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Readers can search the *Canton Observer* back to 1974 and see PDF copies of the paper.

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Turkey trot

The Plymouth Salvation Army, which serves Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville, is in need of some 400 turkeys to help meet the demand for its 2011 Thanksgiving distribution.

The turkeys (averaging 15 pounds and frozen) are included in meals provided for families in need throughout the Salvation Army's coverage area. In addition to the turkeys, the Salvation Army also needs other "Thanksgiving" type food — mashed potatoes, yams (or sweet potatoes) and jello/pudding.

Turkeys can be donated from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 14-21 at the Salvation Army corps, 9451 S. Main (just south of Ann Arbor Road) in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-5464.

Emergency alert

FEMA and the FCC will test the Emergency Alert System using the Presidential message code, Emergency Activation Notification at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9.

The test, which is meant only to be a system live test, will be very different from the ones citizens are used to hearing. The test will come from FEMA and it will last some 30 seconds (weekly tests generally run 10 seconds, monthly tests a minute).

Contact Canton's Emergency Management office at (734) 394-5357 or e-mail at krich@canton-mi.org for more information.



The Rev. Jerry Yarnell, working with the youngsters of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton, retires Sunday after 33 years as that church's senior pastor.

Letting God drive Last message sends longtime pastor into retirement

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

When Jerry and Pam Yarnell went out to dinner following a recent Saturday evening service at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton, it marked the first time they'd done something like that in years.

And they're hoping it sets a trend, what with the extra time they'll have on their hands now.

Yarnell, for 33 years the senior pastor at St. Michael, is delivering his final sermon today (Sunday) before heading into retirement.

And if Yarnell knows anything, he knows it's time, even at the relatively young age of 62.

"It's not how old the car is, it's how many miles you've got on it," Yarnell said with a smile. "God has good plans for St. Michael. They need someone with more energy than I have left to give."

Yarnell has been giving his energy to St. Michael since joining the one-building church in rural Canton in 1978. When he stepped to the pulpit the first time in the church's single sanc-



Dr. Jerry Yarnell and his wife, Pam, are looking forward to spending some quality time together now that he's retiring after 33 years as senior pastor at Canton's St. Michael Lutheran Church.

tuary all those years ago, he preached to 41 adults, including five from one family alone.

Oh, how times have changed. When he stepped to the front of the sanctuary Sunday, he expected to find some 700-800 people in the pews.

"God brought about all this expansion," Yarnell said of the church, which now boasts three sanctuaries and added classroom space. "When I started, I

wanted a small church out in the country, and that's pretty much what I got. Now I have this big church in an area surrounded by suburbia."

Yarnell has spent his time teaching — "I spend a lot of time teaching the word of God," he said — and presiding over an expanding outreach ministry that reaches past Canton's borders to neighboring communities,

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Canton's Taj announces U.S. House bid

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Vowing to help create jobs and protect Medicare and Social Security, Canton Township Trustee Dr. Syed Taj has announced he will campaign as a Democratic candidate in 2012 in hopes of unseating U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, in the new 11th District.

Taj, chief of medicine for Dearborn-based Oakwood Hospital and a third-year Canton trustee, said his longtime career as a doctor and his elected position have prepared him to serve in Washington, D.C.

"I don't want to see our country going down the path it is going right now," Taj told the *Observer* on Friday. "It has been really frustrating to see people suffering and losing their houses and jobs — and nobody is doing anything in Congress."

Taj criticized Congress as "dysfunctional" and said he wants to help change it.

"Nobody wants to lose their Medicare, and Congress is trying to change it," he said. "Irrespective of political party, nobody wants to give up Medicare. It's something people have paid into from a very young age, and they expect to have it once they reach retirement age."

Taj, 65, plans to retire from Oakwood Hospital in late March, though he pledged to finish the fourth year of his township board term in 2012 even as he campaigns for Congress.

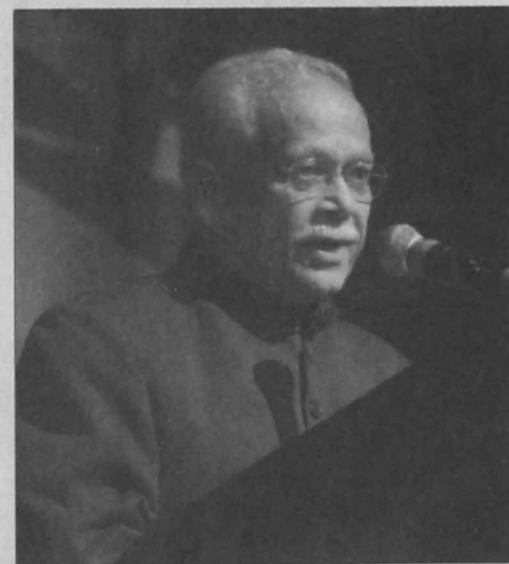
"People have given me a job to do, and I need to complete my job," he said.

Taj has named as his campaign manager Natalie Mosher, who lost her challenge against McCotter in the last 11th District election. McCotter's district includes 28 communities such as Canton, Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville, Northville Township, Novi and South Lyon.

McCotter also is facing a challenge within his own party from candidates such as state Sen. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake.

Taj, in his sixth year as Oakwood's chief of medicine, has said he has shown he can work

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Canton Township Trustee Dr. Syed Taj, speaking during a recent Mohandas Gandhi celebration at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, plans to challenge U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia.

P-C, Van Buren races come down the stretch

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A hard-fought Plymouth-Canton school board race that has fueled its share of bruising campaign literature and political party involvement — for what is a non-partisan position — will end Tuesday as voters have their say among 14 active candidates competing for four seats that carry four-year terms.

Voters who live in three Canton precincts in the Van Buren Township school district, meanwhile, will help elect two of six candidates. They also will have a say in an 18-mill tax renewal for non-homestead and non-qual-

ified agricultural property — a proposal that officials say would generate \$9.8 million.

Van Buren district voters who live in a home and pay taxes will not pay this Act 18 millage, Supt. Thomas Riutta said in a letter on the school district's website. The millage renewal represents 20.3 percent of the district's budget, he said, adding that it enables the district to offer "a full educational curriculum for out students."

Polls in both districts will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Plymouth-Canton voters will choose among incumbents Nancy Eggenberger, John Jackson and Steven Sneiderman and hopefuls

Mike Andro, John Barrett, Matt Dame, Stephanie Goecke, Mark Horvath, Mike Maloney, Abdul Muhiuddin, Clifton Nealey, Sheila Paton, Michael Redman and Angie Williams-Chehmani.

Though his name remains on the ballot, one-time candidate John Nichols earlier suspended his campaign.

Van Buren district voters will decide among incumbents Robert Binert and Martha Toth and challengers Martha Hanoian, Brent Mikulski (a Canton resident), Brandon Mullins and David Peer.

Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett said the turnout at polling places in Tuesday's election

is difficult to predict.

"It's anyone's guess," she said. As of Thursday afternoon, Bennett's office had sent out 5,091 absentee ballots, and 3,326 had been received back for a 65-percent return rate. That still left 1,765 absentee ballots out.

Last-minute absentee voters who suddenly realize they can't make the polls Tuesday may cast ballots until 4 p.m. Monday, though they will have to make their choices and leave their ballots with the clerk's office, located in the township administration building at 1150 S. Canton Center, between Cherry Hill and Palmer.

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Drug take-back nets 33 pounds

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

The count is in. Canton police say the risk of prescription drug abuse — and the potential for their illegal sale — has eased after local authorities and the Drug Enforcement Agency collected 33 pounds of controlled substances from local homes.

Authorities deemed the latest drug-collection program, part of a national effort, a success after allowing local residents to discard their drugs — no questions asked — in a Canton Police Department drop box during a four-hour period Saturday, Oct. 29.

Sgt. Pat Sullivan said Canton has embraced the DEA-sponsored program to give residents a way to properly dispose of drugs and potentially keep them out of the wrong hands.

“It’s always a success when we can get those unwanted prescription pills out of the medicine cabinets. It’s the best thing that can happen to them.”

SGT. MARK GAJESKI
Canton Police Department

“Unfortunately, a lot of unused prescription drugs are kept in homes, and they could wind up in kids’ hands,” Sullivan said. “They could sell them, trade them or use them.”

All too often, he said, the drugs are left in medicine cabinets and other places long after they have been prescribed.

“Nobody’s taking the medications regularly anymore, so they don’t notice when they’re missing,” Sullivan said.

The drug take-back program also avoids circumstances in which residents may improperly dispose of medications, such as flushing them down toilets.

“Trace amounts of some chemicals have been found in the water supply,” Sullivan said.

Authorities say the program takes painkillers, antibiotics and other drugs out of homes and potentially off the street. During a similar nationwide effort last April, Americans turned in 378,593 pounds — or 188 tons — of prescription drugs at nearly 8,400 sites operated by the DEA and its local partners.

“It’s always a success when we can get those unwanted prescription pills out of the medicine cabinets,” police Sgt. Mark Gajeski has said. “It’s the best thing that can happen to them.”

The program comes as law enforcement authorities cite an increase in prescription drug abuse.

Officials warned against disposing of prescription drugs in the home, where children could potentially find them.

For those who still have unwanted prescription drugs in their home, federal authorities recommend following any disposal information that may be on labels. If there is none, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration suggests the following:

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in a bipartisan approach as the only Democrat on the seven-member Canton Township Board of Trustees. He also serves on the Canton Community Foundation's board of directors and has been involved in Wayne County Senior Alliance.

Taj made his announcement in the same week McCotter issued a statement bemoaning the national and state unemployment rate and criticizing President Barack Obama's handling of the economy.

Taj has rolled out his campaign website, www.tajforcongress.com. He was born and raised in India and moved to Mich-



BILL BRESLER
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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igan in 1982 with wife Sofia. They have a son, Asad.

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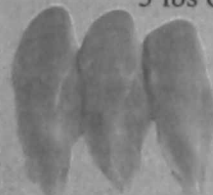
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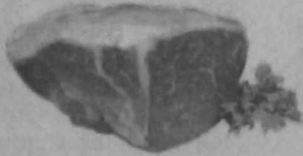
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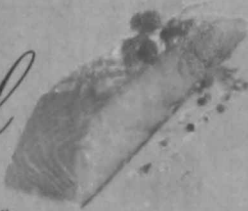
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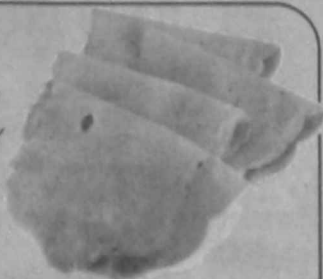


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Scholar honor

Student Recognized as National Achievement Scholarship Semifinalist

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education recognized Plymouth High School senior Marcus Oden, who will advance in the National Achievement Scholarship program as a semifinalist.

Oden has been recognized by this national program because of his high-scoring performance on the PSAT. The National Achievement Scholarship Program is an academic competition established in 1964 to provide recognition for outstanding Black American high school students.

Oden will be notified in January if he will advance as a finalist in the competition.

Math whizzes

Thirty-three students from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park qualified to advance in the Michigan Math Prize Competition. From approximately 10,000 participants in Part I across the state of Michigan, the top 1,000 students are invited to take Part II of the MMPC.

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Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Secretary Adrienne Davis congratulates Plymouth High School senior Marcus Oden on his scholastic award.

in scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$2,500 will be awarded this year.

Pact approved

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education last week completed the process of extending the contract of interim Supt. Dr. Jeremy Hughes through June 30, 2013.

Hughes joined the District as Interim Superintendent in May of this year. His original contract with the district was to end on June 30, 2012.

Hughes has had a long and successful career in education, including serving as the Michigan Department of Education's Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer for five years. He spent 13 years as the Superintendent of the Dearborn Public Schools and also spent 10 years as the Superintendent of Haslett Public Schools near Lansing. Hughes is very familiar with P-CCS

and served the District as a consultant two years ago to restructure the leadership model of its high school complex, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Poverty focus

Discovery Middle School Students Focus on Poverty presentations take place Wednesday, Nov. 9, in Discovery's Multi-Purpose Room.

Seventh-grade students have been learning about poverty in Africa and will now extend their learning with a capstone project on poverty in America. The culminating activity for the capstone is a Bead for Life fundraiser. Students will be presenting their Poverty in America capstone projects, enjoying African and American food and selling African jewelry.

Twenty percent of the proceeds from the sales will be donated to a charity in Canton.

Panel to study 'grinding' issue

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

In the wake of what some parents called "lewd behavior" at last month's Plymouth High School homecoming dance, Plymouth-Canton school administrators have formed a committee to look into strengthening and enforcing district policy on student conduct.

Parents have been vocal in their complaints about the kind of dancing that occurred during the dance and came to the podium to express their concern at a recent board meeting. The objectionable dancing, called "grinding" will be addressed by the new committee.

Parents "are right" in their concerns," said Dr. Jeremy Hughes, the district's superintendent.

"There are people, including administrators, who share that concern," Hughes said. "We are going to be examining this."

The committee will be made up of staff, parents and students, according to Frank Ruggirello, the district's director of community relations. Among the topics of discussion is student behavior at school-sponsored activities, particularly

dances.

Ruggirello said the committee hopes to have guidelines in place before the district's next scheduled dance in March.

"There are going to be tighter rules," Ruggirello said. "That next dance (in March) will probably include a zero-tolerance policy for that type of behavior."

The committee, spearheaded by Plymouth High School associate principal Cheri Steckel, held its initial meeting this week, during which each of its subgroups — parents, teachers, students — decided to conduct on-line surveys. Residents will be notified when the surveys are available on-line.

Another meeting is scheduled for Dec. 8, where plans will be finalized.

Grinding is a style of dance parents say simulates sexual activity. It consists of groups of dancers rubbing against each other. Parents said such dancing at the homecoming dance included female students bent over, with their hands on the floor, "grinding" against them.

Ken Waldrep of Canton, the father of a sophomore, chaperoned the dance and said

he considers the dancing "obscene." He said some adults at the dance, including administrators, looked the other way and shrugged the behavior off as a "teen thing."

"(School) should be a place that is safe and healthy," Waldrep said. "Our teens should not be subjected to behavior that has no place outside the bedroom, let alone in the halls of our schools."

It was behavior that shocked Molle Kabodian of Plymouth, who also chaperoned the dance. She called the grinding "horrific."

"It's sexual simulation on the dance floor," Kabodian said at a recent school board meeting. "What's sad is these are still children. Kids need to be taught right from wrong."

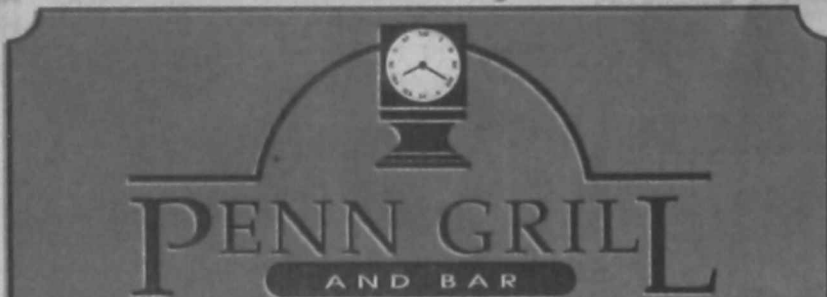
District officials agree children need to know right from wrong, and contend they already do. That's why, according to Ruggirello, students are being included on the committee.

"These are high school kids, and they know what's right and what's wrong," Ruggirello said. "Kids have to be part of the solution, or they don't learn anything."

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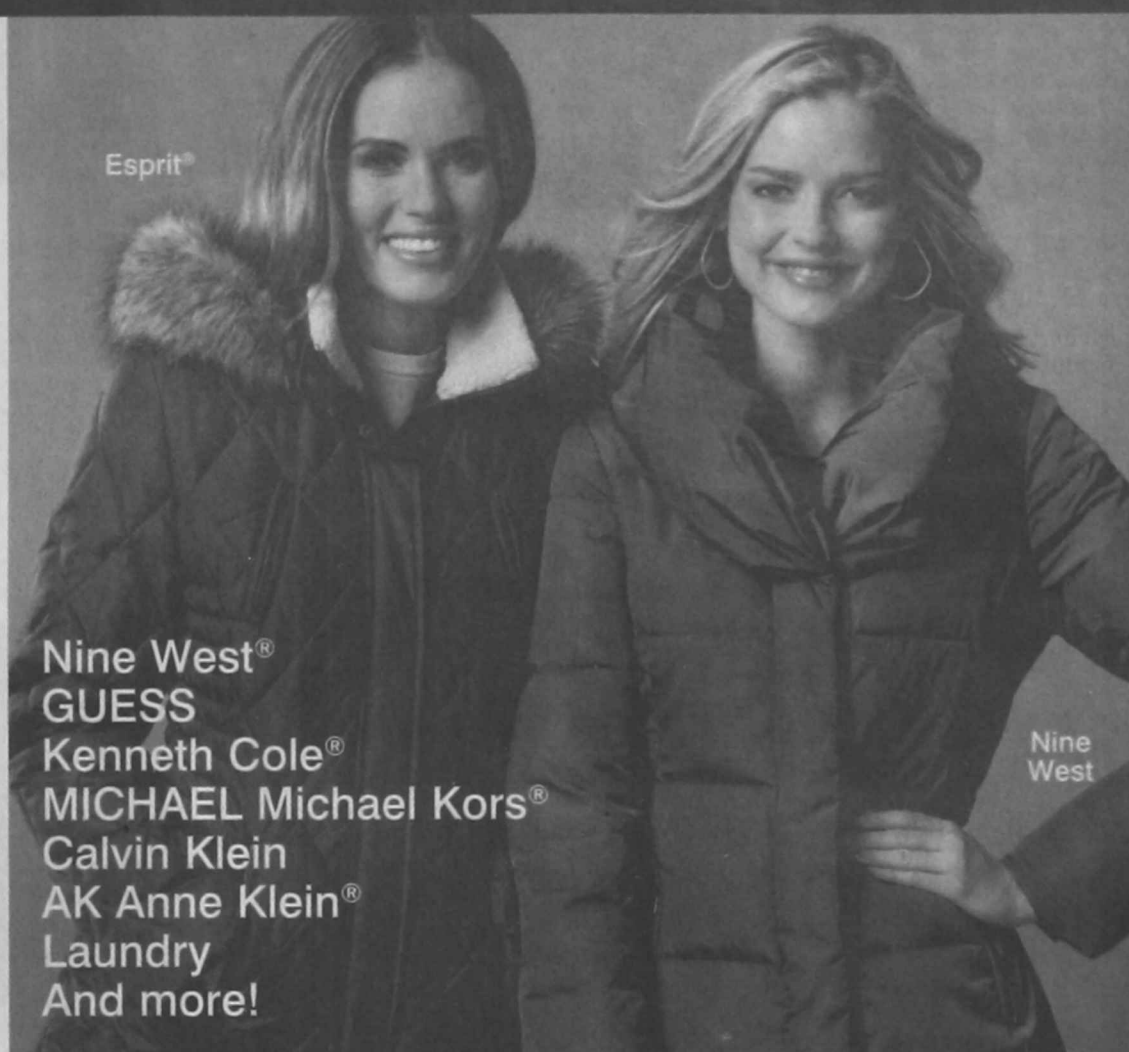


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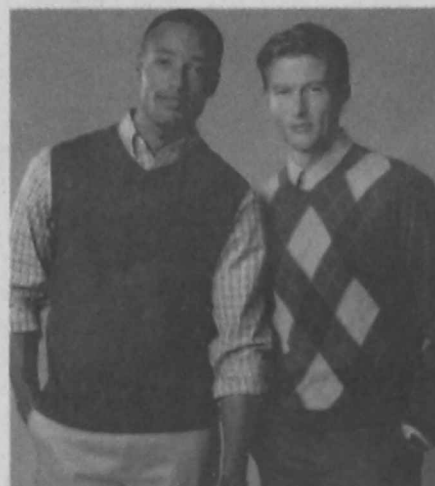
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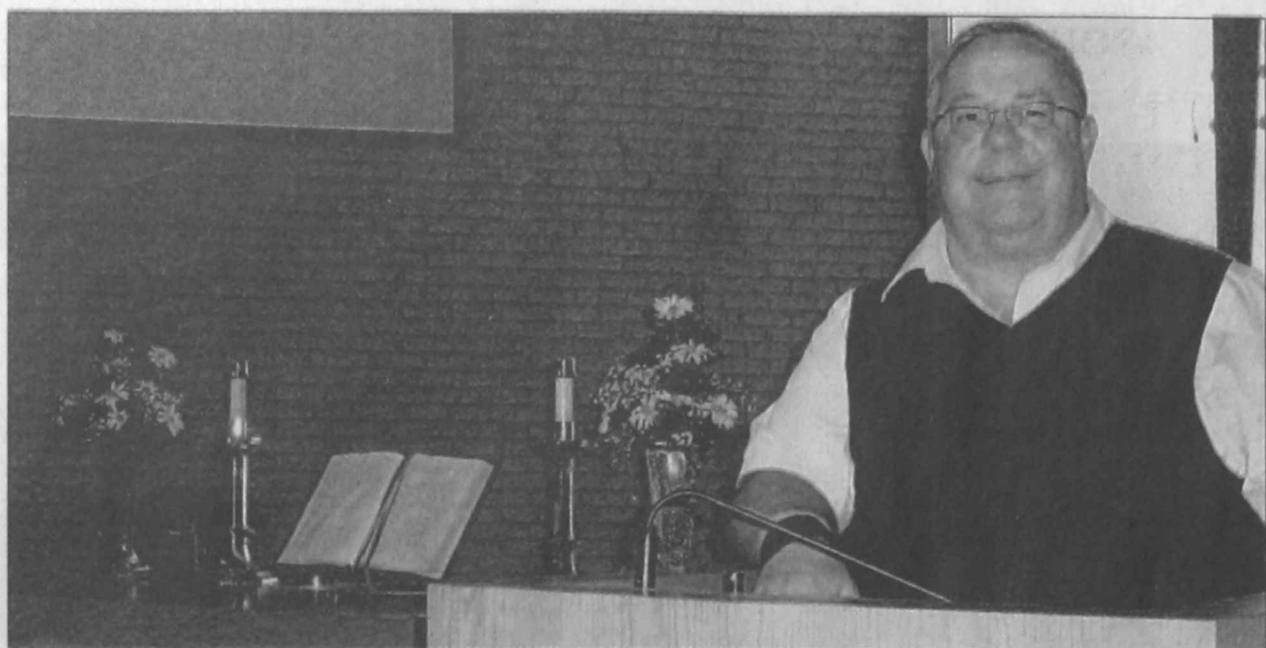
food banks and even other countries.

The church's outreach stretches to local ministries such as Lutheran Food Services of Michigan, the Plymouth-Canton chapter of Young Life and Open Door Ministries. It also gives to International Lutheran Renewal Center and Peace Makers International, as well as to ministries in far-away places such as Congo, India, North Africa and France.

More than 21 percent of the church's revenue — more than \$242,500 last year — is donated to benevolence ministries.

"The first check we write is to the Lord," Yarnell said. "The book says you put God first and He takes care of the rest."

Pam Yarnell said her daughter noticed the dif-



Dr. Jerry Yarnell, retiring senior pastor at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton, said the first sermon he delivered 33 years ago came before 41 adults, five of which were from the same family.

ference on that Saturday evening out to eat. Like her husband, Pam has been very involved in church activities, from helping with the Sunday School and Vacation Bible

School programs to running the church's Bell Choir.

She said she hopes her husband's retirement gives the couple "more time for us."

"He's given his life to this church, and he deserves some time for him," Pam Yarnell said. "We haven't had a lot of time for us. I'm looking forward to more of that."

The audience of some 700-800 people Sunday will include a number of families who've been here much of Yarnell's tenure. Karen Peoples, who also works in the

church office, has been a member of St. Michael since 1996. She said Yarnell will be missed.

"If you ever need advice on anything, you go to him and he sets you straight," Peoples said. "He's been such a great spiritual leader. I'm going to miss him a lot."

Maybe not that much, though, because Yarnell plans on staying in Canton and staying involved.

"I'm not leaving the Kingdom of God," he said with a smile. "I'm retiring from full-time work, but I'm not leaving. It's amazing to see what God has done. From the tiny little building at the far end to this complex ... it's amazing."

"It wasn't me," Yarnell added. "We let God drive, and we just did what he said."

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Here are our choices in school board election

Voters have a lot of choices Tuesday when they go to the polls to elect four trustees to the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education.

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

Paton, of Plymouth, is co-founder of the Legislative Action Network, the grassroots group that has paid close attention to developments in Lansing, particularly as they pertain to public education funding. She has served as senior financial analyst for the University of Michigan Health System, so her background in finance will serve the board well. She's an independent thinker who will bring a valuable business acumen as tough economic times continue.

Barrett, also of Plymouth, gave up a potential re-election bid to the Plymouth City Commission to

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run for the Board of Education. He'll bring a unique skill-set to the board. He spent 40 years as an educator, and was recognized by both *Time* and *Newsweek* magazines as innovative.

Incumbent Eggenberger has worked on a variety of committees, and has chaired the curriculum and development committees. She has a strong working knowledge of the district and an interest in seeing it continue to thrive. She understands the district still has difficult decisions to make, and is willing to consider the tough choices.

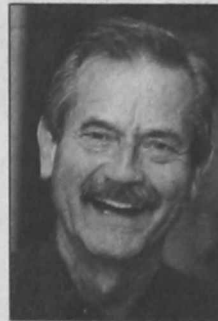
Sneideman is a former board president who, like Eggenberger, has been an effective board member. He's pushed for stronger use of technology, has fought to protect class sizes and has been instrumental in the attempt to



Paton



Eggenberger



Barrett



Sneideman

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

When voters go to the polls Nov. 8, they have many good choices and some difficult decisions to

make. It's amazing and encouraging to us that so many people — 15 in all — stepped forward to show their concern for the future of the children and their willingness to work toward bettering it. Having said that, voters can only choose four. We have met the candidates, followed the issues and we believe **Sheila Paton, John Barrett, Nancy Eggenberger and Steven Sneideman** are the best choices for the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Backing Barrett

The citizens of the Plymouth and Canton communities face an important decision Nov. 8 — the selection of four individuals to strengthen the team on our local school board. The future of quality education for our youth is at stake. We write to recommend John Barrett.

For the past two years, John has served with us on the Plymouth City Commission. He has been an outstanding member of our team, consistently proving his ability to act in the best interest of our residents on the many difficult decisions we make.

All public bodies in Michigan have had to deal with dwindling resources while continuing to provide critical services. Painful decisions have had to be made at every level affecting the livelihoods of staff and residents alike. Downsizing, rightsizing and shared service pacts are now commonplace tactics.

When adding the vital element of the education of our youth, the steady and experienced hand of a professional who knows how to work in a volatile environment is essential. As a city commissioner, John has displayed his ability to listen to and understand diverse opinions while working toward decisions that serve our residents' needs. He values a team approach to decision making, recognizing that a variety of input accepted in an open and transparent way leads to better decisions and improved acceptance by those affected.

As a 40-year educator, most of it as a principal, John would bring tremendous real world experience to this role. Add to that his work as an elected public servant in Plymouth who is respected by his peers (even those who sometimes disagree with him) makes him uniquely qualified for service on our school board.

We urge all to vote for John Barrett.

Mayor Dan Dwyer
Mayor Pro Tem Mike Wright
city of Plymouth

School vote matters

Most would likely agree that the upcoming vote for school board candidates is of paramount importance. As such, we hope you'll exercise your right to cast your vote for the candidate(s) you think are best-equipped to administer to the needs of our school district.

To no surprise, this year's election has been hotly contested. The current school board, over the past several months, has contended with a host of significant issues.

So, where are we now? We have a budget in place for the 2011-12 school year. The budget deficit, once a looming figure, has been dramatically reduced from \$12 million to \$1.7 million. The general fund, despite the message from some

school board candidates, has been restored to the tune of \$10 million.

Dr. Jeremy Hughes, the unanimous choice by the current board as "interim" superintendent, has offered to stay on in the position — a proposal that was met with enthusiastic support from the board. We doubt Dr. Hughes would have offered to extend his stay were progress not being made, or if he felt he could not continue to work in collaboration with the current school board.

Despite what you may be hearing, these are positive achievements. Leading the way on these, as well as other key initiatives, is current school board President John Jackson. We have known John for a very long time. Among the many good qualities he possesses, we have always found him to be ethical, collaborative and hard-working. He devotes countless hours of his time to research issues. He listens to others and is not afraid to exchange dialogue in debate over matters that are important to the success of our district.

As our district, like so many others, continues to grapple with key fiscal and operational challenges that lie ahead, we urge you to cast your vote for a strong leader, John Jackson.

Gerry Olexsey, Mark Stamper, Scott Ragland and Dennis Carnevale
Canton

Supports Goecke

I believe I am typical of the voters in the Plymouth-Canton school district who look forward to electing a new start for the Plymouth-Canton school board.

Although it may be a clever campaign tactic, I am wary of electing another "gang of four," the first of which have gotten us into the present unfortunate situation. As I research the candidates, I am looking for those who have a vested interest (i.e., children) in the school system, who have the necessary business and legal credentials to manage the budget, who are not politicians looking for a landing spot nor a stepping stone to a further elected office, are collaborative decision-makers — unlike the present board — and, above all, have an understanding of the core business of educating our students and looking at every decision and expenditure through that lens only.

While I have yet to decide on an entire slate, my first vote will be for Stephanie Goecke. I have been privileged to work with her on the Plymouth Township Board of Review, and have all the confidence that she exemplifies the type of individual that is needed to deal with the challenges and make the necessary decisions that will benefit the school system, and the school system only. I urge others to join me in supporting her election.

Randy Jost
Plymouth

Vote for Barrett

Recently there have been fliers distributed and robocalls made stating John Barrett is part of a board that has hired a teacher who has brought a gun to school and that he has spent millions of dollars from a district reserve fund. These are untrue statements. He has never done this because he has never been a member of any school board. I have come to expect this attacking negativity on a national level, but I didn't expect it when our kids' futures were at stake. I decided that rather than play the "gotcha" game, I would present a positive statement as to why I think he would be an outstanding candidate for the Plymouth-Canton school board.

First, he has three advanced degrees in education, one of which is a doctorate. Second, in his career he has been a teacher, student council adviser, coach, K-12 curriculum co-coordinator, assistant principal and principal. He has served on countless school evaluation and other school improvement educational committees. Third, as principal he was responsible for a very large budget, which was always in the black.

When the district could not afford to make necessary improvements to his school, he and a group of parents founded a society, which raised thousands of dollars over many years to support building improvements. Parents were also involved in both indoor and outdoor beautification, as was a local nursery. In his school, he knew and respected every employee from the maintenance staff to his fellow administrators; he knew not only all of his employees, but their families and what was going on in their lives. He also knew hundreds of students by name.

He constantly championed school improvement with an emphasis on advanced placement and curricular innovation. He still reads about every newspaper, magazine and book he can get his hands on that deals with education. He will tell you, whether you want to hear it or not, what the average school day is like in India and how these students will be in competition with American students for global jobs. Once he made students in detention read an article from *The World is Flat*, so they could see that they really didn't have time to skip class or goof around if they expect to succeed as adults.

In the last analysis, one can earn many laurels and recommendations, but if one cannot get people working together, one will fail, especially in such an affective environment as education. From his earliest days he has been a positive educational presence. Perhaps the best endorsement he could get was from our now 33-year-old daughter, who was then

about 16. We had guests for dinner who were very good friends whom she liked very much. After they left, I inquired as to why she and her sister were so quiet; her reply: "You guys never talk about anything except school." Enough said.

Carla Barrett
Plymouth

Best for board

With the election of four PCCS Board of Education members rapidly coming up Nov. 8, I am proud to offer endorsements to Steven Sneideman, Nancy Eggenberger, Stephanie Goecke and Sheila Paton.

While we have a slate of candidates that have good intentions and I appreciate their willingness to serve this great district, I am disappointed in how some of the partisan politics has played in this campaign. The BOE is not who is Democratic, Republican, Tea Party, Green Party, but who is willing to serve the best interest of our students and taxpayers.

I agree with some of all the candidates' responses that I am not endorsing and how they debated each other. For so long, we had a split board and I am afraid the party politics would continue the same as all the candidates have some very good opinions and suggestions.

Steven and Nancy have demonstrated during their term to ask tough questions, work with other BOE members through the good and bad times. Not too long ago, there were two very controversial issues, the non-renewal of Dr. Fiegel's contract and the proposed closing of an elementary school. Both Nancy and Steven fought for a valid public explanation of these very important issues.

With the discussions on closing Fiegel Elementary, the proposal was laid out months before it was made public. Again, both Nancy and Steven asked the tough questions and voted to keep our school open. I, however, question the secrecy of these meetings, and I think the public has the right to participate and attend all meetings regarding any issue in this district.

Both Nancy and Steven have demonstrated their commitment to keeping class sizes small, fairness for our students and staff in the district, they have also demonstrated their willingness to open an honest discussions on all topics.

Shelia Paton has done a lot for this district. Recently she received the VIPS award for her work for this district. She has gone to Lansing to fight for increased school funding, co-chair of the Legislative Action Network and has tirelessly met with all of our local elected leaders to fight for our kids.

Stephanie Goecke has been involved with the EEF for many years now and has helped bring a lot of extra needed

dollars in the classrooms. With many of the fundraisers the EEF has done for our students, Stephanie has been a great advocate for helping with the extra funding to go directly to our students.

John Nichols
Canton

End irresponsibility

It is fitting that we have P-CCS board candidates who recognize the irresponsibility and detrimental policies of the current and recent past boards. While issues such as the superintendent hiring fiasco have clearly demonstrated the dysfunctionality of the current board, there are other, equally compelling reasons for the current board to be swept from office.

While the P-C Community Schools have some of the highest student participation fees, the board has, and continues to, demonstrate fiscal irresponsibility. A number of years ago, the P-CCS board donated a parcel of land in front of Central Middle School for use as the Plymouth Veterans Memorial Park. Recently the board donated another parcel of the Central Middle School property to be used as a park.

P-CCS property belongs to all of the taxpayers in the district, not just the city of Plymouth. Central Middle School should have been closed and sold years ago. It is an aged, deteriorating facility into which tens of millions of dollars have been dumped over the years. Millions that could have been used to offset the current P-CCS debt. And for what reason? Keeping Central Middle School open provides a very well-equipped low-cost park for the city of Plymouth.

Equally as financially egregious is keeping the Miller Woods property in the P-CCS inventory. The value of this property, at the northeast corner of Powell and Ridge, was further damaged when former Supt. Jim Ryan, at the direction of the P-CCS board, placed a deed restriction on 10 of the 40 acres.

Miller Woods was bought many years ago as a potential school site. However, the state of Michigan advised the PCCS board years ago that due to demographics, a school on this property would not be approved. So why has a value-damaging deed restriction been placed on this property and it not sold? Because it provides a very nice property value enhancing greenbelt for a few dozen property owners in Plymouth Township.

What has to be done? Remove the deed restriction and sell Miller Woods before the P-CCS board donates it to Plymouth Township. Sell the Central Middle School property before the P-CCS board donates it to the city of Plymouth.

Thomas P. Gamache
Canton

Reader panel recommends six candidates in school race

The Observer's Reader Panel, commissioned to evaluate candidates in Tuesday's Plymouth-Canton Board of Education election, had many discussions on how to best advise the community on the candidates of choice. With 14 candidates running for four positions, the Reader Panel decided to recommend six candidates for the four openings.

We felt more than four candidates will bring strong qualifications, experience and ideas to the PCCS Board of Education. Additionally, we preferred to endorse a pool of candidates that we feel will represent the community well, as opposed to recommending only four candidates for the available positions.

Here are the Observer Reader Election Endorsement Panel's recommendations:

- Sheila Paton's background will allow her to be able to address the increasingly complex fiscal and budget challenges facing our district head-on.

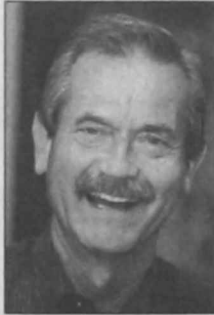
- Stephanie Goecke has also served our community and district in a variety of volunteer positions. She scored high marks from our panel due to her obvious passion and enthusiasm for the



Paton



Eggenberger



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Goecke



Horvath

kids in our district. As an attorney, we believe she can help address the more complicated district challenges. She has a straight-forward approach for addressing the financial matters and that is to live within the means of the budget.

- Steve Sneideman, an incumbent, maintained his composure and acted in a professional manner throughout the recent turmoil on the board. We believe the hard lessons learned on the board have helped strengthen his resolve to ensure that the Board act in the best interests of PCCS as a whole.
- Nancy Eggenberger's vast knowl-

edge of how the district runs, combined with her wide network of community members and organizations, make her an asset worth having around. Her proven dedication, experience, and familiarity with the district's administration are reasons enough to re-elect her to the school board.

- John Barrett has an unparalleled knowledge of public school education with over 40 years of experience as a teacher, curriculum coordinator and administrator. His focus is on academic excellence, and he understands the necessity for accountability and fiscal responsibility.

- Mark Horvath brings ready-made experience to the board based on his previous stint as a school board member and president. He has a wealth of board experience and is very vocal with regard to the board's need for transparency, which some believe has been lacking over the past year or so.

As a panel, we are proud of the high quality of men and women from the Plymouth-Canton community who have committed to run for the PCCS Board of Education. We are indeed lucky to have so many that are interested in dedicating themselves, as volunteers, to such a vitally important task.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Supporting Nancy, Steven

Being a school board member is community service at its finest. During these times, it is important to appoint community members who have no agenda and make independent decisions with the clarity of avoiding micromanagement.

Nancy Eggenberger and Steven Sneideman are active parents, community members and current school board members who deserve re-election.

As you process your election decision, be mindful that the union's choices for election come with strings attached. Also be mindful that the district has chased away an unprecedented three superintendents in a relatively short period. There is a current board member and two former trustees who are running who have been in the shadows of all three. They will not withstand the same microscope that they have placed others under at the expense of our community.

The election process should eliminate those who want to be served instead of serving the community. Nancy and Steven will continue to lead in an effective way, ask respectful questions and remember the community that elected them.

Darwin Watts
Plymouth

Usher in change

On Tuesday, Nov. 8, please exercise your right to vote. This year, there are four seats open on the Plymouth-Canton school board so you have a unique opportunity to usher in change that will impact the district for years to come.

But don't vote for just anyone or default to a candidate's incumbent or political party status. Do your research.

There is one candidate who is not an incumbent and is running a decidedly non-partisan race. Her name is Stephanie Goecke and she has managed to bridge all of the divides. Her election committee is composed of both staunch Republicans and staunch Democrats, which speaks to her collaborative style and ability to give every side fair consideration.

She doesn't believe the entire education system is broken or that the teachers are wholesale failing our

kids. But she does believe that schools must embrace innovation in order to keep pace with current economic realities and competition from across the globe.

In this regard, she feels that the current board's dysfunction has hampered the district's ability to move the schools forward academically or make any progress fixing the district's structural budget deficit.

Stephanie is a fiscal conservative and champion of teachers. In addition to being an active parent volunteer in her children's schools, a thoughtful and energetic member of several citizen committees and a dedicated band booster, Stephanie has spent more than a decade raising hundreds of thousands of dollars exclusively for teachers, as a member and officer of the Educational Excellence Foundation. Through her activities on the EEF, Stephanie has earned the respect of local business leaders, teachers and administrators who are among the many supporting her candidacy.

Do not miss out on this opportunity to bring much needed change to the school board. Vote for Stephanie Goecke on Nov. 8.

Nancy Conzelman
Plymouth

Politics has no place

Politics has no place in our school district. Vote for candidates who actually care about our children. Many thanks to Rachel Goldberg and Bill Lembesis for

voicing their disgust at the spam of literature from the M&M candidates for PCCS school board. The mailed disinformation has darkened our mailboxes, and the unwelcome phone call spam has practically worn out the hangup button on my remote phone.

All the activity of the so-called M&M candidates prompts me to reissue my basic election questions:

- Why would anyone spend that amount of money just to get a job that pays so little? (Ah ha! Someone told me that it was not their own money.)

- OK, then why would someone give them that amount of money just so they could get a job that pays so little? (Uh oh! I'll bet that the giver of the money expects to get something bigger in return.)

This process and conspiracy is clearly confirmed by the origin of the mailings. The 11th Congressional District of the Republican Party, based in Livonia, is not even a part of our P-CCS district.

If you believe (as I do) that our school board should consist of members whose only interest is in providing the best possible public school education for our children, then please vote for candidates other than the M&M slate. Our school board should not be a stepping-stone for building political careers and it certainly should not be affiliated with any political party.

Don and Elaine Bain
Plymouth

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On Eagles' wings

Nine locals in line to achieve Scouting's top rank

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

At the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America's top rank, an unusually high number of senior scouts at a Plymouth Township troop are on the brink of achieving the honor.

Nine boys from Troop 1537, based at Plymouth First United Methodist Church, are in line to become Eagle Scouts, with all either having completed or scheduled their required service projects within a nine-month period, said Scoutmaster Nick Berlanga.

"It's very unusual," Berlanga said Thursday. "Typically for a troop, if you have one or two Eagles for a year, that'd be considered a very productive year."

But in Troop 1537, he said, six scouts have finished their service projects since June and a seventh project was scheduled for Saturday. The last two are scheduled for the coming weeks.

"They've kind of paced each other," said Berlanga, whose son Zane is in the troop and among those who've completed an Eagle project.

If the Eagle candidates win their final approvals, Boy Scout courts of honor, ceremonies at which the rank is awarded, will be scheduled for next year.

Spruce-up at Pioneer
Steven Cadwell of Canton Township, a sophomore at Salem High



Eagle Scout candidate Steven Cadwell, right, with Ted Younglas, the assistant principal at Pioneer Middle School, after Steven's spruce-up of a courtyard at Pioneer. Steven, a sophomore at Salem High School, attended Pioneer.

School, was among the latest to finish his service project. Steven led about 30 fellow scouts and 10 adults in sprucing up the largest courtyard at Pioneer Middle School on Ann Arbor Road on Oct. 29.

Working with donations of money and materials, the group cleaned up the yard, spread four tons of new landscaping rocks on its border, replaced a walkway of aging pavers and replaced broken downspout splash backs with new ones. They also installed three new 12-foot benches, made earlier in the month, with the idea that the rehabbed courtyard should be able to accommodate an entire class.

"It's something I'm really proud of," said Steven, 15, a Boy Scout since he was in first grade.

He had scheduled the

work for most of the day, but with the help he received, the project was wrapped up in just over four hours, Steven said.

"I anticipated it being way longer than what it was, but since I had so much help it flew by," he said.

Steven began planning the project last spring with then-principal Philip Freeman. The Home Depot on Ford Road in Canton donated the lumber and the Trex board, a wood alternative that was used for the seating portion of the benches, as well as design help.

"We were just so grateful, 'cause we knew the expense," said Steven's father, Kevin Cadwell.

Steven raised money to pay for other materials by soliciting prizes from local businesses, prizes that were raffled off at an Oct. 22 bowling event. Panera Bread and Pepperoni Express, both in Canton, donated refreshments to feed the workers on project day.

"The whole family is very proud of him," said Kevin Cadwell. "To be this close to getting his Eagle badge, I think, is phenomenal."

Leadership roles

In addition to a major service project, eligibility for the Eagle Scout



From left, Doug Linsenmann, Paul Bingham, Phil Pairitz and Barry Bridges work on installing one of three 12-foot benches in a courtyard at Pioneer Middle School. Boy Scout Steven Cadwell enlisted help from around 40 people, some 30 fellow scouts and around 10 parents, to give the courtyard a facelift on Oct. 29; the project was one of the steps required as Steven works toward an Eagle Scout rank.



Three new 12-foot benches sit among smaller benches after the spruce-up of a courtyard at Pioneer Middle School on Oct. 29. The idea behind the project, organized by Eagle Scout candidate Steven Cadwell, was to make the courtyard suitable for outdoor classes.

rank requires other tests of leadership and scouting skills, and community involvement. Prospective Eagle Scouts must have a minimum of 21 merit badges, and typically help each other on their service projects. Steven is a troop guide, helping other scouts earn their merit badges and advance in the ranks.

"I like being with my friends and being a leader and helping out the younger scouts," he said.

"He's really good at mentoring the younger scouts," said Berlanga. "That's kind of been his expertise."

The scoutmaster of Troop 1537 for three

years, Berlanga said the troop is experiencing a revival, with membership at just over 100, up from just 14 boys five years ago. "A lot of it has to do with these young men," who actively recruit new scouts and return to their former Cub Scout packs to talk up the benefits of scouting, he said.

The Eagle Scout rank was introduced by the Boy Scouts of America in 1911; since then, over two million scouts have earned the rank, out of the more than 110 million boys who have been involved in boy scouting since the BSA was founded in 1910.

Other Troop 1537 boys

who have completed their Eagle Scout projects since June are:

- Kyle Zander, who led a project of cleaning, landscaping and building shelves for Angel House.

- Jacob Tufts, whose project involved landscaping and gardening at Smith Elementary.

- Mohammad Ghannam, whose project involved replaced split-rail fencing along Sheldon Road north of Ann Arbor Road

- James Anderson, who installed a flagpole at Plymouth First United Methodist Church.

- Zane Berlanga, who removed old playground equipment and did landscaping, also at the church.

In addition, scouts Nolan Bridges and Nelson Watkins have projects this month. Nolan's was to be on Saturday at Miller Woods, where he and other volunteers were to clean up and repair benches. Nelson is organizing a clothing and food drive scheduled for later in the month.

Also, scout Ben Davis is planning a January project at Angel House.

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

DADCO, Inc.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2011, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. To consider the request of DADCO, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for machinery, equipment, furniture, and fixtures located at 43850 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Oaks Business Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request of DADCO, Inc. is on file in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. During the public hearing any resident of Plymouth Township or members of the Legislative Board of any affected taxing unit in the Township shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments addressed to the Clerk will be considered.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Town Hall at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, March 8, 2011. Phone Number 734-354-3224. Following the public hearing, the Board may decide on the request by resolution.

Joe Bridgman, MMC
Township Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular meeting November 15, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Friends Room on the main level of the Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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Charter Township of Plymouth Notice of Budget Public Hearing November 15, 2011

The Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for the fiscal year of 2012 at the Charter Township of Plymouth offices located at 9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 on November 15, 2011 at 7:00 PM.

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the Charter Township of Plymouth, Clerks Office, 9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 during normal business hours 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

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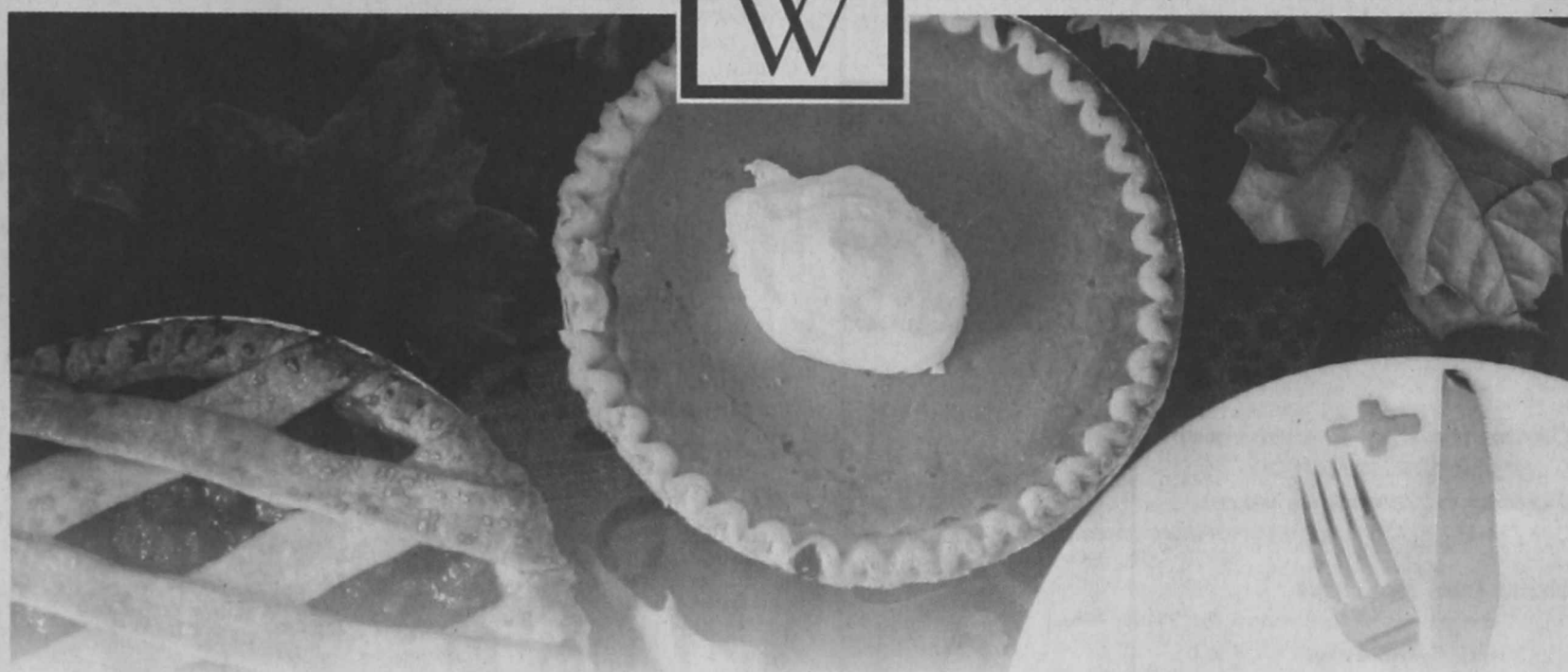
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Holiday project provides cheer for veterans

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

It started out as project for adults and children at St. John's Lutheran Church and School in Westland to provide holiday packages for veterans at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor. Armed with \$780 in cash and donations, they made inpatient boxes that they delivered to the hospital where they visited with veterans and sang songs.

Five years later, they're still making the boxes, but the effort has expand-

ed to include the inpatients boxes, food and clothing for homeless veterans and boxes for military personnel in combat overseas.

"It's just blossomed, it's huge," said Kendra Schaffer.

Schaffer got the idea to do the packages for the veterans from her son who worked at the hospital. He told her the patients don't get a lot of visitors and have limited toiletries.

The first year, they prepared 100 boxes for patients. The second year,

they collected \$1,900 in cash and donations and prepared 101 boxes for the patients and 115 boxes of food for homeless veterans. With each passing year the donations have increased and more people and churches have got involved. Students at Huron Valley Lutheran High School in Westland are helping out as is St. John's sisters churches - St. Paul's and Peace Lutheran in Livonia, Our Savior in Westland and Trinity Lutheran in Saline. Even Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has contributed \$1,000 to this year's effort.

"When you go out there and see these veterans ... they're the reason we have our freedom, but they look so lonely," said Schaffer. "It's so moving because here are these huge men who fought in wars with tears in their eyes, saying thank you."

"I took my seven-year-old son last year and



Marine Cpl. William C. Danic III and Gunnery Sgt. Jody Nelson and Army Sgt. First Class Jose Vital show off the Christmas packages they received from the St. John's Veterans Project while they were stationed in Afghanistan last year.

they we so excited to see them," added Trisha Boryszczuk. "They taught him how to shake hands properly."

In 2010, the group received \$3,126 in cash and donations. They made 142 inpatient boxes, 140 boxes for the homeless and added 38 individual boxes for troops serving in Afghanistan.

That, according to the two women, was "truly awesome." The children made Christmas cards and drew pictures that were included in the individual boxes. Members of the congregation also wrote Christmas cards.

"These guys were waiting for these boxes because they had run out of soap," Boryszczuk said.

This year they've adopted another 35 soldiers serving in Afghanistan and are preparing 260 boxes. After some brainstorming, they expanded to included clothing.

With the help of coupons, Schaffer was able to get 50 coats from the DAV Thrift Store "pretty much for free." She went

back and got another 27 for 50 percent off. The Laundry Stop on Wayne Road helped in cleaning them.

"I wanted at least 100 hats, coats, scarves and gloves coats and I'm at 135," said Schaffer. "The grade school did a glove drive and a lady at the church made 200 fleece scarves."

Kmart on Wayne Road has "been great" in with its buy one, get one free on sweat pants and Meijer has provided gift cards that are used to purchase items for the boxes. Schaffer even bought up every T-shirt the CVS had on sale for 25 cents each, much to the dismay of other shoppers.

They're also collecting gently used men's, women's and children's clothing, shoes and boots for a veterans homeless shelter. Items can be dropped off at the Laundry Stop or at the school on Wayne Road just north of Glenwood. Canned good should open with pull tabs.

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Money Matters

Rick Bloom

is funding and, therefore, he doesn't want to invest more money for retirement such as in an IRA. Because he is a novice investor, I want to make it as easy as possible for him. Can you recommend some Vanguard funds for him? He is

\$20,000 to invest. He has never invested before and he would like to invest the money long term. He does have a 401(k) plan which he

a conservative investor.

A: It is great that you're taking your son-in-law under your wings and helping him set up an investment portfolio. Before he begins investing, I would recommend that he learns a little bit about investing. Vanguard has some excellent materials on its website that he should look at. I've always been a believer that the more an investor knows, the better investor they will be. There are also some excellent materials to help him learn about investing on my website

(bloomassetmanagement.com) under the Bloom University tab.

I agree that Vanguard is a great company. It is very investor friendly and very easy to deal with. It believes, as do I, that low-cost investing is one of the keys to success.

In looking at your son-in-law's situation and considering the fact that he is a long-term investor, I would recommend that he takes the \$20,000 and divide it equally within the following Vanguard funds:

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5. Vanguard Total Bond Market

I know some people would say that with a total of \$20,000 to invest, this is too many funds. My answer to them is, so what? The goal is to help someone achieve their goals and objectives. Whether that takes one fund or 50 funds is really not the issue. The issue is how best to divide the money to have a well-balanced and diversified

portfolio.

My philosophy has always been that money looks better in your pockets than it does anywhere else. Therefore, if you agree with me and you want to keep more money in your pocket, one great way to do that is to avoid commission to products. Good luck!

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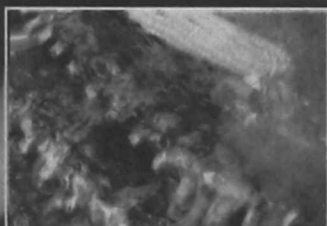
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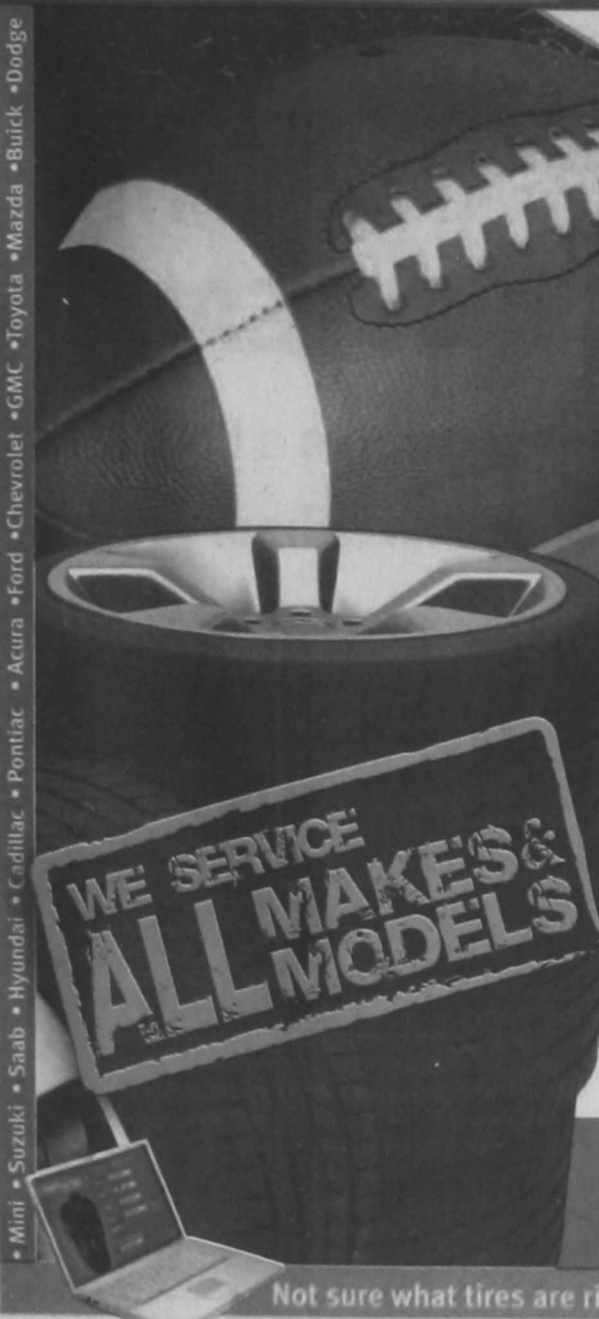
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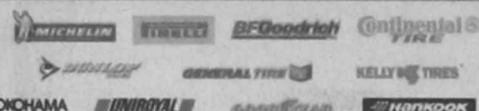
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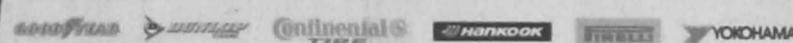


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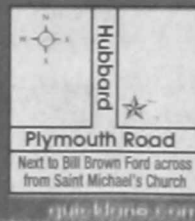
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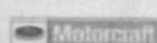
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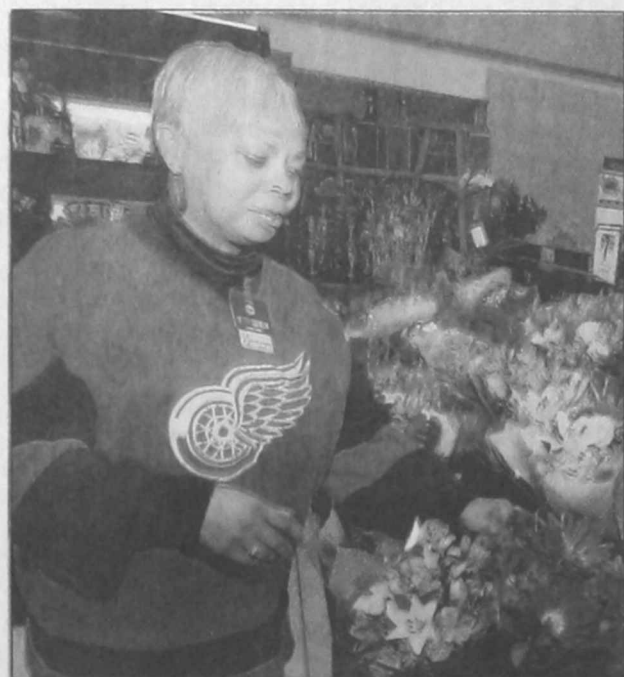
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Kroger floral clerk blooms to 'fame' in national ads



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Betty Swanson, a breast cancer survivor, was selected as the only Michigan Kroger employee to appear in an advertising campaign called Giving Hope a Hand.

By Stacy Jenkins
Observer Staff Writer

If Betty Swanson thinks it's strange to see her photo on the front page of the *Farmington Observer* today, she'll be even more shocked to see her face on products one of these days at the Kroger grocery store, where's she's worked for 16 years.

Swanson, of West Bloomfield, is a quiet, unassuming woman, but she's been on quite an adventure since being selected to participate in Kroger's Giving Hope a Hand campaign to raise awareness about breast cancer screening and early detection.

Swanson is among 56 courageous Kroger associates who are breast cancer survivors and fea-

tured in Kroger's Giving Hope a Hand campaign, which raises \$3 million each year to support breast cancer programs serving local communities. The program has generated \$20 million since its inception in 2006 to support breast cancer education, services, treatment and research in locations served by Kroger stores.

Swanson, the only Michigan Kroger employee selected for the campaign, travelled to New York City for a photo shoot, where she met NFL stars Eli Manning and Mark Sanchez.

They did one full day of photos, Swanson said. It was quite a thrill for her.

"They are just the nicest young men you'd ever want to meet," she said.

"They're just very down to earth young men."

She traveled to New York with her nephew, Michael Adams, of Royal Oak.

Swanson, who is the lead floral clerk at the 12 Mile Kroger in Farmington Hills, said she didn't think much about it when she filled out a survey for the ad campaign selection.

The ads featuring Swanson and other Kroger associates have already started to appear on custom packages of national and Kroger brand items at Kroger stores. Photos can also be viewed at www.sharing-courage.com.

Swanson admits she's going to be quite surprised when she walks into work one day to see her photo on products in the grocery aisles. The store management isn't sure when that will happen, or which products may feature Swanson's photo.

She's already taken some teasing from her friends and co-workers over her newfound "fame."

"They're all getting a kick out of it," she said, smiling. "They call me the celebrity."

honored to be a part of something that could help others.

"I hope through all of this, that it helps someone," she said. "My main goal is to tell people to go out there and get that mammogram."

Swanson was diagnosed with breast cancer — between stage 1 and stage 2 — at age 58, in February 2009. She had skipped getting her mammogram six years in a row.

She was calm and immediately determined to fight upon receiving the diagnosis.

"I wasn't afraid. I didn't cry. I just said I have a battle in front of me and I had to get myself together and get ready for that battle," she said.

Suzanne Arn, Kroger store manager, said she's inspired by Swanson.

"I think she's great. I admire her," she said. "I think it is a great opportunity to have someone as a role model right in the workplace."

Swanson has advice for others who may be faced with similar news as she received in 2009.

"I try to tell everybody not to be afraid; keep your spirits up and have faith — you're going to be fine," she said. "I'm not saying it's easy, but you'll get through it."

She said she thanks her friends, family and co-workers at Kroger for helping her to do just that.

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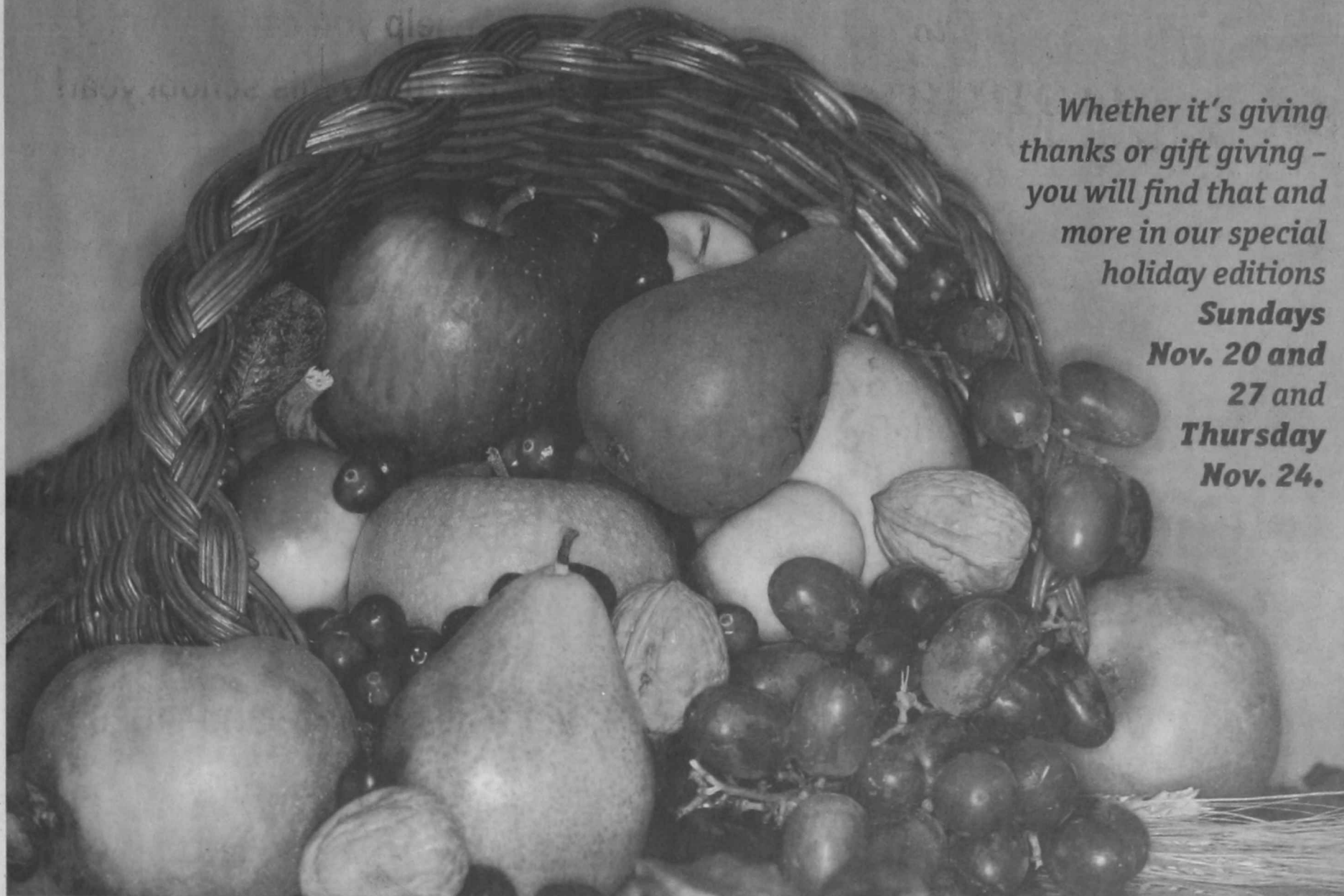


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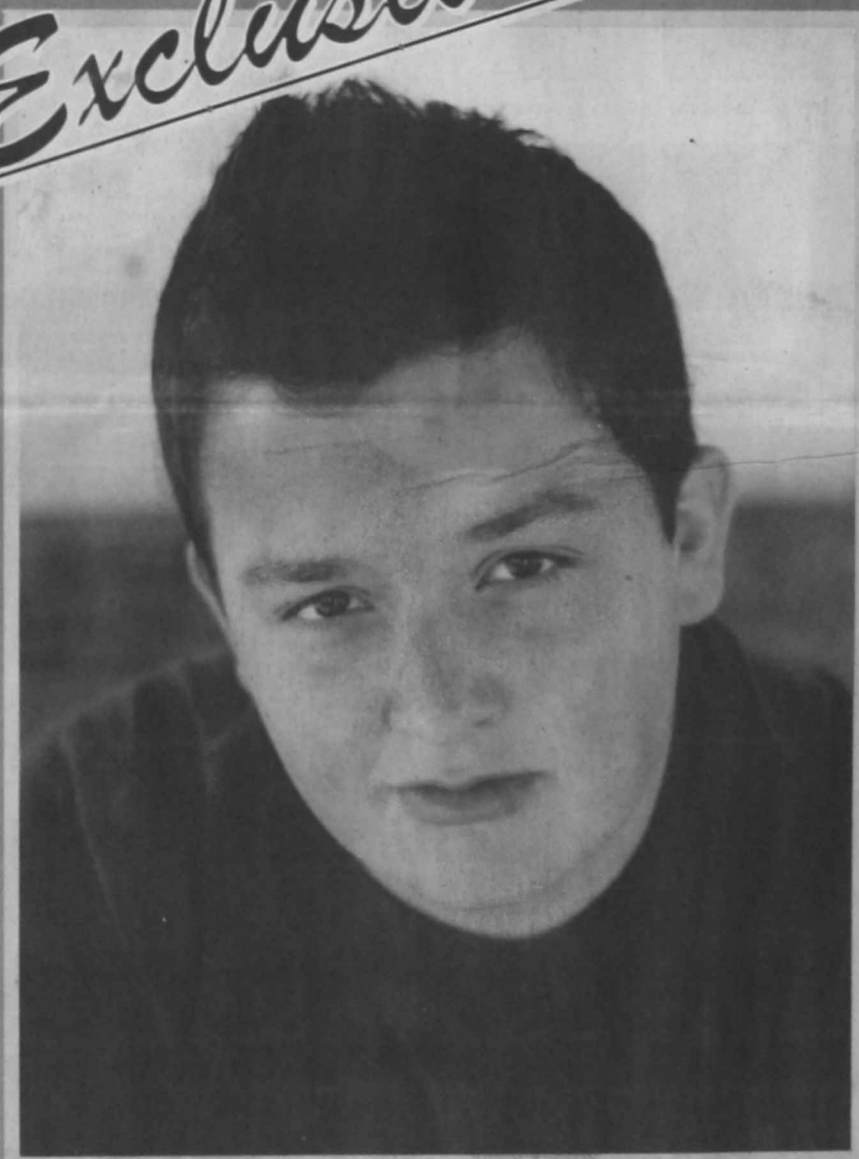
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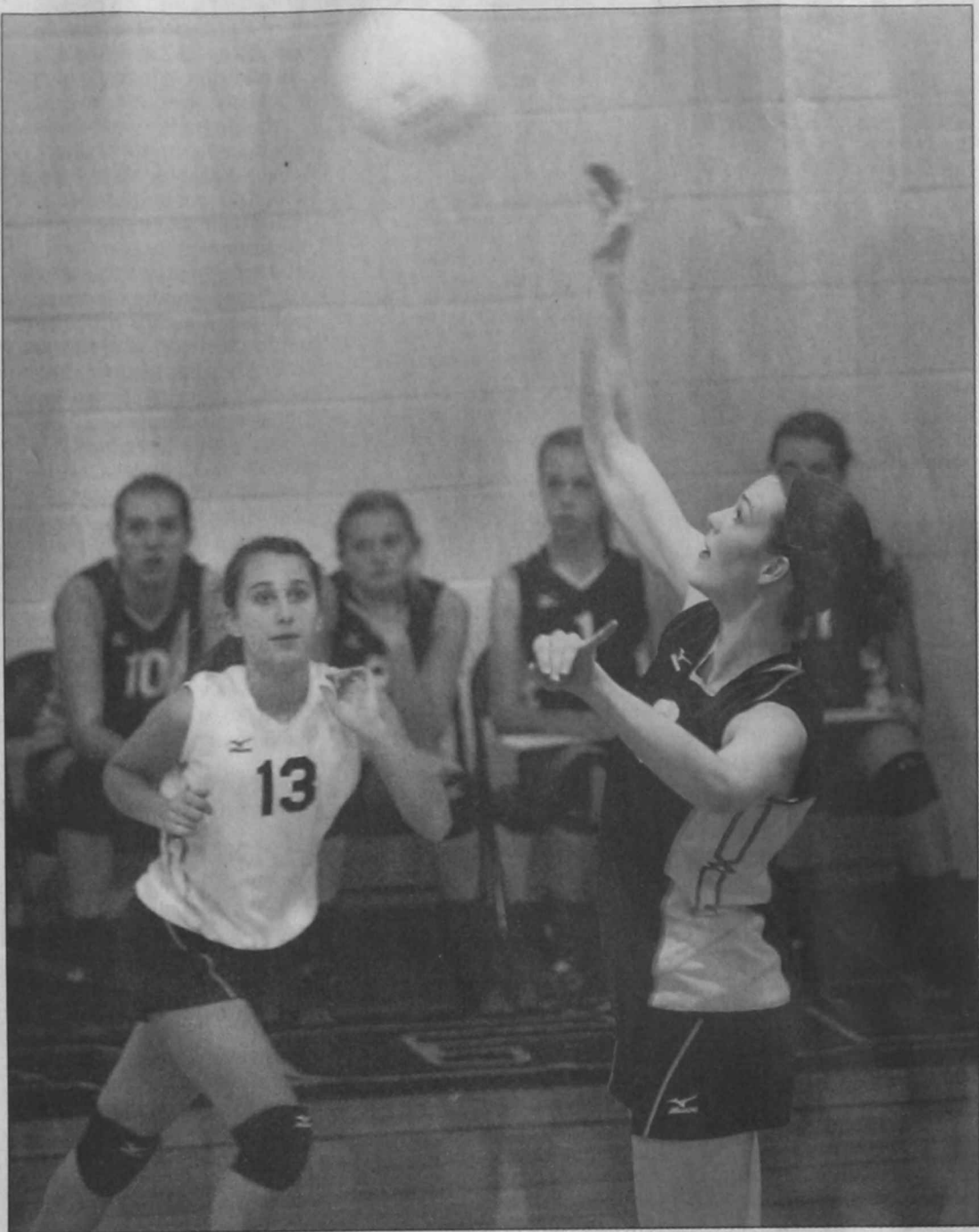
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Punching the ball for Plymouth Christian during a recent contest is Kristin Malcolm (right) while libero Jessica Rich (No. 13) watches. Both are senior co-captains.

Eagles set to fly

Plymouth Christian senior spikers eye return trip to D4 final

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Kristin Malcolm smiles when talking about her team returning to the Kellogg Center for another crack at a Class D girls volleyball title.

But she smiles even wider when talking about the family feeling she has with her teammates on No. 2-ranked Plymouth Christian Academy.

"I think our team unity is a huge thing for us," said Malcolm, a standout senior co-captain in her fourth year as a var-

sity starter. "We all love each other, there's no tension or arguing whatsoever. We all are a really close team."

With a laugh, the 6-0 middle blocker added that PCA head coach Kelly Blackney is "like a mom to us. I mean, she's a good coach. But we have so much fun with her and it's like a family."

Malcolm actually has family on the team, namely sophomore setter Jenny Malcolm.

"That's my favorite thing about volleyball this year," Kristin Malcolm said. "She's

my best friend and an awesome setter. I love spending every practice and every game with her."

If all goes well for the Eagles, both Malcolms will have a couple more weeks to enjoy each other's company on the court.

That's because Plymouth Christian is keen on getting back to the Kellogg Center in Battle Creek, where they competed in the 2010 D4 semifinal and final (the latter a loss to

Please see EAGLES, B3

Canton rallies for first district crown

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

With Novi fans cheering wildly in their own gym Friday night, Canton senior Maggie Deloy stepped up to the line to keep her team's season alive.

The Wildcats led 2-1 in the Class A district final and had an 18-17 lead when Deloy sent her first serve over the net.

Senior teammate Jordan Tubaro secured the Canton point at the other end of that play to make it 18-18 and Deloy went on to serve up six more points — paving the way for a 25-20 win to even the roller-coaster ride of a match.

"I just wanted to get it over," Deloy said later. "My coach (Mary Kryska) was giving me places to serve. I was trying my best to get them there. I just wanted to get the serve over."

That momentum shift carried over into the clinching set, which the Chiefs won 15-9 to take the match 3-2 and win their first-ever district championship.

Canton now will face White Lake Lakeland in a Class A regional opener set for 5 p.m. Tuesday at Brighton.

Grabbing momentum

"We always talk about being mentally tough," Kryska said. "And that's when we became, mentally tough that fourth

game.

"We battled point for point, until the end, going into a Game 5. It's scary because it's a quick 15 points. ... We got a 7-1 lead and had momentum on our side."

Canton (40-9) broke out in the clincher thanks to the serving of junior Becca Middleton and senior setter Lauren Martin (54 assists, 16 digs).

Taking care of matters at the business end of those serves with floor-pounding hits were senior front-row players Kristen Muir, Alaina Turner and junior Erica den Boer.

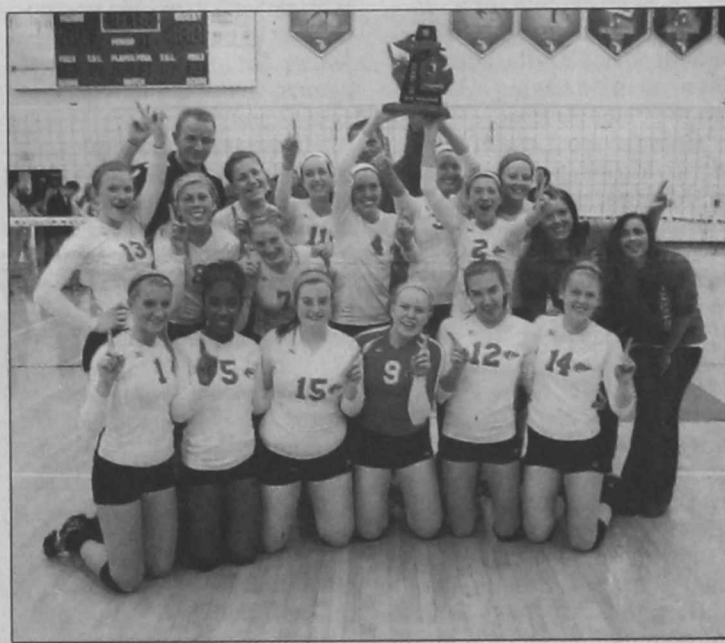
Novi (41-6-1) could not get closer than three points after that with the game and match point coming on a Martin-to-Turner set-and-kill.

"I really don't think it was anything Canton did," Novi head coach Ginette Parley said about the way the match turned around. "They played a great game and obviously they came out on top tonight."

"But I feel like we didn't play our style, which is aggressive. When we put the ball on the floor, no one can compete and we didn't do that."

When the match began, it looked as though Novi would cruise to the championship. Junior outside hitter Kacey Sheldon served up five points in a row (including two aces)

Please see CHIEFS, B2



JOHN KEMSKI

The Canton volleyball team celebrates winning its first-ever district title on Friday night.



STEVE KAHRS

Canton's Tyler Winningham (No. 6) shadows Warren DeLaSalle's Mike Leone on Wednesday night in front of Canton goalkeeper Steven Murphy (partially hidden). Back to help out for the Chiefs are Connor Furgason (No. 11) and Nate Bergeson (No. 10).

Chiefs down top-ranked Pilots in D1 semifinal

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

With less than a minute left in regulation Wednesday, Canton still needed to thwart a last-minute corner kick by Warren DeLaSalle to reach the Division 1 boys soccer state final.

"We had everyone back and (senior) co-captain Mitch Posuniak just came back and he shouted, 'Boys, not now, we don't give it up now,'" Canton senior goalkeeper Steven Murphy said. "And we got the ball out."

As was the case throughout the contest, it was Connor Furgason to emphatically deny the No. 1-ranked Pilots.

The senior defender stepped into the scrum in

front of Murphy and headed the ball to safety. That allowed the Chiefs to finish off a 1-0 win in the D1 semifinal Wednesday at Farmington High School.

Solid 'D'

"It was very nerve-racking, them getting in our box," Furgason said. "But I had confidence in our team the whole time that we were going to win."

"Everyone got back, everyone defended first, and that's what you got to do."

Canton (23-1-2) also needed some offense in order to move on to Saturday's D1 final (against Grand Haven, 18-1-3).

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Raiders lead All-Area tennis team

FIRST-TEAM SINGLES
Stephen Payne, Sr., Liv. Franklin: The No. 1 singles player for the Patriots finished 31-3 as a senior en route to a berth in the MHSAA Division 1 quarterfinals and a KLAAs Kensington Conference consolation bracket champ (where he defeated Division 2 state champion Kevin Renehan of South Lyon East).

Payne owns a career-record of 108-15 and is a three-time regional champ at No. 1 singles, along with winning the No. 2 singles title as a freshman.

He is a three-time Livonia City champion, as well as earning No. 1 singles titles at the Warrior, Olson, Noland and Monroe classics (2009, 2010, 2011).

The team captain also captured the LG Patriot Classic this season.

"One of Stephen's most impressive characteristics, in my opinion, is regardless of whether he is winning or losing, he plays with integrity and honor, always giving his opponents the respect they deserve," Franklin coach Dawn Fallu said.

Payne has narrowed his choice between Western Michigan or the University of Detroit Mercy.

"Whichever college Stephen ends up playing tennis for is not only getting a very talented tennis player, but an asset to their team," Fallu said. "He is the epitome of pride and respect for the sport of tennis."

Jacob Scott, Jr., Salem: The junior completed his second outstanding season as the No. 1 singles player for the Rocks and head coach Bill Nelson.

What Scott can achieve in his senior year is something that Nelson can't help but smile about.

In addition to his game, Scott will be team captain for a second straight year and "is a leader both on and off the court" not to mention having a 3.91 grade-point average.

"He works continually on improving his game, both (with) power and accuracy," Nelson said.

Scott also racked up a 19-6 record, which Nelson said is good considering the high quality of No. 1 singles players in the KLAAs.

Michael Mertz, Sr., N. Farmington: Mertz played No. 1 singles and posted an 11-10 record against quality competition in the Oakland Activities Association's top division (Red). The senior was a four-year varsity singles player for the Raiders.

"Despite a very tough league and no easy matches this season, Michael was still able to finish the season with a record over .500," coach Whitney Wasielewski said. "He started the season with some injuries, and he battled back to



Stephen Payne Franklin



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improve and peak at the state tournament.

"He had a tough first round loss to Midland Dow's player, 6-4, 6-4. Although he lost that round, he played great tennis. I was very proud of him this entire season. He was one of my captains and did a great job leading the team on and off the court."

Max Kohl, Sr., N. Farmington: Kohl is another veteran singles player for the Raiders. The senior compiled a 20-7 record this year at the No. 2 flight. He was a regional finalist and Division 2 state semifinalist.

"Max had a phenomenal season with some great wins," Wasielewski said. "He was co-captain of our team and a great leader. Some good wins were against Groves, Andover, Troy, U-of-D and Lahser."

"He earned a fourth seed at the state tournament as a result of his great season and impressive record. He lost to Okemos in a close three-setter at state. Max was a huge asset to our team, being a consistent competitor, tough at every match both physically and mentally."

Griffin Mertz, Fr., N. Farmington: The freshman had an impressive first season of varsity tennis, posting a 19-8 record at No. 3 singles and winning a Division 2 regional championship. Mertz was an OAA Red finalist and a state quarterfinalist.

"Griffin had some great wins over Groves, Seaholm, Adams, Lahser and Andover throughout the season," Wasielewski said. "He did a great job at three singles, and I'm looking forward to great things from

him in the future. He has a lot of time to mature and develop into an even stronger competitor than he already is."

"Griffin also earned the fourth seed at the state tournament, losing to the eventual runner-up in a tough match. He is a very smart player and knows how to put points together and use a variety of shots to win points. He will definitely continue to be a threat in the future."

Jonathan Martin, Fr., Liv. Churchill: The talented freshman played No. 2 singles for the state qualifying and regional champion Chargers where he finished 19-3 overall.

Martin was regional champion and also captured the Livonia City Quad, where he won all three matches by 6-0, 6-0 scores, along with Adrian Invitational.

He was also runner-up in the Howell Tournament for a Cure and a semifinalist in the KLAAs Kensington Conference winner's bracket.

"Coming in as a freshman, Jonathan was able to compete at a high level at the No. 2 singles position," Churchill coach John Webster said. "He looks forward to working hard in the off season and stepping up to the No. 1 singles position next year."

FIRST-TEAM DOUBLES
Colin Halow, Soph.; Danny O'Neill, Soph., N. Farmington: The all-sophomore first doubles team finished with a 14-11 record that included quality wins over fellow Oakland County powers Seaholm, West Bloomfield, Stoney Creek, Andover and Lahser. Halow

2011 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS TENNIS TEAM FIRST-TEAM SINGLES
Stephen Payne, Sr., Liv. Franklin
Jacob Scott, Jr., Salem
Michael Mertz, Sr., N. Farm.
Max Kohl, Sr., N. Farm.
Griffin Mertz, Fr., N. Farm.
Jonathan Martin, Fr., Liv. Churchill

FIRST-TEAM DOUBLES
Colin Halow, Soph., N. Farm.
Danny O'Neill, Soph., N. Farm.
Tarun Giridhar, Soph., N. Farm.
Ryan Wolok, Sr., N. Farm.
Jason Kraft, Sr., N. Farm.
Ryan Kay, Sr., N. Farm.

SECOND-TEAM SINGLES
Matt Cezat, Sr., Liv. Churchill
Chad Northey, Soph., Liv. Stevenson
Jacob Lipnik, Sr., N. Farm.
Jacob Sealy, Soph., Salem
Aaron Zhang, Sr., Plymouth
Rohan Vhaishnav, Fr., Canton

SECOND-TEAM DOUBLES
Andrew Murtland, Jr., N. Farm.
Rob Chapekis, Soph., N. Farm.
Brian Baumgartner, Sr., Churchill
Mark Denstead, Soph. Churchill
Kaemen Holman-Rayos, Jr., Stevenson

COACH OF THE YEAR
Jeff Frederick, Sr., Stevenson
Whitney Wasielewski, N. Farm.

HONORABLE MENTION
Canton: James Dodge, Travis Michalak; Plymouth: Charlie Hou, Josh Heinze, Josh Postel; Salem: Nick Ortiz, Amol Caravalia; Churchill: Joe Mulka, Rishabh Arvikar, Tejas Soni, Mayuresh Iyer; Franklin: Connor Benson, Nick Munro; Stevenson: Marcus McCathey, Sam Tabor, Johnson Yang, Nick Marsh, Doug Giroux; Farmington: Joey Amis, Lokesh Pagadala, Akhilesh Sivakumar.

and O'Neill were regional finalists.

"They played nine doubles on the JV team and moved all the way up to one doubles on varsity this year," Wasielewski said. "They competed very well at a very tough spot in the lineup. They have shown so much improvement and maturity throughout the season, and they proved to be very impressive as a No. 1 doubles team."

"They won some huge matches in which they held off match points several times. Their loss at the state tournament was to a very tough East Lansing team, 7-6(7), 6-4."

Tarun Giridhar, Soph.; Ryan Wolok, Sr., N. Farmington: The No. 2 doubles team peaked at the Division 2 state tournament in which Wolok and Giridhar were semifinalists. They posted a 17-11 record and also were regional runners-up.

"They played the best tennis I've ever seen them play at the state tournament," Wasielewski said. "They lost to Midland Dow, the eventual winners of the tournament in the semifinals, 4-6, 6-4, 4-6. (Dow) won in the finals in straight sets. Dow's coach even said to our team after the match it was the toughest any team had played them all year."

"That statement just proves that Tarun and Ryan were one of the best No. 2 doubles teams in the state. They also had good wins over Groves, West Bloomfield, U-of-D, Andover and Lahser during the season."

Jason Kraft, Sr.; Ryan Kay, Sr., N. Farmington: The senior duo had an impressive season at No. 3 doubles; Kraft's record was 20-7 and Kay's 17-7. In addition to being regional finalists, they also won the Northville Invitational and had wins over Novi, Northville, Groves, Seaholm, West Bloomfield, Andover and Lahser.

"Our team had a lot of depth, and Jason and Ryan proved to be a very tough three doubles team, winning the majority of their matches with a very tough schedule," Wasielewski said. "They had several three-set wins, many of them after losing the first set."

"That proves they never give up and fight hard until the very end. This is part of what made them so successful and such a tough team to play against."

COACH OF THE YEAR
Whitney Wasielewski, N. Farmington: The Raiders did well in every respect this year under Wasielewski's leadership. They were 5-2 in OAA Red Division dual meets and

10-3 overall. North Farmington tied for second place in the dual season and division tournament, and it placed third overall behind Troy and Andover. The Raiders had dual

wins over Andover, West Bloomfield and Groves, and they also won the Dexter Invitational.

North was second in a Division 2 regional (one point behind Andover), and it tied for sixth place at the state meet, finishing three points out of second. Wasielewski also was named Regional Coach of the Year and Division 2 Coach of the Year.

"The 2011 season was one of the most successful since I've been coaching at North Farmington, both on and off the court," Wasielewski said. "I was privileged enough to have a great group of players, wonderful captains, an amazing coaching staff and supportive parents who helped make this season so successful."

"This group of boys proved they were hard workers and tough competitors. We lost 11 seniors last season and finished higher this season at all levels, with the majority of our team being new to the varsity. Only four players in the starting regional lineup played varsity last year."

"They were a unified team and all worked toward the same team goals that we chose in the beginning of the season. I am so proud of my team and all of the effort they put in this entire season."



W. Wasielewski N. Farm. coach

SOCCER

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It was posted Thursday on the MHSAA Web site that the Canton-Grand Haven contest was slated for noon Saturday, at East Kentwood Crestwood Middle School in Kentwood, a suburb of Grand Rapids.

The Chiefs put plenty of pressure on DeLaSalle senior goalie Nick Orlando in the first half. They hit the crossbar twice, including a rocket from 20 yards out by senior midfielder Brian Berinti.

Orlando also made several spectacular stops to keep the Pilots from falling behind.

All they needed

But at 3:32 of the second half, the Chiefs got all the scoring they would need thanks to a beautifully executed play by a pair of sophomore midfielders.

Ken Krolnicki rushed up the middle of the field and threaded a pass to Griffin Parks, surging into the box. Parks then ripped a low shot past Orlando into the middle of the net.

"Ken Krolnicki did a great job," Canton head coach George Tomasso said. "He's been one of the players with great vision throughout the season. He saw his teammate making a run, and Griffin did a great job



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getting inside of his defender. All he needed was that one shot and he buried it."

For the final 36:28, the Chiefs did not retreat. They kept the offensive heat turned up. But they also were everywhere on defense.

"Our boys were on their toes," Tomasso said. "They did a great job to play desperate in the box and win those 50/50 balls and eliminate their opportunities."

First final since '94

It helped that Murphy was always there when called upon to make clutch stops or scramble out to beat opponents to the ball.

"He's been a solid backbone for our team," Tomas-

so said. "And tonight he made every save with no rebounds, he did a great job."

The Chiefs will now look to win their first title since 1994, when Tomasso was the goalkeeper. That year was the most recent appearance in the final by Canton.

According to Pilots head coach Thayer Mukhtar, looking to steer his team into the D1 final for the first time since winning it in 2005, Canton pushed the ball and was the better team.

"All it took was one mistake, but to be honest with you, Canton was better today," Mukhtar said. "I still thought we had

chances to put a ball in the net and tie."

"I think the biggest difference in the game was their movement off the ball was better than ours tonight."

He also tipped his cap to Canton for defensively shutting down his team on the last-ditch corner kick.

"You still got to get somebody running into the box hard and bury a ball," Mukhtar said. "That's the pressure we need to apply and ultimately it wasn't there."

"Give them credit, they did what they had to do to win."

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as the Wildcats built a quick 7-1 edge.

Novi went on to a stress-free 25-16 win in the opener.

That didn't work

After Game 1, Kryska made a lineup change by moving Muir from libero to her usual front-row spot as an outside hitter. Muir and her teammates shrugged off that first game and played much better in a 25-15 win to make it a 1-1 match.

"I had a different lineup in the first game which I thought was going to work. It backfired really quickly," Kryska said. "So I made the immediate change. I had already talked to Kristen about changing from defense to all-the-way around."

"It's hard mentally to go back and forth, back and forth, but she was prepared to do that. We talked about it last night and today."

Canton kept on rolling into the third set and led most of the way. However, the Chiefs were unable to close out the win. Canton served the ball into the net when up 22-19, and the Chiefs also missed a chance to score the clinch-

ing point when leading 24-23.

Novi rallied for a 27-25 win to take a 2-1 lead in the match.

"The crowd was so loud, we had communication errors at the end, we missed a serve at 22-19," Kryska said. "We were giving the ball away every chance we could."

But Kryska said how she reminded her players about the text message she sent each of them earlier Friday — that they believed they could win.

They did it before

After all, the Chiefs did defeat Novi on Oct. 18 in a five-game set for the KLAAs Kensington Conference title.

"Beating them before helped because we know the type of pressure we'd have to deal with," Kryska said. "Knowing we could actually beat them made us believe. That was our big thing today, we believe we can win."

Turner led the Chiefs with 24 kills, while Muir chipped in with 13 kills and 11 digs.

Deloy contributed 18 digs and seven kills, while den Boer's 11 kills and 19 digs also helped the cause. Middleton had 12 digs, while Tubaro tallied four kills.

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powerhouse Battle Creek St. Philip).

They're on the right track. Friday, the Eagles (41-6-4) earned a 3-0 win over Saline Washtenaw Christian to win their ninth straight district title. They now advance to the Adrian Lenawee Christian-hosted regional.

The right stuff

Talent is one thing, and PCA has it. But with the coaching of Blackney and the leadership provided by Kristin Malcolm, Amy Zinn and Jessica Rich (both also senior co-captains), the Eagles have all the intangibles needed to make a return trip.

"The difference between this team last year and this year, is we know what it takes to play at the state finals in Battle Creek," Blackney said. "We're not new and green anymore, we're seasoned players who have gone as far as we can go."

"Not too many teams can say that when they approach the postseason."

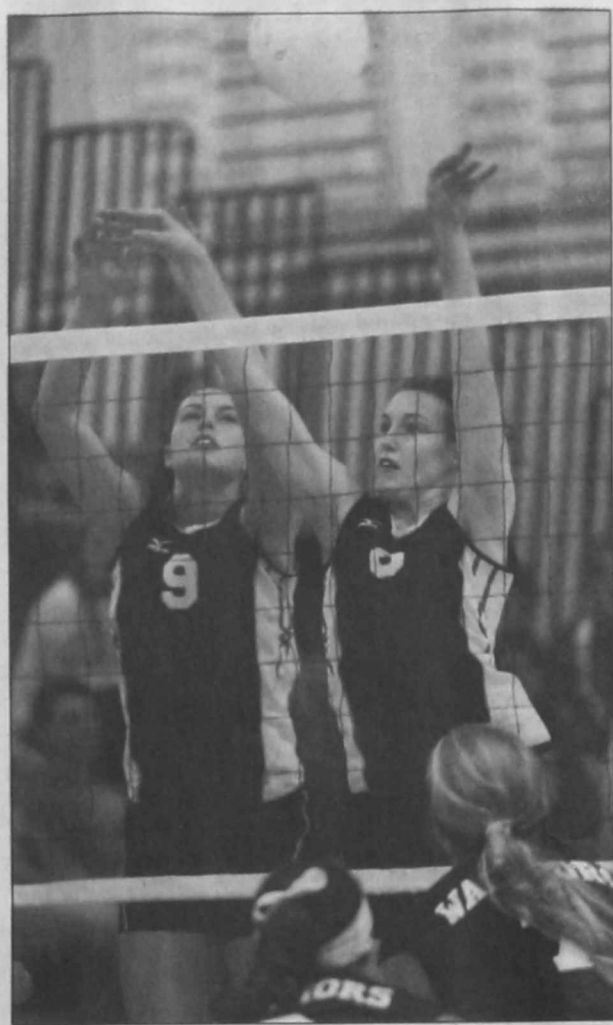
The older Malcolm agreed that last season's experience should help this time around.

"It will definitely motivate us," she said. "We know that we can do it now. We have that motivation. We are excited to play St. Phillips again, if we make it that far."

Another intangible is Blackney became head coach of the Eagles in 2008-09 — the same year Kristin Malcolm and Zinn joined the varsity.

"It's meaningful," the coach said. "My first year was Kristin's first year and Amy's first year, so we've kind of had this journey together."

"We've talked several times (about that), we're a close-knit group for a reason."



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Plymouth Christian's Malcolm sisters, Jenny (No. 9) and Kristin (No. 6), team up at the net to thwart an opponent during a recent contest.

Pulling for each other

The co-captains have a lot to do with that by setting the tone for team camaraderie.

"I think that's the strongest part about our team," said third-year starter Rich, this year's libero. "I don't think any other team can measure up to this volleyball team in their unity."

According to Zinn, who switched from setter to outside hitter during her varsity career, each player is willing and able to do the proverbial "whatever it takes" to help the squad.

"Each person brings a different aspect to the team," Zinn said.

"Without one person we wouldn't be the same. Each person, no matter their position, they bring a different aspect, a different positive thing to the team."

"Without each other we wouldn't be get as far as we could."

Malcolm added that the way the girls get along impacts how well they play as a team, too.

"That really translates on the court, because we all talk about how volleyball is such an emotional sport," Kristin said. "It is about skill, but a lot of it is about the mental game. When we're so close as a team that really helps our team."

Who knows whether the Eagles will make it as

TRIO OF LEADERS

Plymouth Christian Academy finished the regular season with a record of 39-6-4, including a 10-0 record to win the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference Blue Division. Now, led by three senior co-captains, the team is looking to have a successful postseason run in the Class D state tournament.

Here's a closer look at the co-captains:

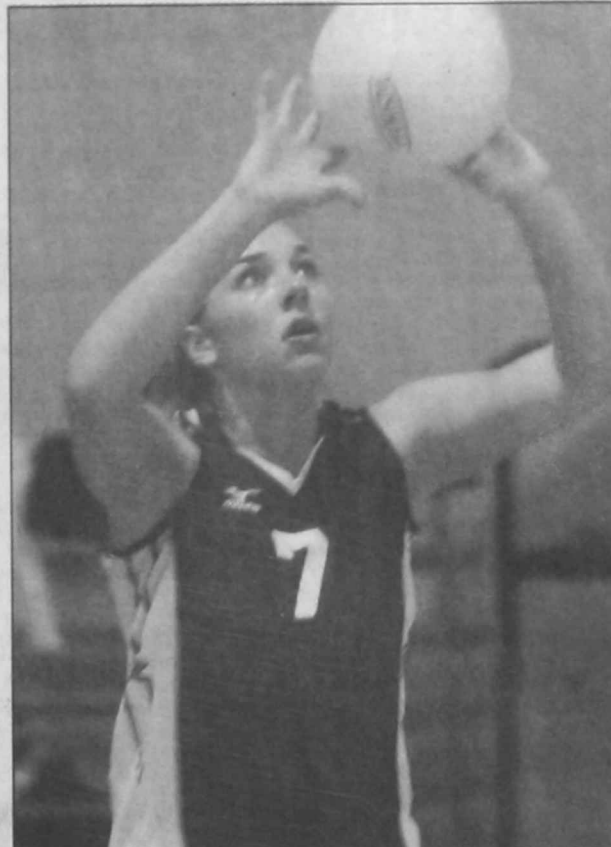
• **Kristin Malcolm:** The 17-year-old Malcolm is a middle blocker and force to be reckoned with. Now in her fourth season as a varsity starter at PCA, she will play volleyball next year at Hillsdale College. She carries a 4.4 grade-point effort. Her parents are Annie and Greg Malcolm of Plymouth.

• **Amy Zinn:** Also in her fourth year on the varsity, the 17-year-old Zinn moved to outside hitter from setter after her sophomore season and didn't miss a beat. She carries a 4.0 GPA and will go to Calvin College, although not to play volleyball. Her parents are David and Brenda Zinn of Canton.

• **Jessica Rich:** PCA's libero is in her third season with the varsity squad and is a defensive sparkplug to say the least. Rich, 17, owns a 3.8 GPA and will attend Grand Valley State University. Her parents are Ann and James Rich of Plymouth.

far as Battle Creek again or not. But the early evidence is pretty good.

PCA waltzed through conference competition, winning the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference Blue Division



Senior Amy Zinn (No. 7) is one of three co-captains spearheading Plymouth Christian to another winning season.

with a 10-0 record.

Losses to any opponent were few and far between and the Eagles defeated Marysville (a Class B team of the St. Philip ilk) in a recent tournament match to boost the belief they can hang with St. Philip if they again reach the final.

"We are ranked second in the state for a reason," Blackney said. "We've faced good competition this year and we've done very well."

All of the co-captains have been key to PCA's excellent season, both for on-court play and the ability to motivate when that is needed.

And now is when the fun really begins.

"Our options are endless," Zinn said. "We keep improving and improving. Who knows what will happen. We have the highest hopes to win states, but I'm really excited for what's going

to happen."

Rich said this year's team learned so much from last postseason, which can only help this time.

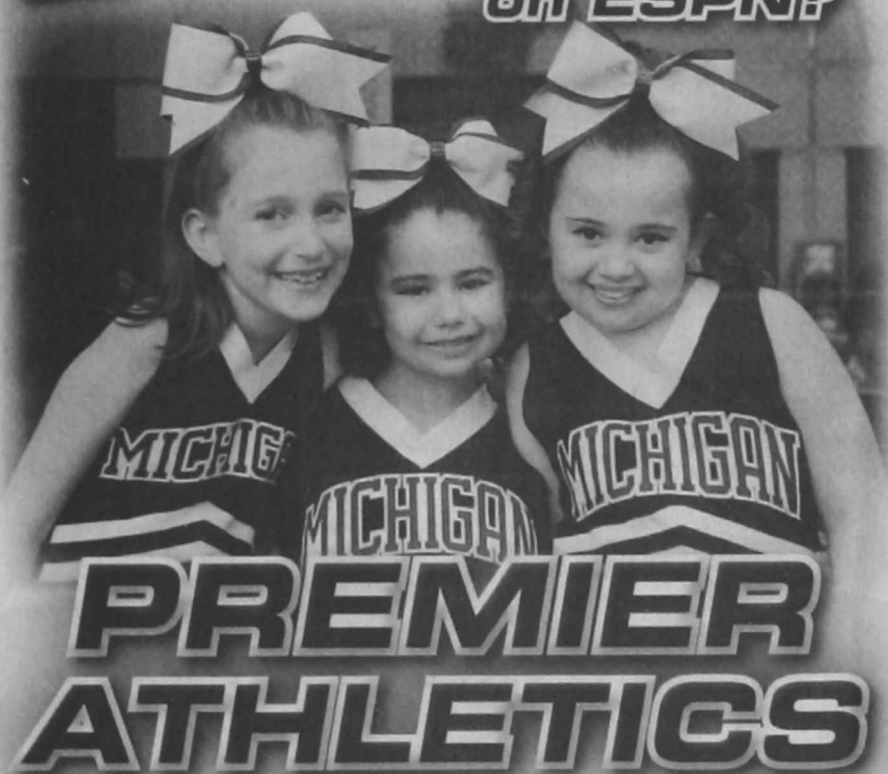
"We really wanted to win (in 2010)," Rich said. "But we wanted to be like playing for God, and use that as an experience to set us up for the next year — which is this year."

The Eagles might overcome that final hurdle. Perhaps they won't. Either way, the experience is one they wouldn't trade for anything.

Asked what gave her the most satisfaction as a member of the Plymouth Christian volleyball team, Rich answered without hesitation. "It's probably just being with this team. Together every practice and every game and at tournaments every Saturday."

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GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING RESULTS

KLAA SOUTH DIVISION GIRLS SWIM MEET
Oct. 28-29 at John Glenn
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth, 744 points; 2. Canton, 647; 3. Livonia Churchill, 356.5; 4. Livonia Franklin, 203; 5. Westland John Glenn, 170; 6. Wayne Memorial, 118.5.
FINAL MEET RESULTS
200-yard medley relay: 1. Plymouth 'A' (Alexa Earls, Emily Toro, Lydia Plencner, Lexi Ethier), 1:55.84; 2. Canton 'A' (Caitlin Orr, Claire Green, Hannah Jenkins, Abby Madison), 1:59.89; 3. Plymouth 'B' (Linda Erickson, Lydia Matson, Casey Wing, Caylin Waters), 1:59.94; 5. Canton 'B' (Mackenzie Dugas, Faith Goodwin, Rachel Barszcz, Emily Pettit), 2:08.22.
200 freestyle: 1. Madeline Madison (Canton), 2:01.68 (meet record); 2. Emily Weiner (P), 2:02.43; 3. Green (Canton), 2:03.1; 4. Carolyn Stoddard (P), 2:08.23; 5. Christine Pray (Canton), 2:10.08; 7. Wing (P), 2:15.19; 8. Abby Humphries (P), 2:15.46; 9. Waters (P), 2:17.20.
200 individual medley: 1. Toro (P), 2:13.79 (meet record); 3. Delaney Adams (Canton), 2:18.27; 4. Earls (P), 2:18.98; 5. Jenkins (Canton), 2:21.72; 7. Dugas (C), 2:27.13; 8. Matson (P), 2:30.05; 9. Samidha Visai (P), 2:31.69.
50 freestyle: 1. Destinee Barmore-Hicks (Canton), 25.38 (meet record); 2. Stephanie Matsui (P), 25.48; 3. Ethier (P), 25.64; 6. Abby Madison (Canton), 27.67; 7. Pettit (C), 28.05.
1-meter diving: 1. Yumi Nozawa (LC), 263.25 points; 2. Emily Lang (Canton), 248.70; 4. Melissa Green (Canton), 236.80; 5. Megan McKeehan (P), 225.65; 7. Pia Simon (C), 189.50; 8. Katy Telega (P), 186.20; 9. Ariel Magyar (P), 181.95.
100 butterfly: 1. Toro (P), 1:00.49 (meet record); 2. L. Erickson (P), 1:01.63; 3. Adams (Canton), 1:03.62; 4. Plencner (P), 1:06.07; 7. Barszcz (C), 1:08.37; 10. Caroline Wall (C), 1:15.40.
100 freestyle: 1. Matsui (P), 55.27 (meet record); 2. Weiner (P), 56.59; 3. Barmore-Hicks (Canton), 56.8; 4. Ethier (P), 56.82; 5. Orr (Canton), 58.92; 6. Stoddard (P), 59.51; 8. Goodwin (C), 1:01.49; 9. Pettit (C), 1:01.70.
500 freestyle: 1. Green (Canton), 5:19.35 (meet record); 3. Earls (P), 5:25.7; 4. M. Madison (C), 5:29.02; 5. Pray (Canton), 5:40.24; 6. Wing (P), 6:02.04; 7. Emily Downs (C), 6:02.19; 8. Lauren Wischer (P), 6:07.19; 9. Humphries (P), 6:10.10.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth 'A' (Matsui, Ethier, Weiner, Toro), 2:42.94 (meet record); 2. Canton 'A' (Jenkins, M. Madison, Adams, Barmore-Hicks), 1:47.45; 4. Plymouth 'B' (Stoddard, Waters, Matson, Wing), 1:50.79; 5. Canton 'B' (Green, Pray, Pettit, A. Madison), 1:51.98.
100 backstroke: 1. L. Erickson (P), 1:02.55; 2. Orr (Canton), 1:04.52; 3. Dugas (Canton), 1:07.77; 5. (tie) Brittany Gates (LC) and Plencner (P), 1:09.23 each; 7. Barszcz (C), 1:11.34; 8. Kelly Erickson (P), 1:11.95; 9. Marissa Zinn (P), 1:13.70; 10. Goodwin (C), 1:14.86.
100 breaststroke: 1. Jenkins (Canton), 1:14.02; 2. Matson (P), 1:14.23; 4. Samidha Visai (P), 1:19.29; 5. A. Madi-

son (Canton), 1:20.7; 7. Stacey Jedele (P), 1:24.60; 9. Emily Hagan (C), 1:25.57; 10. Christine Garrissi (P), 1:27.40.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth, 'A' (Matsui, Stoddard, L. Erickson, Weiner), 3:51.14; 2. Canton 'A' (Orr, M. Madison, Adams, Barmore-Hicks), 3:59.88; 4. Plymouth 'B' (Plencner, Humphries, Wischer, Earls), 4:07.37; 5. Canton, 'B' (Dugas, Barszcz, Goodwin, Pray), 4:11.37.
KLAA CENTRAL DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP
Oct. 28-29 at South Lyon East
FINAL TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 551.5 points; 2. South Lyon, 515; 3. Novi, 461; 4. Salem, 396; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 275.5.
200-yard medley relay: 1. South Lyon (Deirdre Gerke, Erin McCurry, Chanel Bonin, Rachel Green), 1:52.40; 4. Salem (Abby Aumiller, Lauren Seroka, Claire Amin, Julia Suriano), 1:56.56.
200 freestyle: 1. Suriano (S), 1:59.42; 4. Maddie Gorman (S), 2:02.23; 6. Aumiller (S), 2:02.82; 9. Sara Stemen (LS), 2:07.40.
200 individual medley: 1. Mallory Buha (Novi), 2:11.38; 7. Brenna Gabrielson (LS), 2:21.41; 8. Jocey Lamoureux (S), 2:22.45; 9. Amin (S), 2:23.65.
50 freestyle: 1. Rachel Green (SL), 24.85; 5. (tie) Sarah Cauzillo (LS), 26.37; 8. Ashley Reed (LS), 27.18; 9. Nicole Kariotis (S), 27.32; 10. Aidan Odowd (LS), 27.35.
1-meter diving: 1. Andrea Meister (N'ville), 391.45 points; 11. Bridge Maul (S), 267.45; 16. Ally Hermann (LS), 228.50; 18. Nora Akcasu (S), 224.05; 20. Sam Ellis (LS), 218.15.
100 butterfly: 1. A ndrea VanderMey (Novi), 1:01.40; 2. Seroka (S), 1:01.97; 5. Cauzillo (LS), 1:04.97; 7. Amin (S), 1:07.24; 9. Amanda Nilles (S), 1:09.35.
100 freestyle: 1. Buha (Novi), 55.13; 2. Aumiller (S), 56.22; 6. Gabrielson (LS), 57.05; 11. Reed (LS), 59.06.
500 freestyle: 1. Suriano (S), 5:16.32; 3. Gorman (S), 5:29.78; 5. Lamoureux (S), 5:31.78; 7. Shaelyn Dolinski (LS), 5:34.54; 8. Sara Stemen (LS), 5:37.25; 9. Merrill Froney (LS), 5:37.77.
200 freestyle relay: 1. South Lyon (Corinne Caldwell, Stormy Malarik, Rachel Green, Chanel Bonin), 1:41.05; 4. Salem (Maggie Sneiderman, Amin, Vincenza Zaia, Gorman), 1:47.68; 7. Salem (Kariotis, Hannah Tardiff, Nilles, Lamoureux), 1:52.91; 9. Stevenson (Christine Herrod, Catherine Joss, McKenzie Queen, Sarah Adamczyk), 1:59.60; 10. Stevenson (Sara Elliot, Teresa Koda, Erin Brown, Deanna Kluka), 2:00.53.
100 backstroke: 1. Buha (Novi), 59.65; 3. Emily Roque (LS), 1:01.91; 4. Dolinski (LS), 1:02.64.
100 breaststroke: 1. Catherine Cui (N'ville), 1:09.15; 3. Seroka (S), 1:12.65; 8. Froney (LS), 1:16.16.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Briana Schoenek, Maddy Kipke, Lia Nagata, Cui), 3:43.96; 4. Salem (Gorman, Suriano, Aumiller, Seroka), 3:48.98; 7. Salem (Lamoureux, Andrea Ringer, Zaia, Maurice), 4:05.06; 9. Stevenson (Alicia Stark, Megan Galeana, Catherine Joss, Samanta Weak), 4:16.15.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY REGIONALS

MHSAA CROSS COUNTRY REGIONAL RESULTS DIVISION 1
Oct. 29 at Willow Metropark
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 advance to state finals): 1. Dexter, 54 points; 2. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 57; 3. Pinckney, 59; 4. Plymouth, 122; 5. Livonia Churchill, 143; 6. Canton, 146; 7. Salem, 217; 8. Ann Arbor Huron, 220; 9. Westland John Glenn, 275; 10. Ann Arbor Skyline, 276; 11. Livonia Franklin, 300; 12. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 338; 13. Detroit Cass Tech, 420; 14. Redford Union, 420; 15. Dearborn Fordson, 445; 16. Garden City, 469.
Individual winner: Derek Gielarowski (Plymouth), 16:09.86 (sq) (5,000 meters).
Other Plymouth finishers: 26. Brandon Dalton, 17:10.90; 30. Liam Cardenas, 17:15.95; 32. Zane Berlanga, 17:16.63; 33. James Maciag, 17:17.47; 36. Max Rogowski, 17:25.53; 58. Nick Eiben, 17:58.63.
Canton finishers: 12. Miles Felton, 16:41.94 (sq); 22. Mitch Clinton, 17:03.27; 31. Bradon Conley, 17:16.38; 38. Jeff Molchan, 17:30.13; Tom Walkinshaw, 17:34.16; 45. Evan Dunklee, 17:37.21; 51. Billy Toth, 17:48.75.
Salem finishers: 16. Steve McEvilly, 16:50.74; 34. Riley Doxtader, 17:17.94; 59. Donavon Drouillard, 17:59.50; 61. Evan Bruyere, 18:04.69; 67. Lewis Campbell, 18:29.23; 68. Lucas Salinas, 18:37.09.
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 advance to state finals): 1. Livonia Churchill, 47 points; 2. Dexter, 94; 3. Pinckney, 96; 4. Salem, 97; 5. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 135; 6. Plymouth, 167; 7. Ann Arbor Huron, 174; 8. Canton, 216; 9. Livonia Franklin, 224; 10. Ann Arbor Skyline, 274; 11. Westland John Glenn, 320; 12. Garden City, 394; 13. Redford Union, 413; 14. Dearborn Fordson, 437; 15. Detroit Cass Tech, 438.
Individual winner: Kerigan Riley (Churchill), 19:24.27 (sq) (5,000 meters).
Salem finishers: 12. Adrianna Beltran, 19:54.11 (sq); 15. Amanda Beyer, 20:02.77 (sq); 19. Emily Bizon, 20:11.18; 25. Hannah Stoliker, 20:33.88; 26. Autumn Burin, 20:34.16; 29. Shannon Flynn, 20:41.96; 30. Alejandra Beltran, 20:42.23; .

Plymouth finishers: 4. Marina DeBiasi, 19:44.63 (sq); 14. Nicole Traitses, 19:58.20 (sq); 37. Alexa Chicon, 21:09.13; 54. Morgan Henson, 21:38.06; 58. Renae DeBrito, 22:05.66; 64. Constadina Manettas, 22:20.54; 73. Mariah Lax, 22:58.84.
Canton finishers: 20. Jessica Siegler, 20:20.18; 44. Emily Southern, 21:23.46; 47. Katie Grimes, 21:32.15; 49. Allison Spitz, 21:32.75; 56. Paige Calvert, 21:58.00; 63. Marina Milad, 22:15.25; 66. Marissa Campbell, 22:30.08; 75. (sq) (5,000 meters).
Individual winner: Ashwin Fujii (Greenhills), 17:32.75 (5,000 meters).
Plymouth Christian finishers: 5. Jimmy Parks, 18:34.06; 7. Trevor Baloga, 18:51.10; 10. Ian Rose, 19:02.81; 21. Jacob Nichols, 19:38.27; 29. Steven Zomermaand, 20:29.42; 46. Nathan Harold, 22:57.62.
Lutheran Westland finishers: 3. Jake Fairbairn, 18:28.29; 5. Eric Smith, 18:44.05; 10. Daniel Bunge, 10:04.24; 22. Peter Sillanpaa, 19:58.0; 30. Caleb Kempf, 20:52.45; 32. Ian O'Banion, 20:54.18; 42. Philip Welte, 23:14.04.
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 advance to state finals): 1. Lutheran High Westland, 56; 2. Whiteford, 60; 3. Sand Creek, 62; 4. Britton-Macon, 71; 5. Taylor Baptist Park, 122; 6. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 129.
Individual winner: Natalie Perry (Sand Creek), 20:59.09 (5,000 meters).
Lutheran Westland finishers: 2. Erin Lyle, 21:04.51; 6. Erin Hardin, 21:48.59; 10. Jessica Rice, 22:21.4; 15. Angela Morrison, 23:35.67; 23. Kelsey Kruger, 25:06.08; 29. Jessica Drife, 25:26.83; 30. Michelle Greening, 25:27.77.
Plymouth Christian finishers: 5. Terra Crown, 21:31.63 (sq); 26. Megan McHugh, 25:10.74. (sq) additional individual state qualifier.

Lobo's 2 goals gives SC crown

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College protected its No. 1 ranking and kept its unbeaten record intact Sunday by ousting Cincinnati State, 2-1, in double-overtime to win the NJCAA Region XII championship at Owens Community College in Millbury, Ohio.
Marco Lobo scored both Schoolcraft goals, his 12th and 13th of the season, as the Ocelots improved to 22-0 overall and advance to the NJCAA North Central District final to face Region 20 champion College of Southern Maryland (12-3-2) this Saturday on the road. (Game time is 1 p.m.)
Lobo, taking a pass from Brent McIntosh, dribbled down the left side before putting a shot past Surge goalkeeper Ben Steinacker for the even-

tual game-winner 3 minutes and 2 seconds into the second overtime.
Cincinnati State took a 1-0 lead at 36:21 into the match when Schoolcraft College goal-tender Scott Shewfelt mis-played a ball in the penalty box and Justin Mitchell put it in the empty net for his sixth of the season.
Cincinnati held the play for the remainder of the first half and early in the second half, but the tide started to turn the Ocelots way when Christian Johnson received a red card at 60:44.
Playing with a man advantage, Lobo took a pass from Jonathon Heslop and put it up-and-over the Surge goalie to tie the game in the 80th minute.
Cincinnati State's Colin Murray and Jake Brooks each picked up red cards one in the

85th and 99th minute, respectively, putting the Surge three players down.
Steinacker made 12 saves for the Surge, who finished 16-5 overall, while Shewfelt recorded six saves for the Ocelots.
SCHOOLCRAFT 4, MUSKEGON 0: In the Region XII semifinal Saturday, Schoolcraft College (21-0) rolled past Muskegon Community College (11-8-1) in a match played at Delta College in University Center.
Schoolcraft led 1-0 in the 27th minute on Doug Beason's fifth of the year from Brent McIntosh. Ryan Lemaster then notched his 11th in the 54 minute with Marco Lobo assisting to make it 2-0 and Tom Nevill tallied his 16th just 4:44 later off an assist from Anthony Lourenco.
Juan Garcia completed the scoring in the 71st minute off a corner kick from Carlos Izquierdo.
Ocelot goalkeeper Scott Shewfelt made four saves to earn the shutout.

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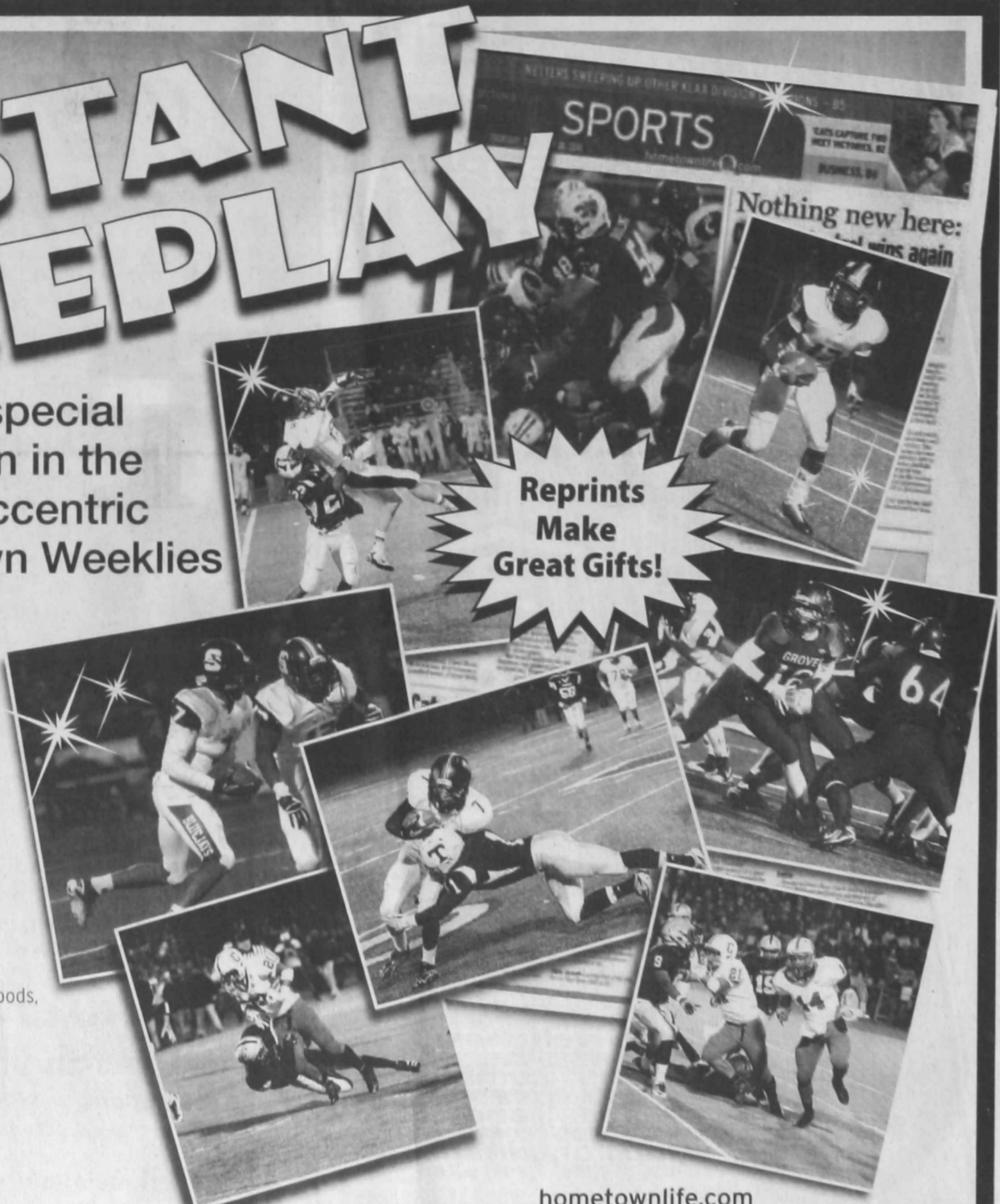
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Sherrie Bencik and Brian DeVetter on their wedding day.



Sherrie Bencik's daughter, Cambrie, gets a smooch from a furry friend while visiting Best Friends Animal Sanctuary for her mom's wedding.

Bride combines love of animals with wedding

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Sherrie Bencik spent the day before her wedding walking dogs, training puppies and reconnecting with an old canine friend named Tabitha.

Her husband-to-be, Brian DeVetter, and nearly half of their 70 wedding guests, volunteered with her. Some walked dogs or cuddled cats, while others cared for exotic birds and horses. They spent the day with animals and each other in a breathtaking setting called Angel's Canyon, near Kanab, Utah.

Fans of the National Geographic television program, *Dogtown*, recognize the locale as the home of Best Friends Animal Sanctuary, one of the largest animal havens in the country.

Bencik, who grew up in Livonia, had volunteered regularly at Best Friends for more than a decade, sometimes making three visits there in one year. When it came time to make plans for her Aug.



Sherrie Bencik and Brian DeVetter welcome a four-footed friend to their wedding at Best Friends Sanctuary in Utah.

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Aimee Hamlin and Phil Jeffers of Canton will tie the knot on Veteran's Day in a ceremony at the Royal Oak Music Theatre.

Couple answers 'call to wed'

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Most couples look forward to a wedding day that's all their own, Aimee Hamlin and Phil Jeffers don't mind sharing.

The Canton residents will marry on Veterans Day, Friday, Nov. 11 — that's an easy-to-remember anniversary date of 11/11/11 — along with seven other couples involved in the military, at the Royal Oak Music Theatre.

Each couple won a place in the multi-nuptial wedding and reception based on an essay contest, "Call to Wed." Jessica Miller, events director

for the theater, proposed the idea as a way to give back to military couples for their sacrifice. She enlisted the help of 30 Michigan businesses to donate goods and services — from flowers, bridal gowns, wedding veils and tuxedos to food, liquor, photography and entertainment — to make the evening memorable for the couples and their 30 guests each.

"One thing I'm happy about is the fact that there seven other couples getting married. I don't know them at all, but to be able to share your event, your night with seven other people who

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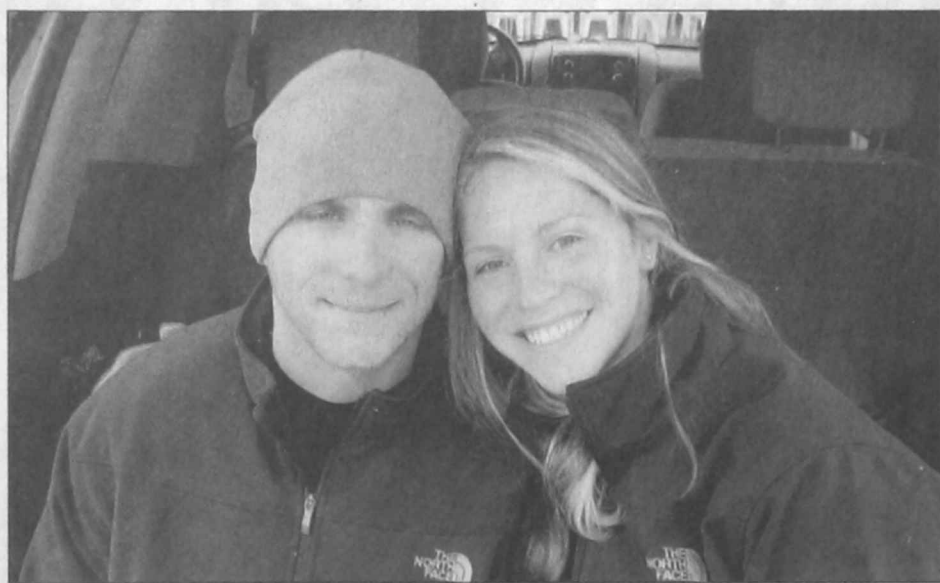
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Phil Jeffers and Aimee Hamlin will marry on Veterans Day.

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have been in the military or are still in the military and have gone through what I've gone through in their own way means a lot," Jeffers said. "Even though we don't know them it's cool that we can spend it all together."

Military experience

Jeffers, who graduated from Plymouth Salem High School in 1997, joined the U.S. Army, which included a stint in the presidential honor guard and the Army's drill team. He left the army in 2000 and has worked for Ford Motor Company and has taken classes at Schoolcraft College. He's been a member of the Michigan National Guard for three years and was deployed to Iraq. His hand and a knee were injured while overseas, requiring surgery and therapy. He returned home and was part of a community-based "warrior transition" program until Dec. 2010. He's back at Ford and at Schoolcraft where he's focusing on an associate's degree in homeland security.

Jeffers says the Vet-

erans Day wedding is as much a salute to family members and friends as it is to military men and women.

"We had been together for almost nine years. We have a house in Canton and two dogs. I left her unmarried and went to Iraq, overseas for a year. She took care of the house, the dogs, did everything from shoveling snow to cutting the grass. It may be a salute to veterans but it's also a salute to people who support the veterans."

Friends at first

Hamlin, who works for Quicken Loans, earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Walsh College after graduating from Agape Christian Academy.

She met her future husband while sledding with friends. Jeffers' best friend was dating one of Hamlin's best friends.

"When I went away to the army the first time we kept in touch. We talked off and on and were close friends before we started dating," Jeffers said.

He considers their first date the Christmas he spent with her family. She said it's when they went to the movies together for the first time.

"It will be 10 years in January," Hamlin said, figuring the length of their courtship.

During those years they discussed marriage but the timing wasn't right. She wanted to wait until after she finished school, but then he prepared to deploy overseas. They became engaged just before he left for Iraq. When he returned, he was in therapy for his injuries and didn't resume work at Ford until this year. Meanwhile, money was tight.

Jeffers submitted an essay for the contest and then told Hamlin about it. Both say Call to Wed came along at the perfect time.

"It's a dream come true," Hamlin said. "It's been a crazy ride and I can't wait for the day."

Jeffers, who has two older sisters, is the son of Phil Jeffers of Canton and Debra Norman of Ypsilanti. Hamlin is the middle child of three daughters. Her parents are Darrel and Larrena Hamlin of Canton.

How did family react to the couple's unusual wedding plans?

"It was very emotional," Hamlin said. "We've been a part of each other's families for a long time."

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27 nuptials, there was never any question where the wedding would take place.

"My immediate family, they know I've been going there for years and it was well known that if I ever got married, that's where it would be," said Bencik, who is finishing a residency in emergency medicine in Kalamazoo. "I sent a note out eight months before the wedding saying hey, this is a destination wedding so if you're interested, make plans to go."

Her parents, William and Diane Bencik of Livonia, and her husband's parents, Dennis and Roberta DeVetter of Marshfield, Wisc., along with the couple's siblings and their children, stayed in rented cottages and cabins at the sanctuary.

The wedding, held at a grassy area called Angel's Landing at Best Friends, capped a week-long stay that included tours of nearby parks, canyons and the animal haven. The couple's three-month-old son, Bodie, was the ring-bearer, with the jewelry affixed to his pacifier. Their daughter, Cambrie, 2 1/2, who Bencik had with the help of a sperm donor during her fourth year at medical school, also witnessed the marriage, which included a sand ceremony.

The couple mingled sand from Best Friends and from both shores of Lake Michigan into one container, symbolizing separate lives coming together.

Meeting on the job

Both Bencik and DeVetter are physicians who will work for Southwest Michigan Emergency Services after finishing their emergency medicine residencies in summer 2012. Bencik met her future husband at the hospital on her first day of her emergency medicine residency. Initially, marriage wasn't one of her goals.

"I'm an independent person and did not plan on getting married," she said, adding that DeVetter "accepted my daughter and all of my animals."

Bencik, who holds bachelor's degrees in chemical engineering and German and a master's in



Brian DeVetter and Sherrie Bencik, a former Livonia resident, marry at Angel's Landing in the sprawling Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Utah.

business, was working in marketing at Kimberly-Clark when she started volunteering at Best Friends. Three times a year she took business trips took to Las Vegas, Nev, about three hours away from the sanctuary. On one trip, while driving between the Grand Canyon and Bryce Canyon, she noticed the sanctuary sign. She stopped, took the tour, volunteered and was hooked. When she left Kimberly-Clark in 2005 to attend medical school at the University of Wisconsin, the trips became less frequent but she managed to visit Best Friends at least once a year.

"I love going there. It's so beautiful and peaceful there. They know how to treat animals. None of the animals are in small cages. They do everything humanly possible to make their quality of life better."

Animal lover

Bencik has adopted several animals over the years, including three cats and a dog from Best Friends. One of her cats also has a memorial at Angel's Rest, the pet cemetery at the sanctuary. If she could, she'd also adopt Tabitha, a shy Bor-

der Collie mix that she has visited every time she volunteers there.

"Tabitha is my buddy. I make sure to see her every time I'm there," said Bencik. "She doesn't like other animals around so I've never been able to adopt her. But every time I go to the sanctuary I do a dog sleep over. You spend time with them one-on-one for the night."

Bencik was so busy coordinating her wedding guests the day they all volunteered, that she didn't ask to see any specific dogs. Bencik was delighted to discover that Tabitha was the first dog brought out of her run to meet the group.

Bencik hopes to continue volunteering at Best Friends and include her children when they are old enough to participate. Some of her wedding guests have planned a second trip to the sanctuary. Some also donated to Best Friends, raising more than \$1,000 for the organization.

"Spending a week at Best Friends instead of taking a honeymoon and getting married at Angel's Landing was exactly what I wanted."

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A good diet is a good arthritis diet. Nutritional concepts that emphasize a diet balance with fruits, salads, vegetables and small amounts of meat, chicken and fish, are applicable to patients with arthritis as to people in good health or with diabetes.

Popular opinion holds that people with gout need to stay away from seafood and steaks. Such dietary restrictions are rarely required, as medication available today can bring serum uric acid levels down without necessitating stringent mealtime mandates.

Dietary supplements fare little better. The value of glucosamine is overrated, and made more suspect because being unregulated by the government, the amount of glucosamine in each tablet can and does differ from what the label states. In addition, no supplement in the arthritis marketplace has stood up to a test of its claims, and no supplement has a chemical composition that holds promise of acting as an inducer to end inflammation or as an initiator of rapid repair of arthritic joints.

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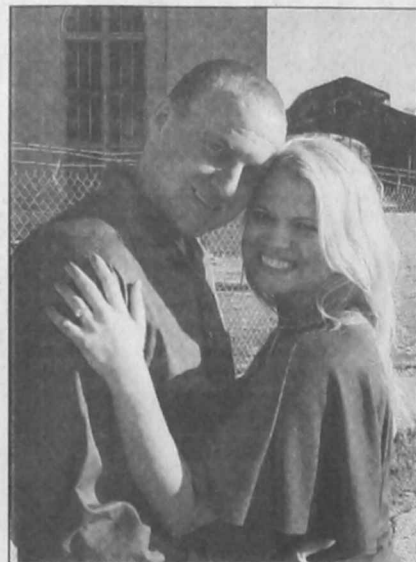
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Milestones



La Bean-Rutkowski

Kellee Renée La Bean and Joseph J. Rutkowski announce their engagement. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Arnold and Sandra La Bean of Westland. Her fiancé is the son of Phillip and Linda Rutkowski of Port Austin. A November 2011 wedding is planned in Plymouth Township.



Madeline Rose Kramer

Madeline Rose Kramer was born Sept. 27, 2011 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, in Livonia. Her proud parents are Joel and Katie Kramer of Livonia. Grandparents are Richard and Katherine Brown of Livonia and Dennis and Diane Kramer of Troy.



Ludwig-Englen

Kevin Ludwig and Emily Ann Englen were married Oct. 15, 2011 at St. Michael's in Wayne. The bride, daughter of James and Shelly Englen of Garden City, is a 2010 graduate of Garden City High School and has attended Schoolcraft College. She is employed at Emagine Theater in Canton. The groom, son of Kris Woolsey of Garden City and John Ludwig of Florida, is a 2010 graduate of Garden City High School. He is a mechanic for the US Army. Katie Englen was the Maid of Honor and Leander Berry was the Best Man. A reception was held at Knights of Columbus in Garden City. The newlyweds plans to make their home in Fort Lewis, Wash.

BLANCHARD, CATHERINE E. Brighton, MI

Her Legacy... Age 85, died November 3, 2011. She was born June 19, 1926 in Detroit, MI, the daughter of Daniel and Sadie (Smith) MacDonald. On December 12, 1945 Catherine married James Blanchard. James preceded her in death January 5, 2003. Catherine spent her life as a devoted wife and loving mother. Her Family... Beloved mother of the late Carol Dillon, John (Tammy) Blanchard of Brighton and Howard (KaTina) Blanchard of Plymouth, dear grandmother of 13 and great-grandmother of 10. Her Farewell... The family will gather with friends Sunday and Monday from 4-8 PM at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel. A Healing Farewell will be held Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Brighton beginning with 9:30 AM visitation followed by 10:30 AM Mass of Christian Burial with Rev. Fr. Karl Pung as Celebrant. Burial will be in Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Rheumatoid Arthritis Foundation of Michigan 1050 Wilshire Drive, Suite 302 Troy, MI 48064-1564. Please leave a Message of Comfort to Catherine's family by calling 877-231-7900 or visit her guestbook at: www.borekjennings.com.

BOGGS, MARGUERITE ROSE "PEGGY" (NEE LATHROP)

Age 87 years, of Farmington 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



DARROCH, ROBERT E ("Bob" or "Boo")

Age 72, of Largo, FL, died Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011, at his home. He was a policeman with the Southfield, Michigan Police Dept. for 25 years, achieving the rank of Lieutenant before retiring in 1993. Bob was an avid biker, who rode wearing the colors of the Blue Knights and the Christian Motorcyclists Association, and with numerous friends and motorcycle enthusiasts. Survivors include his daughter, Rebecca Darroch Dandeker and husband, Anand, of Burtonsville, MD; his sister, Maureen McCarron of Largo, FL and Northampton, MA; his niece, Pam McCarron Graham of Ashfield, MA; and granddaughter. There will be a memorial service on Saturday, Nov. 12, 3:30 p.m. at A Life Tribute Funeral Care, 716 Seminole Blvd., Largo, FL. Visit our online Guestbook at: www.ALifeTribute.com. Written condolences may be mailed to: 6428 Ridge Terrace, #401, Orlando, FL 32810. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to International Families, Inc. of Maryland: www.ifimd.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-grandmother 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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DUGGAN, ROBERT "BOB"

Age 46, of Livonia, MI passed away on November 3, 2011. Loving son of Patrick and Joan Duggan of Livonia. Brother of Michael (Lori Maher), Daniel (Sharlene), James (Stephanie) and Timothy (Albina). Favorite uncle to thirteen nieces and nephews. Duggan was born at St. Mary's Hospital on February 23, 1965 and attended St. Michael's catholic school before going on to Redford Catholic Central (class of 1983). Duggan graduated from Adrian College before heading to Orlando, Florida to pursue an acting career. While in Florida, Duggan secured his real estate license and moved back to Livonia in 2008 after spending 19 years in Florida. His acting career led him back to his home state where he recently appeared in Real Steel. He was a former Livonia Jaycee and active in the Catholic Central and Adrian College Alumni Associations. Duggan had a passion for the city of Detroit and was an avid supporter of all Detroit sports franchises. Viewing will be held on Saturday and Sunday from 4-8 PM at the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home on Five Mile Road (between Merriman Rd and Middlebelt Rd). A funeral mass will be held Monday, November 7 at 9:30 AM at St. Aidan Catholic Church 17500 Farmington Rd Livonia, MI 48152 at 9:30 AM. www.neely-turowski.com.



HOWE, ROBERT "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, Jenny, Jessica, Erin, Emily, Joseph, Tommy, Brad, Chad, and the late Markie and Jon, and 13 great-grandchildren. Robert 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 member 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. Robert 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 Road (1 Block south of Ford Rd) Donation to Angela Hospice. www.santeiufuneralhome.com

KUNZAT, RICHARD

Age 79, of Farmington Hills, MI. Passed away October 28, 2011. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

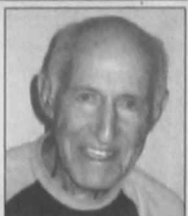
NELSON, ARNOLD F.

November 1, 2011, age 73. Beloved husband of Lois. Loving father of Patricia (Daniel) Corby, Andrew (Julie) Nelson, Rosemary Setser, Edward (Angela) Nelson, Benjamin (Christine) Nelson, Mark Boneff and Matthew (Carol) Nelson. Memorial services were held Saturday at Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, 48150. Contributions may be made to the church or Boys and Girls Town, National Headquarters, 200 Flanagan Boulevard, P.O. Box 6000, Boys Town, NE 68010



NYLAND, JOHN R.

Age 88, of Seneca, SC, passed away October 2nd. Born in Saginaw, he was a retired Executive Vice President of Indian Head Inc., and President of the Metals and Automotive Groups. Prior to that, he was President of Detroit Gasket & Manufacturing, Inc. and Vice President - General Manager of The Holley Carburetor Company. He started his automotive industry career as a Purchasing Agent at Ford. John was a 1958 engineering graduate of Wayne State and a 1970 graduate of the AMP program at Harvard University. A veteran of World War II, John was a Primary Flight Instructor at Orangeburg, SC. A licensed pilot for 65 years, he learned to fly prior to the start of the war, then flew internationally for TWA afterwards. John was an avid private pilot maintaining a commercial pilot rating, and accumulating over 12,000 hours until his last flight in 2006. John was a volunteer firefighter with the Bloomfield Village Fire Department from 1964 to 1984 having served as Chief and Assistant Chief for many years. He enjoyed boating and spending time with family at his vacation home in Lake City, MI and Hilton Head, SC to which he retired in 1984. John is survived by his loving wife of 61 years Dorothy, sons John (Carol) of St. Michaels, MD, Scott (Barbara) of Hockessin, DE, daughters Susan of Travelers Rest, SC, Jill Ischinger (Gene) and Barbara Andrews (Charlie), both of Campobello, SC and grandchildren Kathryn, Andrew and Michael. Funeral services were private. Contributions may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 26 Broadway 14th Floor, New York, NY 10004 or to the Aircraft Owners Pilots Association - Air Safety Foundation, 421 Aviation Way, Frederick, MD 21701



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 Harvard, served in the Navy in WWII, and after the war returned to Harvard for an MBA. He started his business career in textiles in 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 of his life. He had a very active retirement: skiing, playing tennis and bridge, and advising people on their investments. He is survived by three children and six grandchildren who will miss him greatly, along with the wonderful family reunions he arranged.



ROWLAND-BARNER SARAH J. "SALLY"

Age 77 of Fenton (formerly Plymouth) passed away October 24, 2011. Beloved wife of Robert Barner, and the late Robert Rowland. Loving mother of Christine (David) Cope, Debra (James) Tiller, Gail (Christopher) Rink, and Rob (Connie) Rowland. Proud grandmother of eight. Also leaves two sisters, and several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her brother. Visitation was held Thursday 4-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. In state was held Friday until the 11 AM funeral service at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial (west of Sheldon) Plymouth. Interment Lake City Cemetery. To share memories please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

WATTON, SALLY ELLEN (NEE TORPIN)

Born February 20, 1931 in Philadelphia to Richard Torpin III and Margaret Chase. Sally passed away peacefully to join her beloved relatives, friends and "critters" on October 23, 2011 in Rehoboth, DE. She was graduate of Cheltenham High School and Centenary College for Women. Sally successfully embraced a variety of interests and adventures throughout her life with enthusiasm and warmth: daughter, writer/actress, executive's wife, supportive mother, fashion coordinator, and active parishioner at her churches in PA, MI, and lastly, in Lewes, DE. Sally is survived by her loving husband of 59 years, Donald, three children, grandchildren, extended family and many treasured friends. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Sussex County S.P.C.A., Vitas Hospice, or St. Peters Episcopal Church in Lewes, DE. Burial will be private and a beach memorial service will be held in the summer of 2012. Sign the online guest registry at: www.parsellfuneralhomes.com

ZIEL, PATRICIA A.

Age 80, of Canton, formerly of Homer, passed away Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at her daughter's residence. She was born in 1931 to Grandville and Lola Patton in Homer, Michigan. She lived in the Plymouth-Canton area since 1955 as a Homemaker, she attended the Presbyterian Church in Homer, was involved with the Senior Exercise Club, Jackson Trippers and enjoyed homecrafts. Pat is survived by: Daughter - Janice (Glenn) Boyer of Dexter; Son - Jeffrey (Barbara) Ziel of Saginaw; (2) grandchildren - Erica and Natalie Ziel. A Gathering for family and friends will be Saturday, November 5, 2011 from 12:00-1:00 P.M. at the J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home, 208 W. Erie Street, Albion, Michigan 49224. Graveside Service will be held Saturday, November 5, 2011 at 2:00 P.M. at Fairview Cemetery, M Drive South, Homer, Michigan 49245 with Pastor Tim Marvil officiating. Assistance with Memorial Contributions can be made to American Cancer Society is available at the funeral home. www.kevintiddfuneralhome.com



David and Patricia Furman of Farmington

50th wedding anniversary

David and Patricia (Crampton) Furman of Farmington marked their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 28. They were married in 1961 at Redford Presbyterian Church in Redford. The couple have two children, Sheila (Curt) Sigro of Livonia and Rhonda (Scott) Treadwell of Farmington. They also have two grandchildren. David is retired from a

career in the auto industry and enjoys boating. Patricia, retired from a career in retail administration, plays flute in the Farmington Community Band, is a board member of Miss Wayne County Scholarship Pageant and a member of the Michigan Humane Society. They celebrated their milestone anniversary with dinner at Andiamo's Livonia.



David and Patricia Furman on their wedding day in 1961.

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NEW FACES

Three doctors have joined the medical staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. They are:

• **Jennifer A. Gerteisen, DPM**, received a degree in podiatry at Des Moines University College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery, Des Moines, Iowa. She completed her residency at St. John Hospital & Medical Center, Detroit and is a member of the American Podiatric Medical Association, Michigan Podiatric Medical Association, and is an associate of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons. Gerteisen is located at Dr. Kane & Associates, PC, 35210 Nankin Blvd., Suite 301, Westland; (734) 525-2555.



Gerteisen

• **Tamam Mohamad** received his medical degree from Damascus University School of Medicine, in Damascus, Syria. He completed an internal medicine residency and cardiology fellowship at Detroit Medical Center Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit. Mohamad is board certified in internal medicine. He is a member of the American College of Cardiology and American Medical Association.



Mohamad

Dr. Mohamad is located at the Heart & Vascular Institute, PLLC, 4160 John R., Suite 510, Detroit; (313) 993-2577.

• **Nicholas J. Szerlip** received his medical degree from Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, La. He completed a neurosurgery residency at the University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore, Md. Szerlip is a member of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, American Association of Neurological Surgeons, and Society for Neuro-Oncology. He is located at the Wayne State University Physician Group Department of Neurosurgery, 4160 John R., Suite 925, Detroit; (313) 966-5007.



Szerlip

Surgeons offer seminar on joint replacement

The Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer a free educational seminar 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10 in classroom 10 at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia.

One of the hospital's orthopedic surgeons — Ryan Molli or David Mendelson — will be on hand to



Molli

talk about the comprehensive group approach to St.

answer questions and discuss joint pain, joint replacement procedures, and available implant options.

They'll also

Mary Mercy's program, including pre-surgical classes, choosing a personal "coach" to assist through the process, and what to expect post-surgery and discharge from the hospital. The multidisciplinary team approach to care enhances pain management and makes recovery faster while shortening hospital stays.

Other meeting dates are

Wednesday, Nov. 30 in the auditorium and Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012 and Jan. 26, 2012 in classroom 10. All sessions run from 6-8 p.m.

To register, call (734) 655-2400. For more information about physician and hospital services visit www.stmarymercy.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

manage long-term health conditions, 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7-Dec. 12 at American House, 11525 Farmington Road, Livonia. The Personal Action Toward Health (PATH) class is aimed at individuals with chronic health conditions such as arthritis, heart disease, chronic kidney disease, diabetes, bronchitis, asthma, and depression. Workshops are conducted by trained leaders who hold informal, small group discussions and provide easy-to-understand course materials. Facilitators discuss ways to reduce pain and stress, cope with fatigue, use medications wisely, and benefit from physical activity. To register or learn more about this program, call Elizabeth Star at (734) 425-3050.

MAPLEGROVE CENTER

A free public panel discussion will answer the questions and concerns parents and other family members have about young people who may be using drugs or alcohol, 7-9 p.m. Nov. 10 in the Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital Ravitz Atrium, 6777 West Maple, West Bloomfield. Betty Conger, Maplegrove Children and Family Program coordinator, will make the keynote presentation on how to better understand and guide young adults who may be struggling with making healthy, mature decisions. Other panelists include Judge Linda Davis with the Macomb County District Court and Families Against Narcotics; Dawn Kepler, Prevention Network College Program coordinator; Tom Ghena, administrative director of Maplegrove Center; as well as a family in recovery. Register at (248) 661-6170 or mce_cp@hfhs.org.

VITA REDITA DINNER

The ninth annual Vita Redita gala dinner and auction is set for 6 p.m., Nov. 12, at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth. The event raises funds for U-M Transplant Center's research programs, as well as programs to assist patients in need, organ donation initiatives, and Camp Michitanki, an annual program that sends more than 60 pediatric

transplant recipients to a week-long summer camp in Northern Michigan. Michigan State Rep. Kevin Daley, (R-Lum) will be the keynote speaker. Daley's son died in a car accident this year and his organs were donated to help save others. Vita Redita — which means "life restored," will include a strolling dinner, premium bar with signature cocktails, desserts, valet parking and an auction on such items as a private plane trip and original works of art. Tickets are \$175 per person. Call (734) 232-0594 or e-mail to vitaredita@umich.edu.

December

ST. MARY MERCY

The Michigan Bariatric Institute at St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers free monthly educational seminars, 6-7:30 p.m. in the hospital's auditorium. Dr. Tallal Zeni, director of minimally invasive and bariatric surgery and Dr. Jacob Roberts, bariatric surgeon, present information about laparoscopic bariatric surgery. The next session is Dec. 1. For information, call the Michigan Bariatric Institute at (877) Why-Weight. It's located at 14555 Levan, Suite 311, in the Marian Professional Building, Livonia.

Ongoing

AQUATIC CLASSES

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 10-11 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

THANK YOU! TO OUR SPONSORS!

Without question, Westland's First Annual Blues Brews and BBQ was a hit! With something for everyone, all who attended said they had a good time and look forward to even more fun next year.

The success of this event is directly due to the support of our sponsors, vendors and attendees. Blues Brews and BBQ is sure to become one of our All American City's signature events.

The proceeds were donated to local non-profit organizations from the community that volunteered their time to run the day's activities. Over 110 volunteers from 9 different organizations played an integral part in making this first time event one that will be talked about for years to come.

Mark your calendar next year's event will be held over a two day period, **September 15 and 16, 2012**. We look forward to seeing you there!

2011 FINANCIAL SUMMARY TO THE COMMUNITY

Sponsorship Income:	\$33,950.00
Ticket Income:	\$14,743.76
Total Income=	\$48,693.76
Expenses:	\$33,100.69
Event Profit:	\$15,593.07

Donations Made to Local Non-Profit Organizations

Warm Hearts	\$250
Westland Grange #339	\$250
Westland Historical Commission	\$500
Westland Goodfellows	\$1,000
Westland Rotary	\$1,000
Westland Lions	\$1,000
Westland Civitans	\$1,000
Westland Community Foundation	\$1,000
Westland Chamber of Commerce	\$4,500
Total Amount Donated	\$10,500

Net Reserve Balance for
2012 Blues Brews & BBQ: \$5,093.07



BBB Breakdown

Advertisement/Promotion

print ads	\$2,816.00
radio ads	\$2,250.00
posters	\$1,190.00
logo design	\$ 90.00
banners/signage	\$2,037.52

Entertainment	
bands	\$1,700.00
stage/sound	\$3,215.00

Rentals	
tables/chairs/tents	\$2,529.06
restrooms	\$1,120.00

Kids Zone	
crafts/punch cards	\$ 550.12
bouncers/entertainment	\$1,040.00
tents	\$ 211.98

Fencing	
fencing/poles	\$1,536.84
labor	\$1,000.00

Misc.	
payout to restaurants	\$6,790.70
payout to Saranda's	\$ 130.90
insurance/license	\$ 743.00
shirts	\$1,758.00
souvenirs	\$1,235.56
tickets	\$ 419.55
pop	\$ 209.40
id bands	\$ 147.45
table cloths	\$ 127.83
bank fees	\$ 102.62
planning meeting	\$ 9.68
credit card processing	\$ 139.48

Total \$33,100.69



Pre-Season Party

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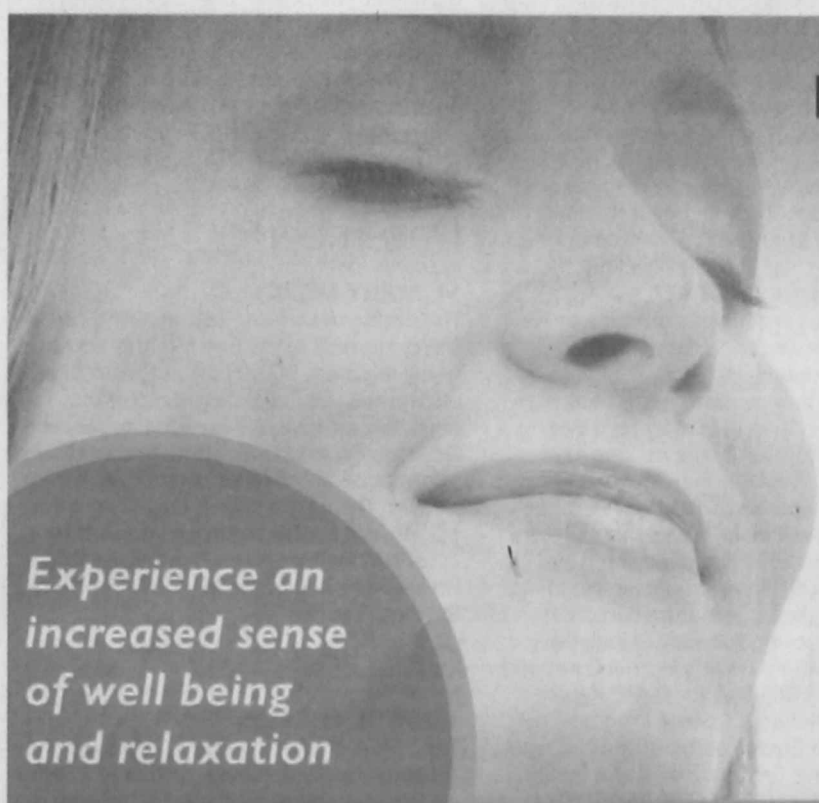
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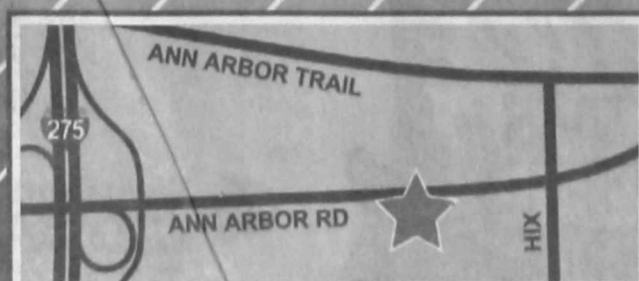
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Do Background Check On Potential Employer

Alina Dizik Special to CareerBuilder

Job seekers aren't the only ones who should undergo a lengthy background check; it's important that candidates research the company, too. Anything from pending lawsuits, bankruptcies or layoffs can be enough to raise a red flag. It's important to understand what you're getting into before accepting any position. Doing background research also will help you ask all the right questions during an interview and impress hiring managers. Not sure where to start when it comes to researching the company?

Here's how to conduct your own background check on a potential employer:

Check the finances
"Always look at the financial stability of the company," says Jonny Laurent, vice president and general manager of Sage Employer Solutions, a recruiting firm. While it may be difficult to find specific information for a private company, it's important to try. Do online research, search local news sources and ask former or current employees -- do some quick digging to make sure your employer is viable. When companies experience important financial events like bankruptcies, there's a greater chance you'll be able

to find out about them and track results.

Gauge the company culture
Speaking to current or former employees can help you understand whether you're a cultural fit with the company before you take the job. If you're not comfortable with areas of a company's culture, it can hurt your career. For example, a place that prizes cutthroat tactics to get ahead may be the wrong fit for someone who is looking for a team-oriented environment. "Find people in your network or close to your network who do work or have worked for them and start a dialogue," says Laurent, who suggests LinkedIn as a good start.

"Unless there is overwhelming evidence that the company is a bad fit, do not sell the company short and still interview, but now you can interview with open eyes."

Check its problem-solving record

The way a company approaches problems can be a good indicator of whether you'd want to work there and how the company treats its workforce. Before taking a job, find out "what has been the company's greatest challenge over the past year and how have they approached and solved the problem," says Jayne Mattson, senior vice president of Keystone Associates, a career management company with offices in New England. In a weak economy, it can be especially telling to see how a company has dealt with tough times. For example, if it's been able to grow an area of its business -- and you're being hired for a new position -- it can be a sign of good leadership.

Additionally, try to find out who had your job previously, why she left and where she went. Knowing your career options after you're ready to move jobs can be a good way to gauge fit.

If you have any lingering questions, don't be afraid to speak up when talking with the recruiter or during an interview with the company. Not only will it help calm your anxiety, but it'll show hiring managers that you've done your homework and understand the company. A background search "will help you and the company make sure the role is going to be a good fit for both of you," Mattson says. "Ask questions that will get to the heart of what you are trying to understand, so you will make the right career decision."

Alina Dizik researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues for CareerBuilder. Follow @Careerbuilder on Twitter.



Track layoffs and career progression

For most people, the biggest fear once they take on a new job is a layoff. And while that risk can't be entirely prevented, it's good to understand a company's track record. If the company has had multiple rounds of layoffs, it pays to be more careful when taking the role.

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out, monies, travel, versatile. I am a
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spond. LTR #231203

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smoker, outgoing, romantic, like
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cycles, weekend getaway, camping,
mountain peaks, quiet nights at
home. Looking for a decent 30-40,
5-6, weight proportionate to height,
polite, fun-loving, for friendship
first leading to serious LTR. Please no
game. LTR #231204

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polite, fun-loving, for friendship
first leading to serious LTR. Please no
game. LTR #231207

SEEKS HONEST RELATIONSHIP
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game. LTR #231208

LET'S MEET
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first leading to serious LTR. Please no
game. LTR #231210

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cycles, weekend getaway, camping,
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polite, fun-loving, for friendship
first leading to serious LTR. Please no
game. LTR #231211

NO GAMES PLEASE
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first leading to serious LTR. Please no
game. LTR #231212

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first leading to serious LTR. Please no
game. LTR #231214

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cycles, weekend getaway, camping,
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first leading to serious LTR. Please no
game. LTR #231215

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5-6, weight proportionate to height,
polite, fun-loving, for friendship
first leading to serious LTR. Please no
game. LTR #231216

LET'S HAVE FUN
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cycles, weekend getaway, camping,
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polite, fun-loving, for friendship
first leading to serious LTR. Please no
game. LTR #231217

CUTE FELLOW
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polite, fun-loving, for friendship
first leading to serious LTR. Please no
game. LTR #231218

LET'S CHILL TOGETHER
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polite, fun-loving, for friendship
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game. LTR #231219

SEEKS A REAL LADY
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first leading to serious LTR. Please no
game. LTR #231220

MOVED TO THE WEST SIDE
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cycles, weekend getaway, camping,
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polite, fun-loving, for friendship
first leading to serious LTR. Please no
game. LTR #231221

FRIENDS FIRST OK?
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cycles, weekend getaway, camping,
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5-6, weight proportionate to height,
polite, fun-loving, for friendship
first leading to serious LTR. Please no
game. LTR #231222

SEEKS A FUN LADY
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cycles, weekend getaway, camping,
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polite, fun-loving, for friendship
first leading to serious LTR. Please no
game. LTR #231223

SEEKS WIFE ONLY
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cycles, weekend getaway, camping,
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5-6, weight proportionate to height,
polite, fun-loving, for friendship
first leading to serious LTR. Please no
game. LTR #231224

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC
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cycles, weekend getaway, camping,
mountain peaks, quiet nights at
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5-6, weight proportionate to height,
polite, fun-loving, for friendship
first leading to serious LTR. Please no
game. LTR #231225

LOOK NO FURTHER
SWM, 44, 5'11", 180lbs, brown hair,
smoker, outgoing, romantic, like
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cycles, weekend getaway, camping,
mountain peaks, quiet nights at
home. Looking for a decent 30-40,
5-6, weight proportionate to height,
polite, fun-loving, for friendship
first leading to serious LTR. Please no
game. LTR #231226

WEDDING BELL?
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music, art, movies, dancing, motor-
cycles, weekend getaway, camping,
mountain peaks, quiet nights at
home. Looking for a decent 30-40,
5-6, weight proportionate to height,
polite, fun-loving, for friendship
first leading to serious LTR. Please no
game. LTR #231227

SEEKS A LATINA WOMAN
SWM, 44, 5'11", 180lbs, brown hair,
smoker, outgoing, romantic, like
music, art, movies, dancing, motor-
cycles, weekend getaway, camping,
mountain peaks, quiet nights at
home. Looking for a decent 30-40,
5-6, weight proportionate to height,
polite, fun-loving, for friendship
first leading to serious LTR. Please no
game. LTR #231228

LOVE DOES NOT GIVE UP
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smoker, outgoing, romantic, like
music, art, movies, dancing, motor-
cycles, weekend getaway, camping,
mountain peaks, quiet nights at
home. Looking for a decent 30-40,
5-6, weight proportionate to height,
polite, fun-loving, for friendship
first leading to serious LTR. Please no
game. LTR #231229

LET'S ROCK IT!
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cycles, weekend getaway, camping,
mountain peaks, quiet nights at
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