$450,000. Traffic congestion has skyrocketed since I-275 was built in the mid-1970s.

· Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said the stretch of Ford Road from Canton Center to the Westland city limit had 2,411 accidents during the last six years with 815 of those occurring between Haggerty and Lilley. Moreover, he said fixing the I-275 interchange would be far less costly than a new \$200 million interchange at Cherry Hill or Warren.

· Westland Mayor William Wild called the project critical for drivers trying to reach destinations such as the Westland Shopping Center, the new MJR Theaters complex on Wayne Road and the city's industrial parks. Appearing with state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, Wild lobbied for the project and said anyone "who travels the logjam that is Ford Road depends on it."

• Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, approaching the speaker table with Northville Township Supervisor Chip Snider and Wayne Mayor Al Haidous, drew laughs when he called Livonia "a suburb of Canton." More seriously, he said motorists need the ability to move among neighboring communities without "a horrific problem" of traffic-snarled roads that threaten their safety.

 Bryce Kelley, interim project manager for the Aerotropolis Development Corp., said hopedfor development centered on Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports will spill over to communities such as Canton, creating an even bigger need for bet-

ter roads. • State Reps. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, and Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, jointly addressed the Senate panel, with Heise calling the I-275 corridor "the economic backbone" of western Wayne County.

 Kratofil, MDOT's region engineer, said the state has tried to fix roads within severe budget constraints. He said officials have tried to maintain what already is built rather than pay for costly new projects, though he said Canton has received help with certain intersection improvements.

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### Car technology can improve your next road trip

By Jon Gunnells **Guest Columnist** 

eaves are falling off trees and football season is under way which means two things: it's no longer socially acceptable to wear shorts and it's the perfect time for a road trip or fall color tour.

But before you cram your family into the minivan, or the SUV - brush up on all the new car technology that can make your drive easier, safer and more fun.

Let's start with navigation systems - because if you are like me, you haven't bought one yet, and you refuse to ask for directions.

With navigation systems there are a few routes you can choose. There's the traditional option of a GPS unit like a Garmin or TomTom that is compatible with all vehicles and plugs into your cigarette lighter.

There's also the frugal route where you can download a smartphone app like Google Maps to enable navigation from your handheld device.

But, the most comprehensive unit is a new take on an existing technology. You've likely heard of OnStar, but maybe you haven't heard of the new OnStar FMV mirror. The new product is compatible for a variety of makes and models and even works as a replacement for former OnStar subscribers who had older analog units

The FMV mirrors have the same capabilities as



**Tech Savvy** 

Jon Gunnells

OnStar units: with hands free calling, roadside assistance, emergency crash

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tion and more.

The FMV mirror is available nationally at retailers like Best Buy and can be purchased for \$199 for a limited time after a \$100 instant rebate. To see if your car is compatible with the new mirror, visit OnStar. com.

Whether you are going on a long road trip or commuting to work, a wider variety of music wouldn't hurt. Ford owners with Sync or MyFord Touch have been linking up their phones and MP3 players with their vehicles for years - but now Buick will be linking up their vehicles with Pandora.

Beginning with select 2012 models, Pandora will be accessible through Buick's infotainment system - and by 2013 it will be standard in all models.

Ford has also added a new wrinkle to its in-car communications systems which should make texting while driving both safe and legal. Drivers who connect their smartphones to their Ford Sync systems will have their text messages read to them while they drive. The feature is available in 2011 and 2012 models

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including the Ford Focus. Updates will also be available for users with 2010 models.

Phone technology can also help you save money when you are cruising around in your vehicle. Need to find the cheapest gas? Of course there's an app for that - some of the best apps for gas prices as "Gas Buddy" "Fuel Finder" and "Gas Hog." The Gas Buddy for example is a free app that is available with iPhone and Android smartphones.

There are even smartphone apps to help users avoid speed traps. Trapster, is a speed trap sharing app that is available for iPhones, iPods, Blackberry and Android Phones and GPS units.

Trapster currently has more than 13 million users sharing more than 4 million speed traps.

After you get your oil changed and tires inflated, make sure you set aside some time to update your car communications center, get your navigation unit and download all the money-saving apps you can find. There are thousands of apps available that can help you on your way. Current automotive and smartphone technology can do just about everything except tell you what type of snacks to bring. You're on your own there

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Bob Jeannotte recently remodeled his Buick/GMC dealership, making it more customerfriendly "to reward their loyalty," he said.

### Remodel meant to reward customers

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

When Buick comes out with its snazzy new compact, the Verano, next month, Bob Jeannotte, Sr., wanted his dealership to match the high-tech beauty of the new product.

With the \$1 million renovation he just completed at his Sheldon Road complex, Jeannotte, owner of Bob Jeannotte Buick-GMC, thinks he accomplished just that.

Jeannotte, who's been in business for some 35 years, recently finished a 'complete renovation" of his dealership, including adding a new entrance in the center of the building, all-new furniture and expansion of the customer lounge.

"I've seen some of the new products coming out with Buick and GMC in the future," Jeannotte said. "I could have avoided this for another couple of years ... I wanted to be ready when we get this new product from Buick."

Jeannotte chuckled a little talking about bringing the dealership, established in the late 19/0s, into the 21st Century. It features new furniture (which replaces some pieces in place since the beginning), and added "green" lighting. He's



Bob Jeannotte Buick/GMC has a fresh, new look after a million-dollar remodeling program.

even added Wi-Fi service for customers who want to get some work done while they're waiting.

"We had a teacher in here the other day who had her papers spread all over the place," Jeannotte said. "You wouldn't believe the number of people who come in with their computers."

To make them more comfortable, Jeannotte said he nearly tripled the size of the customer lounge and added comfortable seating and refreshments. The showroom has been remodeled, and flower planters have been added to the patio area "to break up the car displays," he said.

The new center entrance means sales staff can move customers into the lot without having to exit out of one side of the building or the other. "We figure it's much easier, rather than taking them out the sides of the building," Jeannotte said.

All of the work was done in an effort by Jeannotte to reward his customers for their longtime support.

"Let's face it, they don't really want to come back here, because it's eithe a warranty or a maintenance problem, so we wanted them to be able to relax while they're here," Jeannotte said. "The bottom line is, we really did this for our customers, and the lovalty they've shown us for the last 35 years. Most of the things I did, I had to do at GM's suggestion. (But) I went way beyond that, because my customers deserve it.

#### CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Compuware announces concert slate

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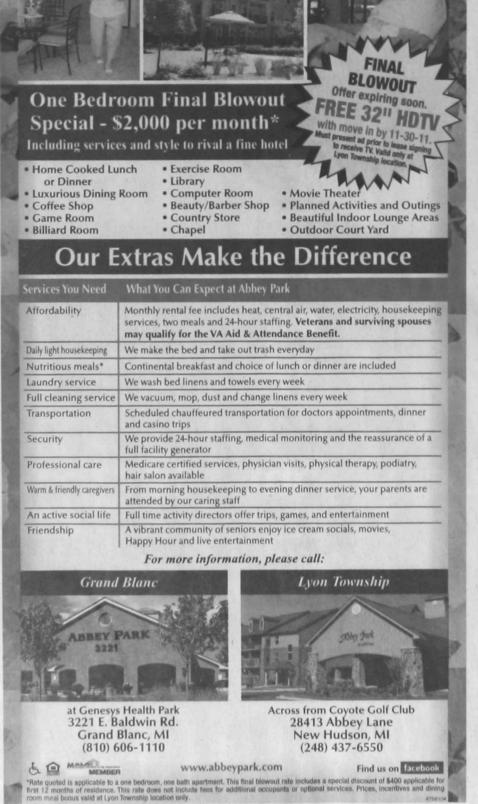
· Wednesday, Nov. 9, Hollywood Undead and Asking Alexandria — Price is \$27 for advance purchase and \$32 the day of the show. Tickets are general admission. Doors open at 5 p.m., with

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Saturday, Nov. 26, Bassnectar -Tickets are \$32 for advance purchase, or \$35 the day of the show. Tickets are general admission. Doors open at 7 p.m., with the event starting at 8 p.m.

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### Don't let overspending ruin your holiday season

By Rick Bloom **Suest Columnist** 

t's the time of year where stores will be ramping up their advertising and, once again, starting to hype the holiday season. I just read an article that stated stores will start their holiday sales earlier than they did last year. Before you know it, holiday sales will begin right after Labor Day. Although the holidays should not be about buying gifts, the reality of the situation is that giftgiving has become an integral part of the holidays. Because of this, and because many Americans are struggling like they have never been before, it is important to design a game plan before you begin your holiday shop-

The first thing I recommend is to write down the



**Money Matters** 

Rick Bloom

ple on your gift-giving list. Not everyone you know should necessarily receive a gift. And remember, not all gifts have to be something that you purchase.

names of peo-

There are other gifts, such as making or doing something special for someone, that may be appropriate. Also, keep in mind in today's difficult economy, people recognize that other people have to cut back.

The next step is to set up a budget. Unfortunately, too many Americans overspend for the holiday season and find that they're still in debt from last year's holiday, even before they begin shopping for this year. Setting a budget and sticking to it will help you stay within your means.

My general advice is when buying gifts, spend what you can afford. In other words, if you have to finance your purchases, it's probably a sign that you cannot afford them. If you charge something and you cannot afford to pay it in full when the charge card bill arrives, once again, you know that you are overspending.

The holiday season should be a time of happiness and joy. Unfortunately, for many this is not the case. Suicides increase during the holiday season and people are generally very uptight. One of the main reasons for this is they tend to associate the holidays with the ability to buy gifts. Nothing can be further from the truth. One way of reducing the pressure on yourself is to limit your list as to who you are buying gifts for and

to set a budget and stick with it. These two little steps can help you have a much more enjoyable holiday season.

When it comes to gift-giving, let's face facts, it's generally for the kids. With the difficult economic times, adults who are giving gifts to children should consider alternative gifts as opposed to giving them the latest toy or whatever. I always recommend that parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles consider giving the gift of education during the holiday sea-

The Michigan Education Savings Plan is a great way to accomplish this. The beauty of the MESP is that the money can virtually be used for any public or private institution in the country. We all hear about how expensive college has become and we all know the importance of a

good education. Therefore, during this holiday season, if you're looking for a gift for a child, putting money into MESP is a gift that will pay dividends years and years from now.

As we enter the holiday season, let's not lose focus as to what the holidays are really about. The holidays should be a time of happiness and joy and not frustration. Therefore, during this holiday season, limit the list of people that you are giving gifts to and set a budget. By doing these two things, it should allow you to enjoy the holiday season. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife. com. For more information, visit his website at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

### **Exhibit features work of Muses**

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will exhibit the collected works of The Muses, a group of independent artists hailing from the Detroit area, in the Gallery@VT through Nov. 28. These artists meet weekly to create figurative art featuring real figure-based representation of female and male models.

As varied in their styles as the mediums they work in, the group shares ideas and energy in their studio sessions. This current exhibit will include works in oil, watercolors, inks, pastels, charcoal, graphite pencils, acrylic, markers and even rubber stamp.

Participating artists include Candace Brancik (Milford), Sandra Bozer (Ann Arbor), Jeff Cancelosi (Northville), Daria Fileta (Novi), Linda Logan (Huntington Woods), Peggy Kerwan (Novi), Barbara Eko Murphy (Northville), Kathleen O'Connell (Dearborn), and Mary Step (Novi).



'Musician' by Candace Brancik.

Past Muses' exhibitions include Livonia Civic Center Library February 2009; Capturing the Craft: Theatre Portrayed Through The Artists' Brush (at the Tipping Point Theatre in Northville) May 2009; Capturing the Craft continued (at the Northville Art House) June 2009; and Favorite Things at Picasso's Café Novi Dec 2009-Jan 2010.

This art exhibit at the Gallery@ VT is free and open to the public Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., one hour prior to and during public performances at the theater, as well as by appointment. The Gallery@VT is closed on holidays.

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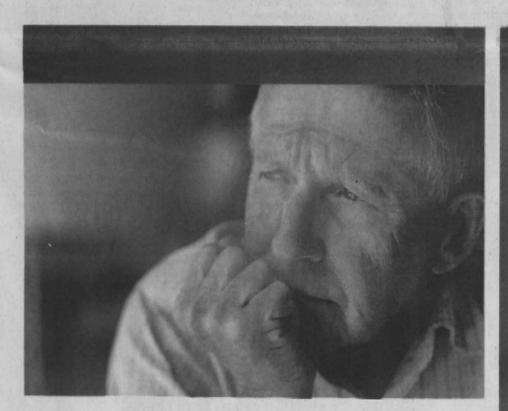
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**OUR VIEWS** 

### **Voter ID**

### Showing identification is a reasonable safeguard

The power of the individual's vote is sacrosanct in our democracy. So it stands to reason that there should be unfettered access to the voting booth and that all votes should be legitimate and accurately counted.

Since the Florida presidential recount 11 years ago, accurate votes have come into question, particularly in recounts of high-profile races across the country, such as the long ordeal that preceded a U.S. Senate seat finally awarded to Al Franken, previously best known as a comedian on Saturday Night Live.

But the legitimacy of the votes themselves comes under fire from both Democrats and Republicans.

Democrats generally push for more access to polls, through such initiatives as no-excuse absentee ballots and extended voting periods that allow people to cast ballots several days before election day. When Republicans oppose these changes, they are sometimes accused of trying to restrict voting access for likely Democratic voters.

For their part, Republicans think the liberalized voting agenda is really a nationwide plan to co-opt the election process by peppering voting lists with ineligible, nonexistent or easily manipulated voters. Republicans prefer rules, such a photo identification, that substantiate that the prospective voter is, indeed, who he says he is. Democrats suggest that such actions are ways to not only discourage but also to intimidate likely Democrats, such as the urban poor, from voting.

These are broad generalizations, to be sure. In Michigan, for instance, some Republican county clerks and secretaries of state favor more liberalized rules for registering voters and absentee voting. Nonetheless, the party positives are usually staked out as we've described them.

What's significant, though, is that for all the fear of voter shenanigans, there is scant evident of actual voter fraud. Yes, there are stories of multiple people registered at a single, perhaps vacant, building. And, yes, there were some stories of inappropriate names gathered on voter registration lists.

But a wrongly gathered name isn't the same as an illegal vote. Without better evidence of voter fraud, Republicans look like they are merely trying to use scare tactics as a political weapon.

For all the Democratic arguments about the barriers to voting, the facts don't bear them out. Yes, voting can be terribly light in some elections. But in others — in the same communities — the turnout is significantly higher. If people can find a way to vote in November, particularly in bad weather after waiting in long lines, then the reason they don't vote in August is because they aren't interested — not because they are held back.

For that reason, we've never bought into the Democratic objections to the relatively new Michigan law that requires voters to provide photo identification. We just don't see how that is an unjustifiable obstacle to voting. Rather, it increases the likelihood that the right person is voting in the correct precinct.

Such laws can go too far, such as the case in another state where a number of nuns were not because they didn't have a driver's license or other pictured ID.

But Michigan law has provisions to prevent such an occurrence. If the voter doesn't have a driver's license, he or she can obtain a state-issued identification card. Failing that, the voter merely needs to sign an affidavit at the polls that verifies his or her identification.

In a society that demands photo ID to cash a check or board a plane, Michigan's law is a reasonable step toward ensuring that only legitimate ballots are cast.



Brad Kadrich, Community Editor Susan Rosiek, Executive Editor

Grace Perry, Director of Advertising **COMMUNITY VOICE** 

### Do you think it's important to vote in school board elections? Why or why not?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"Definitely, because I want my kids to get a good education — well, it's my grandkids now."

Nancy LaClair

Cantor



"Yes, it is, because the school board is where they make decisions that are important for our schools."

Rajendra Sanghvi

"Maybe it's important, but I don't know who the members are."

William Lawrenchuk



"It's important because we need to have a say in our children's education."

Valerie Mercado

**LETTERS** 

#### 'Grind' disgust

I am the parent of a Plymouth High School student. My wife and I recently chaperoned the Plymouth Homecoming dance, or it should be renamed the Plymouth Homecoming Grind.

If you don't know what grinding is, as many parents don't, let me tell you what I saw. On that night in a very dark cafeteria, with music blasting, there were around 1,600 teens. Many of the girls wore dresses that barely covered their bottoms in a standing position. Now picture the girls bent over grabbing their ankles, or on all fours on the floor, while the guys grind their fronts into the girls' backsides, sometimes joined by one or more guys doing the same thing in their faces.

Yes, that's what we saw everywhere we looked at the "dance." There were kids who tried to stay on the outer edges, but unwantedly got sucked into the "gropefest" toward the center of the crowd.

I asked the administrator in charge to do something to break up the orgy, but he said there were too many kids and he didn't want to start a riot. I was doubly shocked when the administrator told me I didn't have to be there.

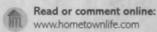
The police have acknowledged that if this behavior occurred in Kellogg Park or any other public place, the participants would be arrested. Yet the staff, administrators and police all stood by watching

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and allowed it at the high school dance.

There are policies in place at P-CEP which were put there to prevent this very thing, but they are not being enforced. There is a dress code in the handbook. which applies to school functions that requires modesty (dresses to be at fingertip length, student handbook, page 16). There is also a public display of affection policy which states that the public display of affection and/or physical contact is not considered acceptable behavior and is inappropriate at school. My teen tells me that this behavior also occurs in the halls at

School districts across the country have addressed these issues with

good results, without taking the dances away from the kids. When rules are clear and enforced, our kids can enjoy good clean fun while maintaining respect for each other. As a concerned parent, I demand that the school enforce the good policies already in place for the safety and well being of our children at the Park. I hope others will add their voices to mine.

Ken Waldrep Canton

#### Diverse ideas needed

I would like to thank the Observer for interviewing the school board candidates. I attended the live panel discussion at the Village Theater and have read the responses on the Canton Chamber of Commerce website. It has been extremely helpful to see which candidates actually answered the specific questions being asked or gave a generic "pc" response.

It has also been enlightening to see which candidates stayed on topic, informing us of what they will do, instead of what the current board is not doing. No one wants to hear the negativity.

I personally would like to see four very different people elected. A diverse group of individuals that can each offer a variety of ideas, but that are able to work together as a team in the best interest of Plymouth-Canton.

Jill Engel Canton

GUEST COLUMN

### District has sound fiscal management

By Judy Mardigian Guest Columnist

As the longest serving member of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Board of Education and the current treasurer, I felt it was

Judy Mardigian

important for the community to hear directly from me on the subject of district finances.

I have been on the board since 1998 and have served three terms as president

and four terms as treasurer during that time. Keeping close tabs on district finances has been my top priority over the years. That's why it bothers me so much to see others inappropriately distorting the truth about the P-CCS budget.

Recently, the Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee has put out some literature stating that the district is either \$26 million or \$28 million in deficit, depending on which brochure you look at. There is absolutely no truth to its claims.

What its is referring to is a discussion that took place early last summer when the board adopted the budget. By law, we must submit a balanced budget by June 30, and that's exactly what we did. At that time, we also took a hypothetical look at what our budget would be in years to come. The \$26 million

figure represented what our deficit would have been in two years had we taken no action at all. The truth is those numbers are just a snapshot to give board members a frame of reference, nothing more.

What the committee fails to tell you is that the board agreed at that meeting to continue its budget work. Since that time, the board has:

Returned more than \$7 million to the general fund by settling all union contracts with substantial give-backs from district employees.

 Outsourced district transportation services, saving more than \$3.6 million.

• Saved another \$2.4 million in insurance costs when hundreds of employees declined insurance benefits because they would be paying 20 percent of the costs.

 Saved nearly \$6 million in its budget preparation in June in the form of reductions and revenue enhancement.

This newspaper even reported that the claims of a deficit by these people have been grossly misrepresented. It is important for the public to know our district's finances are, by law, scrutinized every year by an independent auditing firm.

For each of the past 15 years, P-CCS has received the highest rating possible from Plante & Moran on its finances. Our budgets are a matter of public record and anyone is able to see the facts for themselves by visiting the district's website and

clicking on the transparency report button.

I can assure you we know where every dime of taxpayer money is being used at P-CCS. Budgeting is a fluid process and the numbers change as information about funding and student counts become available. In the end, we may very well finish the school year with a budget deficit, but I can guarantee you it will never be in the \$26 million range.

Finally, you should know that the Board of Education is extremely proud of every one of the nearly 2,500 employees that serve our district. These people really stepped up and helped us by taking large concessions, above what was required by law, in their contracts this year. When the contracts were settled, they went back to doing their usual fine work. Despite the state budget crisis over the past decade, our students continue to achieve at a high level and their scores are trending upward. This proves we have a great district with great staff who are part of the solution.

I hope you will continue to trust us as we carefully work to live within our means. Please remember the overall budget is more than \$150 million each year and we will continue to use every cent wisely as we work to educate our more than 18,000 students.

**Judy Mardigian** is treasurer of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education.



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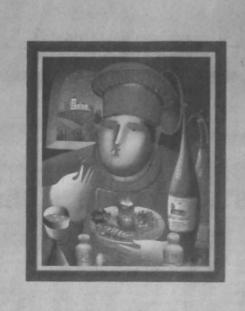












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#### **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL DISTRICTS**

### One and done for Wildcats, Rocks

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Tuesday marked the end of the road for two of three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park volleyball teams.

In the first of two Division 1 district quarterfinal matches at Novi High School, Plymouth lost in four sets to Northville.

In the nightcap, Canton (38-9) swept Salem to advance to Thursday's district semifinal against South Lyon. That match begins at 7 p.m., following the 5 p.m. contest between the host Wildcats and Mustangs.

In the opener, Plymouth got off to a good start with a 25-21 win.

But Northville took control early in the second game, with strong defense from libero Makenzy Wilson and power hitting up front by Rebecca Martin and sophomore Symone Abbott. That led to a 25-12 victory to even the match.

It didn't help Plymouth's cause that senior setter Jessica Scott left early in the second game after spraining an ankle. Scott contributed nine assists in the match.

Plymouth battled in the final two games, briefly

leading in each. But the Wildcats could not sustain any momentum and lost 25-22 and 25-23 in those sets.

Just not enough

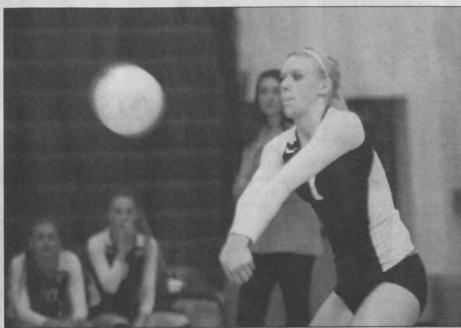
"I'm so proud of them and the way they played, especially my seniors going out like this," Plymouth first-year head coach Sarah Marody said. "We can walk out with our heads held high because we played a good

"They worked hard, they fought and came back from being done. They just didn't have that little extra push to get over the hill today.'

One of three Plymouth seniors whose prep careers ended Tuesday was libero Lindsay Stemberger, who tallied 25

"It's really hard having it all come to an end because we're such a close team and I love all the girls," Stemberger said. "But looking back, we had one of Plymouth's best seasons. We set a lot of records and won a lot of tournaments, which was really good.

Stemberger said losing Scott hurt Plymouth's chances because "we run our plays with two setters most of the time. But



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Plymouth's Emilee Beyer (No. 7) puts a solid hit on the ball during Tuesday's Division 1 district volleyball quarterfinal against Northville.

we adjusted well. We had new people in and they stepped up pretty well."

Senior outside hitter Rachael Hille got the Wildcats off to a 5-0 start in Game 4, with a serving string including three aces.

But the Mustangs answered when senior Jenna Borgstrom reeled off four aces among seven points and Northville never looked back.

Sophomore setter Shayla Smalls (28 assists),

junior outside hitters Emilee Beyer (13 kills, nine digs) and Madelyn Betts (10 kills, 10 digs) and freshman middle hitter Olivia Beyer (four solo blocks, five kills) helped the Plymouth cause.

Change of pace

For Canton's match against Salem, the Chiefs moved senior Kristen Muir from outside hitter to libero.

After a brief hiccup

to open the proceedings (Salem led 6-2 early in Game 1), Canton rolled to a 25-17, 25-17, 25-10 vic-

"I've seen teams win with defense," Canton head coach Mary Kryska said. "So I decided to try and change it up to have what I think is our best defensive player in the back row the entire time.

"That means other hitters have to pick up for

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#### The Plymouth Whalers

**Guns & Hoses** 

host Windsor at 7 p.m. Saturday at Compuware Arena, but there's another game worth checking out earlier that day.

At 4:30 p.m., also at Compuware, the Canton Fire Department and Brighton City Police Department will play the second annual "Guns & Hoses" charity hockey game. Fans can watch both games for the price of one \$12 ticket, too.

Tickets can be purchased online (plymouthwhalers.com/buytickets; then click on Canton Fire Tickets and enter CantonFD promotion code). Or contact Canton firefighter Nick Bishop at (734) 968-4629 or nicholas.bishop@canton-mi.org to purchase fundraiser tickets. They also will be for sale at the Canton Fire Department, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Call (734) 394-5400.

Most importantly, \$4 per ticket will be donated to Canton Fire Fighters Charity Foundation to support local charities.

#### Eagles soar in district opener

The Plymouth Christian Academy volleyball team defeated Rudolph Steiner in three games Tuesday to get off to a winning start in the Class D districts.

The host Eagles won 25-14, 25-13, 25-10 to improve to 40-6-4.

Top players for PCA included Kristin Malcolm (17 kills, six blocks), Amy Zinn (nine kills) and Jessica Rich (17 digs). PCA now advances to the district finals at 6:30 p.m. Friday against either Ypsilanti Calvary Christian or Saline Washtenaw Christian.

#### **BOYS SOCCER REGIONAL FINAL**

### **Chiefs in Final 4**

**By Tim Smith** Observer Staff Writer

Canton needed just two minutes and 19 seconds to score twice in response to a tally by Ann Arbor Pioneer forward Ahinga Selemani during Saturday's Division 1 regional final boys soccer game at Saline's Hornet Stadium.

That propelled the Chiefs to a 4-1 triumph over the Pioneers, for their second consecutive D1 regional title. Canton (22-1-4) will now face Warren DeLaSalle at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Farmington High School in a Division 1 semifinal.

"I think the kids really wanted it and they proved it by scoring two goals within five minutes of the Pioneer goal," Canton head coach George Tomasso said. "But Pioneer's team is a class act. They did a great job to get this far in the tournament.'

Scoring just 1:22 after Selemani was Canton senior midfielder Nate Bergeson. A re-start by the Chiefs from well beyond the 18-yard box got the sequence started.

Senior defender Connor Furgason headed the ball up top and senior forward Mitch Posuniak then threaded a rightto-left crossing pass that Bergeson — sliding to the left of Pioneer goalie Peter Tappenden - finished with a shot inside

the far post. "We got a cross, and it got over everyone and it just went in the net," Bergeson said. "I wanted to just put it on goal, get it to the other side and make sure it got in.

... That was the goal we needed, we needed to get one right away and we got it.'

**Back to back** 

The Chiefs needed only 5/ seconds to make it a 3-1 game.

Junior forward Danny Ovesea, who opened the scoring in the final seconds of the first half, raced up the middle and sent a pass to the left flank that Posuniak gath-

ered Posuniak quickly punched a 15-yarder past Tappenden.

Canton tacked on another marker with 24:39 remaining, on a penalty kick goal by Furgason.

The PK was set up by a fragrant foul in the box against Ovesea, who

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STEVEN KAHRS

Canton varsity boys soccer coach George Tomasso hoists the Division 1 state regional championship trophy while senior co-captain Connor Furgason (left) shows his approval.

#### **PCS Penguins** hockey tryouts

Tryouts for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins girls varsity hockey team continue Friday at Canton's Arctic Edge Arena. The cost is \$20 to attend the session.

Athletes from all three high schools at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park are eligible

For more information, e-mail or call PCS Penguins head coach Mary Beth Johnson at smeemb@aol.com or (734) 891-6159.

#### CROSS COUNTRY REGIONALS

### It's a first

#### PCA makes D4 finals; Plymouth's Gielarowski top D1 runner

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

For the first time ever, Plymouth Christian Academy's boys cross country team qualified for the Division 4 state finals.

But the three schools from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park will only send two individuals from their boys squads, based on Saturday's Division 1 regionals at Willow Metropark.

For PCA, which won the D4 regionals at Willow Metropark with 44 points, reaching the finals in and of itself is a bonus for what head coach Jennifer Lemieux called a very rewarding season.

"It was awesome,"

Lemieux said. "The boys all did exceptionally well. We walked through and had a plan because our thoughts were who ran the smartest race, not necessarily the fastest, was going to win it.' Making the regionals was

a major accomplishment for a PCA team in the first place. The only other team in any sport to make it that far in state tournament play was last season's volleyball team.

"They wanted it as a team, they all wanted it together," Lemieux said. "They all trained together and encouraged each other and that's what made them

The top PCA runner was Jimmy Parks, who came in



Pictured are members of the state finals-bound Plymouth Christian Academy boys cross country team, shown after winning the Division 4 regionals at Willow Metropark. In the top row (from left) are coach Jennifer Lemieux, Nathan Harold, Ethan Levack, Steven Zomermaand, Jimmy Parks and Megan McHugh. In the middle row (from left) are Terra Crown, Jacob Nichols and co-captain Ian Rose. In front is co-captain Trevor Baloga. Both McHugh and Crown are members of the coed team, but they ran separately in the D4 girls regionals where Crown finished fifth to qualify for the state meet.

fifth with a time of 18:34.06. He was followed in the top 10 by Trevor Baloga (18:51.10) and Ian Rose (career-best 19:02.81).

The other Eagles going to Brooklyn for the state

finals are Jacob Nichols (career-best 21st, 19:38.27), Steven Zomermaand (career-best 20:29.42) and Nathan Harold (22:57.62).

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### Salem girls fall agonizingly short

By Tim Smith

The mantra all season for Salem's varsity girls cross country team was to run as a pack. The Rocks did just that in beautiful fashion at Saturday's Division 1 state regionals.

But their team effort at Willow Metropark in New Boston had a crushing outcome. Salem tallied 97 points for fourth placeone point out of third place and a trip to this weekend's D1 final at Michigan International Speedway in

Brooklyn. Teams qualifying included Livonia Churchill (first, 47 points), Dexter (94) and Pinckney (96).

Almost

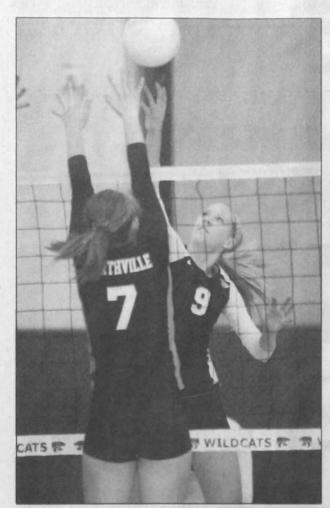
"Three points from region runner-up and down



Salem's Shannon Flynn, pictured at the recent Wayne County Invitational, and her teammates on the Rocks' girls cross country squad missed qualifying for the state meet by one point.

one point from going to the show," Salem head coach

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Northville's Jenna Borgstrom (No. 7) tries to put a block on Plymouth's Madelyn Betts (No. 9) during Tuesday night's district game.

#### **SPIKERS**

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her (Muir) not being in the front row.'

Muir was solid with 19 digs, plus three aces, while handling front-row chores were senior outside hitters Alaina Turner (15 kills, six digs) and Maggie Deloy (seven kills, three blocks) and junior outside hitter Erica den Boer (five kills with no errors, six digs).

Senior setter Lauren Martin (15 assists) said the team rebounded from the early trouble because of strong commitment to staying focused.

"We never let ourselves get down and never give up," Martin said. "We didn't give up and it paid off in the end.

Finishing off the third game on a six-point run at the service stripe was sophomore setter Madison Kielty, called up from the junior varsity for the tournament.

"She's a sophomore and I brought her up from JV," Kryska said. "So I wanted to be able to give her some playing experience tonight, which really worked out well for us.'

#### Salem sendoff

How the Chiefs closed out the night was the opposite of how they began it.

Salem started strong, sparked by senior outside hitter Kara Hewett's three service points. It was 6-2 following a successful tip at the net by

Salem Wrestling

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p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at

Arbor Road in Plymouth.

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the Plymouth Elks Club

Salem euchre tourney

senior middle hitter Leslie Rodriguez.

But, Salem head coach Amanda Nies lamented, the team reverted to the season-long pattern of making momentum-killing defensive errors.

With a total of 10 serve-receive errors tonight, it is so hard to get in a rhythm of any attack or play," Nies said. "We could make two great plays and then give away five points to Canton.

"We at crucial times would make errors that would make the momentum shift right back (to) Canton. This has been a struggle all year.'

Hewett (eight kills, two aces, two blocks), one of six Salem seniors playing their last match, said the Chiefs are tough to beat because "they have some incredibly good hitters and they have good defense. The don't ever really let a ball drop.'

Besides Hewett and Rodriguez, Salem players who are leaving include libero Katie Vincent (10 digs), setter Quinn Fillinger, outside hitter Katie Heitmeyer (five digs) and outside hitter Parisa Rashidi

"I think we've overcome some struggles and won some big games,' Hewett said. "But we just couldn't pull it out tonight. It's always hard to lose to a campus rival."

Sophomore outside hitter Brooke Berberet tallied five kills for the Rocks.

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# STAFF GRID PICKS

**District Round** Friday, Nov. 4 O.L. St. Mary's (8-2) at Redford Thurston (9-1), 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5

Canton (8-2) at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (9-1), 1 p.m. Farmington (6-4) at Southfield (7-3), 1 p.m. Birmingham Brother Rice (6-4) at Harrison (10-0), 7 p.m. Last week

Overall

Canton Southfield Harrison 4-4 90-36

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Thurston

Smith St. Mary's Canton Southfield

Harrison

3-5

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O'Meara St. Mary's Catholic Central Southfield

Harrison

100-26

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St. Mary's Catholic Central Southfield Harrison 7-1

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### JV Lions hold off Steelers

The Canton Lions Junior Varsity football team completed an undefeated season going 8-0 with a thrilling 47-40 victory over the previously unbeaten and rival Plymouth Steelers last weekend.

The Steelers scored first to take an 8-0 lead before the Lions offensive machine answered, scoring 31 first-half points to take a 31-14 halftime lead.

Canton's offensive line of Matt Wayne, Ruben Williams, Kyrece Smith, Alan Farmer, David Mason and Kyle Amick opened big holes to allow for TD runs by Victor Abraham (30 yards) and Jason Arnold (20 yards).

Evan Voyles also hit Victor Abraham with two beautiful passes of 18 and 28 yards to account for the Lions two other firsthalf touchdowns.

The Lions started off the second half strong with a 55-yard touchdown burst by Miles Davenport to give the Lions a 39-14 lead.



Victor Abraham (No. 34) of the Canton Lions junior varsity football team receives the handoff from quarterback Evan Voyles (No. 30) and follows the blocking of Miles Davenport (No. 60) and Jason Arnold (No. 32). Abraham scored a 30-yard TD on the play.

The tide turned after that with the Steelers scoring 26 unanswered points to take a 40-39 lead late in the fourth quarter.

But a final drive for the Lions, culminating in a 5-yard TD run by Miles Davenport, got the lead right back. Alan Farmer's fifth successful extra point kick of the day gave the Lions their final margin of victory.

Holding off one last Plymouth goal-line stand were defenders Spencer Brown, Noah Brown, Joey Glunt, Colton Wieloch, Wayne, Mason, Williams, Davenport, Arnold, Voyles and Abraham.

The freshman and JV Lions host the first round of the playoffs at the PCEP football stadium this Sunday. The freshman game against the Westland Comets will begin at 11 a.m. and the JV game against the Redford Rangers follows at 1 p.m.

### Warriors routed in playoff debut

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

Lutheran High Westland's first trip to the state football playoffs in school history proved to be a re-run of a Saturday morning cartoon.

The Warriors' defense never could corner Darrylnotay Hines, who could be nicknamed "The Roadrunner."

The junior quarterback went "Meep, Meep" and did his best impression of Wile E. Coyote, rushing for 208 yards on just 10 carries and passing for 99 more to lead Melvindale Academy of Business & Technology to a convincing 46-14 Division 8-Region 4-District 2 victory Saturday afternoon over the host Warriors.

The 5-foot-6 Hines, ironically, is playing his first year of high school football. He played Pop Warner football last year in the Detroit Dolphins program.

"It's a lot of zone (defense) reads and making big plays off teams' mistakes," the speedy Hines said. "I drive my team to work hard on and off the field. That's the key to winning.

Lutheran Westland, which bowed out with a 6-4 record, wanted to control the ball and the clock while trying to keep the elusive Hines off the field as much as possible.

The Warriors did drive to the Gators' 32 on their first possession, only to be stopped by an interception.

But Hines, utilizing the shotgun formation, then ran a keeper and bolted 77 yards for AB&T's first score with 1:39 to go in the first quarter.

Kevin Darden, who wound up with 171 yards rushing on just 13 carries, added a 33-yard TD dash with 9:52 left in the second quarter after the Warriors fumbled away the kickoff at midfield following a 33-yard return by Jacob Richter.

Hines, who figured in five of AB&T's seven TDs, came right back with 5:19 remaining in the half to make it 19-0 on an

84-yard scamper. "Michigan had a day off and Denard (Robinson) came here," joked Lutheran Westland coach Paul Gusè afterwards. "He (Hines) is pretty amazing. We had no answer, speed-wise, for him. Not many teams have had a whole lot of luck chasing him down. And that's the biggest problem we ran into. We started chasing him

instead of trying to contain him.'

The Warriors, however, showed life at the end of the first half scoring their first TD when Richter, who had 72 yards on 14 carries for the day, scored on a 4-yard run with 2:54 left. Richter also ran in for the twopointer to cut the deficit to 19-8. (The TD was set up when Ed Abranovich recovered an AB&T fumble at the Gators' 27.)

But AB&T, despite getting a 90-yard kickoff return by Hines negated by an illegal block, scored again with only 29.1 seconds remaining on a Hines 11-yard run to make it 27-8 at intermission following a two-point conversion pass (by none other than Hines).

#### Momentum stalls

The Warriors cut the deficit to 27-13 on Martin Kemp's 2-yard TD run with 6:09 remaining in the third but AB&T answered again when Hines hit Allan Davis for an 18-yard TD scoring pass with 1:19 to go in the frame.

The Gators added to their lead, 40-14, on the next play from scrimmage as the Warriors fumbled the ball at midfield and scored on Carl Foxhall's 40-yard return.

Hines then added his fourth TD of the game with 11:27 remaining to make it 46-14 and the Warriors missed out final chance to score when Richter fumbled the ball away on a 26-yard run just before crossing the goal line for a touchback.

AB&T dominated in every statistical category racking up 448 total yards to Lutheran Westland's 126. The Gators had 16 first downs to the Warriors' eight. "They (AB&T) are good

athletes," Gusè said. "Their speed at linebacker we weren't able to get the second-level blocks. We got through the line of scrimmage O.K., but boom, it's three yards instead of five. Give them credit.'

Despite the loss, Gusè was proud of his team's effort this season.

"What a great group of Christian young men," the 10th-year coach said. "They're class individuals that did something no one in school history has been able to do. It started way back when last season ended. Their heartand-soul was evident to everybody out there today."

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injured a leg on the play. He did not return, but is expected to play Wednes-

day. Pioneer had a corner kick cleared out of trouble by the tandem of Bergesen and sophomore

midfielder Ken Krolicki. The ball bounced down the field, where Ovesea took control and sprinted

down the field. "I knew I had to keep on going with the ball and go all the way to the net," Ovesea said. "I dribbled the goalie and got fouled.'

Furgason scored on the ensuing penalty kick with a low, hard shot inside the right post.

Canton senior goalkeeper Steven Murphy then made sure the lead held up with a spectacular stop.

With less than 15 minutes remaining, Murphy elevated to his left and managed to tip a laser shot by Chase Pagani over the crossbar.

The second half was a scoring extravaganza compared to the first, which remained scoreless until the final minute.

#### Nick of time

But with time running out, Ovesea drilled a onehop direct kick from 40 yards out inside the left post to give the Chiefs a 1-0 lead.

When the ball entered the Pioneer goal, only 7.4 seconds remained on the clock

Before Ovesea took the kick, players from both teams scurried into position. That confusion might have helped the Canton forward find an opening for his 21st goal of the season.

'There was 30 seconds left (with a running clock when the re-start was called) and I knew I had to take my time, take a breath," Ovesea said. "I saw the corner and placed it right there.

"They (Pioneers) were panicking because we had everybody up there and they had to man mark. I just put it on target."

Tomasso said Ovesea 'did a great job just to calm the group down. He judged the time on the clock very well and he found the window and the ball went through for the goal."

It marked the second game this season where Canton defeated Pioneer, with the Chiefs winning 3-1 on Sept. 16. Canton was the only team to beat Pioneer (17-2-4) all season.

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Canton senior goalkeeper Steven Murphy (left), snags the soccer ball while teammate Connor Shennan (No. 21) guards Ann Arbor Pioneer's Ahinga Selemani (No. 15) during Saturday's Division 1 regional final.

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### 'Cats win division meet, share crown with Chiefs

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth and Canton finished 1-2 in virtually ever race at last weekend's KLAA South Division swimming and diving meet at Westland John Glenn.

The Wildcats' outstanding depth - with a number of contri-

#### KLAA SOUTH

butions from swimmers who swam

much of the year at the JV level - helped Plymouth capture the Friday-Saturday meet with 744

Finishing second with 647 points was Canton, followed by Livonia Churchill (356.5)

But because Canton defeated Plymouth in the dual meet earlier this season, the two Park rivals officially are KLAA South co-champions. Canton was 5-0 in dual meets and the Wildcats 4-1.

'We really have a nice rivalry with them (Chiefs), it's really friendly," Wildcats head coach Doug Schade said. "They're coached very well and they have very good athletes on their

"Especially since they changed to this new format, with divisions, we've really, especially on the girls side, had a nice rivalry. It kind of goes



Plymouth's Emily Toro, shown from a dual meet earlier this season, set two KLAA South Division meet records last weekend.

back and forth."

Canton head coach Ed Weber had the same take on things.

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#### Records abound

"For the last few seasons Canton and Plymouth have been highly competitive with each other," said Weber, whose team has been co-champs for four straight seasons.

At the division meet, Canton swam 57 person-

"Even though we didn't come away with a divisional title, we swam real well," Weber said.

Earning meet records for Canton were event winners Madeline Madison (200 free, 2:01.68),

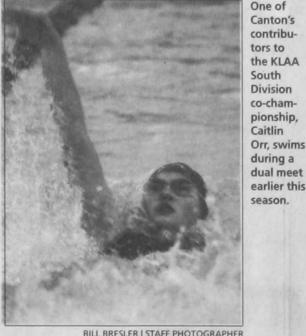
Destinee Barmore-Hicks (50 free, 25.38) and Claire Green (500 free, 5:19.35).

For the Wildcats, Emily Toro established two meet records with firsts in the 200 individual medley (2:13.79) and 100 butterfly (1:00.49) while Stephanie Matsui's winning time of 55.27 in the 100 free also was a meet record.

#### Fresh start

Plymouth benefited from Schade's pep talk to make up for the earlier dual meet loss to Canton.

"We suffered a pretty hard defeat against them," Schade said. "They (Chiefs) swam great and beat us pretty



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badly in our dual meet. "... I challenged the girls to pick themselves

up and look ahead, start

fresh and see what we could do." According to Schade, his main swimmers all season were strong at the division meet. In addition to Toro and Matsui, tak-

ing first in the 100 backstroke was Linda Erickson (1:02.55) and the Wildcats claimed all three relays. The other Canton victory was scored by Han-

nah Jenkins in the 100 breaststroke, with a time of 1:14.02. But Schade emphasized that the division meet wouldn't have been won without the contributions of many others on his Plymouth roster.

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season.

The unlimited entry format (teams can swim as many girls per event as they can) was deemed instrumental, he noted.

"The girls that won this meet for us were the girls that did not swim varsity for us all year," Schade explained. "... They swam exhibitions for us all year, but a lot of those girls rarely had made a varsity meet yet and they knew that this was their chance to really contribute to our team, and our success."

And Schade said the division meet gave those JV girls a legitimate shot at a varsity letter, awarded to anybody finishing in the top-16.

'Those girls had a lot of motivation," he continued. "They were swimming for their letter, they were swimming to help

a great job." Heading that group, Schade said, were Emily Vos, Lauren Wischer, Abby Humphries, Kailey Morren, Caylin Waters

our team. Those girls did

#### Conference meet

and Stacey Jedele.

Now, both the Wildcats and Chiefs will look forward to the KLAA Kensington Conference meet, this Friday and Saturday at Novi High School.

Canton's Weber said his team already has D1 state qualifiers in the 200 IM (Delaney Adams, Jenkins), 50 free (Barmore-Hicks), 100 fly (Adams), 500 free (Green), 100 breast (Adams) and 400free relay.

"At the conference meet, we hope to add to that state team," Weber

So far for Plymouth, Toro has qualified in the 200 IM and 100 fly while all three relay teams will compete at the D1 state meet.

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### Salem swimming squad tunes up for next test

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Salem veteran girls swimming

and diving coach Chuck Olson likes to win as much as anybody. But he said the Rocks had a good showing at Saturday's KLAA Central Division meet at South Lyon East, even though

teams with 396 points. "For the most part, we swam well," Olson said. "I tried not to put too much pressure (on the

they finished fourth out of five

#### **KLAA CENTRAL**

girls) for that meet."

He stressed that the division meet was a good opportunity for girls to compete in events they normally don't swim in.

"We had some good swims (but) they were mostly in their off-events," Olson said. "Like (Lauren) Seroka swam breaststroke, and she was third" with a time of 1:12.65.

Northville, which had control of the division in dual meet play, solidified the divisional championship with a first-place tally of 551.5 points at the meet.

South Lyon finished second with 515 points, followed by Novi (461), Salem and Stevenson (275.5).

Olson emphasized that this weekend's KLAA Kensington Conference meet at Novi will be where teams turn up the pres-

The conference meet is going to be interesting," Olson said. "... We can do better in the conference than we did in the divi-

The KLAA Central features five very talented teams, where dual meet records do not reflect how strong they are. Salem had an 0-4 record in divisional dual meets.

As far as the division meet goes, Olson noted how Julia Suriano earned her Division 1 state cuts in the 200 free (with a first-place time of 1:59.42) and 500 free (first, 5:16.32).

"That was one of the things we

were looking for at that meet," Olson said.

Taking third place in the 500 free was Maddie Gorman, with a time of 5:29.78.

Seroka placed second in the 100 butterfly, with her mark of 1:01.97 falling just short of first place Andrea VanderMey of Novi (1:01.40).

Another second place finisher for the Rocks was Abby Aumiller, going 56.22 in the 100 free.

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Plymouth Christian also will have a female runner at the state final, as Terra Crown qualified with her fifthplace time of 21:31.63 in the girls D4 race. Megan McHugh placed 26th (25:10.74).

Slim pickings

In the D1 boys regionals, the three PCEP teams fell short of the cut to reach the state finals (the top three teams qualify, along with others making individual state cuts).

Plymouth tallied 122 points to finish fourth, but that was a good distance behind third-place Pinckney (59 points).

Finishing in sixth and seventh place were Canton (146) and Salem

By far, the highlight for those teams was the first-place finish by Plymouth senior Derek Gielarowski. He won the race with a time of

Derek ran a great race," Plymouth head coach Jon Mikosz said. "He stayed with the lead pack from the start of the gun. With a half-mile to go he took off and never looked back (and) he showed that he is the best runner in the area with the finish that he had.

'Had the course not been a mess Derek would have had a chance at our school record. Hopefully we will have a better course on Saturday so he can get the record then."

Mikosz added that a fourth-place finish for his team "in one of the toughest regionals in the state" was a good accomplishment.

Canton's lone state qualifier was Miles Felton, who turned in a time of 16:41.94 for the 5,000-meter course.

Salem did not qualify any runners, with top performer Steve McEvilly just missing with a 16th-place time

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### Whalers happy to be home

**By Tim Smith** Observer Staff Writer

With a two-week road trip in the rear-view mirror, the Plymouth Whalers returned to the friendly confines of Compuware Arena with Saturday's 3-1 win over Kings-

Doing plenty of damage in his first full game back after an injury, Plymouth forward Stefan Noesen chalked up three assists against the Frotenacs.

Netting a goal and an assist each in the Ontario Hockey League game before just over 2,000 fans were center Rickard Rakell and winger Garrett Meurs.

"We had five (road) games in a row and you always worry about this one when you come back from a long road trip," Plymouth head coach and general manager Mike Vellucci said. "Our guys (usually) kind of settle back. But they stayed pretty motivated for this game.

"We got back at 4:30 in the morning (from Sault Ste. Marie). so I was tired. But the guys stayed focused. That team (Kingston) battles hard, their record's not great but they work extremely hard."

#### Welcome back

It took almost the entire first period before the Whalers (8-6-2-0) remembered what it was like to score on their home ice.

With just 18 seconds left, still on the power play, Rakell dug the puck out of the left corner in the Frontenacs'

He sent a crisp pass across the goal mouth to defenseman Dario Trutmann, pinching on the play. Trutmann, near the right post, tapped the puck into the wide-open cage behind Kingston netminder Igor Bobkov (29 saves)

The Whalers showed some



Plymouth's Rickard Rakell celebrates his goal in the second period Saturday against Kingston goalie Igor Bobkov at Compuware Arena. Also pictured are the Whalers Garrett Meurs and Kingston's Ryan Spooner.

weary legs during the middle stanza, with Kingston (2-11-2-1) out-shooting them 14-10 and scoring the only goal.

At the 6:30 mark, winger Petr Beranek one-timed a feed from Kyler Nixon and the puck eluded Whalers goalie Matt Mahalak and squeaked through. Other than the goal, Mahal-

ak played soundly. He stopped 34 shots, including several clutch saves in the late stages of the second peri-Mahalak stoned winger

Darcy Greenaway on a breakaway with just over one minute to go, and also scrambled to deny Greenaway's rebound attempt.

#### **Back in front** It only took Plymouth 1:20

to regain the lead at 2-1, and the line of Noesen, Rakell and Meurs made it happen.

Noesen skated up the left wing, then into the Kingston zone and slipped a pass to Rakell - who was skating into the slot.

Rakell then cut in on Bobkov, went forehand-backhand and roofed a shot over the goalie's blocker.

'They (goals) all start with hard work down low," Rake-

ll said. "And on my goal it

was a good play from Stefan Noesen. I think we played good today.

He added that it was good to have Noesen back on the ice with him.

"We have some good chem-

istry," Rakell said. "I hope he can keep doing what he's Meurs finished the scor-

ing with an empty netter at 19:31 of the third period. Drawing assists were Noesen and defenseman Austin Levi (Farmington Hills).

Having Noesen playing a full game (he played briefly in Friday's 5-3 loss at Sault Ste. Marie) was welcomed by Vellucci, still missing right wing Tom Wilson to an injury.

"I thought he (Noesen) competed," Vellucci said. "He made a nice play on the pass on that goal, he's definitely a big part of our team.

Plymouth, which went 3-2 on the long road trip, now have a chance to do some damage on home ice.

The Whalers will play seven of their 12 November games at Compuware, beginning with games at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday against Barrie and Windsor, respectively.

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#### **GIRLS XC**

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Dave Gerlach said. "I guess the disappointing thing about how things played out ... we beat Pinckney in every cross country statistical category on that given day, except for (total) points.

"We put seven runners in front of their fourth, and still came up

The reason Pinckney was able to hold on for third place was having three runners finish in the top 10. "It's going to sting, but that's cross

season competition.' Plymouth was the sixth-place team with 167 points, while Canton's 216 earned eighth place.

country," Gerlach said. "That's post-

On the positive side for the Rocks, Adrianna Beltran and Amanda Beyer did qualify as individuals. Beltran placed 12th with a time of 19:54.11, while Amanda Beyer finished 15th with a mark of 20:02.77 The only other Plymouth-Can-

ton Educational Park state qualifiers from the girls side were Wildcats. Plymouth's Marina DeBiasi (19:44.63) and Nicole Traitses (19:58.20) earned fourth and 14th

place, respectively.

Canton's top runner was Jessica Siegler, who finished 20th with a time of 20:20.18.

#### Up for grabs

"We were the fourth-ranked team in our region going into Saturday and we knew it was up for grabs who was going to take that third spot," Gerlach said. "It was a great race. Out of our varsity seven we had five decent races, (but) the cards didn't come up for us.'

Gerlach stressed that despite the "very heartbreaking" finish, "we have two kids that ran great races and qualified for state finals. We're very happy for them to see what they can do this weekend."

Salem's seven varsity finishers (behind Adrianna Beltran and Beyer) were Emily Bizon (19th, 20:11.18), Hannah Stoliker (25th, 20:33.88), Autumn Burin (26th, 20:34), Shannon Flynn (29th, 20:41.96) and Alejandra Beltran (30th, 20:42.23).

In the D4 girls race, also at Willow Metropark, Plymouth Christian Academy's Terra Crown was a state qualifier. Her time of 21:31.63 was good for fifth place.

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### ENTERTAINMENT

### See a local play or musical every weekend this month

Laugh or hum along when two new local theaters debut this month.

Two Muses Theater in Farmington Hills will offer a gender twist on Neil Simon's The Odd Couple and Paul's Players in Livonia celebrates Veteran's Day with nostalgic World War II songs.

Two Muses founders, Diane Hill and Barbie Weisserman play Florence and Olive, the female versions of Felix and Oscar in Simon's story about two mismatched roommates. Neil Simon wrote the original Odd Couple in 1965 and created the female version 21 years later.

The play runs weekends, Nov. 4-27 inside the Barnes & Noble Bookstore at 6800 Orchard Lake Road, just south of Maple in West Bloomfield. Shows are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$18 general admission, and \$15 for seniors and students. Buy them online at www.twomusestheatre.org or by calling the box office at (248) 850-9919.

The Two Muses cast includes Nancy Cooper of Farmington, Julie Yolles of Birmingham, Cheryl Glicker of Milford, and Teri Spencer of Commerce Township in addition to Hill and Weisserman. Alan Madlane of Ferndale and Bob Hotchkiss of Birmingham, the only men in the play, make their appearance during the second act.

Hill, who is co-directing and handling marketing, in addition to acting in a lead role, said the production is a perfect fit for Two Muses, which aims to offer female artists opportunities on stage

and behind the scenes. In addition to acting, Weisserman designs costumes, handles props and is assisting set designer and builder Bill Mandt of Southfield dress the set.

Everyone is juggling a lot of roles in order to



Dave Fedewa and Rebecca Winder, both from Canton, rehearse a scene from "I Hate Hamlet."



Paul's Players' women's ensemble, Shannon Groves (left, clockwise) of South Lyon, Rachel Birk Kain of Livonia, Catherine Rayes of Livonia, and Pam Gunderson of Redford, will help the audience recall the music of the 1940s during the theater's debut show, "Remember When."

get this first show up and running," Weisserman said.

In Livonia

Paul's Players will coordinate both music and letters between service men and women and their families in its debut production, Remember When, on Veteran's Day, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile,

in Livonia.

"These letters reflect so many of the same emotions and feelings of today's military personnel and their families," said Patricia Hutchison, director and founder of Paul's Players. The snow reminds us that the love of family and home are timeless emotions.'

The musical revue will include songs such as



Julie Yolles of Birmingham, (left), Two Muses Theatre co-founder Barbie Weisserman of Farmington Hills and Cheryl Clicker of Milford rehearse a scene from the female version of "The Odd Couple."



Sohpie Szczotka, (left) plays Jasmine, Anirudh Keshamouni plays Aladdin and John Szczotka is the Genie in the Forever After production of "Aladdin Jr." in Canton.

Chattanooga Choo Choo, I'll Be Seeing You, Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, and Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree, along with a salute

to the armed forces.

Friday-Saturday, Nov. 11-12 and 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students and ing (248) 347-4134 or email to paulsplayers@ gmail.com.

Musicals, comedy

It's also a busy month for adult and youth troupes in Canton, adult theater in Plymouth and youth theater in Farming-

**Barefoot Productions** will stage Behind the Curtain and Fonts! A Type of Musical, two original oneact musicals, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 11-12 and 2 p.m., Nov. 13, at 240 N. Main, Plymouth. All seats are \$18. Call (734) 560-1493.

Spotlight Players opens its two-weekend run of the comedy, I Hate Hamlet, Friday, Nov. 11. Shows

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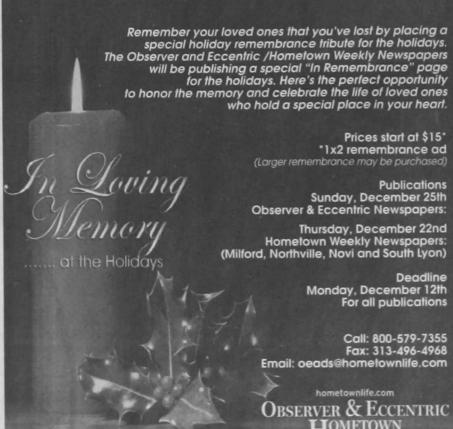
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Zack Heger (left, clockwise) of Farmington Hills, Elisabeth Levandowski of Farmington Hills, Daryl Treger of Farmington Hills, Julia Jacob of West Bloomfield, and Jordan Treger of Farmington Hills will perform Aladdin Jr. this month at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills.

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are 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 11-12 and 18-19 and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 12-13 and 19-20, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton.

The play tells the story of a young television actor who is offered the role of Hamlet in a Shake-speare-in-the-park production. He trains for the part with actor "The show is a celebration of actors and acting. It is a comedy that pokes fun of Shakespearean actors while at the same time showing us why they are so wonderful at what they do, and why they work so hard to do it," stat-

ed Mike Cuba, director." It is a comedy that manages to work four romances into a show with only six characters. And where else can you see John Barrymore, the greatest Hamlet of them all, live on stage?"

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and students and are available online at www.spotlightplayersmi. org, by calling (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460, at The Summit on the Park in Canton or at the door.

Youngsters will get a chance to see two different casts perform *Aladdin*, *Jr*. on different dates this month.

Forever After Productions brings the stage adaptation of the Disney hit to life Nov. 3-6 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road,

Canton. Performances are 7 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 3-6 and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 5-6. Tickets are \$15. Buy them at foreverafternow.com or at the door.

The Farmington Hills Youth Theatre plans six performances of *Aladdin*, *Jr.* at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills.

Performances are 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Nov. 17-18 and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 19-20. Tickets are \$10. No charge for children, 3 and under.

Tickets are available at https://recreg.fhgov.com, can be reserved by calling (877) 785-7763 and also will be available at the door.

— Compiled by Sharon Dargay

### Fair offers thousands of books, dozens of speakers

The Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit's 60th Annual Jewish Book Fair, features more than 70 authors from the arts, entertainment, politics and business through Nov. 13 at its campuses in West Bloomfield and Oak Park.

The Book Fair will hold a patron night with Jim Lehrer, author of Tension City, Inside the Presidential Debates, from Kennedy-Nixon to Obama-McCain, offering an insider's look at the presidential debates. Lehrer will speak at 6:45 p.m, Saturday, Nov. 5 at the West Bloomfield site, 6600 W. Maple.

In addition to the speakers, the book fair will include a Chaldean cooking demonstration, a local author reception, a store with more than 10,000 titles and a film, held in the West Bloomfield JCC's new Berman Center for the Performing Arts. Most events are free and open to the pub-

Speakers include:
• Nathan Wolfe, author of The Viral Storm: The Dawn of a New Pandemic Age, was named one of the 100 Most Influential People of 2011 by Time magazine, Wolfe is director of the Global

Viral Forecasting Initiative, which studies new and emerging infectious diseases. In *The Viral Storm*, he discusses why another global pandemic may be just around the corner.

• Rebecca Rosen, author of Spirited: Connect to the Guides All Around You, is a psychic to the stars, best-selling author and regular contributor to Oprah Winfrey's O Magazine. She tells readers how to contact deceased family and loved ones and find happiness.

• Mitchell Bard, author of The Arab Lobby: The Invisible Alliance That Undermines America's Interests in the Middle East, takes a look at the history and influence of this powerful group.

· Josh Linkner, author of Disciplined Dreaming: A Proven System to Drive Breakthrough Creativity, speaks during a breakfast session. The New York Times bestselling author is CEO of Detroit Venture Partners, which helps rebuild urban areas through technology and entrepreneurship, and he is founder, chairman and former CEO of ePrize, the largest interactive promotion agency in the world.

• Gayle Tzemach Lemmon, author of The Dressmaker of Khair Khana: Five Sisters, One Remarkable Family, and the Woman Who Risked Everything to Keep Them Safe, tells the true story of an unlikely entrepreneur who mobilized a community under the Taliban.

• Ned Zeman is author of The Rules of the Tunnel. Detroit native Ned Zeman is a contributing editor at Vanity Fair and has written for Newsweek, Spy, GQ, Outside and Sports Illustrated. When he decided to pen Rules of the Tunnel, Zeman was about to enter new territory—his own experiences with

Marc Agronin, M.D.,
author of How We Age: A
Doctor's Journey Into the
Heart of Growing Old,
takes a new look at medical care of the elderly.

• Charles Fishman, author of *The Big Thirst*, looks at the perilous future of water.

• Francisco Goldman, author of Say Her Name: A Novel, is a former University of Michigan student and now an author/ journalist who recalls the death of his young wife.

• Gilad Sharon, author of *The Life of A Leader*, offers a look at his father, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, a complex, passionate man who has forever shaped the past, present and future State of Israel.

• Tom Fields-Meyer,

is author of Following
Ezra: What One Father
Learned About Gumby,
Otters, Autism and Love
from his Extraordinary
Son. Meyers shares the
tender story of his autistic son Ezra and how
rather than mourn the
person Ezra would never become, he decided to
embrace the boy Ezra is.

• Darin Straus, author of Half a Life: A Memoir. Darin Straus' memoir won the 2010 National Book Critics Circle Award for best autobiography, was named a New York Times Editor's Pick and a NPR Best Book of the Year.

• Joseph Braude, author of The Honored Dead: A Story of Friendship, Murder and the Search for Truth in the Arab World, tells the true story of a murder mystery in Iraq.

Phillip Schultz is a
Pulitzer Prize winner and author of the memoir, My Dyslexia.
Mary-Lou Weisman is

author of Al Jaffee's Mad Life, the story of MAD magazine's writer/illustrator.

• Al Abrams, author of Hype & Soul - Behind the Scenes at Motown, was Hitsville's director of publicity. In Hype & Soul, he offers a behind-the-scenes look at one of Detroit's most famous businesses and its iconic founder.

For information and a complete Book Fair schedule, visit jecdet. org.

#### GET OUT!

#### ART & IDEAS

Time/Date: Through Dec. 24; gallery hours are 1-6:30 p.m. Thursday and 1-7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, or by appointment

Location: 15095 Northville Road, in Plymouth

Details: "Downtown Foot Art" includes works by the gallery's artist-in-residence, Shaqe Kalaj. She focused on historical buildings in downtown Plymouth for her series of works which she sketched and painted with her feet in the outdoors over the summer

Contact: (734) 420-0775

#### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Nov. 4-Dec. 10 Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: The seventh annual Northville Holiday Art Market opens with a reception from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, and will include refreshments and handcrafted work in painting, printmaking, glass, mosaic, fiber, photography, jewelry and mixed media for sale by well-known local artists. A used book sale is set for the lower level gallery during the reception. Hours for the market are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. On "First Fridays" only in November and December hours are 1-9 p.m

Coming up: An Antiques and Fine Arts Appraisal clinic with Robert Du-Mouchelle of DuMouchelle Art Galleries, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18. The registration fee is \$10 per item with a limit of 3 items per guest. Walk-ins without prior registration will be admitted on the day of the event if time allows. Guests may bring items such as antiques, collectibles, family memorabilia, furniture and artwork. Large or fragile items should be submitted by photograph. Coins, stamps, and jewelry will not be appraised at this event. Register in person, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday or call Northville Art House Contact: (248) 344-0497

#### PLYMOUTH COMMU-NITY ARTS COUNCIL

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

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

Details: Drawings by Marilyn Meredith of Three Cities Art Club Ornament class: Help in-

structor Lisa Howard make ornaments for the PCAC's pine in the Downtown Plymouth Holiday Walk of Trees, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6. The class is aimed at ages 6 and up. Suggested donation is \$5. All materials will be provided. Call the PCAC office to register Contact: (734) 416-4278

#### VILLAGE POTTERS GUILD

Time/Date: Opening reception, 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19; and noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20

Location: 340 N. Main, G-11, behind Plymouth Crossing Restaurant, in downtown Plymouth

Details: Holiday sale; refreshments served Contact: (734) 207-8807

#### Comedy

#### Go Comedy!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is

10 p.m. Wednesdays Contact: (248) 327-0575; gocomedy.net

#### JD'S HOUSE OF COM-EDY

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings Location: 25333 W. 12

Mile, inside Star Theatre

complex, Southfield

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

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

p.m. Wednesday

#### JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB OF LIVONIA

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

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia Details: Tom Simmons, through Nov. 5; Tim Kidd, Nov. 9-12; Chris Barnes, Nov. 16-19; J. Chris Newberg, Nov. 23, 25-26

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

#### MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: Michael Loftus, Nov. 3-5; Robb Little, Nov. 10-12; Kathleen Madigan, Nov. 17-19; Dave Landau, Nov. 25-26; Alex Ortiz, Nov. 30-Dec. 3

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

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

#### Dance

#### MOON DUSTERS Time/Date: 8:30-11:30

p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m. Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

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

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

#### Family

#### BAKERS KEYBOARD LOUNGE

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

**Details:** Jazz for Kids Program

Location: 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboard-

#### lounge.com DETROIT INSTITUTE OF

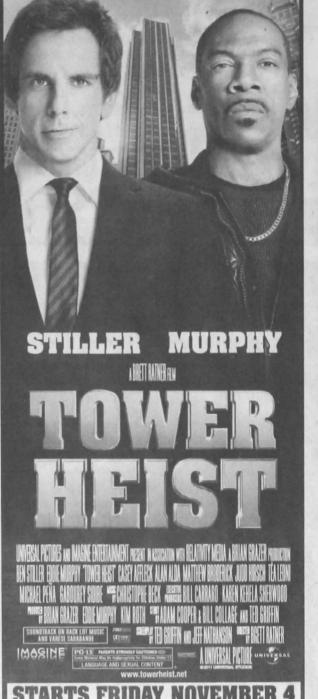
ARTS Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sun-

days

**Details:** Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit Contact: (313) 833-7900,

www.dia.org



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## Cranberries

### Sweet or savory, for any season

"hether you're looking to add something sweet to salads, baked goods or seasonal dishes, cranberries pack a lot of flavor, as well as important nutrients and antioxidants, and can be added to a variety of dishes, from muffins and cookies to salads and even quesadillas.

Due to their sweet taste, healthful benefits and versatility, cranberries continue to be increasingly popular. The tiny berry, one of only three fruits native to North America, is grown in several states around the country, but Wisconsin-based growers alone produce more than half of the world's entire supply of cranberries.

#### **Cranberry Health Benefits**

· These tasty berries score among the highest of all fruits in antioxidants, which may help support memory function, coordination, prevent certain types of cancer and ulcers, as well as a healthy immune system.

· Naturally-occurring hippuric acid provides antibacterial effects and other natural antibi-

otic ingredients. • Though cranberries pack a lot of flavor, they're cholesterol free, fat free, low in sodium,

and help maintain heart health. For cranberry recipes, health facts and more, visit the Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers Association online at www. wiscran.org or on Facebook and Twitter.

#### Wilted Spinach Salad with Dried Cranberries, Pecans and Feta Cheese

1 small red onion, sliced vertically

8 to 9 cups spinach leaves, washed and patted dry

½ cup pecan pieces, toasted

4 ounces feta cheese, crumbled & cup sweetened-dried cranberries

1 tablespoon mint leaves, chopped

2 tablespoons sherry vinegar

Pinch of salt

6 tablespoons olive oil

Black pepper, freshly ground Quarter and thinly slice red onion. Place slices in cold water; soak for 30 minutes. Drain; pat dry. Place soaked onion slices, spinach, pecans, feta, cranberries, mint and vinegar in large mixing bowl. Toss together with large pinch of salt. In saucepan, heat olive oil to just below smoking. Pour hot oil over salad in bowl, tossing well. Taste and correct seasoning with



Turkey, Cranberry & Brie Quesadillas

#### Cranberry Oat **Bran Muffins**

Makes: 1 dozen muffins

1½ cups flour

cup oat bran % teaspoon salt

cup sugar

3 teaspoons baking powder 2 eggs

4 cup vegetable oil

1 cup milk 1 cup fresh cranberries,

chopped

1 cup chopped walnuts

1 teaspoon orange peel, grated Preheat oven to 400°F. Mix flour, oat bran, salt, sugar and baking powder. Set aside. Beat together eggs, vegetable oil and milk; add to dry ingredients. Add cranberries, walnuts and orange peel. Stir all together, batter may be lumpy. Pour into muf-

#### Turkey, Cranberry & **Brie Quesadillas**

fin tins and bake 20

minutes at 400°F.

Makes: 8 quesadillas

**Chive Topping** 

& cup sour cream, low fat 1 ounce (1/2 cup) chives, thinly

1 teaspoon fresh garlic, minced

teaspoon lemon juice

4 teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper,

Quesadillas 2 cups Brie, rind removed

8 8-inch flour tortillas, low fat 1 pound turkey, cooked and shred-

1 cup sweetened-dried cranberries & cup walnuts, toasted and

chopped cup chives, thinly sliced

Preheat oven to 350°F. **Chive Topping** 

Purée topping ingredients in food processor until smooth. Refriger-

ate. Quesadillas

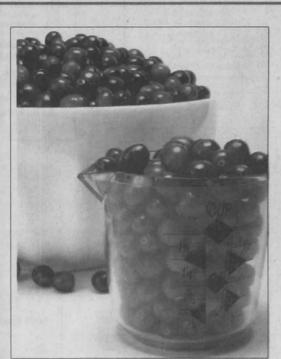
Spread 4 cup Brie over half of tortilla. Layer ¼ cup turkey, % cup cranberries, 1 tablespoon walnuts and 1 tablespoon chives. Fold tortilla in half. Bake quesadillas on baking sheet 8 to 10 minutes until cheese is melted. Serve with chive topping.

Family Features



Wilted Spinach Salad with Dried Cranberries, Pecans and

**Feta Cheese** 



#### STORAGE TIPS FOR FRESH CRANBERRIES

Stocking up on fresh berries is easier than ever. Use these tips from Wisconsin's cranberry growers when storing this delicious berry.

 Remember fresh cranberries are only available seasonally October-December. However, the berries

 Don't be afraid to freeze fresh cranberries,up to a year. For maximum freshness, use a second airtight

• If you're planning to freeze your cranberries, do not wash beforehand. Rather, wash upon thawing.

### 'Operation Turkey Sandwich' serves needy, workers

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, November 3, 2011

Members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia will spend their Thanksgiving Day morning assembling and delivering lunches.

The church's fall project, "Operation Turkey Sandwich," aims to provide a Thanksgiving-style lunch in a bag for the needy and for those who work on Nov. 24. The lunch will include a turkey sandwich, stuffing muffin, pumpkin bar and other goodies.

The church regularly reaches out to the community and helps those in need through such mission programs as its

rummage sales and "Needy Family" outreach program.

Anyone interested in helping with "Operation Turkey Sandwich" or those who know of someone in need, can call Kathy Weinberg at the church office at (734) 464-0211.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, located on Five Mile just east of Haggerty, has been a part of the Livonia community for nearly 50 years. It will celebrate its Jubilee anniversary next year. For more information on Holy Trinity, visit www. holytrinitylivonia.org.

### Passages

1-800-579-7355 • fax 313-496-4968 • oeobits@hometownlife.com Deadlines: Friday 4:15 p.m. for Sunday • Wednesday 9:45 a.m. for Thursday

BOGGS. MARGUERITE ROSE "PEGGY" (NEE LATHROP)

Age 87 years, of Farmington Hills, MI, passed Hills, MI, passed away on Monday, October 31, 2011 at the home of her daughter in Holton, MI. The Funeral Service will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, November 4, 2011 at the Kroeze-Wolffis Funeral Home, Inc., 637
E. Main St., Fremont, MI 49412,
(888) 544-5388. Visitation will
be from 1-2 PM on Friday. To
view her complete obituary or to
sign the online guest book please visit: www.kroeze-wolffis.com

#### JASKE, MILDRED E.

Age 84, of Farmington Hills, October 26, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Walter. Loving mother of Kim (Melody) Jaske, Karla (Robert) Winnie, Kirk Jaske, and Karen (Tom) Hilliard. Dear grandmother of SGT. Andrew and SGT. Matthew Hilliard, Abigail Jaske, Christen Ciaravino, Travis and Erica Jaske. Great-grand-mother of Spencer and Brielle Hilliard and two grandcats. Funeral Saturday 11 a.m., November 5th, at First United Methodist Church of Farmington, 33112 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Visitation Friday 1-8 p.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Downtown Farmington, (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Memorial contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research

www.michaeljfox.org www.thayer-rock.com

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HOWE. HOBERT "BILL"

Age 82, October 28, 2011. Beloved husband of Mary for 59 years, dear father of Mark G. (Esther), Lori Richardson, Darrell (Marilee), and Beth Simmons. Grandfather of Buffy, Joshua, Danae, Mateo, Lenny, Jessica, Erin, Emily Jenny, Jessica, Erin, Emily, Joseph, Tommy, Brad, Chad, and the late Markie and Jon, and 13 great-grandchildren. Hobert was born on April 23, 1929 and raised in Highland Park Michigan. As a teenager he was a member of the Order of DeMolay and the US Coast Guard, he later joined the US Navy. He also served as Corporal, Dental Technician and Communication Engineer in the US Army in the 599TH Field Artillery Battalion. He attended Radio Electronics School, was a part-time teacher for Michigan Public Schools, served as a mem-ber of the Garden City Planning Commission and served as a Work Release Program Director for Garden City. He was also a long time Committee Member of the Keep Michigan Beautiful Committee, Hobert worked for thirty years in Research & Development for Burroughs (Unisys) Corporation. Visitation Wednesday 2-9 p.m. at the John N Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd (between Ford Rd and Cherry Hill). In state Thursday 10 a.m. at Merriman Road Baptist Church, service begins at 11 a.m. 2055 Merriman

Donation to Angela Hospice www.santeiufuneralhome.com



READE, ALAN LEE

Of Bloomfield Hills. passed away peacefully surrounded by his children at age 89, on October 18, 2011. He was born

and grew up in New York City, graduated cum laude with a degree in mathematics from WWII, and after the war returned to Harvard for an MBA. He start-NYC where he met his late wife, Carmeta McLeod. He then went on to spend the rest of his career in the early computer business. After losing his wife to cancer in 1975, he retired to Michigan staying in his same home until the end retirement: skiing, playing tennis and bridge, and advising people on their investments. He is sur vived by three children and six grandchildren who will miss him greatly, along with the wonderful family reunions he arranged. A memorial celebration of his life will be held at his home on Saturday, November 5 at 3pm.

May peace be all with you in this time of sorrow.

#### RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Or mail items to Dargay, Observer, 615 Lafayette, Level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.

#### Nov. 3-9

**BOOK, BAKE SALE** 

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

Location: Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: The Women of the ELCA will donate proceeds to support First Step, a not-for-profit domestic violence counseling and crisis center for women and children

Contact: (734) 420-9191

#### **CLOTHING BANK**

Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9 Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 41920 Joy Road, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton

Details: The bank will be open to give free clothing and shoes to anyone in need Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6

Location: St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, between Grand River Ave., and Freedom,

Details: Tchaikovsky Piano Trio with pianist Wesley Fishwick and Detroit Symphony Orchestra musicians, Melody Wooton on violin and David Levine on cello. Admission is free, although a free will offering will be collected Contact: (248) 474-0584

#### 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. Carry outs must be ordered by Nov. 2

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

#### 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



Daniel Rodriguez makes his first appearance in Michigan Nov. 13 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, Farmington Hills.

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

#### WHY BE CATHOLIC?

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3 Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church's school cafeteria, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, between Merriman and Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Kelly Nieto, former Miss Michigan and creator of the Living Stations of the Cross, will share the story of her journey from a decidedly "non-religious," secular home environment to Catholicism and the resulting birth of the "Living Stations" idea during her first Lent as a churched Catholic. No charge or reservations required. A children's ministry is available with prior arrangement at childrensministry@livoniastmichael.org

Contact: (734) 261-1455 ext. 200; www.livoni-

#### Nov. 10-16

#### CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 13 Location: Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Daniel Rodriguez, a former police officer from New York City, N.Y. who sang at many memorials after the 9-11 terrorist attack, will perform with the Jesse Lynch Trio. Placido Domingo mentored Rodriguez through the Young Artist Program in Washington D.C. Rodriguez and the trio will give classic song a jazz twist at the Nardin Park show. Tickets are \$20, available from the church office

Contact: (248) 476-8860

#### Fitness classes benefit Canton church

Weekly yoga and aerobics workouts will start Nov. 16 and 21 at St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road,

Personal fitness trainer Joe Mason will lead classes in "Sunsoaked Yogafit," from 10-10:55 a.m. Monday and Wednesday and aerobics classes, 11 a.m.-noon., Monday and Wednesday. The Monday series will begin Nov. 21 and run through Dec. 12. The Wednesday classes run Nov. 16-Dec. 14. No class will be held Nov. 23.

Cost is \$28 for each series. A portion of all fees will be donated to St. John Neumann Par-

Classes will be held in the church

For more information or to register, call the church at (734) 455-

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Making disciples who share the love of Jesus Christ 734-522-6830

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Pastor: Dr. Jimmy McGuire Services held at: Saint Andrews Episcopal Church 16360 Hubbard Road in Livonia · se Nursery provided • www.fellowship-presbyterian.org

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### Keep fire safety in mind when cooking for Thanksgiving

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving, the busiest day of the year for fire departments involving kitchen equipment. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

Did you know? Stay in the kitchen when

you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.

· Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently

 Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet

· Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids.

The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.

· Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.

· Keep knives out of the reach of children.

• Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the

counter within easy reach of

 Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children - up high in a locked cab-

· Never leave children alone in room with a lit a candle.

· Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them

by pushing the test button. Have activities that keep kids out of the kitchen during this busy time. Games, puzzles or

books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done outside the kitchen.

The NFPA also notes that cooking and cooking fires are the No. 1 cause of home fires and home injuries. More information can be found at www. nfpa.org/education.

These cooking safety tips apply all year:

· Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or

· Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time,

turn off the stove. · If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.

· Keep anything that can catch fire - oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains - away from your stovetop.

If you have a home cooking

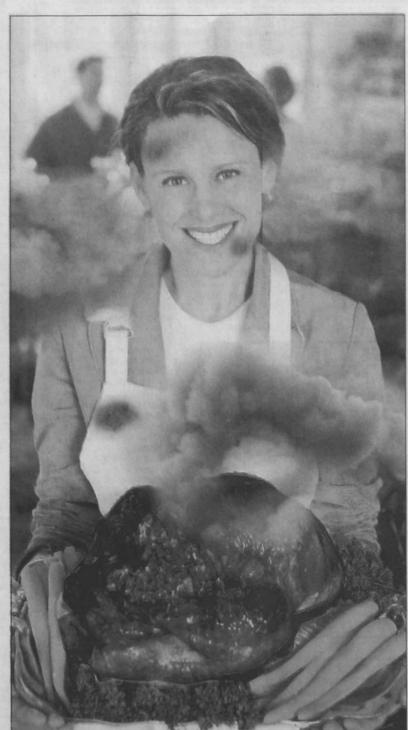
· Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.

· Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number after you leave.

· If you try to fight the fire, be sure others are getting out and you have a clear way out.

 Keep a lid nearby when you're cooking to smother small grease fires. Smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan and turn off the stovetop. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.

· For an oven fire turn off the heat and keep the door closed.



# Tool helps to fight fraud

**By Robert Meisner** Guest Columnist

0: I am advised that the Oakland clerk/register of deeds has announced a new property fraud alert system. Do you have any information about it?

A: The Property Fraud Alert System which has been established by Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds Bill Bullard Jr. will "empower property owners to protect themselves from improper filings against their property for mortgage fraud, to improper foreclosure, to frivolous liens." As Clerk Bullard said, "Timely knowledge is the most important tool we can give someone so

they can

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take the proper action early in the process before they get mired down in

red tape and the system."

The Property Fraud Alert System is a way for Oakland County residents and business owners to protect themselves and their property against fraudulent claims against them. People should sign up at the Oakland County Register of Deeds website, HTTP://www. oakgov.com/clerkrod, to receive an e-mail whenever the County office records anything regarding their name or business name. These transactions range from property deeds to liens against the property from new mortgages to foreclosures. Anyone wanting to take advantage of the service should go to the clerk's website, HTTP://www.oakgov. com/clerkrod, select Register of Deeds, then click on the green button labeled Property Fraud Alert Service and follow the prompts and instructions to register for the alerts.

Q: We are selling our home and we are scheduled to close in the near future. We are informed by our real estate agent that we will have to pay \$1,165.00 for a Special Drain Assessment at closing which was added to our tax bill last September. Since the amount of the assessment is for the next 20 years, should this be our responsibility?

A: It all depends upon your purchase agreement, but more than likely the taxes, including the special assessment, were prorated between the buyer and the seller based upon the date of closing and you may be obligated to do so. You should check with your real estate agent as to the basis for having to pay that amount.

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

#### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS -OAKLAND

\$150,000

\$625,000

\$170,000

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 18-22, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices

BEVERLY HILLS	
32388 Arlington Dr	\$163,000
17840 Beverly Rd	\$107,000
BINGHAM FARMS	
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BIRMINGHAM	
458 Bennaville Ave	\$120,000
2563 Dorchester Rd	\$144,000
1950 Graefield Rd	\$83,000
1097 Lakeside Dr	\$790,000
240 Millrace Rd	\$725,000
551 N Old Woodward Ave	\$142,000
1211 Pierce St	\$821,000
1774 Pierce St	\$515,000
782 Smith Ave	\$518,000

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1547 Kensington Rd	
326 Lakewood Dr 1738 S Hill Blvd	
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1944 Klingensmith Rd 5425 Longmeadow Rd	4
183 N Williamsbury Rd 1756 S Hill Blvd	
7165 Sherwood Dr	
726 Tennyson Downs Ct 2737 Turtle Lake Dr	
2748 Turtle Lake Dr 2599 Warwick Dr	
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8717 Edgewood Park Dr	4

547 Kensington Rd	\$420,000
26 Lakewood Dr	\$780,000
738 S Hill Blvd	\$115,000
<b>LOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP</b>	
856 Heathfield Rd	\$200,000
944 Klingensmith Rd	\$40,000
425 Longmeadow Rd	\$1,625,000
83 N Williamsbury Rd	\$431,000
756 S Hill Blvd	\$90,000
165 Sherwood Dr	\$305,000
26 Tennyson Downs Ct	\$943,000
737 Turtle Lake Dr	\$503,000
748 Turtle Lake Dr	\$1,350,000
599 Warwick Dr	\$277,000
OMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
495 Buffalo Dr	\$115,000
717 Edgewood Park Dr	\$1,225,000
158 Eldora Blvd	\$120,000
741 Strawberry Cir	\$277,000
467 Yasmin Dr	\$80,000
ARMINGTON HILLS	

30989 Cedar Creek Dr
25674 Chapelweigh Dr
31115 Country Ridge C
21840 Indian Creek Dr
21085 Metroview Rd
29731 Monterey Cir
29718 Nova Woods Dr
35000 Savannah Ln
29302 Stillwater
FRANKLIN
19850 Chelsea Pl
MILFORD
1894 Bristol Ct
219 Hickory St
2656 Katie Ln
NOVI
47578 Baldwin Ct
44663 Copland Ln
27051 Ladbroke St
40528 Lenox Park Dr
44589 Ludlow Dr
24707 Nepavine
41509 Reindeer Dr
22813 Renford St

35088 Bunker Hill Dr

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\$182,000	24705 Sarah Flynn
\$83,000	24251 Saybrook Ct
\$192,000	43999 Stassen Ave
\$30,000	41323 Todd Ln
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\$45,000	29985 Spring River Dr
\$230,000	17550 W 12 Mile Rd
\$390,000	WHITE LAKE
\$530,000	2995 Cooley Lake Rd
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26435 Isleworth Pt	\$212,00
28536 Regent Ct S	\$33,00
29985 Spring River Dr	\$95,00
17550 W 12 Mile Rd WHITE LAKE	\$375,00
2995 Cooley Lake Rd	\$295,00
9231 Hickorywood St	\$40,00
8656 Newport Dr	\$245,00

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#### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS - WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 25-29, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
647 Aylesbury Ct	\$70,000
47123 Bayview Ct	\$187,000
8329 Chatham Dr	\$80,000
8188 Endicott Ln	\$432,000
384 Filmore St	\$87,000
50104 Grant St	\$218,000
45933 Graystone Ln	\$133,000
50309 Hancock St	\$275,000
42050 Hanford Rd	\$145,000
6941 Harvard Ln	\$49,000
44720 Heather Ln	\$220,000
50174 Heron Ct	\$351,000
858 Mystic Ct	\$215,000
629 Pheasant Woods Dr	\$258,000
2191 Pinecroft Dr	\$77,000
2074 Preserve Cir W	\$126,000
706 Princess Dr	\$181,000
320 Roosevelt St	\$140,000
41426 Singh Dr	\$279,000
46962 Southgate Dr	\$199,000

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41246 Southwind Dr Unit 1791 Walnut Ridge Cir 1443 Whittier Dr	\$43,000 \$165,000
1052 Wildwood Ln	\$111,000
49212 Wooster Ct	\$169,000 \$250,000
SARDEN CITY	\$250,000
28459 Beechwood St	\$30,000
28824 Birchlawn St	\$35,000
28490 Florence St	\$75,000
29172 Florence St	\$25,000
960 Gilman St	\$80,000
32469 Rosslyn Ave	\$63,000
IVONIA	
36664 Angeline Cir	\$73,000
36086 Ann Arbor Trl	\$23,000
28674 Bayberry Ct E	\$102,000
20431 Brentwood St	\$105,000
11324 Cranston St	\$183,000
8961 Denne St	\$111,000
8991 Farmington Rd	\$150,000
11682 Farmington Rd	\$72,000
16950 Farmington Rd	\$88,000
34907 Grove Dr	\$107,000
15075 Hubbard St	\$25,000
18015 Merriman Rd	\$65,000
14559 Newburgh Rd 20320 Oporto Ave	\$95,000 \$198,000
35489 Parkdale St	\$135,000
29481 Robert Dr	\$103,000
10061 Seltzer St	\$58,000

8937 Sunbury St
16738 Whitby St
15165 Yale St
NORTHVILLE
19642 Aqueduct Ct
18243 Arselot Dr
45011 Broadmoor Cir S
45023 Broadmoor Cir S
16385 Brookwood Ct
17205 Crestbrook Dr
15940 Crystal Downs E
16602 Doral Dr
48955 Freestone Dr
19664 Fry Rd
46066 Greenridge Dr
49988 Hidden Point Dr
15721 Penderbrook Ln
20033 Rippling Ln
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