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'Dash' dashes

James Larson-Shidler, affectionately dubbed "Dash" by friends and his colleagues at Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, will leave his job as the district's assistant superintendent for business services at the end of the month.



Larson-Shidler, who came to Plymouth-Canton from the Cleveland

Municipal Schools district in July 2008, becomes the deputy superintendent for administrative and business services for the Wayne-Westland district Dec. 1.

Dave Kaumeyer, Plymouth-Canton's finance director, is also leaving to become the executive director of finance for Wayne-Westland. Kaumeyer's stint in Plymouth-Canton also ends at the end of the month.

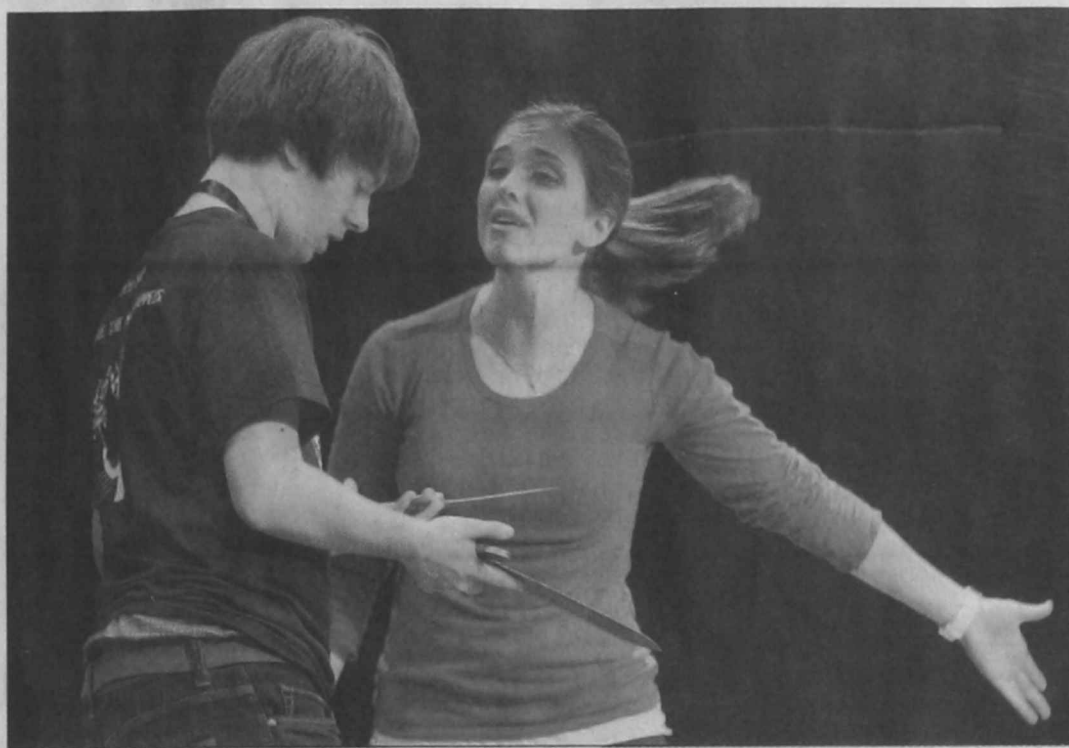
Larson-Shidler said the chance to also head up Wayne-Westland's operations departments was a draw.

"I wanted to do operations, and that's not part of the job here," he said. "This is an exciting opportunity for me."

Turkey trot

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

Turkeys can be donated 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Nov. 21 at the Salvation Army headquarters, 9451 S. Main in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-5464.



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Lady Macbeth (Becca Levergood) and Macbeth (Matt Whitehead) argue over the daggers.

The dark side

Park Players tackle Shakespeare tragedy

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Because students read *Romeo and Juliet* in freshman English classes, they tend to think of William Shakespeare as being a romantic.

Johnathan Rase wanted to shake that opinion up a bit.

That's why the Park Players director decided to put on *Macbeth*, which the troupe brings to the stage at Salem High School's Gloria Logan Auditorium Friday and Saturday.

"While (*Romeo and Juliet*) is beautiful, I wanted to give the students the opportunity to see a darker side of Shakespeare," Rase said. "*Macbeth* has always been one of my favorites. We often get to see what it takes to be a hero. Not nearly as often do we get the warning of how quickly one can become a villain."

Macbeth tells the story of a general, played by Canton High School junior Matt Whitehead, who receives a prophecy from a few witches that he's going to become king. The promotion is not coming quickly enough to please his ambitious wife,



Director Johnathan Rase speaks with the cast after a recent rehearsal. The *Macbeth* production includes 36 cast members and more than 20 students on the production crew.

TAKING THE STAGE

What: Park Players production of Shakespeare's 'Macbeth'
When: 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18; 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19.
Where: Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School, 46181 Joy in Canton
Tickets: \$10

played by Plymouth High School senior Becca Levergood. Murders and assassinations fill *Macbeth's* future, and the once-noble man becomes a monster.

Stepping into the mon-

ster's shoes is a challenge embraced by Whitehead. "Playing *Macbeth* is a really unique opportunity," said Whitehead, a Canton resident

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Gunshots erupt outside Canton sports center

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A fight erupted Sunday evening inside High Velocity Sports and led to allegations that one suspect pulled a .40-caliber semiautomatic handgun from a backpack, firing two shots in the air after he exited the popular sports center on Michigan Avenue west of Belleville Road, Canton police said.

No one was wounded, and Canton police took a 19-year-old suspect into custody after rushing to the scene of the 7:30 p.m. incident, Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said.

Facility manager Darren VanHevel said heightened security measures have been implemented following the isolated incident.

The dispute erupted between two opposing teams of friends playing basketball inside High Velocity, a sports facility in Canton's Victory Park.

"We took reports alleging there was a skirmish between two basketball teams of young adults," Schreiner said. "One of the players allegedly went to a backpack, pulled out a handgun and wielded it in a show of intimidation."

The same suspect, believed to be a Westland resident, ran outside and allegedly fired two shots in the air before tossing the gun into the trunk of a vehicle, Schreiner said.

Police officers rushed to High Velocity, took the suspect into custody and confiscated the gun, which police believe the young man was carrying illegally.

"He had no permit to possess any kind of a handgun," Schreiner said.

The incident was being reviewed for possible charges by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

"The Canton police should be commended for responding quickly and effectively to this incident without anybody getting hurt," Schreiner said. "I'm glad our officers were there to stop it before it got any worse."

VanHevel, meanwhile, said High Velocity has a "zero tolerance" for violence and weapons inside a facility where youngsters play basketball, indoor soccer, flag football, dodge ball and volleyball.

"We're a very family-oriented facility," he said.

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District ahead of bullying legislation

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

The state House last week approved a bill requiring school districts to create and apply a policy prohibiting bullying and harassment.

In Plymouth-Canton, administrators are basically saying, "Welcome aboard."

The district has had its anti-bullying policy in place since 2006, officials said, and it calls any sort of bullying behavior "strictly prohibited."

"We spend a lot of time on it," West Middle School Principal Clint Smiley said. "We deal with it educationally. We want to make sure we deal with it appropriately."

The House bill, which now heads over to the Senate for its consideration, requires schools to come up with a plan within six months, and encourages schools to include provisions concerning education, parental involvement, reporting, investigating and intervention.

The House legislation does not

include any of the provisions of the Senate's earlier proposal, which drew fire for religious exemptions to otherwise prohibited conduct.

"This is thoughtful legislation that requires schools to do the most they can to prevent the serious threat of bullying," said state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, the parent of two children in the Plymouth-Canton School District. "I know bullying legislation has been a longstanding item of concern for parents, teachers and students in the

school districts I represent in Lansing. The version I supported in the House covers all forms of bullying. It provides no categories of bullying and no exemptions or exceptions."

Out in front

Plymouth-Canton officials said they already make no distinctions, and said they use a variety of tactics to deal with it.

"The schools all do it a little differently," said Frank Ruggiere.

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THANKSGIVING TROT

Date/Time: Thursday, Nov. 24, 8:30 p.m.
Location: Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton

Details: Start Thanksgiving Day off on the right foot and make a preemptive strike against Thanksgiving weight gain by running or walking in Canton's ninth annual Turkey Trot. Entry fees are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 11 and under. Event day registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Summit Banquet Room. Participants can register online at <http://csc.canton-mi.org> now through Nov. 20. Register by November 16th to receive a commemorative T-Shirt.

Contact: For more information, visit <http://csc.canton-mi.org> or call the Canton Sports Center at 734/483-5600.

HOLIDAY ARTS AND CRAFTS

Date/Time: Saturday, Nov. 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck Road, Canton

Details: The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters host the annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Ensemble, a juried art and craft exhibition. Exhibitors include makers of handcrafted jewelry, season holiday gifts, floral arrangements, purses, wood crafts, glass works, clothing and linens, paintings, painted glass ornaments and more. There will also be food, baked goods, door prizes, a raffle and entertainment. Admission is \$2.

Contact: (734) 454-9052.

AAUW HOLIDAY PARTY

Date/Time: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 8

Location: Hoben Elementary School (Saltz between Sheldon and Canton Center)

Details: The Plymouth-Canton branch of the American



Magic and music

'Laughter on the Night After,' a night of comedy, magic and music, takes place Friday, Nov. 25, at 8 p.m. at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. The all-ages show stars Detroit comedian Billy Ray Bauer, England magician Keith Fields and the George Brothers Band. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Great Lakes Burn Camp. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors and children under 18, and can be purchased at the box office or by calling (734) 394-5460.

Association of University Women hosts its holiday party. Please bring a pound of something to share, such as coffee, flour, cookies, etc. and put it in holiday wrapping. Everyone will have a chance to bid on it with proceeds going to the AAUW Legal Advocacy fund. There will also be a monetary collection for First Step. Appetizers and desserts will be served. Please come and join us!

Contact: For more information contact Becky Copenhagen at bcopenhagen@yahoo.com or (734) 981-6023.

MOPS MEETINGS

Date/Time: First-third Fridays, 9:15-11:30 a.m.

Location: St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Hagerty, Plymouth

Details: The St. Edith/St. Kenneth Catholic Parishes' Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group invites all mothers with children aged newborn through kindergarten to join. The group provides the encouragement, nurturing, and support and features a schedule of activities that include speakers, crafts, and group discussions.

Contact: Heather at (734) 437-9517 or e-mail stekmops@gmail.com, or visit www.stekmops.org

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CRAFTERS WANTED

Date/Time: Saturday, Dec. 3, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: St. Thomas a'Becket Church, Canton

Contact: All interested crafters e-mail craftshow@abecket.org

Details: St. Thomas a'Becket Church is accepting applications for crafters for their Christmas Craft Show (home-made crafts only, please).

HEALING HEARTS

Date/Time: Second and fourth Monday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland

Details: Grief support group for adults who have lost a loved one to the prison system. Hope 4 Healing Hearts, Inc., provides a safe environment allowing members to share in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Individuals share ideas, resources and experiences that are helpful to one another.

Contact: For more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237, bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com or visit www.hope4healinghearts.com.

Canton man faces prelim on U-M charges

University of Michigan Police Saturday arrested a man in connection with the Oct. 30 sexual assault at East Quad. He also is being charged in several other incidents on campus.

Adam Hester, 24, of Canton was arraigned Monday on nine charges, including three felonies, three high court misdemeanors and three misdemeanors. According to information on the U-M Police website, Hester remains in jail on \$100,000 cash bond. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for Nov. 23.

According to the website, Hester was charged with:

- Receiving and Concealing stolen property \$1,000 or more but less than \$20,000, a felony that carries a possible five years in jail and/or \$10,000 or three times the value of the property) in connection with possessing a laptop computer



Hester

er that had been reported stolen Oct. 20, 2010, from the Computer Science and Engineering building.

- Capturing an Image of an unclothed person, a felony that carries a five-year and/or \$5,000 fine in connection with pictures he possessed of a person in a campus building bathroom stall.
- Assaulting/Resisting/Obstructing a Police Officer, a two-year, \$2,000 felony, in connection with resisting arrest Nov. 11-12.

• Two counts of Aggravated Indecent Exposure, a high court misdemeanor.

• Criminal Sexual Conduct 4th degree, a high court misdemeanor, in connection with an Oct. 30 incident in East

Quadrangle residence hall.

• Receiving and Concealing stolen property \$200 or more but less than \$1,000, a misdemeanor, in connection with possessing an iPod that was reported stolen March 14 from Weill Hall.

• Indecent Exposure, a misdemeanor, in connection with an incident in Hatcher Graduate Library perhaps in early October 2011.

• Misdemeanor Assault in connection with grabbing a student Nov. 11 in Angell Hall.

According to information posted by U-M police, each of the indecent exposure counts has a sentencing enhancement added to it for a Sexually Delinquent Person, which has an additional penalty of one day to life.

The criminal investigation by University Police is continuing.

Concert celebrates four seasons

Join the Sounds of Canton as they perform "Magic of Michigan" Fall Concerts on Friday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 19, at 2 p.m., at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

The singers will take the audience on a musical journey with songs featuring the four seasons and all of the favorites that illustrate the beauty of Michigan.

Enjoy these oldies but goodies including "I Have a Gal in Kalamazoo," "Take Me Out to The Ballgame," "Sweetheart of Sigma Chi" and more.

Tickets are \$10 for adults. Seniors and students can attend for \$8 per ticket. Group sales for 15 or more people are \$8 per ticket. Purchase tickets at www.cantonvillageconcert.com or call (734) 394-5460.

The Sounds of Canton singers welcome anyone 55 and older with a love of music to join their talented volunteer group. They often sing for fellow Senior Clubs, nursing homes, community clubs and school groups throughout the Detroit Metropolitan Area.

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Sheldon Center on track for end-of-year finish

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Smooth: It's a word no sane motorist would once have used to describe a former car-rattling section of road where Sheldon Center curves off from Canton Center as it stretches north to Joy Road.

Smooth. It's now the only description that fits a once-crumbling, two-lane road that construction crews have reconstructed and widened to five lanes.

Call it Canton's miracle mile — as in, local residents and business owners once would have considered it a miracle if it got fixed.

Claymore Drive resident Chris Joiner last February described the Sheldon Center/Sheldon corridor as "in horrible condition."

What a difference a construction season makes.

Canton Township Engineer Bill Serchak said Florence Cement Co. expects to finish the bulk of the nearly \$5 million road project by year's end.

"I think it will make a big difference in the north-south traffic," Serchak said.

No doubt. Drivers who use the road once feared blowing out a tire every time they dared to travel it. Then came construction work that brought its own share of hassles.

But a drive along the Sheldon Center/Sheldon corridor now finds the road arguably among Canton's best, though to



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The road is smooth again, as far as the eye can see.



There are still lots of orange barrels, but a lot fewer potholes on the Sheldon Center connector.

be sure work crews still have finishing touches to complete.

Steve Lampton, project manager with Florence Cement of Shelby Township, said work crews still have to finish a connector between Sheldon Center and Sheldon that, for the most part, is being widened from two lanes to three and reconfigured to

ease traffic flow.

Lampton also said a small section of old Sheldon, just south of where it intersects with Sheldon Center, still has to be eliminated to provide green space.

Those two work projects are expected to be completed soon, leaving only restoration and possibly some sidewalk work

for next spring.

Township and company officials once had predicted the Sheldon Center/Sheldon project could take two full construction seasons, rather than one.

Still, Lampton said heavy rains in April and May, then again in September and October, slowed work crews who had hoped to complete the entire project, including restoration, by year's end.

"Had that not happened," Lampton said, "we probably could have gotten 100 percent of the work done this year."

Yet there it is, five lanes of newly reconstructed Sheldon Center/Sheldon Road. No more car-jarring craters. No more dodging potholes to avoid vehicle damage.

Smooth. "Overall," Lampton said, "we're happy with it."

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District survey will aid facilities study

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

With a dwindling elementary school population and student counts shifting at other levels, Plymouth-Canton school officials have begun the process of determining how best to optimize the 2.5 million square feet of educational space that exists in the district's 26 buildings.

And they're looking for help figuring it out.

By week's end, working with Plante Moran CRESA, the firm the district hired to help with its facilities study, Plymouth-Canton officials will post a survey designed to determine what the community thinks about ways to best utilize district facilities.

With the likelihood of having to offer all-day kindergarten, and the desire to offer other new programs to students, district officials are looking to determine the kinds of things the community might support.

"We could use phone calls or an e-mail fan-out to get to our parents, but we're looking for opinions from everybody, not just parents in the district," said Phil Freeman, assistant superintendent for facilities and operations. "We want as many opinions as possible to best optimize the use of our facilities not just for the programs we're offering now, but for what we might offer in

the future."

The district will form committees to help with the facilities study. A steering committee made up of administrators, parents and board members, among others, will do the actual work of the study, while an advisory committee made up of an administrator, parent and teacher from each building will craft the big picture, Freeman said.

Enrollment projections offered by CRE-SA show student totals dropping steadily through 2016, according to Paul Wills of Plante Moran. At the moment, some 85 percent of the school-age children in the Plymouth-Canton community are enrolled in Plymouth-Canton schools, Wills told board members Tuesday.

Those enrollment projections, he said, would help the board determine where to go next, whether it's closing a school, repurposing a building or some other solution.

"We'll really start looking at the things the district should be looking at," Wills said.

Freeman said the district has no advance ideas about the kinds of options they'll be viewing at the end of the study.

The survey will be available on the district's website at www.pccs.k12.mi.us

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CRIME WATCH

Purse snatched

A woman told police her mother was robbed of her purse while the two were walking along Stacy, northeast of Palmer and Haggerty, shortly before 10 p.m. Nov. 8.

The woman said she was on a sidewalk near a parking lot when a suspect approached her, pushed her into her mother — causing them to lose balance — and grabbed her mother's purse from her shoulder.

An attempt was made to pull the purse away from the assailant, but he yanked it away and fled.

The woman described the suspect as a black male, about 20 years old, 5-foot-11 with a thin build and short hair. He was clean shaven and wore a brown T-shirt and blue jeans.

The stolen purse contained a wallet, a driver's license, credit cards, \$28 in cash and other items.

Stabbing reported

Canton police were investigating a reported stabbing that occurred about 8 p.m. last Thursday in the 8028 area of Brookepark, in Stonybrooke Apartments southwest of Joy Road and I-275.

Police went to the complex after receiving reports that a man had been stabbed. He was found bleeding from his chest and sitting in a blue Chevrolet Corsica, with his girlfriend standing near him.

The man initially told police another man had approached him and stabbed him while he was putting garbage in a Dumpster. However, neighbors told police they had heard the man and his girlfriend arguing earlier, as they apparently have done on numerous occasions, according to a police report.

Police found a steak knife inside the apartment that apparently had been used in the stabbing. The case was under investigation.

Drug arrest

Canton police reportedly took a man into custody shortly before 5 p.m. Nov. 9 after learning he had heroin and drug paraphernalia on him near Cherry Hill and Haggerty.

The arrest happened after police stopped the male motorist who was believed to be wanted for a larceny case. During questioning, the man reportedly told police he was a recovering drug addict but had started using again. The man had a spoon in his car that he had just used for heroin. Police also reportedly found needles in his pocket and a small piece of paper that appeared to contain heroin.

The man also had a felony warrant out of Livonia for an unrelated incident.

Not ecstatic

Canton police arrested a man after they reportedly found "ecstasy" pills and marijuana on him after stopping to question him while he was walking west on Michigan Avenue near Hannan. The incident happened shortly before 5 p.m. Friday.

Police questioned the man because he was reportedly acting suspiciously. Officers also learned he had a traffic warrant out of Ypsilanti.

The man denied knowing he had ecstasy in his pants pocket. He said he had borrowed the pants from a friend.

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

Sergeant graduates from command school

Canton Police Sgt. Robert Smedley successfully completed Eastern Michigan University's Police Staff and Command Class #27, consisting of 44 command officers from police departments around the state.

Smedley has been with the department for 20 years, and is currently



Smedley

assigned to the Patrol Division as a shift supervisor.

EMU's Police Staff and Command School is held 40-

hours per week, once a month, for 10 months. This extensive training program is focused on the management, planning, analysis and administration of police departments and their personnel.

The school is a combination of both lectures and hands-on activities,

with much of the training focused around group decision-making.

Police Staff and Command School is mandatory for all of Canton's command officers, and is a component of the ongoing training Canton police officers participate in on a regular basis.

Injured pedestrian remains in critical condition

By Darrell Clem
 Observer Staff Writer

Canton police have confirmed the identity of a male pedestrian who was struck by a minivan last Thursday on bustling Ford Road as Joseph Alan Fluker, 53, of Walled Lake.

Fluker remains in critical condition in a hospital

after he was struck while crossing Ford Road east of Haggerty on foot, along a stretch of road that local officials have long said is among the state's most accident-prone.

It wasn't clear why Fluker was crossing Ford Road on foot.

He suffered multiple injuries following an accident that occurred about

6:30 p.m.

Canton Detective Tim Wright has said Fluker was an estimated 40 yards east of a crosswalk when he was hit by the minivan.

Authorities have said the driver, a 64-year-old Inkster woman, didn't appear to have been at fault.

The Canton Police Department's Acci-

dent Investigation Team closed traffic along East Ford Road as they investigated the accident.

Authorities have urged pedestrians always to use crosswalks and to cross only when they have the right of way and after all traffic has stopped.

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Police increase shopping center patrols

Canton Police Department will be increasing its patrols at local shopping centers and stores beginning Friday, Nov. 25 through Dec. 24.

In addition to regular patrols, police officers will utilize bicycles and semi-marked patrol cars to maintain high visibility in parking lots and store fronts in an attempt to deter criminal activity.

Shoppers are reminded to stay alert while in stores and parking lots.

"It's easy to get distracted while shopping during the holi-

days," said Special Services Lieutenant Todd Mutchler. "To decrease your odds of becoming a victim, you should be aware of your surroundings and your belongings at all times."

The following basic safety precautions are being offered to shoppers:

- Coordinate shopping trips with a friend. Never park in an unlit area, no matter how convenient it is.
- Don't leave your purse unattended in a shopping cart.
- Lock your packages

es and bags in your vehicle's trunk. Keep your doors locked and windows closed.

• Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay for purchases with a check, credit or debit card when possible.

• To discourage purse snatchers, don't overburden yourself with packages. Make several smaller trips back to your vehicle.

• Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Avoid carrying a purse if possible, and keep your wallet in an inside jacket pocket.

• Teach children to go to a store clerk or security guard to ask for help if they become separated from you.

They should never go to the parking lot alone.

• If you feel you're being followed or watched in a parking lot, go back inside the store and ask for security.

Canton Police Department encourages everyone to practice safe shopping habits this holiday season. Additional holiday safety tips are available on the department's website at www.canton-publicsafety.org.

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Chamber moves to search mode

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Putting her retirement on hold, former Canton Chamber of Commerce President Dianne Cojei has agreed to return as interim president until a chamber search team finds a successor to Tracey Rettig, who departed the job Friday after a 10-month stint.

"It's definitely interim," Cojei said Monday evening.

Cojei said she and the chamber's former business manager, Joane Keisel, agreed to lead the

chamber while a search team — for the second time in as many years — seeks a new president. Cojei retired last December after she led the chamber for 10 years.

Cojei accepted the interim job while the search team seeks to fill a job advertised on the chamber's website as paying \$50,000 to \$60,000 plus benefits.

Marty Heator, who chairs the chamber board of directors, confirmed Monday afternoon that Cojei would serve as interim president.

"The chamber's board

of directors greatly appreciates Dianne's willingness to step out of retirement and help the chamber through this important transition," Heator said.

The process to hire Rettig's successor already has begun, with an application deadline of Nov. 30. As her reasons for leaving, Rettig cited increased family respon-



Cojei



Rettig

Lawrence Technological University.

Rettig had faced a sometimes-rocky stint as chamber president. Though she had her share of supporters, some chamber members also had openly criticized her leadership.

The chamber office also has lost its member relations employee, Thomas Paden, who recently left to accept another job.

Heator said chamber board members have

sibilities and her decision to pursue a master's degree in business administration from

helped amid the changes.

"Board members have really stepped up by helping with various tasks during the transition," Heator said. "But we need that steady presence in the office, and Dianne provides that. We are fortunate to have her filling that role."

It wasn't clear how quickly Rettig's successor might be hired. When Cojei retired last December 2010, the board arranged for Rettig to start her job in early January.

Cojei has said she agreed to serve as interim president only because she knew the chamber board members needed help.

"I'd like to help them get through the transi-

tion," she said, though she ruled out returning to the job full time.

Heator announced that Kim Scartelli, 2012 board chair-elect, will chair the chamber search team. She will be assisted by chamber board members Bill Springer, Linda Stansell, Denise Staffeld and Judy Wetmore, and chamber member representatives Cojei, Sally Bailey, Bob Carrigan and Todd LaJoy.

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Library steps up to help diaper drive

By Darrell Clem
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Marybeth Levine continues to collect diapers as part of her fall campaign for the Detroit Area Diaper Bank.

Davis said. "Many of our patrons are young families and the elderly, and we are sensitive to their needs. The lack of clean diapers is a barrier to early literacy for babies and toddlers and causes otherwise healthy seniors to become homebound and isolated."

Levine's nonprofit Detroit Area Diaper Bank has distributed 650,212 diapers to scores of non-profits, charities and social service agencies since April 2009, drawing praise from organizations such as Starfish Family Services, The Salvation Army Plymouth and Wayne-Westland Corps, First Step domestic violence shelters and numerous others across south-east Michigan.

The library's Stuff the Truck campaign has become the diaper bank's premier fall campaign event, though many other organizations and local businesses also help Levine. She houses diapers in a storage unit and arranges to distribute them across the area.

"It's a constant need that affects so many of our neighbors in need," Levine said. "Every dollar and every diaper makes a difference."

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GUNSHOTS

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VanHevel cited several security measures in the wake of the incident:

- Employees have tightened their security measures inside the facility, including the basketball courts.
- The staff has begun

to more aggressively enforce rules requiring players to pay \$7 and get a wristband before they are allowed on the court. VanHevel said some players had begun to sneak onto the court before their turn.

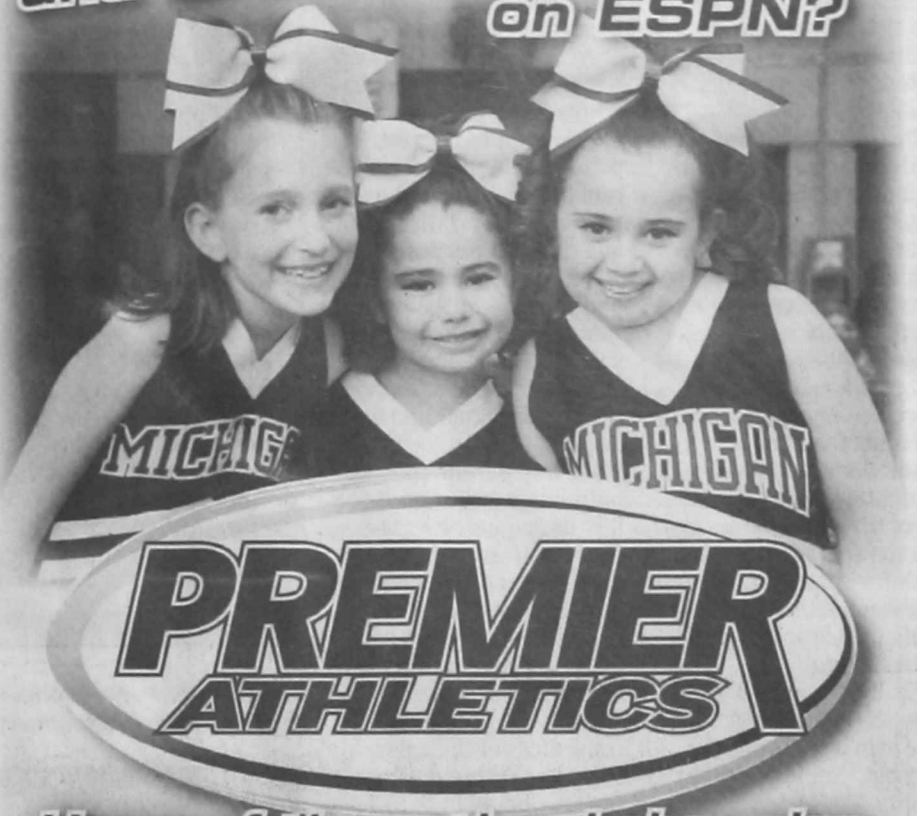
- High Velocity hopes to work with Canton police to beef up periodic patrols at the facility.
- Employees have

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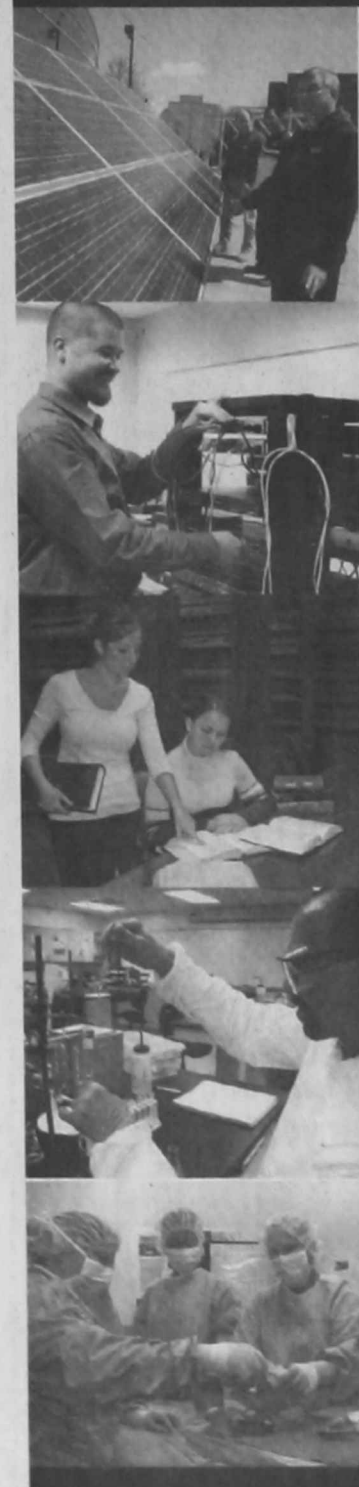


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BULLYING

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llo, the district's director of community relations. "But they're all getting out that same message: Bullying is unacceptable, and there are consequences."

District officials say bullying is no longer limited to what happens physically between students on school grounds. It has moved, they say, into cyberspace, where social media such as texting and sites such as Facebook and MySpace have become breeding grounds for attacks.

Smaller students who might be afraid to confront bigger students in person find more comfort in defending themselves, or even instigating bullying of their own, in the cyber world.

"Bullying situations can begin on social media, and then it spills into the schools," Smiley said. "In reality, kids watch all the exciting things going on on television, but their own lives are relatively boring. They follow the same routine every day. So if a kid has a chance to spice things up, sometimes they're going to take it."

One of the things teachers did at West Middle School is establish a "bully box," an anonymous means for students to report transgressions.

Constant vigilance

Smiley said teachers check the box — and find notes from students — every day.

"Kids don't like to be tattletales," Smiley said. "We check the box every day, and find out all kinds of things — who might be bullying, 'hot spots' in the school where it might be happening. It's a tremendous source of information."

The district puts on a variety of forums, meetings and exercises to combat the bullying that goes on in the schools.

"It's like any policy ... you're aware of it and you work to make sure kids aren't being bullied," said Kurt Tyszkiewicz, the district's director of student services and a former principal at Tonda Elementary School. "Education is the key. It has to be ongoing and pervasive."

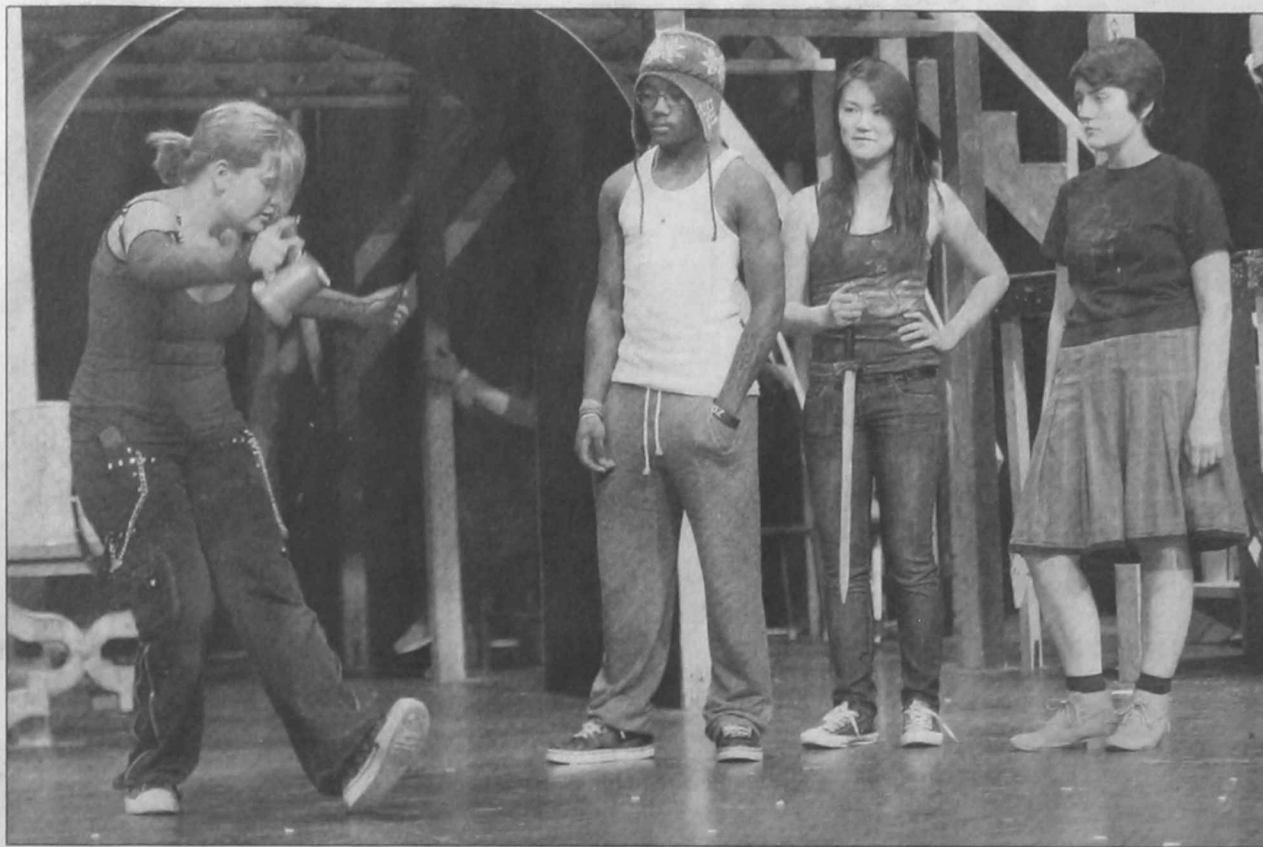
Heise praised Plymouth-Canton for being "ahead of the curve," but said other districts aren't as advanced. That's why the House legislation was needed, he said.

"As any parent knows, bullying can be incredibly damaging to a student's self-esteem, desire to achieve and mental health," Heise said. "We need strong policies in place to prevent this from happening to as many students as possible, regardless of their personal background or reasons for being bullied."

State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, said she supports the legislation, but wishes it went even further to protect children.

"After all of the deserved negative attention to the Senate's version of this bill ... we need protections against bullying in the interest of all Michigan children," Slavens said. "This bill is certainly a start in that it gives Michigan its first anti-bullying legislation that requires school districts to create policies that deal with bullies. While this bill is a step in the right direction, I wish it went even further to protect Michigan's kids and I will keep working to make future legislation even tougher."

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The interbred Porter (Sidney Bowerman), Macduff (David Whitfield), Lennox (Anna Hua) and Ross (Meg Ellis) are part of the 36-member cast for the Park Players' production of 'Macbeth.'



Lady Macbeth (Plymouth High School senior Becca Levergood) drugs the wine.

'MACBETH'

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appearing in his fifth show for Park Players. "He's often regarded as one of the greatest villains of all time and I feel lucky to have the opportunity to play him. He's a really complicated character and it's great to be able to explore all of his thoughts and emotions."

The Park Players' production of Shakespeare's shortest tragedy has been a huge undertaking, including a cast of 36 — "The largest cast I've worked with so far," Rase said — and more than 20 people behind the scenes.

The crew started rehearsing in early October, adding a week to what is usually a five-week rehearsal process because of the language and the tremendous size of the cast.

"Rehearsals have gone

well," Rase said. "After the first few weeks, the kids picked up the stride of the language. It was fun to see the script, which started as nonsense to most of them, become understood. Now, they have favorite lines and parts. It's wonderful."

With a cast and crew that large, Rase said organization — "With a cast that large, there's always someone who's ill," Rase said — has been the biggest challenge. They've also had to come up with "a tasteful way" for about a dozen characters to die on stage, he said.

All of that has really drawn the kids into the production.

"They seem to enjoy it," Rase said. "The violence and witchcraft have drawn (actors') interest. It's been fun having them put their own spin on such an old script."

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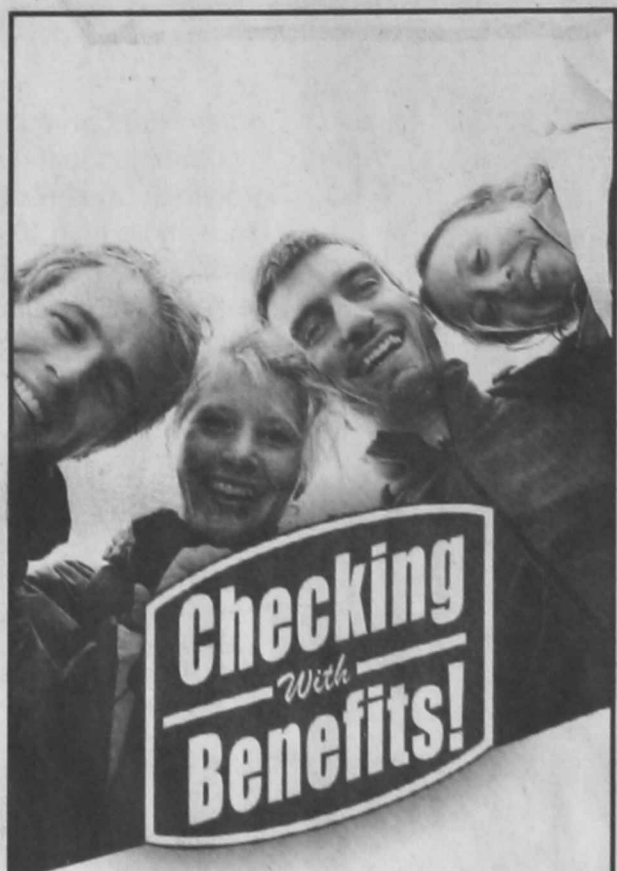
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By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist



Money Matters

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always followed is diversification. I believe it is important to spread risk out over a variety of investments.

This is not only to ensure a better performing portfolio, but also to protect your portfolio in case something goes horribly wrong. Investors who had the great bulk of their portfolio with Bernie Madoff or in General Motors know the impor-

tance of diversification. When it comes to diversifying a portfolio, I do it in a number of ways. The first way is to use mutual funds. The average mutual fund — which invest in a hundred different positions — provides an investor with an easy way to diversify. If you buy an emerging market mutual fund that is investing in new economies throughout the world, you will typically find that an emerging market mutual fund has investments in over a dozen different countries and typically, in over 20 different industries. This allows you to be diversified within that asset class. The same can

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folio and spread risk out over a number of different funds. In that regard, when I am buying 15 or so different mutual funds for a client, I am not buying them from the same company but using different funds which again, gives me the ability to spread risk out over many different investments.

In this crazy, ever-changing world, we have to accept the fact that anything and everything can happen. As investors, to ignore this fact and put our heads in the sand is not wise. The only way to proceed and to protect yourself is to have a well-balanced and diversified

portfolio. Don't let false affection for an investment prevent you from doing the right thing. After all, your investments don't love you so why should you love them. Good luck!

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Shannon Martin is director of The Ziibiwing Center, which promotes

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Roperti's turkeys represent a real Thanksgiving tradition



He's king of the barnyard ... for a few more days.

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

In the late 1940s, Tom Roperti owned land in Livonia near Five Mile and Levan.

Roperti fed and raised cattle, and sold milk to a large dairy from that era.

"He was selling milk to Twin Pines, but it was too much work for him so he sold the cattle," said Christine Roperti, Tom's daughter.

A conversation during a card game with a friend led to another idea. "My dad asked his friend, 'Rocco, what am I going to do?' and Rocco said, 'Why not raise a few turkeys?'"

So in 1948 Roperti bought 50 turkeys and sold them to friends and family. That led to the sale of 100 the next year, then 200 the year after that.

Sixty-three years after those first turkey sales, Christine Roperti continues to raise and harvest turkeys.

Thanksgiving business

Last year, the farm ran out of turkeys for Christmas, so Roperti ordered more turkeys this year, up to 4,000. "We usually have about 200 left after Thanksgiving, but we only had 20 last year," she said.

The business remains a family affair, including grandchildren, similar to when Christine worked with her parents, Tom and Mary Roperti, as a 13-year-old.

Family members involved in the business include Roperti's husband Wesley Bates, who takes a month off of his job at Detroit Body at this time of year; son Tommy Roperti and his wife, Ferida; son Tony Skrabut, and his wife, Tricia; grandchildren Patrick Skrabut, 18, Britany Skrabut, 17, Murita Roperti, 10, and Maverick Roperti, 8.

Roperti learned a lot from her father, particularly "being honest and having a good product," Roperti said. "And giving is probably the most important thing. I learned from him that the more you give, the more that act of giving seems to give back."

Roperti buys the turkeys from a man who gets them a day old from a hatchery and feeds them until they are 9 weeks old. The turkeys are shipped to Roperti the last week in August.

The turkeys walk around the five acres of the Roperti Turkey Farm on Five Mile Road. The wide open space allowing the turkeys a "free range" and the feed mix of corn, oats and wheat give the turkey meat its juicy texture, Roperti said.

"If you feed an animal properly, whether it is a lamb, pig or cow, it will be juicy, flavorful and tasty from what it's been eating," Roperti said. The mix is purchased from the Ida Co-op in Ida, Mich.

Roperti gives a reporter and photographer a quick tour of the fenced area where the turkeys roam and very old shoes are needed for walking. "The turkeys grow better," Roperti said. "It's a natural way for them to grow." At night, the turkeys crowd around a barn and some stay inside it.



Christine Roperti's family has raised turkeys on Five Mile Road for more than 60 years.

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Smoked turkeys are already coming out of the smokehouse.



This year's crop is looking tasty, and a little worried.

Good employees, good company

Running a successful turkey farm is like any other business. "It takes good workers and I have very good workers," Roperti said. "I appreciate them, and they appreciate me. They take a week off of work of their full-time jobs just to work here. Most of them have jobs, but they enjoy working for me."

Roperti prepares the smoked turkeys by bringing the turkeys for 24 to 48 hours, then smoking them in the smokehouse for 17 hours. Those turkeys still need to be cooked once they are

Other customers have known about the turkeys for years — even decades.

Truly 'farm to table'

Doug Mooradian of Canton said there's "no comparison" between a Roperti turkey and one purchased at a supermarket. Mooradian and his wife, Carol, hosted a "farm to table" dinner for six couples at their home earlier this month. The Mooradians got the idea for the theme, which emphasizes locally grown and produced foods, while visiting their son in San Francisco and taking a drive to Napa Valley, where farm to table is emphasized at the restaurants.

The couples each brought foods from farmers markets in Detroit and Ann Arbor, while the Mooradians purchased a turkey from Roperti, a 23-pounder. Mooradian had to give Roperti a 48-hour notice as to when he needed it.

The Mooradians prepared a turkey scallopin dish with it.

"It was a phenomenal dinner," Mooradian said. "This turkey was just so fresh and lean."

Mooradian said he and Carol have been purchasing turkeys for about 15 years from Roperti. They will buy another next week for their Thanksgiving dinner.

"She gets her family involved, and she really explains everything to you about the turkeys, like how much she pays for the feed," Roperti said. "She loves her customers."

Roperti's advice to those who want a turkey: call early and arrive early to pick it up. If customers want a turkey for Christmas, they should check availability by calling the day after Thanksgiving, Roperti said.

Roperti prefers the smoked turkey. "I love sweet potatoes, green beans and you have to have cranberries with it," Roperti said. But on Thanksgiving Day, the Ropertis apparently aren't in the mood for turkey. "We eat filet mignon," Roperti said. "We do a lot of hard work."



Christine Roperti is careful about what the turkeys eat.

brought home, Roperti said. She sells about 200 smoked turkeys a year.

Customers also request other parts of the turkey.

Turkey feathers are used for fishing lures. Soup makers already know the secret to good chicken stock is chicken feet, necks and backs, and turkey feet play the same role.

Some customers will fly into Detroit, then drive to their destination with the turkey. One flew into Detroit Metro Airport, then drove to pick up the turkey in Livonia, then continued to the Upper Peninsula.

Another drove from Toledo to pick up two fresh turkeys, one smoked one and a ham Roperti gets from Dearborn Sausage. "A guy from Dundee stopped by with his cooler and he was going Up North," Roperti said last week.

Plymouth man named DMP vice president

Mark Brown of Plymouth, who has served as the Detroit Media Partnership's controller since 2005, has been named vice president/finance.

In addition to overseeing the DMP's financial operations, he will assume responsibility for the Information Technology division. Tracey Medley, the assistant controller since 2006,



has been named controller. The Detroit Media Partnership runs the business operations of the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Hometown Newspapers*.

"Mark has played a critical role in the transformation of this company, spearheading many of the consolidations and system implementations," said Joyce Jenereaux, president of the DMP. "He's been a great business partner to the other divisions of our company, helping them work through many operational and strategic issues."

Brown joined the DMP in 1992 as a financial analyst, and later served as financial reporting manager and finance director. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Michigan, and is a certified public accountant. Brown has two sons, both of whom attended Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Foot in the door

For the past several weeks, the Shoe Shine Guys have been spearheading an effort to use their 'foot in the door' in the shoe shine and repair business to collect shoes for the less fortunate in the Detroit area.

Enlisting the help of their clients, the Shoe Shine Guys have already collected more than 400 pairs of shoes of all styles and sizes, and are hoping to hit over 500 pairs by Thanksgiving. "It's a natural fit for us," said John Early, president of The Shoe Shine Guys. "Our customers already know us as 'the shoe guys,' so asking them to take a few extra minutes to check their closets for unused shoes to donate was easy. People have been incredibly generous."

Early plans to donate the boots and warm weather shoes to PBJ Outreach of Plymouth, who provide food, clothing, & basic social services to the homeless and those living below the poverty level in Detroit and surrounding areas. Other shoes such as heels, dress shoes and sandals will be divided between organizations that fund their efforts to feed and shelter the homeless in part through resale shops, including Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac.

Showroom in campaign

Showroom of Elegance is participating in a big way in the "No Child Without Christmas" campaign for the Canton Goodfellows.

Through Dec. 10,



Canton doctors Lan Bui, D.O. and Essam Khraizat, M.D. of Michigan Women's Care in Canton rose to the top of an HOUR Detroit Magazine survey as providers of high-quality, leading-edge care in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

bring a non-perishable food item or cash donation to Showroom to help the families in the local community that are in need this holiday season. What's more, anyone contributing \$10 worth of food or cash donations will receive a free gift or gift card (your choice) from the Showroom of Elegance, while supplies last.

To support local families, donate at Showroom of Elegance, 6018 Canton Center Road in Canton.

For more information on Showroom of Elegance's collections and designer jewelry, visit www.showroomofelegance.com or call at (734) 207-1906.

To see how to donate to Canton Goodfellows at their many events this holiday season, visit <http://Cantongoodfellows.org>.

RE/MAX affiliation

RE/MAX Classic, a local real estate brokerage, announced the affiliation of Associate Realtor Angela Roe at their Canton location.



Roe, formerly of Keller Williams in Livonia, specializes in residential real estate sales in the Plymouth, Canton, Wayne and Westland areas.

Roe's expertise expands to leasing opportunities, buyer representation, distressed properties and condominium sales throughout Western Wayne County.

"The expansion and growth of our associate members further strengthens our ability to meet the needs of our customers," said Carol Boji, broker/owner of RE/MAX Classic. "Angela is a much welcome addition to our team in Canton. Her personal attention to her clients and professional skills are a fitting addition to our Canton office and the surround-

ing communities. We welcome her aboard and are proud to announce she's joined us."

The firm of RE/MAX Classic encompasses four metro-Detroit offices located in Farmington Hills, Novi, Canton and Milford.

Top docs

In its 12th annual peer-to-peer survey to name the area's top doctors, HOUR Detroit Magazine surveyed more than 16,000 doctors in the greater Detroit metropolitan area who they recommend turning to for medical care.

The Top Docs list for 2011 was published in the October issue of HOUR Detroit. Canton doctors Lan Bui, D.O. and Essam Khraizat, M.D. of Michigan Women's Care in Canton rose to the top as providers of high-quality, leading-edge care in Obstetrics and Gynecology according to the survey.

Dr. Bui and Dr. Khraizat have been in practice for over a decade and provide a full range of Ob-Gyn care including minimally invasive surgery and in-office procedures. In addition to providing education for patients, they are recognized as leaders in the Oakwood Healthcare System providing education to other physicians. Both physicians have served as associate directors of the OB/GYN residency program, supervising, teaching and mentoring residents, medical students and nurses at the hospital and at their Canton office.

Michigan Women's Care is located at 42680 Ford Road in Canton. For more information visit www.mwcare.org or www.hourdetroit.com/Hour-Detroit/October-2011/Top-Docs-List-2011.

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During its Customer Appreciation Days in November, OneMain Financial will provide its customers and area residents the opportunity to support their local community. For the entire month of November, the OneMain Financial branch at 41812 Ford Road in Canton will be collecting non-perishable food to help feed those in need throughout the community.

The collected food will be donated to in time to be distributed to St. Mary's Outreach Community Center in time to be distributed to local residents before the holidays.

"In the spirit of the upcoming holiday season, OneMain Financial is committed to making the neighborhoods where we do business better places to live and work," said Laura Hamlin, OneMain Financial Branch Manager.

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OUR VIEWS

Time to heal, lead

School board veterans must show teamwork

It's natural, after any election but particularly following one that wrought as much change as last week's Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education race, to ask, "What's next?"

After the last 18 months or so of upheaval, the answer to that question is easy. Heal.



Mardigian



Simescu

You can rail all you want about the Republicans spending so much time and money on the election, or the union threatening business owners who supported certain candidates, and you'd be right. You can spend all the time you want complaining about misinformation and inaccuracies, about prior performances and history.

While all of those things — good and bad — likely played roles in the outcome, it's also difficult to deny the message voters sent last week. By snubbing all three incumbents — board President John Jackson and Trustees Nancy Eggenberger and

Steven Sneiderman — voters were, in some measure, decrying the lack of cohesion and some of the decisions the current board made.

Several observers noted they felt the message from voters was: "We don't like the direction of the board." Of course, some say that means they don't like how the board has handled budget decisions and perhaps the potential closing of the school.

We believe it's more than that. We believe voters said, at least in part, "We don't like the dissension." We believe Jackson, Sneiderman and Eggenberger paid the price for 18 months' worth of vitriol and sniping, of back-biting and fighting. We agree with board Vice President Dianne Gonzalez, who noted following the election she might have suffered the same fate had she sought re-election.

We've said it before, and we'll say it again, with feeling: It's time for the in-fighting to stop. It's time for the board to begin working together, and we don't mean in January when the new board members take their seats.

And with four new members coming aboard, it's up to the board's two veterans — Judy Mardigian and Barry Simescu — to lead the way.

When the new board is seated in January, it will consist — aside from Mardigian and Simescu — of one member with three years' experience, and four brand new members. You could argue that Mike Maloney and Mark Horvath, two former board presidents, are experienced board members, but their experience came more than a dozen years ago, in very different times under different circumstances.

Horvath and Maloney could certainly provide strong voices, but they're going to have to put aside the loud criticism they leveled at the board during their campaign and dig in to work with the people upon whom they cast aspersions. They can no longer simply step to the microphone and tell board members what they should be doing; they have to be ready to step in — and step up — to do the hard work themselves.

But it will all start with Mardigian and Simescu. The two longest-serving board members have been on polar-opposite sides of some issues, but they've worked together to find answers on the budget which, when all the smoke clears, is still the board's biggest issue.

Mardigian and Simescu have to find a way to put the anger of the last 18 months aside. Each has been heard, and each has won some, lost some. Board members have to do more than pay lip service to the term, "Let's work together." It's time for them to actually do it.

And it's up to their veteran leaders to do just that.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

What is your favorite part of Thanksgiving?

We asked this question around town.



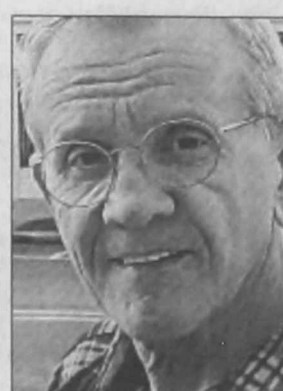
"The family sitting down at the table to eat ... that is truly something to be thankful for. Everyone is alive and healthy ... God has truly blessed you."

Chris Herring
Southfield



"I don't like Thanksgiving. I don't celebrate holidays."

Julia Seltz
Northville



"Friends and family. That's what life is all about."

Larry Holland
Plymouth



"The family and the good food."

Josh Beamis
Plymouth

LETTERS

School board shakeup

The heightened interest in the Plymouth-Canton school board election process was heartening to see.

We need to keep the education of our students a priority if we are to continue to be a world leader. With four new board members elected, it is obvious that the former board's lack of coherence did not sit well with the voters.

Now it is time for the new board to put all past differences aside and strike a chord of harmony. Every day counts in our children's education and we have no time to waste in making the tough decisions to redirect our great school district in a continuing path of education excellence.

Mike Andro
Canton

Grind panel unnecessary

I am amazed that a panel needs to be set up on the "grinding" issue. I do not believe it is necessary.

It is the nature of children, especially teens, to push boundaries. It is part of the process to emerge as self-preserving adults who will need to fend for themselves. Children "push the buttons" of the adults who are supposed to provide leadership. Kids test the limits.

It is the responsibility of adults who work with children to set reasonable boundaries. The form of dance called "grinding" is not appropriate for school dances. What may go on at an adult night club is the responsibility of the adults present. School children do not have the right to "grind" while dancing.

If I were caught "grinding" in the aisles at Target or Kroger, I would probably be arrested or at least thrown out. If I were at the public library getting my "grind" on, they would show me the door. If I chose to "grind" while taking my neighborhood walk, I am sure that citizens would complain loudly.

"Grinding" is not a civil right, a First Amendment right, an expression of free speech.

Adults who work with kids must set boundaries and enforce them at school dances. Kids are expected to dress appropriately at school functions and they are expected to act like the adults they hope to become. If the school adults can't recognize their responsibilities to the children in their charge, those adults should find a new line of work, like being a bouncer at an adult disco club. Then they can look away and throw up their hands.

I love teenagers. I spent almost 40 years teaching them. I am not trying to ruin their fun. I want their teachers to be responsible to set limits for their education.

T.W. Donnelly
Canton

Shocked by grinding

I was watching the school board meeting the other night on cable TV. I was absolutely shocked to

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hear parents (some of whom I know, personally) describing what apparently goes on at the high school dances. My wife and I discussed it that night and she was shocked, too.

Our biggest surprise was the principal's response to the parent who was trying to restore an amount of decency to the dance when he stated, "Well, that's just the way they dance nowadays." No lights on in the gym. Girls bent over with their heads on the floor while boys were totally disrespecting these girls? Thank goodness a few parents were vocal enough to speak up. What are we teaching our kids about respect and sense of dignity about themselves?

Well, my astonishment just got worse when I read your article of how the school board is handling the situation. My first objection is that there is NO mention of the principal's obvious failure in duty. The root cause of how this situation could have happened needs to be front and center.

Secondly, Frank Ruggirello's response of putting students on the committee is ridiculous, and "online" surveys? Really? This just tells me that they think some folks WANT this type of dancing and they are going to leave it up to a vote.

Obviously, the kids do not know right from wrong or we wouldn't be reading this article. The committee needs to be made up of adults only. It needs to come out with a "dance policy" and standards of conduct.

Why does West Middle School have a strict and enforced dance policy? Why do other schools around the country make their students sign a standard of conduct policy prior to attending high school dances? Why did administrators look the other way and not choose to do anything? These are the problems that need to be investigated and fixed by the committee of adults.

Jeff Scannell
Plymouth

Protect birds

Last month, the mayor of San Francisco signed into law Standards for Bird-Safe Buildings — a measure designed to reduce, over time, the number of birds that die after colliding with windows. San Francisco is again taking the lead

in a national issue that can serve as a model for other cities and counties.

While it is not widely known, building collision is a leading cause of bird mortality in North America, accounting for the deaths of up to one billion birds each year.

While some jurisdictions have already taken action — such as the State of Minnesota, Highland Park, Ill., and Toronto, Canada — many more are actively looking at ways to reduce building collision threats.

And not just for the benefit of the birds. Some of the provisions in the San Francisco guidelines will save money. For example, placing small dots or "frits" on windows in particular patterns not only alerts birds to the presence of glass, it also helps reduce solar heat gain in buildings, thereby reducing cooling costs without significantly impacting outward views of building occupants. Reducing unnecessary interior and exterior lighting, especially during the bird migration seasons, reduces risks to birds, but also reduces building operating costs and energy consumption. Protecting and helping birds is not only the right thing to do, it is also good for the national economy. Americans spend about \$36 billion each year on birding related expenses, supporting some 670,000 U.S. jobs, according to federal studies. Birds are also invaluable as controllers of crop insect pests, pollinators of plants, and seed distributors.

All things considered, isn't it in the best interest of all cities to do what they can to protect birds?

Dr. George Fenwick
president
American Bird Conservancy

Show respect

Diplomatic immunity has gone too far. People want to come to America because they like the fact that our laws provide more freedom, but once they come to the United States, they show little respect for those who provided them with more freedom.

These Americans who allowed and approved them to move to the United States of America respect their beliefs and culture. My grandfather once said, "Show respect to those who show it." Meaning that those who have shown respect toward you, you should be respectful toward them.

We respect their way of living once they come here but they do not seem to respect our way of living. The males from other countries respect woman so differently and disrespectfully. They make their women hide what they look like, from not just people, but from the world. And if nothing is done, then sooner or later, they will not only treat American women the same way, but they will lose respect for us American women. I think that if you move to the United States, you should respect us, as Americans.

Katelyn M. Schack
Farmington

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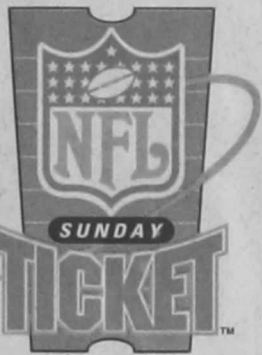
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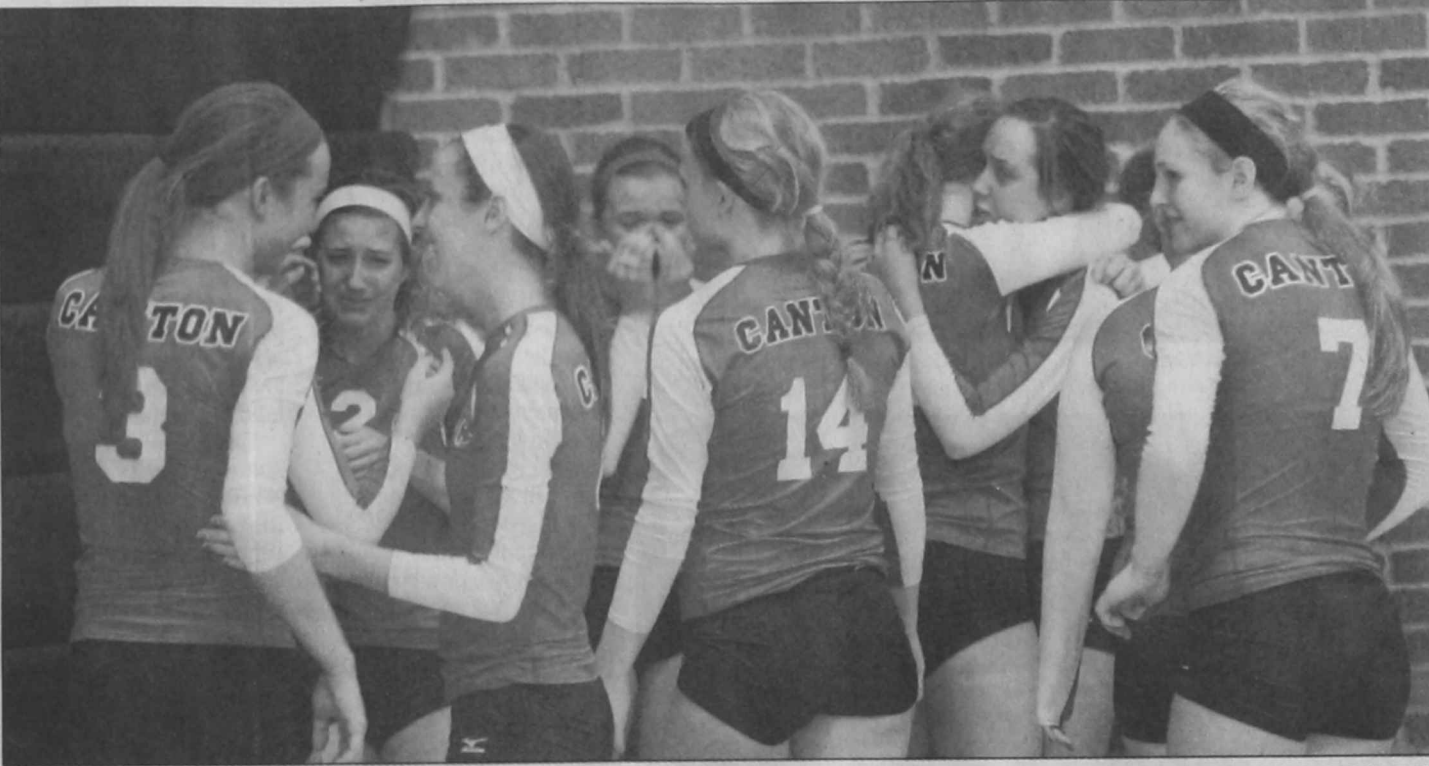
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CLASS A GIRLS VOLLEYBALL QUARTERFINALS

Crusher ends Chiefs' best year Chiefs take high road



Canton players console each other following Tuesday's season-ending loss to Brighton in a grueling, five-game set at Fenton High School.

There couldn't have been a harsher final chapter to Canton's storied girls volleyball season. But because of the admirable way the Chiefs conducted themselves following their heart-breaking 3-2 loss to Clarkston in Tuesday's Class A quarterfinal, there is a classy epilogue.

A referee's call to reverse an apparent Canton point not only prevented victory in the heart-pounding deciding set, it gave the Wolves the opening they needed to prevail.

It would have been understandable if Canton head coach (and former Chiefs player) Mary Kryska and her players played the we-got-robbed card.

Nobody would have been surprised if feelings of frustration and anger bubbled over at Fenton High School.

That's not what happened. Players hugged each other, congratulated players from the winning side and actually looked as though they would be playing at Battle Creek in Thursday's semifinal.

By the way, Canton's considerable fan contingent also was a collective class act despite the disappointing loss.

Maybe sportsmanship reigned because Canton outdid what anybody predicted they would, winning 42 times while steamrolling KLAAs competition and grabbing district and regional trophies — for the first time in school history.

"We were basically just saying how proud each and every one of us (was) for making it this far as this season," said senior outside hitter Kristen Muir. "Nobody really expected us to go this far, with every match I thought we were the underdogs."

"That really gave us motivation and unfortunately we came up a little short."

There were smiles and no tears when she spoke.

Maybe sportsmanship reigned because a group of players led by talented seniors such as Muir, Alaina Turner, Lauren Martin and Maggie Deloy grew together as a unit and matured, too.

Evidence of that was their positive attitude despite being at their lowest ebb.

It showed that these young women know how to be winners in life as well as athletics.

Too bad they don't give out trophies for that.

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Tim Smith

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Stationed in the front row, Canton's Lauren Martin set up a pass that teammate Erica den Boer hammered over the net Tuesday night.

The Chiefs and their fans at Fenton High School went crazy with joy, thinking they came all the back from a 2-0 deficit in games against Clarkston in a rousing Class A girls volleyball quarterfinal.

But it wasn't to be. A line judge ruled den Boer's spike hit the floor outside the back stripe to tie Game 5 at 14-14.

Moments later, the Canton dream of going to Battle Creek for the Final Four ended as Clarkston won 16-14 to claim the match 3-2.

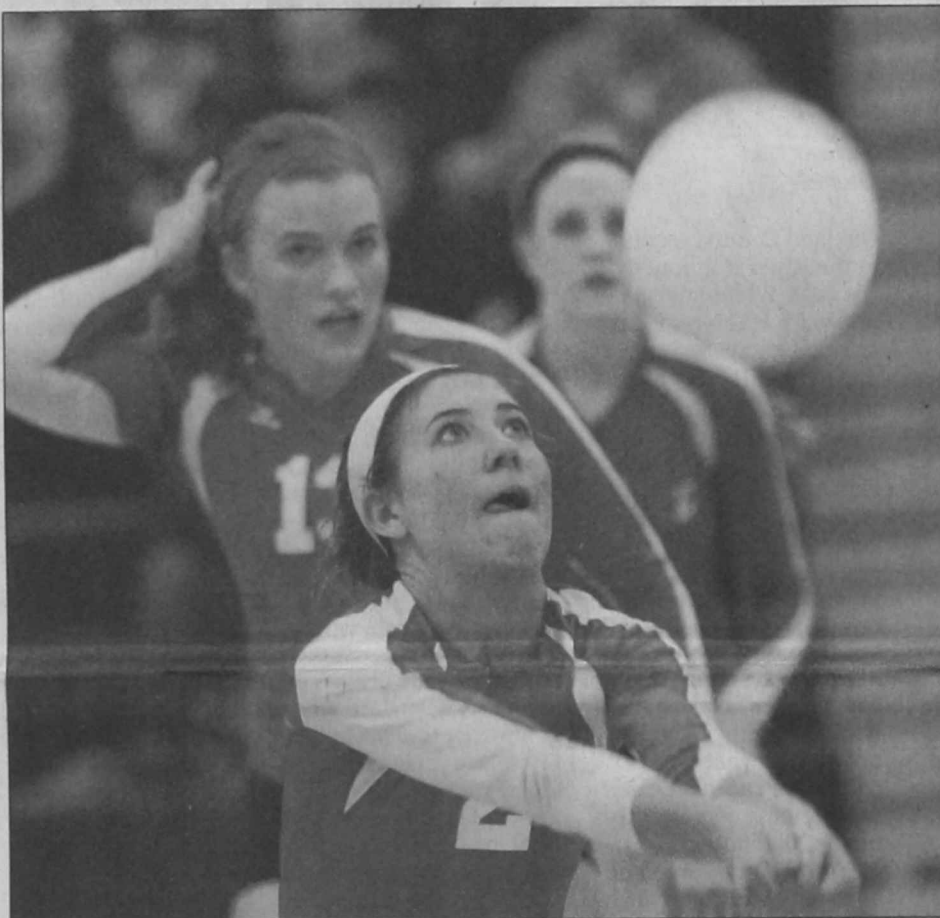
"I thought it was in, that's not my call though," said Canton head coach Mary Kryska. "He called it out."

With a laugh, Clarkston head coach Kelly Avenall said her team "got lucky on a call" but then said she couldn't tell if the ball was in or out.

"I don't know, I thought it was close," Avenall said. "It was close, I'll tell you that."

Canton players who were in the front row on the play thought it was a good point, however.

"Ultimately, it's the ref's call," said Canton senior outside hitter Kristen Muir. "I thought there was a touch on it, but nobody can really do anything about it."



Bumping the ball to keep a rally going for Canton is senior Lauren Martin (No. 2), while teammates Erica den Boer (No. 13) and Maggie Deloy stay ready.

Reason to smile

Also thinking a Clarkston player got a tiny piece of the hit was den Boer, one of Canton's best players throughout the match. "There was a touch on that last hit, there was a touch."

But both Muir and den Boer wore respectful smiles as they spoke and didn't have a hint of complaint in their voices.

That's because they came

farther than any other Canton volleyball team in school history. The Chiefs finished 42-10 and won their school's first regional championship in the process.

Still, Muir (34 digs, 11 kills, three aces) cited the wrenching emotional swing at the end of the match.

"Obviously it's hard," Muir noted. "We've been fortunate enough to win a lot of those

games, and sometimes you can't win them all.

"But everybody played their heart out in this game."

Senior outside hitter Alaina Turner (21 kills, nine block assists, 15 digs) credited the Wolves, spearheaded by the towering front row of senior Stephanie Marani (18 kills), juniors Rachel Dickerson (17

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Pool pinnacle

PCEP girls swimmers ready for D1 finals

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Athletes from the three varsity girls swimming and diving teams at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park have been making positive waves all season.

And for a number of those girls, their season culminates with this weekend's Division 1 state finals at Eastern Michigan University.

Eight girls from the Plymouth Wildcats are EMU-bound, with seven Canton swimmers also participating.

Salem's contingent is six deep, led by four-time state qualifier Lauren Seroka.

Coaches from all three squads are pumped up about having so many quality athletes going to the finals.

The preliminaries are scheduled for Friday at Jones Natatorium with the finals the following day.

"They are excited

FINAL LAPS

What: Division 1 girls swimming and diving finals.

When and where: Friday-Saturday, at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium (prelims are Friday).

State qualifiers: Here's who will be going from the three Park teams (swimmers listed alphabetically):

• **Plymouth (8):** Alexa Earls, fr.; Linda Erickson, senior; Lexie Ethier, sr.; Lydia Matson, jr.; Steph-

nie Matsui, sr.; Lydia Plencner, jr.; Emily Toro, jr.; Emily Weiner, jr.

• **Canton (7):** Delaney Adams, junior; Destinee Barmore-Hicks, sophomore; Claire Green, freshman; Hannah Jenkins, soph.; Abby Madison, jr.; Madeline Madison, soph.; Caitlin Orr, jr.

• **Salem (6):** Claire Amin, soph.; Abby Aumiller, jr.; Maddie Gorman, jr.; Jocelyn Lamoureux, jr.; Lauren Seroka, sr.; Julia Suriano, soph.

about the potential for great swims in the fast pool that Eastern Michigan University provides," Plymouth head coach Doug Schade said. "After putting in a season of hard work and dedication to both training and technique, the girls have set themselves up for success."

What you work for

For Canton head coach Ed Weber, this weekend is one the entire team has been building up towards.

"Several of this year's state team qualifiers for Canton have experience at this level," Weber noted. "This year we've placed a lot of emphasis on this meet, and expect

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Whalers crank it up

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

After a bit of a slow start to the season, the Plymouth Whalers are cranking it up and Ontario Hockey League rivals are feeling the hurt.

On Sunday afternoon, the Whalers ripped 53 shots on Erie goalkeeper Ramis Sadikov and seven of those hit the twine as Plymouth rolled to a 7-1 victory at Compuware Arena.

That followed 8-4 and 8-0 wins, posted Friday and Saturday nights against Guelph and Sault Ste. Marie, respectively.

"The beginning of the year it was hard to gel a little bit," Plymouth center Andy Bathgate said following the third rout in three days. "So many guys were away at (NHL) camp, we had 11 guys away."

"We finally got them back and with all of us together we're playing the right way."

Bathgate was one of three Plymouth players to register three points against the Otters, netting his seventh of the



RENA LAVERTY

Plymouth Whalers players Garrett Meurs (No. 16), Stefan Noesen, Rickard Rakell (against boards) and Nick Malysa (No. 4) celebrate after Rakell scored Sunday against Erie.

season and adding two helpers.

Two of the NHL campers referred to by Bathgate — forwards Stefan Noesen and Rickard Rakell — each tallied two goals and an assist to pace the Whalers (13-6-2-1) to their fourth win in a row and sixth in seven outings.

Deep and dangerous

Other Plymouth markers were collected by forwards Alex Aleari (his 11th and fourth of the

weekend) and Jamie Devane while recent acquisition Cody Payne drew an assist for his first point as a Whaler.

With so many players capable of offense and gritty two-way hockey, Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci said he can roll four lines and eventually wear out opponents' defenses.

"It's pretty deep, definitely," Vellucci said. "It's a lot of fun to coach."

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Top girls harriers blaze the trails

FIRST-TEAM
Kerigan Riley, Jr., Liv. Churchill: The junior captain earned all-state honors in Division 1 by finishing 20th in the state finals with a 5-kilometer time of 18 minutes, 40.8 seconds.

Riley, who carries at 4.07 grade-point average, also captured the Willow Metropark regional (19:24.3) and was runner-up in the KLAA's Kensington Conference meet (18:55.4). She also was Public Schools of Livonia (19:19) and Monroe Jefferson Invitational (19:19.4) champion. She also added a 15th at the Michigan State University Invitational (18:40.0).

"Kerigan is one of the most talented and decorated athletes to come through the Churchill cross country program," coach Sue Tatro said. "In addition to being extremely coachable, she is a hard-working and determined young runner with unlimited potential. It was a lot of fun watching her cap off her season as a regional champion and all-state runner."

"Kerigan has proven to herself and others that she is a powerful force, and I look forward to seeing what she can accomplish next season."

Heather Smith, Sr., Mercy: The senior runner ended her high school career with a 36th-place finish (18:59) at the Division 1 state meet. She ran a season best of 18:31 at the Brighton regional in which she was fifth. Smith also finished second in the Catholic League, fifth at the River Rat Invite and 17th in Oakland County. She won two CHSL divisional jamborees and was second in a third.

Smith is a four-year varsity letter winner, a three-time all-Catholic honoree, a two-time all-area, first-team selection and a two-time state qualifier. She was named Mercy's Catholic Women's Coaches Scholar Athlete of 2011 and an all-state academic runner by the coaches association.

"Heather has been a coach's dream," coach Gary Servais said. "She has improved and become more competitive each season. We look forward to an exciting track season for her this spring. Her time of 11:40 in the 3,200-meter run at the county meet last year gave us an idea that she would have a great 2011 cross country season. It will be very difficult to fill her shoes next fall."

Gabby DeFlorio, Sr., Farmington: The senior is a three-time state qualifier and three-time FPS city champion. DeFlorio finished third and 13th at the Shamrock and Spartan invites, respectively, seventh at Oak-

2011 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY FIRST TEAM

Kerigan Riley, Jr., Churchill
 Heather Smith, Sr., Mercy
 Gabby DeFlorio, Sr., Farmington
 Victoria Irwin, So., N. Farm.
 Lindsey Gallagher, Fr., Steve.
 Teagan Dillon, So., Mercy
 Sydney Anderson, Jr., Churchill
 Marina DeBiasi, So., Plymouth
 Nicole Traitses, Sr., Plymouth
 Bethany Pilat, Sr., Churchill
 Jenny Rogers, So., Farmington

SECOND TEAM

Angela Wright, Sr., N. Farm.
 Erin Emmanuel, Fr., Churchill
 Alysen Eads, Fr., Mercy
 Megan McFarlane, So., Church.
 Adrianna Beltran, Sr., Salem
 Alejandra Beltran, Jr., Salem
 Emily Bizon, Jr., Salem
 Amanda Beyer, Sr., Salem
 Shannon Flynn, Jr., Salem
 Jessica Siegler, So., Canton

COACH OF THE YEAR

Sue Tatro, Churchill

HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Michelle Azar, Vivien Okechukwu, Lauren Bernhardt, Maggie Crum, Jenna Hickson, Elyssa Hofmann, Erica Krupsky, Sediqa Nedam, Julia Twigg; **Franklin:** Madeline Herman, Tiffany Lambie, CC Shoemaker; **Stevenson:** Aphrodite Palazis; **John Glenn:** Abbey Wright, Shekinah Johnson, Kirsten Smith; **Ladywood:** Alexandra Darr, Katherine Taylor, Hannah Pereira; **Lutheran High Westland:** Erin Hardin, Erin Lyle; **Canton:** Emily Southern, Katie Grimes, Allison Spitz, Paige Calvert, Anna Gorzalski; **Salem:** Autumn Burin, Hannah Stoliker, Natasha Stevenson, Kelly Kerwin, Katy Robeson, Rebecca Lopez, Madison Goodpastore, Lauren Arquette; **Plymouth:** Elyse Gryniewicz; **Plymouth Christian:** Terra Crown, Megan McHugh; **Farmington:** Olivia Salinas, Sarah Gallagher, Joelle Locherie, Cara Whinnery; **North Farmington:** Sophia Farquhar, Erin Dennis, Maria Vicini, Christie Goodwin, Alyssa Robert, Rachel Rosinski; **Harrison:** Catherine Barkach, Shayna Kotzian, Erika Abbott, Jordan Scrimger; **Mercy:** Celeste White, Katelyn Toloff; **Garden City:** Mariah Carver, Breanna Grant, Hayley Plummer; **Redford Union:** Erin Miley, Kelly Miley.



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Sydney Anderson Churchill



Marina DeBiasi Plymouth



Nicole Traitses Plymouth



Bethany Pilat Churchill



Jennifer Rogers Farmington



Sue Tatro Coach of Year

Oakland County, second at the River Rat, fourth in the OAA White Division and sixth at the regional. Irwin also finished second in the FPS city meet. She was the team's No. 1 runner all season and was named its most valuable runner.

"It was Tori's first year running cross country, and she was on an exponential learning curve on how to race," coach Bill Pinnell said. "She was solid for us all season, and she was very consistent with her racing. It did not matter what type of course we raced on, Tori was running consistently under 20 minutes."

"You finish where your goals are, and Tori's goal all year was to make it to the state meet. She's a very driven athlete; she is dedicated, determined and disciplined, and she has a strong desire to succeed. It was awesome seeing Tori run so well at the state meet. It was a great way to finish a successful season."

Lindsey Gallagher, Fr., Liv. Stevenson: The ninth grader missed qualifying for the Division 1 state finals by only one place with a 16th at the tough Huron Meadows regional (18:54).

Gallagher also took 10th at the Wayne County (19:53) and Kensington Conference (19:25) meets. She added a sixth at the Haslett Invitational (19:41) and took fourth at

the White Lake Lakeland freshman-sophomore meet while helping her team to a second-place showing.

"Lindsey hands-down is one of the most gifted runners I have had the opportunity of coaching," Stevenson's Keith Hearn said. "What makes Lindsey stand out from the rest is her drive. She comes to practice every-day ready to train with the purpose of getting faster than the previous week. Her hard work and work ethic propelled her to a level in which every race she felt as if she could compete to win. I am excited to see what the future has in store for Lindsey both as a runner and a student."

Teagan Dillon, Soph., Mercy: The sophomore and two-year letter winner ran her best time of 19:12 at the Brighton regional. She finished 20th but would have been a Division 1 state qualifier in other regionals. Dillon was first at Warren Mott, fourth in the Catholic League, sixth at the River Rat Invite and 33rd in Oakland County. Aside from the Mott race in which Heather Smith didn't run, she was Mercy's consistent No. 2 runner all season. Dillon also placed fifth, second and third in three CHSL divisional jamborees.

"Teagan will have the job of filling Heather Smith's shoes next year,"

coach Servais said. "She's a good leader who trains hard and races harder. We're looking forward to seeing her do well on the track this spring and in cross country again next fall."

Sydney Anderson, Jr., Liv. Churchill: The junior enjoyed a breakout season placing 92nd in the state finals (19:35.2), 13th at the regional (19:28.1) and 11th in the Kensington Conference (19:28.1).

Anderson also earned academic all-state honors with a 4.25 GPA.

"It was a joy watching Sydney step it up to the next level this season," Tatro said. "She ran like a true veteran runner all season long, where she was a consistent top finisher in all of our meets. She is a confident and intelligent runner who truly knows how to prepare for her races. She is also a fabulous leader who is extremely supportive of her teammates. I'm looking forward to seeing her continue to improve into her senior season."

Marina DeBiasi, Soph., Plymouth: Just a sophomore, DeBiasi is already well on her way to an excellent high school career.

Her highlight of the season was registering a time of 19:09 at the KLAA conference meet at Huron Meadows, for her personal best.

She also qualified for the Division 1 state meet, with a time of 19:44.63 at the regionals at Willow Metropark.

In October, DeBiasi's time of 19:55.51 was good for 12th place and an All-County medal at the Wayne County Championships, also at Willow.

"Marina is an extremely talented and gifted runner, who is just starting to realize her potential," coach Dale Maskill said. "Her combination of motivation, toughness and talent is rare and I'm excited to watch the rest of her running career at Plymouth."

Nicole Traitses, Sr., Plymouth: The senior showed leadership on the course and off, as she was the Wildcats' captain and MVP.

Traitses had plenty of highlights, capped off by her personal best of 19:32 at the Division 1 state meet. She qualified for the meet after registering a time of 19:58.20 at the Willow Metropark-hosted regionals.

Another top achievement came at the Wayne County Championships, where she came in 13th with a time of 19:58.65 — like teammate DeBiasi, good for an All-County medal.

"Not only is she a great competitor and a highly motivated runner, she is a pleasure to be around

and coach," Maskill said. "Nicole always has a smile on her face. Even in the worst of weather and the hardest workouts she keeps a positive attitude."

Bethany Pilat, Sr., Liv. Churchill: The senior placed 106th in the state finals (19:43), sixth at the regional (19:49.2) and 17th in the Kensington Conference (19:49.3).

She also excels in the classroom carrying a 4.06 GPA.

"Bethany had a solid four years at Churchill where she was a consistent varsity runner during her entire high school career," Tatro said. "Nobody is more dedicated than Bethany."

"Despite experiencing some adversity this season due to an injury and illness, she was able to rebound and finish her season on a strong note. I am proud of her determination and perseverance."

Jenny Rogers, Soph., Farmington: The sophomore ran in her first state meet and finished 116th with a time of 19:49 in the Division 1 race. Rogers was 13th in the Waterford regional, 13th at the Lakeland freshman-sophomore race, fourth in the FPS city meet and seventh at the last OAA White Division jamboree.

"Jenny improved throughout the season and really came on the second half of the year," coach Bridges said. "Jenny's times gradually improved all year as she placed better and better."

"Overall, she ran a great state meet. She can go back there with confidence, knowing she can run better. I thought it was a good experience for her, and it was a nice cap to a really fine season."

COACH OF THE YEAR

Sue Tatro, Liv. Churchill: The 16th year coach guided the Chargers to their 11th state finals appearance in 12 years.

Under guidance of Tatro, Churchill captured the Willow Metropark regional title and place runner-up in the Kensington Conference meet.

Churchill also captured to the Public Schools of Livonia Invitational and KLAA South Division dual meet crown, as well as placing second at Wayne County.

"I am extremely proud of what the Churchill girls accomplished this fall," said Tatro, who ran track and cross country at Michigan State. "Their commitment, work ethic, dedication, and confidence made for a consistent and solid season from start to finish. I thoroughly enjoyed working with this group, and I feel that the positive team chemistry helped to contribute to our overall success this season."

Varsity Steelers cap perfect season

Troy Polamalu would have given each member of the Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity football team's defense a fist bump if he would have witnessed their impressive red-zone efforts during Sunday's Western Suburban Junior Football League Super Bowl at Westland John Glenn High School.

In a showing that would have made the NFL's Steelers proud, the P-C Steelers slammed the door on two Westland Comet drives inside the Steelers' 10-yard line to preserve a 6-0 victory and a perfect 10-0 season.

Among the Steelers' key defenders were D-linemen Vaishak Mendon, Jalen Cochran, Jake McKinnon; and linebackers Cameron

Stella, Alex Nicholson and Tyler Laurentius.

The game's lone score unfolded in the first half when Nicholson connected with Brennan Brooks in the corner of the end zone.

Both teams managed to move the ball successfully between the 20-yard lines throughout the second half, but neither team could reach paydirt.

An interception by Laurentius sealed the victory for the Steelers.

Offensively, the Steelers were powered by the running of Stella, who found sizeable lanes that were cleared by the blocking of Christian Pearson, Adam McKee, Eric Sawers, Ben Phillips, Jake McKinnon, Elie Atallah and Brooks.



JON VESPAZIANI PHOTO
 Cameron Stella played well on both sides of the line of scrimmage in the varsity Plymouth-Canton Steelers' 6-0 victory over the Westland Comets Sunday.

CC stifles Pioneer

By Jeff Theisen
 Staff Writer

Novi-Detroit Catholic Central football prides itself on two things, playing a suffocating defense and pounding the ball on offense.

Saturday's 21-0 blanking of Ann Arbor Pioneer was a perfect example of what the Shamrocks are all about to wrap up the regional title at home.

With the win, Catholic Central will face Rockford 1 p.m. Saturday at Battle Creek Central High School.

Pioneer star running back Drake Johnson was the main focus for the Shamrock defense. He put up huge numbers throughout the season but was held to just 44 yards on 16 carries, playing both running back

and some quarterback. Ann Arbor Pioneer (9-3) lost its starting quarterback earlier in the year, and the passing game suffered to the tune of 0-for-6 passing with two interceptions.

The Shamrocks took control early by rolling the opening drive of the game 66 yards on 13 plays for a TD. Quarterback Kyle Cooper completed a pair of passes and Zach Bock finished off the drive with a four-yard pitch to the left.

CC added a second touchdown, after taking over at the Pioneer 37 and using 10 plays to find pay dirt on a six-yard run by Anthony Darkangelo with 1:19 to play in the half. The big play of the drive was a five-yard run by David Houle on fourth and two at the Pioneer 17.

Catholic Central took that 14-0 lead into the half, but it might as well as been 140. The Shamrocks held the ball for more than 18 of the 24 minutes in the first half. The CC offense churned out 125 yards on the ground and 33 through the air in the first half. Pioneer ran 11 plays and gained just six yards with an interception to end the half.

Following a three-and-out by Pioneer to open the second half, the Shamrocks took complete command with the final scoring drive of the game.

Bock turned in a big punt return to set up shop at the Pioneer 30. Four plays later, Darkangelo scored untouched from the nine for a 21-0 lead.



Canton's state qualifiers include (from left) Caitlin Orr, Abby Madison, Destinee Barmore-Hicks, head coach Ed Weber, Delaney Adams, Madeline Madison and Claire Green. Not pictured is Hannah Jenkins.



Plymouth's state qualifiers are: (back row, from left) Linda Erickson, Emily Weiner, Stephanie Matsui and Lexie Ethier; (front row, from left) Emily Toro, Lydia Plencner, Lydia Matson and Alexa Earls.

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to compete in finals on Saturday.

"It's a great group of girls that have a lot of talent. Even more encouraging than this coming weekend, is that all these girls are returning next year."

Veteran Salem head coach Chuck Olson said members of his team "are excited about their opportunity to compete in what might be the fastest state meet ever."

Months of hard work, physically and mentally, hopefully will pay off for the Rocks at EMU.

Plus, they will get to see how they stack up against opponents from the tough KLAAC Central Division, such as Northville, South Lyon and Novi.

"The Salem girls have prepared themselves for this upcoming weekend," Olson emphasized. "... As coach of these athletics, I am confident that they

will succeed in reaching the goals they have aspired to achieve."

Following is a closer look at who will be competing under the bright lights at EMU for the Wildcats, Chiefs and Rocks:

PLYMOUTH: The Wildcats will have participants in four individual events and three relays.

Senior Stephanie Matsui qualified both in the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle while junior Emily Toro is ready to compete in the 200 individual medley and 100 butterfly.

Also qualifying in the 200 IM is senior Linda Erickson.

Meanwhile, Schade said the Wildcats will be bringing "members and solid seed times for all three relay events."

Matsui, Toro and Erickson are in the relay mix along with senior Lexie Ethier, juniors Lydia Matson, Lydia Plencner, Emily Weiner and freshman Alexa Earls.

"(We're) looking forward to a weekend of fast swimming," Schade added.

CANTON: Weber will accompany a large group of swimmers with previous experience at the state finals, even though none are seniors.

They will jump out of the blocks in eight individual events and two relays.

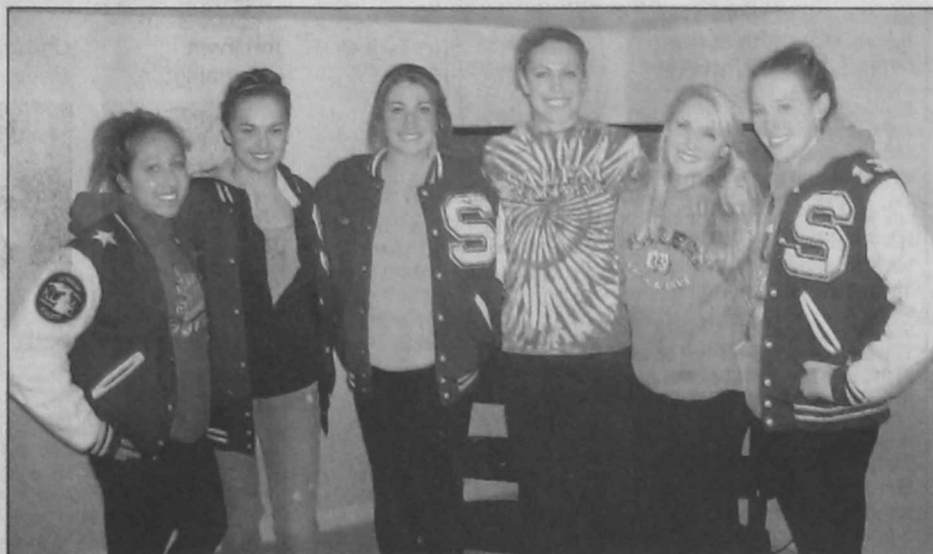
Three-time qualifier and junior Delaney Adams is set to make a splash in the two individual events and two relays.

Weber said she qualified in the 200 IM, 100 fly and 100 breast, but "she will obviously swim two of those events."

Qualifying for the second time are juniors Caitlin Orr (100 backstroke, 200 medley relay), Abby Madison (200 free relay) and three sophomores led by the fleet Destinee Barmore-Hicks, the KLAAC champion in the 50 free.

Barmore-Hicks is slated to race this weekend in that event, along with the 100 free. She also will anchor two relays.

Also making a second trip to the finals are soph-



Salem's state qualifiers are (from left) Claire Amin, Maddie Gorman, Julia Suriano, Lauren Seroka, Jocelyn Lamoureux and Abby Aumiller.

omores Hannah Jenkins (200 IM, 100 fly, relays) and Madeline Madison (200 free, relays).

Last but not least is talented freshman Claire Green. She is set to swim in the 200 IM and 500 free along with relays, the coach added.

SALEM: Of course, senior Seroka will be spearheading the group of Rocks who are taking part.

Seroka will be all over the EMU pool, as she qualified in the 100 free,

200 free, 500 free, 200 IM, 100 breast and two relays (200 medley, 400 free).

Juniors Abby Aumiller and Jocelyn Lamoureux are making their third trip to the finals.

Aumiller's slate includes the 200 free, 100 back, medley relay and 400 free relay; Lamoureux will compete in the medley relay (an event Salem has five qualifiers in).

Sophomore Julia Suriano, a two-time qualifi-

er, made the state cut in a handful of events, including the medley relay. Others are the 200 free, 500 free, 100 back and 400 free relay.

Rounding out the roster for the Rocks are junior Maddie Gorman and sophomore Claire Amin, both two-time qualifiers.

Gorman will take part in the 400 free relay while Amin is slated for the medley relay.

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kills) and Kaley Konjarevich (17 kills).

"They're definitely good hitters," Turner said. "They're swinging away at us and we couldn't dig it or block it. So they played a good game."

Meanwhile, Turner revealed the sentiments expressed in several group hugs in the corner of the gymnasium.

"It was great, we made Canton history and I couldn't ask for anything more from everyone," Turner said. "We played our hearts out, like I have no regrets at all."

Down early

As for the Wolves, they'll take their 56-5 record into Thursday's Class A semifinal against Lake Orion.

"My kids, I'm just so proud of the way they fought back that whole entire time," Avenal said. "After them (the Chiefs) winning the next two (games) and us being down in that fifth game ... there was a point that it could have gone either way."

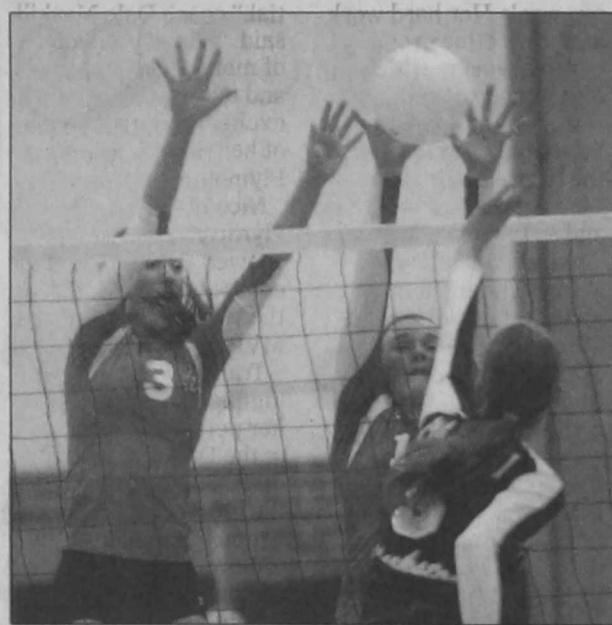
Kryaska, however, lamented how her team found itself down early, losing the opening set 28-26 and letting a big lead slip away in Game 2 (Clarkston won 25-21).

In the second set, the Chiefs went up 6-1 thanks to an early serving string by Martin (53 assists, three aces) and held a 14-10 advantage before Clarkston came back.

And then for a while, it looked like the Wolves would sweep to victory as they broke out to a 14-9 lead in Game 3.

The Chiefs trailed 15-12 when Muir stepped up to the line and reeled off five points to put Canton up 17-16.

Senior right-side hitter Maggie Deloy (21 digs) made an all-out save in the back row to keep a rally



Putting up a double block against Clarkston's Stephanie Marani (No. 5) are Canton outside hitters Alaina Turner (No. 3) and Erica den Boer (No. 13).

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CLASS D: PCA FALLS

Once again, Battle Creek St. Philip eliminated Plymouth Christian Academy from the Class D girls volleyball tournament. This time, on Tuesday at Bronson, the Fighting Tigers took care of the Eagles (3-1) in the quarterfinals instead of the finals (as was the case in 2010).

It took four games to keep PCA (43-7-4) from again going to Battle Creek, where the semifinals and finals take place. No. 1-ranked St. Philip improved to 48-3-2.

More information about the PCA-St. Philip match was not available as of press time.

going. Finally, senior middle blocker Jordan Tubaro (three block assists, one solo block) tipped the ball over for the go-ahead point.

Martin served up six consecutive points to finish off the 25-18 victory and extend the match.

Clutch during that span was den Boer (13 kills, six block assists, 21 digs), who accounted for two of the

points.

The equalizer

In Game 4, the Chiefs carried that momentum forward and built a 15-7 edge — sparked by a four-point service run by junior defensive specialist Rebecca Middleton (15 digs).

Clarkston's sophomore setter, Brianna Frakes, had other ideas. She served up eight straight points to make it 15-15 before a Canton sideout helped the Chiefs regain the lead.

It was Martin whose serving put Canton in position to even the match, scoring three points to make it 22-18. A double block by Tubaro and Deloy gave the Chiefs their 25th point.

Canton jumped out in Game 5, leading 6-2. But the Wolves kept chipping away and tied it up at 8-8.

The deciding game went back-and-forth from there, until the agonizing turn of events for the Chiefs.

"I don't think we played our best, but I thought we played good," Kryaska concluded. "It's just that the other team outplayed us, and they're a great team."

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Vellucci said the Nov. 2 trade with Oshawa for Payne (a 6-2 center) is one of the factors for Plymouth's recent hot streak.

"He (Payne) skates well, has good hands, he's only a 17-year old and it will be his draft year this year," Vellucci said. "I see a lot of upside, that's why we made the deal for him."

The Whalers now have climbed to second place in the West Division behind Sarnia (which maintained first by one point with Sunday's 4-2 win over Mississauga). They currently are third in the conference.

Just keep winning

"I don't think we're really chasing anybody," Vellucci said. "We just trying to win every game we can and if you put a bunch of wins together like we are we'll climb in the standings anyway."

It took just 76 seconds for Plymouth's scorching offense to pick up Sunday where it left off Saturday.

Rakell, after taking a pass from winger Garrett Meurs, spun around in front of Sadikov and backhanded the puck between his pads.

Just over eight minutes into the frame, Bathgate rushed up the right wing and sent a crisp pass to Devane in the slot and the 6-5, 220-pounder made no mistake.

Early in the second period, Noesen — rounding back into form after missing five games with an injury — scored a power play goal.

Bathgate chipped the puck along the back wall to center J.T. Miller, who then centered it to Noesen.

"He's competing a lot harder now than he was before," said Vellucci about Noesen. "The injury was a big part of it. He competes hard and he's playing a lot better."



RENA LAVERTY

Plymouth Whalers forward Andy Bathgate (No. 9) shoots the puck into the wide-open Erie net, past Otters goalie Ramis Sadikov (No. 33) during Sunday afternoon's game at Compuware Arena. At right are Plymouth's Alex Aleardi (No. 40), who centered the puck to Bathgate, and Erie's Derek Holden (No. 26).

The Whalers kept pressuring the Erie goalkeeper and Aleardi was the beneficiary at the 6:54 mark to make it a 4-0 game.

Taking a slap shot from the right point was defenseman Colin MacDonald and Aleardi redirected the puck into the goal from just outside the left post.

Starting the play was Payne, for his first Plymouth point.

Less than a minute later, Rakell followed with his second of the game and 11th of the year — going top-shelf after picking up a loose puck.

With 4:28 remaining, the Whalers took a 6-0 lead on Bathgate's goal. Aleardi carried the puck into the Erie zone and fed it across the crease from the bottom of the right circle to Bathgate for a tap-in.

Winning netminder Matt Mahalak, who stopped 33 of 34 shots, kept Erie off the board through two frames. He made four fine stops while his team fought off a two-man disadvantage.

The lone blemish

The Otters (3-16-0-0) finally scored at the 2:05 mark of the third period with a power-play tally.

Mahalak kicked out a hard shot, but winger Stephen Harper banged in the rebound.

Finishing the scoring for the day was Noesen, his second of the game and fifth of the season.

Noesen put a nifty fake on Sadikov, glided left-to-right across the crease and backhanded the puck against the grain with 14:09 left.

According to Bathgate, the grandson and namesake of NHL Hall-of-Famer and former Detroit Red Wing Andy Bathgate, it's a lot of fun to play on a team with so many players capable of making the score sheet every game.

"There's some really talented guys," Bathgate said. "With those guys it seems scoring eight goals is nothing really, it just comes naturally."

"With those guys, if they're going not many teams are going to compete with us."

On Saturday night against Sault Ste. Marie, before nearly 4,000 fans at Compuware, Miller and center Mitchell Heard each scored two goals and netminder Scott Wedgewood stopped 30 shots for his second shutout of the season.

Also scoring were Aleardi, Meurs, Plymouth High School alum Tom Wilson and Dario Trutmann.

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BRODERSEN, HAZEL IONA

Age 79, November 12, 2011 of Westland. Beloved wife of George. Loving mother of Ronald (Trish) and Donna Brodersen. Dear grandmother of Joshua and Daniel. Sister of Louise (Jim) Balderas and Bettie (Windell) Phillips. She was preceded in death by grandson Caleb, brother Robert & his wife Helen, nephew Larry Basham & niece Linda Paraham. Funeral Services were held in Tennessee



MILLARD, FREDERICK EUGENE "FRED"

December 25, 1930 - November 10, 2011, of Livonia. Beloved husband of Barbara. Dear Father of Robbin (Lera) Millard, Dawn Lee Millard Sholtz, and Kim Lawrence Millard. Grandfather of James Edwin Sholtz, Mary Constance Leona Millard, Justin Eugene Kim Sholtz, and Jaclyn Rae Millard. A Funeral Service was held on Monday Nov. 14th at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville, MI. Those wishing to make a contribution in Fred's name are asked to consider the Ward Presbyterian Church, Deacons Fund, R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia was in charge of the arrangements. Please share a memory at: www.rgrharris.com

FISHER, NANCY

Age 54, of Traverse City, passed away peacefully Sunday, November 13, 2011 surrounded by her loving family. Nancy was born in Detroit on Friday, January 11, 1957, the daughter of Edwin T. and Mary E. (Stevens) Pfeiffer. She graduated from Plymouth-Canton High School in 1975, having lived in the Detroit and Plymouth areas until she moved to Traverse City in 1978. On Saturday, May 19, 1979 in Northville, she married Edward A. Fisher. She is survived by her husband Edward; her daughter Shannon Fisher of Traverse City, teaching in Stavanger, Norway; her son, Mitchell Fisher of Traverse City; her mother Mary Pfeiffer of Plymouth and her sisters Anne Marie (Richard) Klene of Belleville, IL and Mary (Michael) Genrich of Plymouth. Nancy was preceded in death by her father Edwin "Ned" Pfeiffer and her father-in-law Alex Fisher. A time of celebrating Nancy's life was held Wednesday, Nov. 16 in Traverse City. Burial was in Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens. The family asks the memorial contributions in Nancy's name be directed to the American Cancer Society. Please visit Nancy's online guest book at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com to record your favorite memory of Nancy for her family. The family is being served by The Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, Traverse City.

SOVA, JOHN H.

November 13, 2011 Age 81 of Westland. Beloved husband of Margaret and the late Joyce. Dear father of Mary (William) Lefler, Judy (late James) Hall, Tammy (Mark) Olson, Terry (Brian) Wiltse, Gordon (Shelly), David, and the late John H. Jr. Brother to Dolores Stevens, Marie Palmer, Ruby Dinkens, and Grace Severn. Grandfather to twenty four, Great Grandfather to fifty three. Funeral services at First Baptist Church of Garden City, 30268 Marquette, Garden City, Friday 1pm. Visitation at The Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, Thursday 11am-9pm, and at the church Friday from 11am till time of service. Burial to take place at Knollwood Memorial Cemetery. Family Requests memorials to D.A.V., Detroit Rescue Mission, or the homeless shelter of your choice. Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfh.com.



TRUMBULL, GEORGE T. JR.

Of Lansing, MI passed away October 30, 2011 after a brief illness. He leaves to mourn him his loving wife Jan Allemen of twenty-five years, two siblings Nancy and Elliot, and other family members including, Debbie, Sebastian, Emily, David, Lee, Christopher, Amy, Teresa, Tracy, Rhonda, Brenda, Kyle, Jessica, Colin, Emily, Drew, Ashton, Isaac, and Ryan; his mother-in-law, several brothers and sisters-in-law. He was preceded in death by his parents, George T. Trumbull, Sr. and Florine (Elliot), a brother-in-law, and his father-in-law. Born May 20, 1929, George's early childhood was spent in Bloomfield Hills. A graduate of the Cranbrook School, he went on to earn a B.A. in journalism from Michigan State University where he was a Beta Theta Pi fraternity brother. After graduating from MSU, he served as a first lieutenant in the army antiaircraft artillery. In 1955, he started his career in journalism as a reporter for the Pontiac Press (now The Oakland Press), and in 1962 he was invited by former Governor George Romney, a man he greatly admired, to serve on his campaign staff and later as his assistant press secretary. He left politics in 1969 and consulted for a short time for Ernst & Ernst. He then worked for Panax Newspapers. In 1974, George made the transition from journalism to the world of public relations and athletics when he became the Midwest "continued in next column"

director of marketing and public relations for Adidas athletic shoes and apparel. George was a life-long member of the MSU Alumni Association, a member of the MSU Snyder Society, University Club member, and an avid football, basketball, and hockey fan. The Olympics were also his passion. He was a patron of the arts, supporting and regularly attending performances at the Wharton Center. He served on the Board of Directors of Junior Achievement, the Board of Directors of the MSU College of Communication Arts Alumni Association, and was an active member of the Rotary Club of Delta Township. George was a lifetime member of the Episcopal Church and participated in numerous other organizations. He was known for his dignified demeanor, his creativity, his sharp wit, his love of MSU, his passion for politics and sports, and his quest for adventure. He traveled to more than twenty-five countries including five trips to the African continent. He attended several Olympic Games, Final Fours, Big Ten Tournaments, and the Rose Bowl. He took great pride in his extensive book collection and his beautiful red corvette. He lived each day as a celebration of life. A Celebration of George's life will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 218 W Ottawa, Lansing on Sat., Dec. 3 at 11:00 am. A reception at the church will follow. In lieu of flowers, Jan asked that gifts be made to two of George's great passions: MSU Men's Basketball Scholarships and Wharton Center's Seats 4 Kids program. Checks should be made out to Michigan State University and sent to University Advancement, 300 Spartan Way, East Lansing, MI 48824. Please note that your gift is in memory of George Trumbull. The family is being served by Gorsline Runciman Funeral Home, East Lansing. On line condolences may be at: www.greastlansing.com

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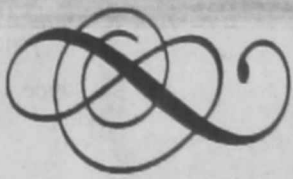
90, passed away in Manteca, California on Tuesday, November 8, 2011. Mrs. Walton was born in Tennessee on April 27, 1921. She worked as a Quality Control Supervisor at McDonald Douglas Aircraft. She was a member of the Baptist Church of Lucerne and an active member at the Lucerne Senior Center. She is survived by her daughters Betty Ann Litsey of Beulah, North Dakota and Nancy de Abreu and husband Frank of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; son Allan S. Walton of Manteca, California; granddaughter Patty Toombs and husband Jeff of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; and grandsons Michael Gurzi of Florida and Thomas Gurzi of Auburn, California. Mrs. Walton had 8 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband William S. Walton; son, W. Harold Walton; and grandson Timothy Walton. A visitation was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at Kraft Bros. Chapel in Woodland, California. A graveside service was followed at Monument Hill Memorial Park in Woodland, California, under the direction of Pastor John Evertson of West Valley Baptist Church, Kraft Bros. Funeral Directors assisted the family with arrangements.



WELLS, IRENE

Age 80 November 14, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Paul G. Loving mother of Paulette (Frank) Wilson, Gary (Vicki), Jeanne (Norm) Frazier & Barb (Billy) Lankford. Dear grandmother of 16. Great grandmother of 26. Beloved sister of Evelyn, Johnny, Gregory, Rosemary and the late Rita, Dorothy & Jerry. She will be dearly missed by many family members and friends. Visitation Thursday 2-8pm. Funeral service Friday 1pm at the John N. Santeuf & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill). Family suggests memorials to Vitas Hospice. www.santeufuneralhome.com

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Organizers of the third annual sacred music concert at Presentation Chapel in Livonia, have added a contemporary twist to the program this year.

"Ticket-holders may find themselves tapping their feet to the gospel rendition of *Agnus Dei* by Michael W. Smith. They'll hear a contemporary version of *How Great Thou Art* and two versions of *Pie Jesu*, one classical and the other by Andrew Lloyd Webber.

"It's a very different program. The tone is sacred...but we want to show the infinite variety of sacred music," said Barbara Glinski, a member of the concert planning committee. "We thought we'd diversify."

The program also will include classical favorites, such as Mascagni's *Ave Maria*, Franck's *Panis Angelicus* and Malotte's *Psalm 23*.

The concert starts at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, in the chapel at the Felician Sisters of Livonia Motherhouse, 36800 Schoolcraft, in Livonia.

Patron admission is \$100 for two tickets. It includes reserved seating, a wine and hors d'oeuvre reception after the concert, and an opportunity to meet the performers.

Supporter tickets are \$20. Tickets are available in advance by calling (248) 375-0731 or by e-mailing to sacredmusicconcert@wowway.com. Tickets also will be available at the door.

"All proceeds will go toward improving the sound system in the chapel, which will enhance the public address system, the sisters' prayer time, and music," Glinski said. The concert also celebrates the 75th anniversary of the Felician Sisters of Livonia.

Visitors will hear the music in a sacred setting, amid mosaics and stained glass. Presentation Chapel includes 16-foot mosaics of the four evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, stained glass windows and religious statues.

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Festival keeps dancers on their toes with classes, shows

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Two professional dance troupes will kick off the 6th Annual Oakland Dance Festival, a celebration of performances, master classes and auditions Friday-Saturday, Nov. 18-19 at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills.

DDCdances and Patterson Rhythm Pace Dance Co., will present "Together," a joint concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18 in the high school auditorium, 29995 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$10 for festival participants. They are available at the door, or online at www.detroitdancecollective.org.

This is the first year the festival will run two days and include professional dancers.

"I'm excited to do this. The company is thrilled and it will be an interesting concert," said Barbara Selinger, DDCdances artistic director and a Farmington Hills resident.

The Harrison High School Dance Company, directed by Toi Banks, dance teacher at the school, expanded the one-day event to two days with the addition of the "Together" concert this year.

"I've worked with her students at Harrison High School over the years, but this is the first time I'm totally involved in the festival," Selinger said. "The festival has been growing every year. It's fantastic for dance."

DDCdances, formerly known as Detroit Dance Collective, has performed modern dance for 32 years, toured nationally and educated audienc-



DDCdances performs "The Room," a multi-media dance.



Nia Silao performs with DDCdances.

PHOTO BY STEVE SELINGER

es to contemporary dance through performances, lecture demonstrations and workshops.

Patterson Rhythm Pace Dance Company was

founded in 2000. Gregory Patterson, chair of dance and associate professor of dance at Oakland University, is artistic director.

Modern, jazz

DDCdances will perform three works during the "Together" concert. The company will dance excerpts from *Dances for Isadora*, a historic work choreographed in 1971 by Jose Limon and inspired by the life of dance pioneer Isadora Duncan. The piece is performed to the music of Chopin.

Dancers also will per-

form *Pier: What is Left Behind*, a piece inspired by the contemplative nature of water, and *The Room*, a multi-media piece choreographed by Selinger in collaboration with photographer John Sobczak.

Patterson Rhythm Pace Dance Company will perform *Space*, choreographed by Patterson, and excerpts from *Swi-*

gin', which melds choreography and music of the 40s and 50s. *Space* explores personal space and how individuals can become either comfortable or uncomfortable when their space is invaded. *Swingin'* was first performed as an evening-length concert and was inspired by Patterson's work, *Sweet Ella Suite*.

"His work is different than mine because his is more contemporary jazz," Selinger said, adding that DDCdances focuses on modern dance. "I'm excited about presenting this to people of all ages."

The festival will continue on Saturday with college entrance and scholarship auditions from 9-noon, high school performance evaluations from 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and master classes and workshops in ballet, modern dance, hip hop, musical theater jazz, improvisation-based modern dance, jazz, African dance, movement fundamentals and more from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.. It ends with a showcase of college dance groups at 7:30 p.m.

Admission for the college showcase is \$5.

Master classes cost \$12 per class and scholarship auditions are \$20. For registration forms, visit harrisonsdance.wiki.farmington.k12.mi.us. For more information call (248) 426-1167 or e-mail to harrison.dance@gmail.com.

Wear your hat to tea

The Transition Center of Schoolcraft College will host a tea party luncheon with a focus on hats at 11:30 a.m., Friday, Dec. 2, in the VisTaTech Center on the college's main campus, located on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia.

Valerie Greech, who spent many years living abroad attending events that required hats, will discuss "History and Design of Women's Hat Wear." She started researching and collecting hats after moving to the United States.

Reservations are \$20 per person and will include lunch prepared by the college's Food Services Department. Reservations deadline is Nov. 23 by mail — a form is available at www.schoolcraft.edu/transition/ — or by calling (734) 462-4443.

schoolcraft.edu/transition/ — or by calling (734) 462-4443.

Greech will highlight the hat wearing tradition, which reached its zenith in the 1920s and officially ended with the "swinging 60s." A brief history of the origin of the most popular hat styles will be included, along with stories about the wearers who made them famous. Greech, who is a consultant for the shop, Detroit Vintage, will showcase some of her own vintage hat collection.

Greech's presentation is part of the Transition Center Luncheon Series. Proceeds benefit the scholarship programs of the Transition Center that are directed to the needs of non-traditional college students. For more information visit <http://www.schoolcraft.edu/transition/>.



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Art



Shaqe Kalaj's drawings and paintings — made with her feet — are on display through Dec. 24 at Art & Ideas in Plymouth. This drawing is of the Wilcox House.

ART & IDEAS

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

Location: 15095 Northville Road, in Plymouth

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

Contact: (734) 420-0775

MICHIGAN WEAVER'S GUILD

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 19

Location: The City Gallery, at the Cstick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Holiday Trunk Sale with an array of handwoven items by members of the Guild. Admission is free

Contact: (248) 473-1856

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Through Dec. 10
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: The seventh annual Northville Holiday Art Market includes hand-crafted work in painting, printmaking, glass, mosaic, fiber, photography, jewelry and mixed media for sale by well-known local artists. Hours for the market are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. On "First Fridays" only in November and December hours are 1-9 p.m.

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



Canine Characters

Darius Tremaine, (left) Jillian Carey and Daniel Millhouse rehearse a scene from "Go, Dog! Go, a musical based on the children's book, by P.D. Eastman. The play, produced by the Eastern Michigan University Theatre, runs at 7 p.m. Dec. 2 and 9, and 2 p.m. Dec. 3-4 and 10-11 in the Quirk Theatre, located in the Quirk Dramatic Arts Building at East Circle Drive and Best Hall on Eastern Michigan University's campus in Ypsilanti. The play follows the antics of several colorful dogs who behave an awful lot like humans as they drive cars, get jobs, have parties and wear hats. The play is aimed at family audiences with children, ages 5 and up. Tickets are \$15 for regular admission, \$12 for students, \$9 for "mainstage" patrons and \$7 for children, ages 5-12. Call (734) 487-2282.

Register in person, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday or call Northville Art House

Contact: (248) 344-0497

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

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

Location: 744 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

Details: Drawings by Marilyn Meredith of Three Cities Art Club

Contact: (734) 416-4278

VILLAGE POTTERS GUILD

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

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

Details: Holiday sale; refreshments served

Contact: (734) 207-8807

Comedy

Go Comedy!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

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

JD'S HOUSE OF COMEDY

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

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

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

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB OF LIVONIA

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

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Chris Barnes through Nov. 19; J. Chris Newberg, Nov. 23, 25-26; Alex Ortiz, Nov. 30-Dec. 3; Chad Daniels, Dec. 7-10; Joey's Comedy All Stars, Dec. 22; John Roy, Dec. 28-31

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

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: Kathleen Madigan, through Nov. 19; Dave Landau, Nov. 25-26; Mike Green, Dec. 1-3; Kivi Rogers, Dec. 8-10; Lars Callieou, Dec. 15-17; David Dyer, Dec. 22-23; Joe Devito, Dec. 29-31

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

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

Dance

MOON DUSTERS

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

Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

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

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

Family

BAKERS KEYBOARD LOUNGE

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

Details: Jazz for Kids Program

Location: 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit

Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboard-lounge.com

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays

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

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily

Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free

Contact: (248) 541-5717

Film

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m., Friday, Nov. 18; 5 p.m. and 7:10 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 19-20

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "Dolphin Tale," \$3

Coming up: "Moneyball," 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 25-26 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27

Holiday Classics: "It's a Wonderful Life," 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 2-3 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4; "White Christmas," 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8; "Polar Express," 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 17-18; and "Elf," 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22 and 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23; all seats \$3

Contact: (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Nov. 18 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Nov. 19

Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit

Details: "Fiddler on the Roof," tickets \$4

Coming up: "Miracle on 34th Street," 8 p.m. Dec. 2 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 3; "Christmas Here We Come," featuring Laurel & Hardy in "Big Business" and guest artist Walt Strony on the Barton pipe organ, tickets \$12 for adults and \$8 for ages 12 and under; "It's a Wonderful Life," 8 p.m. Dec. 16 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 17

Contact: (313) 537-2560

Museums

CHARLES H. WRIGHT

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday

Location: 315 E. Warren Road, Detroit

Details: Heidelberg 25 through Nov. 27; Dance Theatre of Harlem, through Dec. 31 Regular museum admission is \$8 for adults, 13-61; and \$5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted free

Contact: (313) 494-5800

CRANBROOK

Time/Date: 2 p.m., Thursday-Sunday

Location: 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Docent-guided public tours of Saarinen House, a rare integration of art, architecture, design and nature, depart from Cranbrook Institute of Science front desk. The tours are about 90 minutes long and take place rain or shine.

Contact: (248) 645-3200 for house tours; http://science.cranbrook.edu

KELSEY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday, through Dec. 18

Location: In the heart of the University of Michigan campus, 434 S. State, Ann Arbor

Details: "Karanis Revealed: Discovering the Past and Present of a Michigan Excavation in Egypt" will explore the story of a site excavation initiated by U of M in the 1920s and 1930s. It will illuminate the historical records of a single village community, located 80 kilometers southwest of Cairo in the Egyptian countryside, during Egypt's Greco-Roman period

Contact: (734) 764-9304

Music

THE ARK

Time/Date: Dragon Wagon & Sargent Katz-n-Crump, Nov. 17; An

Evening with Dar Williams, Nov. 18-19; Pieta Brown, Nov. 20; Drew DeFour, Nov. 22; Matt Watroba, Nov. 25; Mr. B, Nov. 26; Gemini, Nov. 27; Blackie & the Rodeo Kings, Nov. 27; John Primer, Nov. 29; Judy Collins, Dec. 1; The April Verch Band, Dec. 2; Justin Roberts and the Not Ready for Naptime Players, Dec. 3; Shawn Colvin and Rose Cousins, Dec. 3; Bill Kirchen Honky Tonk Holiday Show, with George Beard, Dec. 4; Riders in the Sky, Dec. 5; Lee Murdock: The Christmas Ship Concert, Dec. 6; Open Stage, Dec. 7; Melissa Ferrick, Dec. 8; Student Songwriter Series, Dec. 9; Commander Cody Band, Dec. 9; The Ragbirds present Ebird and Friends, Dec. 10; The Wheeler Brothers, Dec. 11; Raul Malo Christmas Show, Dec. 12; Decembersongs: An Acoustic Holiday Celebration, Dec. 13; Emerson Hart of Tonic, Dec. 15; Graham Colton, Dec. 16; The RFD Boys, Dec. 17; 10th Annual Concert for Peace, Dec. 18

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: Third Saturday of the month

Location: JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: The show includes eight open mic performances and a featured performer. Admission is \$5. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and \$50 for families and offer free admission to monthly concerts

Coming up: Pairadocs Trio, with host Jeff London, 7 p.m. Nov. 19

Contact: (248) 347-6881

JAZZ AT THE ELKS

Time/Date: Fourth Tuesday; next show is Nov. 22

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Paul VornHagen quartet with VornHagen on reeds, Kurt Kranke on bass, Pete Siers on drums, and Chuck Shermata on keyboard; \$5 donation at the door

Contact: (734) 453-1780

MOTOWN BEAT

Time/Date: Dec. 13

Location: Farmington Players Barn Theatre, 32332 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Holiday Brass by The Detroit Chamber Winds

Coming up: "From Broadway to Hollywood with the MOT," Jan. 14, 2012; Blackthorn, March 9-10, 2012

Contact: https://recreg.fh.gov.com or (248) 473-1848

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18

Location: VisTaTech Center at the college, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia

Details: Celloist Robert deMaine and pianist Pauline Martin will perform. Tickets are \$20 per person, \$10 per student

Contact: (734) 462-4403

SOUNDS OF CANTON

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 18 and 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "Magic of Fall" concerts feature songs related to the seasons and Michigan's beauty. The Sounds of Canton consists of singers, 55 and older. The group often sings at nursing homes, community clubs and school groups. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students

Contact: For tickets call (734) 394-5460; for information about joining the group call (734) 394-5485 or e-mail seniors@cantonmi.org.

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Stella, Nov. 18; Claudia Schmidt, Nov. 19; The Potter's Field, Nov. 20; The Rickety Nelsons with Doug and Telisha Williams, Nov. 26

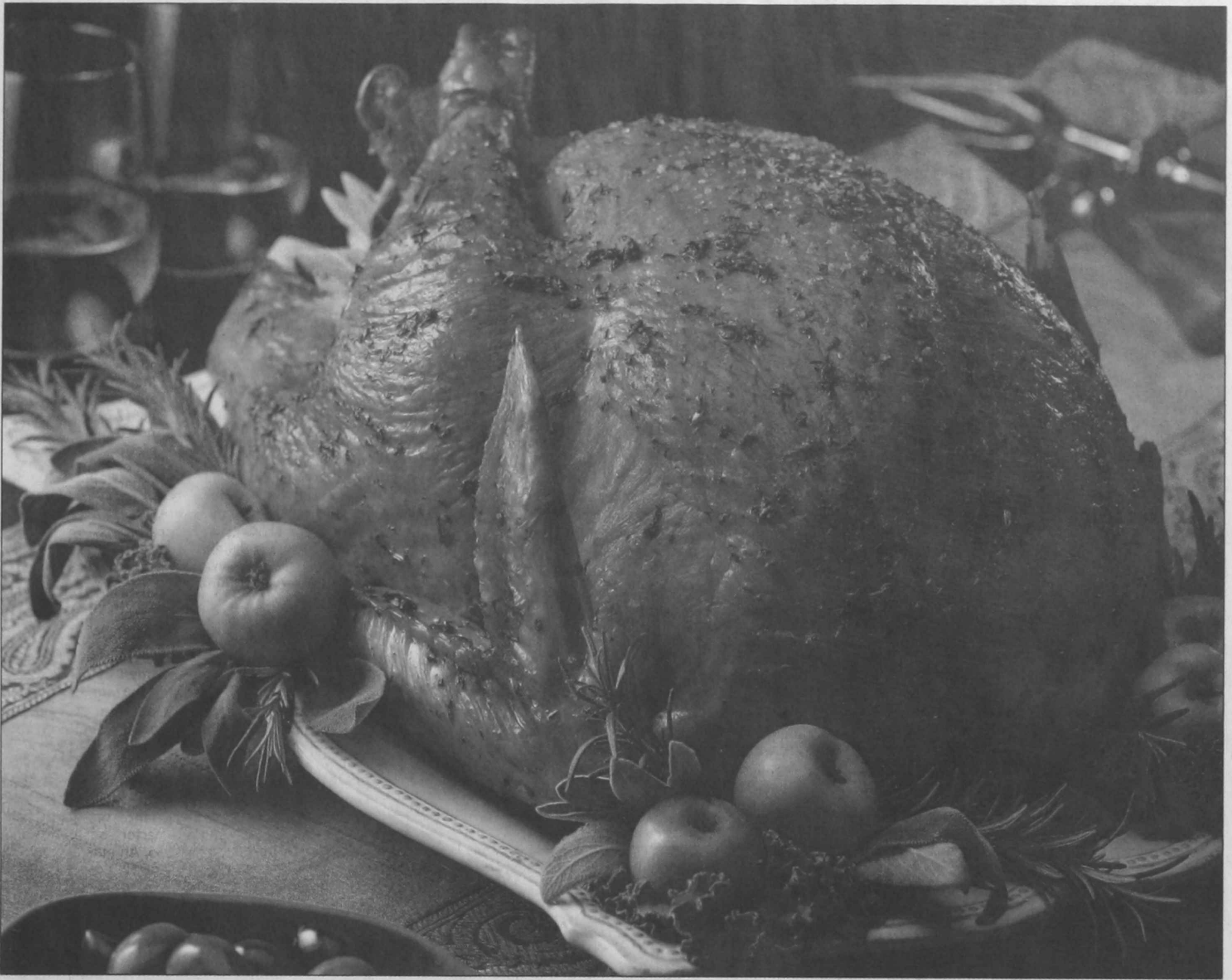
Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Contact: (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

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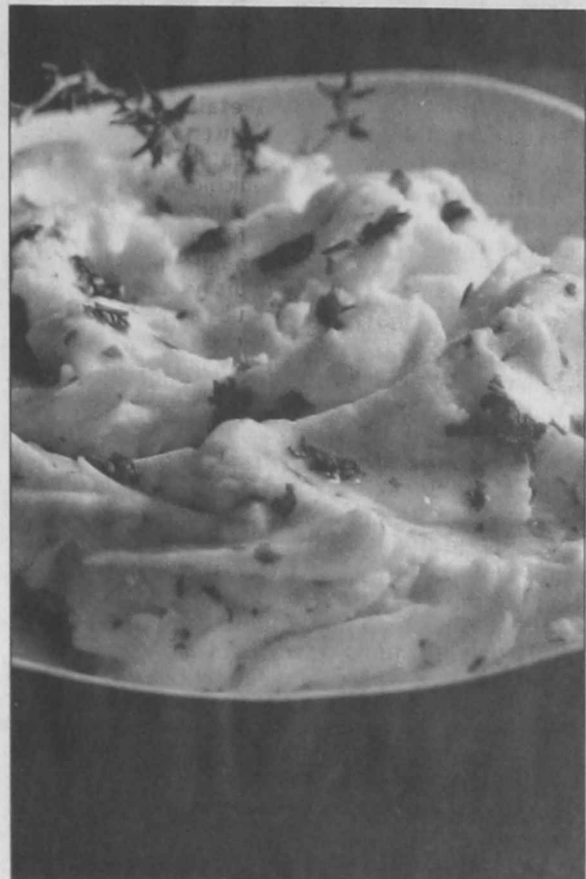
These Tuscan-inspired recipes from Carapelli Olive Oil will enhance and lighten up your holiday favorites with the distinctive taste of heart-healthy olive oil. Naturally cholesterol free, olive oil is a monounsaturated fat, which makes it a healthful substitute for butter, shortening and other oils.

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After you've tried Olive Oil and Herb Mashed Potatoes, you may never want to go back to plain mashed potatoes again. The creamy texture and robust flavor are a perfect complement to the turkey.

For another amazing side dish, try sweet and salty Brussels Sprouts with Caramelized Onions and Prosciutto — it just might become the family's new favorite.

The rich taste of olive oil promises to elevate your holiday cooking to delicious works of art. For more recipes that will turn any meal into an unforgettable feast, visit www.carapelliusa.com.



Brussels Sprouts with Caramelized Onions and Prosciutto

Serves 12

2 pounds fresh Brussels sprouts, blanched, quartered
4 tablespoons Carapelli Premium 100% Italian Extra Virgin Olive Oil
1 onion, julienned
1 ½ ounces prosciutto, sliced into ½-inch strips
4 tablespoons white balsamic vinegar
Sea salt
Fresh cracked black pepper

Trim stem end of Brussels sprouts. Discard wilted outside leaves. Boil in salted water until cooked through (about 7 minutes) and just tender. Shock in ice water. Quarter the cooled sprouts.

In large skillet over medium-high heat, caramelize onions in olive oil for 15 to 20 minutes, stirring frequently. Remove from pan. Place in bowl, mix with prosciutto.

In the same skillet, over high heat, lightly brown Brussels sprouts. Add onion-prosciutto mix, toss.

Deglaze by adding white balsamic vinegar and scraping bottom of pan. Season with salt and pepper.

Olive Oil and Herb Mashed Potatoes

Serves 12

10 8-ounce potatoes, (about 5 pounds) peeled and cut in half
¼ teaspoon white pepper
1 ½ tablespoons kosher salt
½ cup Tuscan Herb paste
½ cup Carapelli Premium 100% Italian Extra Virgin Olive Oil
1 cup heavy cream, warmed

Boil potatoes in salted water. When cooked tender, mash potatoes. Mix salt and pepper with Tuscan Herb Paste, olive oil and warm heavy cream. Fold into potatoes.

Tuscan Roast Turkey

Serves 16

1 16-pound young turkey
Kosher salt, to taste
1 cup Tuscan Herb Paste
1 teaspoon fennel seeds, crushed
2 teaspoons celery salt
3 fennel stalks with fronds, rough chopped
3 onions, large dice
1 stalk celery, small dice
2 ¼ quarts chicken stock, divided
3 ounces all-purpose flour

Remove giblets from turkey's cavity, rinse cavity and pat dry, set aside. Season turkey inside and out with kosher salt.

Mix Tuscan Herb Paste with crushed fennel seeds and celery salt. Starting at the neck of the bird, slip your hand between the meat and the skin to loosen.

Rub half the paste mix under skin, and rub remaining paste inside the cavity and over the rest of the turkey.

Place two-thirds of the chopped onion and fennel stalks inside cavity. Truss bird.

Place turkey in a roasting pan. Roast at 400°F for 30 minutes.

Reduce temperature to 325°F and continue cooking the turkey to an internal temperature of 160°F, approximately 2 ½ to 3 hours. Baste turkey often during cooking with juices from pan. If turkey begins to overbrown, cover it loosely with aluminum foil.

As turkey roasts, simmer giblets (neck, heart and gizzard), the other one-third of the fennel stalk, onion mix and diced celery in 1 quart chicken stock until tender, approximately 1 ½ hours.

When turkey is done, remove from roasting pan and set aside to rest. Degrease roasting pan, reserving 3 ounces of fat to make a roux.

Deglaze pan with a small amount of chicken stock. Transfer stock to a saucepot, and add remaining stock and broth from giblets. Bring to a simmer and degrease.

Make a blond roux with reserved fat and flour. Add roux to the liquid, whisking well to prevent lumps. Simmer 15 minutes. Strain gravy through a fine-meshed strainer. Adjust seasoning.

Tuscan Herb Paste

Yield: 2 ¼ cups

1 tablespoon fresh basil
2 tablespoons fresh rosemary
½ packed cup fresh Italian parsley
1 tablespoon fresh thyme
2 tablespoons fresh sage
½ teaspoon crushed red pepper
¼ cup Carapelli Extra Light in Taste Olive Oil
1 cup Carapelli Premium 100% Italian Extra Virgin Olive Oil

Blend herbs and crushed red pepper with light olive oil using a blender or food processor, then stir in extra virgin olive oil.

Serving Ideas: Rub under the skin of turkey for Tuscan Roast Turkey. Use to flavor vegetables for grilling and mushrooms for roasting.

Relax and eat out this Thanksgiving Day

Untie those apron strings, close your recipe files and let a local restaurant cook your dinner on Thanksgiving Day. Here's a sampling of locations, their prices and menus for Nov. 24:

• **Beaver Creek Tackle and Beer**, 1609 N. Wayne, Westland

The restaurant is open from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. The turkey dinner costs \$13.99 for adults and includes white turkey breast, gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, vegetable, cranberry sauce, and bread basket. Children, 10 and under, pay \$4.99 for turkey, mashed potatoes and corn. Desserts are a la carte and include pumpkin pie for \$2.49 and apple dumpling for \$2.99. Make reservations at (734) 722-5330.

• **Courthouse Grille**, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth

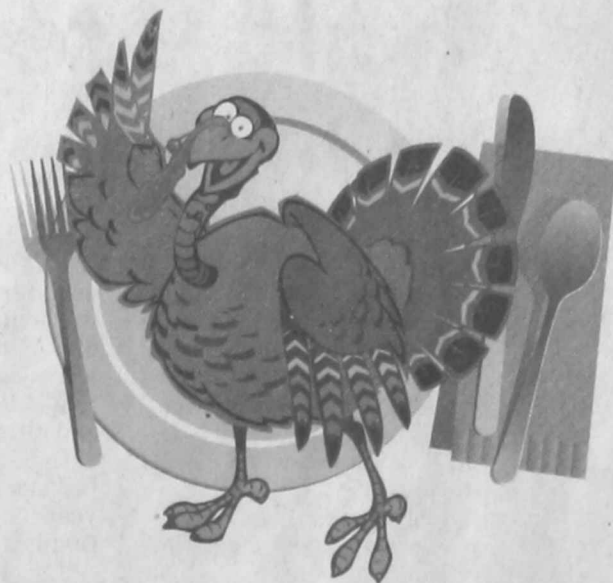
Choose seatings from noon-6 p.m. and order off of a special holiday menu that includes a roasted turkey dinner with gravy, cranberry sauce, stuffing and a choice of mashed or sweet potato and green beans with almonds or honey-roasted root vegetable, soup and rolls for

\$17.99. Not a turkey fan? The menu also includes such dinners as roasted butternut squash ravioli, pecan-crusted wall-eye, prime rib, Veal Parmesan and honey-roasted ham. Make reservations at (734) 453-2002.

• **Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center**, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, offers two buffets.

Reservations for the Golden Fox are available 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost for adults is \$31.95 and for children, 3-12, \$11.95. The menu includes a breakfast station with items such as scrambled eggs and Pumpkin Cranberry French Toast; a seafood station with shrimp, oysters, smoked white fish and calamari salad; soup station; salad station; an entree station with turkey pot pie, Cavatapi Noodles tossed with spinach and roasted pecans in a pumpkin coulis, chicken cutlets, baked Cajun tilapia, beef brisket; roasted turkey, and apple-glazed pork; omelet station; carving stations with turkey, prime rib, ham and more; and a dessert table.

A traditional Thanksgiving buffet also will be served 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Fox Classic. Cost is \$21.95



for adults and \$9.95 for children, 3-12. Children under 3 are free. Salad bar, sides, ham and turkey, along with pumpkin, apple and pecan pies will be available.

For reservations for either buffet, call (734) 453-7272.

• **Ginopolis' Bar-B-Q Smokehouse**, 27815 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

The restaurant will be open noon-8 p.m. The turkey dinner is \$18.99 for adults and \$7.99 for children 10 and under. The dinner includes turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, salad and pumpkin

pie. Make reservations at (248) 851-8222.

• **G. Subu's Leather Bottle**, 20300 Farmington Road, Livonia

Make reservations at 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. or 4:30 p.m. Adults pay \$17.99 and children, 10 and under, pay \$10.99. The menu will include roast turkey, ham, cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes, yams, corn niblets, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie and apple pie. Call (734) 474-2420 for reservations.

• **Meriwethers**, 25485 Telegraph, Southfield
A traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner is

available 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Adults pay \$21.99 and children, 10 and under, pay \$10.99. The dinner will include turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, butter-nut squash and pumpkin pie. Reservations aren't required but are accepted; (248) 358-1310.

• **One Under Bar and Grille**, 35780 Five Mile, Livonia

Seatings are available at 11 a.m., 1 p.m.; and 3 p.m. Cost is \$18.99 for adults, \$14.99 for seniors, and \$7.99 for children, 7-10. Children, 6 and under are free. The menu will include roasted turkey, baked ham, breaded white fish, cornbread stuffing, green bean casserole, potatoes, seafood bar, cranberry and orange relish, fresh fruit and cheese, assorted salads, desserts, chicken fingers, tater tots, mini corn dogs and beverages. Omelet and waffle stations included during first two seatings. Call (734) 464-5555 for reservations.

• **Sophia's**, 38259 W. 10 Mile, Farmington Hills
Thanksgiving Day buffet will be served 2-6 p.m. Cost is \$14.99 for adults

and \$9.99 for children, 10 years and under. The buffet will include turkey and all the trimmings, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, corn, ham, desserts and more. For reservations call (248) 987-2303

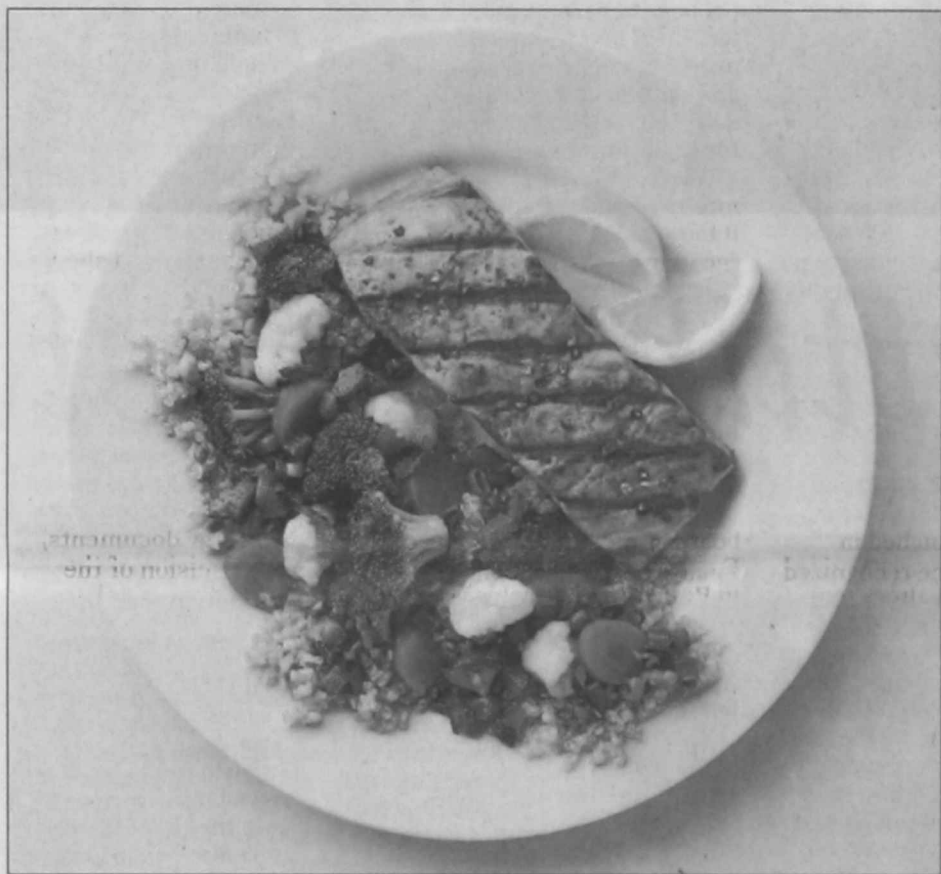
• **Station 885, 885 Starkweather**, Plymouth

The restaurant will be open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and will serve a buffet. Cost is \$21.99 for adults and \$10.99 for children ages 3-10. The menu includes roast beef, turkey, ham, baked chicken and salmon, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, cranberry relish, stuffing, lasagna, Pasta Primavera, fresh vegetables, baked mac and cheese, assorted salads, shrimp, fresh fruit, assorted appetizers, assorted desserts. Call (734) 459-0885 for reservations.

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— Compiled by Sharon Dargay



Vegetable Quinoa Pilaf makes a colorful, tasty side dish.

Power up your plate with veggies

With only six percent of Americans getting the recommended amount of vegetables a day, according to The 2010 National Action Plan Report Card, National Fruit and Vegetable Alliance, access to delicious, easy and versatile veggie-powered meals is more important than ever. Marcus Samuelsson, an award-winning chef and cookbook author, has joined Birds Eye vegetables to help inspire and enable people to think about vegetables as a pleasure, to shake up old habits and help bring vegetables back to the center of the plate — especially for the next generation.

• Don't Hide, Highlight Veggies

Vegetables deserve center stage because they're amazing. They are delicious, colorful, good for you and taste great, too.

Inspiring people — especially kids — to discover the wonder of vegetables starts with highlighting vegetables as the center of the plate, not as an understudy. "Vegetables are great for any meal, so put them forward as a gift to your family every day," says Samuelsson. "It's extremely important that we start making nutritious, veggie-powered meals for ourselves and the next generation."

• Follow the 60/40 Rule

Instead of thinking about dishes as 60 percent pasta and 40 percent vegetables, turn it around, serving veggies as 60 percent and pasta as 40 percent of the meal. "Flipping the proportions of your favorite meals is a quick, easy way to incorporate more veggies into meals your family already loves."

• Mix and Match Colors, Textures and Flavors

Enjoy a variety of veggies at the same time to truly showcase the wonder of a veggie-powered plate. Incorporating many different veggies brings flavor, crunch and a nutritious punch to almost any dish. "My ideal veggie-powered plate is a Vegetable and Quinoa Pilaf. It's loaded with a wonderful broccoli, carrots and cauliflower medley from Birds Eye."

Build a customized veggie-powered plate at www.Facebook.com/BirdsEyeVegetables. For every veggie-powered plate created on Facebook, Birds Eye will donate vegetables for 10 meals as part of its Feed Kids Better initiative with Share Our Strength (up to 1 million meals through September 2012).

Makes 6 servings

1 bag of Birds Eye Steamfresh Broccoli, Carrot and Cauliflower Medley
1 cup quinoa
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
2 stalks celery, finely chopped
4 scallions, white and green parts, thinly sliced
1 tablespoon peeled and minced fresh ginger
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 tablespoon chopped parsley
½ tablespoon chopped fresh mint
1 teaspoon smoked sweet paprika
Salt
Freshly ground black pepper
Cook vegetable medley according to package directions; drain and set aside.

Meanwhile, rinse quinoa well under cold water in a fine wire sieve; drain.
Bring to a boil with 2 cups water and ½ teaspoon salt in medium saucepan over high heat. Reduce heat to low and cover. Cook until the quinoa has absorbed the water, about 15 minutes. Remove from heat.
Melt butter in large skillet. Add celery, scallions, ginger and garlic and cook, stirring often, until fragrant, about 2 minutes. Add cooked vegetable medley and mix well. Stir in parsley, mint and paprika.
Transfer quinoa to serving bowl. Fluff quinoa with fork. Add vegetable mixture and mix well. Season with salt and pepper. Serve hot.

— Family Features

Chicken Cordon Bleu takes center stage

According to a recent survey conducted by Infogroup/Opinion Research Corporation on behalf of Perdue Farms, 91 percent of Americans believe in the importance of a sit-down, home-cooked meal.

While families today are busier than ever, they are willing to go to great lengths to get a meal on the table the entire family will enjoy, including:

- Customizing a recipe to their family's liking — 88 percent
- Preparing the best side-dishes to accompany the meal — 85 percent
- Purchasing higher-quality products — 74 percent

While the survey revealed roast chicken as Americans' best chicken dish, Chicken Cordon Bleu is the dish people most want to learn to cook.

Perdue's Executive Chef, Chris Moyer, created an easy recipe and how-to video for Chicken Cordon Bleu. He also incorporates some tips to help both cooking novices and enthusiasts get this great meal on the table:

- Start with high quality ingredients. Selecting all-natural chicken from a brand you can trust is a good place to start. Look for chicken with the USDA Processed Verified Seal.
- Want to dress it up? Use prosciutto ham, gruyere cheese and thyme for your filling.
- Side dishes matter, too. The survey also revealed that 95 percent of Americans feel that getting a nutritious and delicious meal on the dinner table is important to them — so make sure your side dishes consist of a healthy grain and a green vegetable high in nutrients and fiber.

Visit Perdue on Facebook to learn more about their commitment to providing better chicken and to find tips, tools and recipes for families to help get a great meal on the dinner table.



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Chicken Cordon Bleu

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Prep Time: 10-15 minutes
Serves: 3

Ingredients
1 package PERDUE® FIT & EASY® Boneless, Skinless Chicken Breasts
6 thin slices of salt-cured Virginia-smoked ham
3 slices domestic Swiss cheese
1 whole egg
½ cup water
½ cup flour
1 cup breadcrumbs
½ teaspoon kosher salt
½ tablespoon table ground black pepper
1 tablespoon olive oil

Slice chicken horizontally without cutting all the way through to create butterfly breast. Place chicken on cutting board with sheet of plastic wrap over top. With meat mallet, gently pound chicken to even thickness of breast. Place two slices ham and cheese on one side of breast and fold back over. In bowl, whip together egg and water to create egg-wash. On two separate plates, put flour and breadcrumbs. Season flour with salt and black pepper. Carefully dredge chicken first into seasoned flour, then into egg-wash, followed by breadcrumbs.

Heat olive oil in ovenproof sauté pan. Place chicken in pan to brown. Cook for 2 minutes on one side, then flip each breast over. Place pan into oven at 350°F and cook until each chicken breast reaches 170°F internal temperature, about 20-25 minutes.

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