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Canton woman among West Nile virus victims

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A Canton woman is among 38 people in Wayne County known to have been infected with West Nile virus, as county and state health officials ramp up their warnings for others to take precautions to avoid becoming sick amid an "epidemic" of the mosquito-borne illness.

Though she had been hospital-ized, nothing else was known about the Canton woman or her condition. Canton Police Special Services Sgt. Pat Sullivan said hospitals and health officials are reluctant to release details even to police because of privacy laws pertaining to patients.

Angela Minicuci, Michigan Department of Community Health spokeswoman, said 38 confirmed cases of West Nile virus and three deaths had

been reported in Wayne County alone as of Wednesday morning, though the statistics are changing daily.

Of those, 25 cases have been reported in the suburbs and 13 in Detroit, Minicuci said. Of the three deaths, two occurred outside of Detroit and one in the city, she said.

"We are having an epidemic here in Michigan," Dr. Dean Sienko, interim chief medi-

cal executive for the Michigan Department of Community Health, said Wednesday morning during a telephone conference with reporters.

In hopes of halting the spread of West Nile virus, Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said the township's public works department has mosquito larvicide "dunks" that homeown-

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Fashion conscious

Fundraiser celebrates history, diversity

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A group of Canton women, proud of the stylish dresses that reflect their community's history and cultural diversity, have learned that playing dress-up isn't just for children.

They've woven together their fondness for fashion and their hankering for history, then thrown in their business acumen to stage their biggest yet "Canton Gets Dressed Up" event to raise money for the Canton Historical Society.

Forget New York City's Fifth Avenue or Chicago's Miracle Mile as fashion comes to Summit on the Park's grand ballroom 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, when Canton women plan to model historic, special-occasion dresses dating back to the late 1800s and newer, colorful attire worn by women from countries such as India,



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Top: One of many accessories is this purse from the 1920s. Above: Jordan Taylor, wearing a prom dress from 1986, will be part of "Canton Gets Dressed Up," the fundraiser to benefit the Canton Historical Society. Bottom: Sandy Irwin wears a 1950s evening gown.



FASHION FUNDRAISER

What: Canton Gets Dressed Up
When: 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21
Where: Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton
Who: Canton Historical Society
Why: The show is designed to celebrate community and raise money to boost the Canton Historical Society's efforts to preserve local history and educate residents about Canton's past. Tickets: Cost \$15 and are available at Summit on the Park, the Village Theater at Cherry Hill box office, by calling (734) 394-5300 or by visiting www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org.

Reform could save district \$5.1 million

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth-Canton school officials have long said one of the most difficult pieces of the budget to predict — and therefore one of the more troublesome to the budgeting process — is the cost of contributing to employees' health and retirement plans.

That factor is expected to get a lot easier, probably early in September, when Gov. Rick Snyder signs Senate Bill 1040 into law.

The bill reforms the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System and shrinks the more than \$15 billion in unfunded liabilities facing the system. The reform is expected to save Plymouth-Canton some \$2.1 million this year and another \$3 million next year.

"(Retirement costs) was one of the largest variables we'd have to figure out in any given year," said Brodie Killian, the district's executive director for finance. "We're now able to have some budget projection stability. That's \$2.1 million that's freed up to go back into the classrooms."

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Canton Pharmacy hit amid growing addiction problem

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Canton Pharmacy has been broken into for a second time this summer — among several local pharmacy burglaries — as national experts point to a growing problem partly fueled by prescription drug addiction and sales.

The latest burglary occurred between 11:30 p.m. Friday and 1:15 a.m. Saturday when a window of Canton Pharmacy, on Lilley north of Cherry Hill, was smashed out, police Special Services Sgt. Pat Sullivan said.

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Newcomers' event kicks off 41st year

Whether you grew up here, referred for career advancement or chose Canton for the local high quality of life, you have one thing in common with everyone else, according to officials with the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors club.

"That is the desire to make friends.

"Having friends to share the enjoyment of all the great things Canton has to offer can really increase the pleasure of living here," said club president Noreen Rybar.

The Canton Newcomers and Neighbors is the largest social and civic club in Canton. They are on a mission, Rybar said, to

expand membership by inviting all residents to the Wednesday, September 5 adult kick-off meeting at the Hanford Clubhouse at 45800 Hanford Road beginning at 7:15 p.m. The kick-off meeting marks the beginning of the club's 41st season, themed "Fit and Fabulous."

The diversity of members means everyone easily connects to the group. Members include a busy mother of four, Hollie Arnett, from Ohio.

"Besides being able to connect my family with others, Canton Newcomers helped me acclimate to my new surroundings," Arnett said. "I made better decisions on hiring new ser-

vices providers, where to dine, shop, doctors etc."

Betsy DiGianmottino from Illinois moved here to enjoy retirement closer to her son's new family.

"I want to be active and volunteer with others," DiGianmottino. "The diversity of the events they offer also will help my husband make new buddies here."

But, you don't have to be new to Canton to be a member. The club's mission is to include all Canton residents.

"I checked out the group over six years ago," said Jennifer Lay-Luskin. "Even with my growing family and full work

schedule, I have enjoyed being a member ever since."

Long-time resident, Aldona Chew said the group helps her keep in touch with things going on around her.

"The organization has proven to be the easiest and most enjoyable way for me to stay connected to the community over the years," Chew said.

In addition to the monthly general meeting, the club hosts interest groups including children's playgroups, Book Club, Couples Euchre, Let's do Dinner, Scrapbooking, and Ladies Bunko. Charity efforts are also a priority to raise funds to support the local food pantry, women's shelter, children's charities and others. Newcomers take good care of their own too by delivering homemade meals to members during times of family crisis.

The club partners with local businesses who would like exposure to members. The returning season sponsor is fine jeweler, Showroom of Elegance. Carraba's is donating refreshments for the September meeting.

To learn more, order a complimentary September newsletter and/or RSVP for the free Sept. 5 meeting, contact Noreen Rybar at nrybar@yahoo.com or (734) 981-0486.

FASHION

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Brazil and the Philippines.

It's a fashion show intended to celebrate community and raise money to boost the Canton Historical Society's efforts to preserve local history and educate residents about Canton's past.

"This just helps us to have an idea of who we were and who we are now," fashion show co-chair Kathy Martin said. "It's important to see how our ancestors lived. It helps us to understand who we are."

"Canton Gets Dressed Up" organizers gathered Monday at the historic Bartlett-Travis House at Preservation Park to discuss their third annual fashion show, which starts with a half-hour silent auction featuring paintings by local artists, a pair of African cowrie-shell statues, Canton Historical Society memberships and other items.

No more than 250 fashion show tickets are being sold. Organizers have even made their light refreshments fashionable with treats such as pan de jamon, a Venezuelan bread made with ham, olives, raisins and red peppers by fashion committee member Cecilia Escobar, who was born in Venezuela.

Escobar said the fashion show will include special-occasion dresses from 10-12 countries, including an African-influenced dress from Bahia, a state in northern Brazil — a dress she said is mostly worn to religious ceremonies.

Escobar, Martin and others said it's important for "Canton Gets Dressed Up" to reflect the community's increasingly diverse population. Escobar said the cultural attire adds colorful fashion



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Canton Historical Museum Director Liz Carlson and a contemporary Palestinian dress. In the foreground, a short, 1950s cocktail dress by Gigi Young.

ion to the show.

"It is very important because we are a diverse community," she said.

One model, Jordan Taylor, is expected to wear a white prom dress her mother had made in 1986, though it reflected the Victorian era.

Organizers say many of the fashion-show dresses have been donated over the years by descendants in families, such as the Hustons and Hawks, who were among Canton's earlier residents. Historians protect the

old clothing by wrapping it in acid-free tissue and placing it in special archival boxes.

Liz Carlson, Canton Historical Museum director, said the first "Canton Gets Dressed Up" drew only 50 people to the Village Theater gallery, followed by a second-year crowd of 150 who watched models on the theater stage. This year's event is expected to draw as many as 250 to the Summit's grand ballroom to see fashions such as a 1920s white-dotted, Swiss

drop-waist dress with a three-tier skirt.

Martin, Escobar, Taylor and Carlson organized this year's fashion show along with committee members Dana Anderson, Jen Anderson, Janet Brady, Anita DePentu, Sandy Irwin, Phyllis Redfern, Linda Rettray and Yolanda Smith. They say it's a heartfelt project for a worthy cause.

"We're very excited," Martin said.

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Director of the Canton Historical Museum, Liz Carlson, models a 1920s dress. It's light weight, for summer wear, and features a dropped waist.



This prom dress, originally worn by Barb Sidick to Canton High School's prom, is modeled by Sandy Irwin.

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Community steps up to meet school supply needs

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer



Salem High School Key Club member Robyn Lowes, 17, of Canton, helps sort the school supplies from the Salvation Army's Back 2 School Blitz.

Hundreds of western Wayne County students whose families are struggling with tight budgets will return to school with fresh supplies — and brand-new backpacks — thanks to dozens of churches, community groups, businesses and individuals.

The 2012 Back to School Blitz gathered more than \$15,000 worth of backpacks, notebooks, pens and pencils, binders, paper and other supplies, plus monetary donations, in recent weeks, said Laurie Aren, the director of family and community ministries at the Salvation Army's Plymouth Corps. The Corps' fifth Blitz was its most successful; the supplies will be distributed to an estimated 400 students eligible for the assistance, Aren said.

When the program began in 2008, Aren said, it helped just 47 students, but the need has exploded.

"The community has really embraced this project, so as the need has grown, the support has grown," she said.

Despite an increase in local employment, and the official end of the national recession three years ago, Aren said many families in the Plymouth Corps' service area are still struggling financially, with new jobs that pay less than they previously earned and benefits that cost more.

"We're seeing families that, both parents might be working but they've taken a 10-percent pay cut, or commission, and they're paying more into their health care," Aren said. Some who remain jobless have exhausted their unemployment benefits, while others have seen jobs that they've had reductions in government assistance, such as food stamps, but don't quite pay enough.

Expensive time
The end of state utility bill assistance in March and a brutally hot summer didn't help either, she said.

"If you're already living close to that budget — you're just getting by," Aren said. "For families, for all of us, it's a really

expensive time of year."

Donors for this year's Blitz included area Rotary clubs, the Wilcox Foundation, the Canton Community Foundation, the Plymouth Community United Way, several area churches and several businesses, including Meijer and Walmart.

"It's just been overwhelming," Aren said. Volunteers from community groups and the Key Club, which is made up of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park high school students, assisted regular Corps volunteers with sorting and packing the supplies earlier this week, Aren said.

"Everybody has just done their part. That and more," she said. Distribution was to have taken place at the Plymouth Corps headquarters Wednesday. About 350 students were eligible to receive supplies, and Aren expected that number to top 400 once the school year begins and students settle in.

"We have seen a growing amount of need," said Frank Ruggirello, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' director of community relations. While many might think of the area as wealthy, he said, district families represent a wide range of income levels, and "school supplies are fantastic help."

Extra supplies
"For a lot of families, unfortunately, they're choosing between these things and food and paying the bills," Ruggirello said.

The Plymouth Corps' service area is made up of Plymouth, Northville and Belleville and Plymouth, Canton, Van Buren and Sumpter townships. Northville and Northville Township students who need school supply assistance, however, are helped by a separate area organized by Northville Civic Center.

Aren said leftover supplies will be taken to the Plymouth-Canton Public Schools and the Van Buren Community Schools for use throughout the school year.

Ruggirello said the extra supplies his district receives will be divided appropriately between school buildings. School principals, who have access to confidential information about students eligible for free or reduced-cost lunches, will make decisions about who is to receive the supplies, he said.

"Every bit of what is sent to us is going to get into the right hands of the students who need it," Ruggirello said.

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DANCE AUDITIONS
Date/Time: Sunday, Sept. 9 or Sept. 16, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Central City Dance, 6700 N. Canton Center, Canton

Details: Central City Dance is holding open auditions for the 2012 Central City Christmas Spectacular Show. Auditions are open to the public and to all area dancers ages 6 to adult, gymnasts of all ages, and singers age 10 to adult. There is a \$10 fee to audition. Dancers will be taught a dance combination as a group, and performers will be chosen not only on their dance skills, but ability to listen. Gymnasts should be able to demonstrate three different passes across the floor and will be chosen based on their technique and originality. Singers are encouraged to bring along a DVD of their favorite holiday music and be able to perform for one minute.

Contact: For specific information regarding the 2012 open audition process for the Central City Christmas Spectacular Show, please visit www.Centrallydance.com, click on the Christmas Spectacular tab, and 2012 Open Auditions Process. To contact them via phone, call Central City Dance at (734) 459-0400.

ALANO CLUB
Date/Time: Sunday, Sept. 16, 9 a.m.

Location: Hickory Creek Golf Course (Napier and Ford Road)

Details: Plymouth-Canton Alano Club is having their fifth annual fundraising Fall Golf Outing. The Alano Club is a non-profit facility providing resources for recovering alcoholics including space for meetings of groups of Alcoholics Anonymous and other 12 step groups such as Alano and Alateen, whose focus relates to alcoholism. Many Prizes, games, raffles etc. Cost is \$85 per player or

\$320 per foursome including 18 hole scramble cart, range balls, snacks at turn, dinner in club. This is a no alcohol event.

Contact: Call Rick Talbot at (734) 751-8030 or send check payable to PC Alano Club to 45924 Rockledge Dr. Plymouth, MI 48170, with names of players(s).

GENEALOGICAL MEETING
Date/Time: Monday, Sept. 17, 6:30 p.m.

Location: Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Western Wayne County Genealogical Society will be meeting. The program will be WWCS President, Stephanie Smith, explaining the process of navigating the Society's new website. She will also include an explanation of how members can include their own personal information, such as surnames. The main speaker, following the 7:30 pm business meeting will be Byron Bailey presenting "The Forgotten War — the War of 1812." The meetings are open to the public. Guests are always welcome.

Contact: For further information, visit our website at www.rootswest.com/~mimweg/

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Dates/Times: 1-3 p.m. Sept. 6, Oct. 3, Nov. 1 and Dec. 4

Location: United Home Health Services ofice, 2200 Canton Center in Canton

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Crowds fill Hines Drive for second annual cruise

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer



Gary Via and his wife Mary of Canton, Louise Johnson and her husband Dean of Livonia stand by his 1967 Plymouth GTX and Via's 1968 Dodge Dart GT5.

Nicholson was fielding telephone calls about the cruise from as far away as Lansing and Flint. Other callers were looking for the location of specific car clubs that had set up along Hines Drive. Most available grass between the parkway and the bike path were taken up by people who had pulled off and parked so they could watch the show.

"This is awesome, this is the best time," said Louise Johnson of Livonia, who was cruising with her husband Dean in their 1967 Plymouth GTX. "We rolled in about 10:30. We've already done the cruise once, but we're not done. We'll probably do it two or three more times."

"This is the best, it's all hot rods," said Dean Johnson. "At the Woodward Dream Cruise you might see a hot rod every 20 cars, here we're seeing a hot rod every car. This is like being back in high school. It was a weekend thing to cruise around

when we were in high school."

Gary Via had a for sale sign in the window of his 1968 Dodge Dart GT5 for a very simple reason: "It gets five miles to a gallon."

"Hey, \$13,000 and you can drive it away," said the Canton resident. "I had to lose this car, but I'm ready to retire. My wife said sell and I can retire."

Via bought the car 10 years ago on his wedding day. He and his wife, Mary, were at the Woodward Dream Cruise. The owner wouldn't hold the car unless he put something down, so Mary sister's, Patti Fling, of Redford gave him the down payment.

"He didn't have his checkbook, so I whipped out my money, I did it for him to lose his car," said Fling, who was at the Hines Drive cruise with her husband, Richard.

"We got married on the day of the Dream Cruise," said Mary. "I'd never been and they took

me. They took me kicking and screaming from it to get married. I didn't want to leave."

Samantha Kaczor and Tara Daneke, both of Westland, had their chairs set up by a 1976 Vega that her father John was showing off. Tara does the cruises with her father and voted Sunday's event as her favorite.

"I like it better than all the other ones," she said.

"This is my first time, although I know a lot about cars," said Kaczor. "I like cars a lot. I've watched my dad do this (customize them)."

John Zaneck bought his Vega. "It's all original," he said - from his brother who "got something better."

My boss is a big time Camaro guy. He convinced me to get into cruising and I've never looked back," he added. "It's all too much fun. I headed to the Dream Cruise, but there was too much traffic. This is the best, it's number one."

Joe Fauls of Detroit was there with his son, Joe Jr. of Westland. He brought his 1923 Ford T-bucket. He's had his Ford since 1992. He bought it with the body the way it currently is, but has worked on the drive train several times.

"I do all of the cruises - Woodward Dream Cruise, Michigan Avenue and Telegraph Road," he said. "I love this, you can cruise here."

One of the more unusual classics was Bob Haas's red-and-white 1955 Ford four-door sedan. The South Lyon resident transformed the car into a rolling ice cream car, complete with a syrup dispenser, malt maker, Coke machine, juke box and "a table right out of the '50s." It also has a red shade umbrella that he popped open for passengers Roxanne Fontana and Janet Dawson of Hamburg, Barb Mechem of Livonia and his wife Lorraine.

"I saw one like this on the Internet, but it wasn't practical," he said. "It had a barbecue under the hood. You couldn't drive it."

Haas bought the car nine years ago out of Farmington Hills. It had 34,000 original miles and cost a mere \$300. It sat in his shed until this year.

Fran and Brad Hackney of Trenton were serving hot dogs and kielsbasa with baked beans and sauerkraut to their friends and fellow car enthusiasts in the shadow of their 1964 Pontiac Catalina. Car cruisers for more than 20 years - their first car was a 1971 Corvette - it was their first time cruising Hines Drive.

"This is great, the best idea someone ever had to block off the road just for cruisers," said Brad Hackney.

The verdict is in. The second installment of Cruisin' Hines was an overwhelming success. "I'm excited and exhausted," said organizer Don Nicholson. "There were 40,000 plus cars. All three of our clickers tally cars coming in broke and we gave away all of our goodie bags and thousands of magazines."

Hines Drive between Ann Arbor Trail and Outer Drive was open to only classic cars and hot rods from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday for the location that attracted people from far and near. Spectators, who could enter the park at three locations, and cruisers lined the parkway to watch the parade of cars.

"I've seen the double the cars here this year," said Stanley Harris of Garden City who, with his wife Pamela, had found a shady spot under a tree near the Warren Road overpass.

"We were in almost the same spot last year and we could see the cars, this year we have all these cars parked in front of us and have to look between them," said Pamela.

Stanley Harris describes himself as a car enthusiast and, while he doesn't have a classic car, he and his wife were planning to make a day of it to show support for the cruise.

"It's nice to have it in the park," Harris said. "This is an exciting program."

The hill at the overpass became a popular spot to watch the cruisers, with at least 100 people sitting in the shade.

"It looked like the lawn seats at Pine Knob," said Nicholson.

WEST NILE

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er associations can obtain at no cost to treat ponds and catch basins.

"We've done this for years," Faas said.

More confirmed

Homeowner associations can call the public works department at (734) 397-1011 for information on the mosquito-fighting larvae.

"It's an agent to kill the larvae of the mosquito," Faas said.

Wayne County and Kent County near Grand Rapids have had the highest number of West Nile cases in all of Michigan, said Mary Mazur, spokeswoman for the Wayne County Health and Human Services Department.

Mazur couldn't confirm details about the Canton woman, who was infected with the number of cases in Wayne County has increased several times over what had been reported in the past few years.

"More cases are being confirmed every day," she said Wednesday morning.

State health officials warned that West Nile virus has reached epidemic proportions in

Michigan, particularly in older suburbs.

An uptick in cases has been attributed to dry, hot weather.

The majority of West Nile cases in Michigan have occurred in the Detroit area, especially in suburbs built after World War II that have dense populations, officials said. Mazur said places hardest hit by West Nile infections include communities such as Westland, Redford, Dearborn Heights and Royal Oak.

Highest numbers

State and county health officials said residents, especially those who are older or who have weakened immune systems, should take precautions against West Nile virus by avoiding mosquitoes.

Experts have offered advice such as staying indoors at dawn and dusk, making sure open doors and windows have proper screens, wearing long pants and long sleeves when outside and avoiding areas near standing water.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1,118 cases of West Nile virus in people, including 41 deaths, had been reported this year as of Aug. 21. That is the highest number

since the virus was first detected in the U.S. in 1999. Forty-seven of the 50 states have reported cases.

Eighty percent of people infected with West Nile virus have no symptoms, according to the CDC. About one in 150 infected people develop severe symptoms such as high fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness and paralysis, the CDC said.

These symptoms may last several weeks, and neurological effects may be permanent.

Up to 20 percent of the people who become infected have milder symptoms such as fever, headache and body aches, nausea, vomiting and sometimes swollen lymph glands or a skin rash on the chest, stomach and back. Symptoms can last for as little as a few days, though even healthy people have become sick for several weeks.

Currently, there is no human vaccine for the virus.

"Prevention on West Nile is key," Mazur said.

Staff writer Karen Smith contributed to this story.

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REFORM

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Schools officials have been pressing for relief from the growing percentage of payroll that must be paid to MPERSERS to cover employee retirement costs. The rate would have jumped from 24.46 percent to 27.37 percent this year, said Killian, who pointed out the rate was expected to jump to some 31 percent in 2013-14.

MPERSERS collects and compiles employee wage, contribution and service information from 551 school districts, 70 public school academies, seven universities, 28 community colleges, 57 intermediate school districts and 11 libraries. As of Sept. 30, 2011, the system served 444,185 members.

The bill makes several changes to the MPERSERS Act, including increasing employee contributions, as well as prefunding retiree health care beginning in fiscal 2012-13. According to a statement from Snyder's office, the prefunding is critical because the state will now be setting aside money to meet the debt when it comes due in the

future, meaning that the cost of the benefit will be paid for at the time it accrued, putting stability back in the system.

Snyder has labeled the bill as "among the most critical pieces of legislation" he will sign this year.

"These reforms ensure that schools can keep critical and much-needed resources in our classrooms," Snyder said. "The administration, legislature and stakeholders worked together to advance a plan that is fair and affordable to teachers and other school employees as well as taxpayers."

Killian called the changes "significant" and pointed out they bring Michigan in line with what other states are doing.

"Is it sweeping or drastic?" Killian said. "It's probably pretty close."

Under the legislation, new hires will receive \$2,000 that will be deposited into a health reimbursement account once eligibility criteria have been met, as well as receive up to 2-percent matching contribution into a 401(k) account for savings to be used toward the purchase of retiree health care, or for any

other purpose. That will replace fully subsidized retiree health care premiums.

"It also allows existing members to opt out of retiree health care coverage, if they choose. The 3-percent retiree health contributions they've made to date would be credited to their 401(k) account."

According to the governor's office, the financial relief to school districts is substantial, capping the employer contribution rate at 20.96 percent of payroll and requiring an appropriation from the School Aid Fund to pay for any excess liabilities above that amount.

That's where, Killian points out, district's find out "there's no free ice cream." He said the district's per-pupil funding - holding steady this year at \$7,351 - could be affected if liabilities have to be covered out of the School Aid Fund.

"The rate cap could mean per-pupil (funding) could be held flat," Killian said. "It's a double-edged sword."

Staff Writer Sue Mason contributed to this report.

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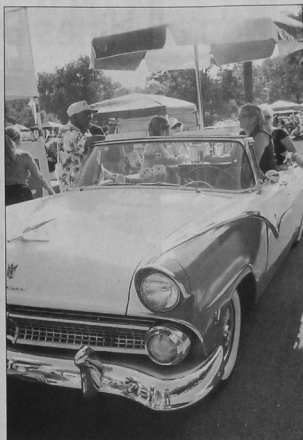
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The driver of a Triumph took photographs of fellow cruisers as he drove up and down Hines Drive.



Bob Haas of South Lyon puts up the umbrella on his 1955 Ford ice cream car for his passengers - Roxanne Fontana of Wixom, Janet Dawson of Hamburg, Barb Mecham of Livonia and his wife Lorraine.

Out for a ride: Cruisers take over Hines Drive

Sunday was a picture perfect day for cruising ... and more than 40,000 drivers flocked to Hines Drive where car show promoter Don Nicholson stage his second annual Cruisin' Hines.

The parkway was closed from Ann Arbor Trail in Westland to Outer Drive in Dearborn with only classics - vehicles at least 25 years old - and hot rods allowed to drive the 7 1/2 miles without a traffic light. Everything from a rat ride pickup truck to a 1955 Ford ice cream car could be seen by spectators who lined the route. And drivers found plenty of space to stop and park in the grass areas along Hines Drive.

Nicholson, who envisions the annual cruise as Wayne County's answer to the Woodward Dream Cruise, was more than pleased with the response to this year's event.

"This was a lot of fun," said Nicholson.



A dragon guarded a Chevy Nova Super Sport parked a long Hines Drive.



John Daneke of Westland had his "all original" 1976 Vega parked on the grass along Hines Drive in Westland. This was his first year doing the 7 1/2-mile long cruise from Ann Arbor Trail in Westland to Outer Drive in Dearborn.



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Cruisers soaked up the sun in the back of a hot rod pickup that was cruising Hines Drive Sunday.



Samantha Kaczor and Tara Daneke, both of Westland, were at the cruise with John Daneke. Tara rated Cruisin' Hines as the best event.

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Cruisers popped the hoods to show off their cars to spectators who walked by.

Commission kills county tax proposal

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox called Tuesday's defeat of a 0.97 millage proposal for public services in Wayne County a "huge win" for county taxpayers.

Commissioner Kevin McNamara, whose district includes Canton, sees it differently.

McNamara had hoped to garner enough support to get the measure on the Nov. 6 ballot. For that, he needed a 10-vote "super majority." He didn't get it, and commissioners instead sent the measure back to committee, ending any chance to get it on the ballot. The deadline for that was Tuesday.

"It's dead," said Cox from Tampa, Fla., where she accompanied her husband, former Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox, to the Republican National Convention. "It's a huge win for the taxpayers of Wayne County."

Cox said last week she would be surprised if it did not reach the ballot, but apparently commissioners changed their minds. Cox said several phone calls were made between commissioners up to the vote Tuesday morning. When it

became apparent that Martha Scott of Detroit, one of the 10 commissioners who supported it last week at a committee meeting, was no longer on board to place the measure on the ballot, Cox said.

"They didn't want to vote yes on something the voters were there to get on the ballot," Cox said. "We need to go to the table and work on the budget and its structure to right the ship."

Conversely, McNamara thought last week the voters would have rejected Cox's proposal. He said he was "very disappointed" at Tuesday's

result, because it means the county is now going to have to start cutting services in all areas.

McNamara said Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy's vehement opposition to the proposal helped kill it. Under the proposal, Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon's budget would have gotten a \$20 million boost, while Worthy's budget would have received \$9 million.

Worthy opposed the latest proposal, according to Cox, because it didn't guarantee a specific funding amount her office would receive.

"That's a problem," Cox said. "She was very angry

and upset. She didn't like the way it was written."

According to McNamara, it was simply a matter of not being enough money for Worthy's office.

"The prosecutor went against it because she wanted more money than she was going to get in the millage," McNamara said. "She killed that thing because it wasn't enough money. She wanted her budget to get more than we were going to give her."

A large chunk of the money would have gone to juvenile justice programs run by the county's department of children and family services. Now, McNamara said, the juveniles the county generally tries to rehabilitate — "Eighty percent of those kids never see the inside of a courtroom, because we rehabilitate them," McNamara said — will be handled by the state.

McNamara said the cuts to the juvenile justice system are going to end up hurting the worst. Programs like Growth Works in Plymouth are going to feel the pain.

"We rehabilitate them, it's cheaper that way," he said. "The state system is incarceration. We will have to give our children over to the state, and the state will send us a bill."

King is running because he doesn't think Bentivolio will serve the district well. "He might be a great guy or a nice person, but that doesn't set you up to be a legislator," King said.

King said he has met many residents of the 11th District during his summer concerts with his band, Steve King & the Ditties. He is also maintaining an online presence through Facebook.

Curson, 63, served in the U.S. Marines, then worked at Ford Motor Co.'s Rawsonville plant. A tool-and-die maker, Curson, the lone Democrat on the ballot, was also active with the AAW and worked on a task force with Ron Gettefinger on the government loans to Chrysler and GM.

Curson said he was outraged when McCotter's petitions were duplicated and then McCotter resigned, leaving the 11th District without representation. "It was just foolish," Curson said. "For him to abandon the citizens of

Six vie in Wednesday primary for McCotter's unexpired term

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

Most of the candidates are spending their own money. Many have political connections who want to serve in U.S. Congress. Some are taking their first plunge into a political campaign.

Five candidates are running for the Republican nomination and one for the Democrat nomination in a special primary election Wednesday in the current 11th Congressional District to fill the unexpired term of Thaddeus McCotter, who resigned July 6.

The special election, expected to cost communities an estimated \$650,000, was scheduled by Gov. Rick Snyder's office to fill the vacated seat.

Kerry Bentivolio of Milford, Nancy Cassis of Novi and Ken Crider, Carolyn Kavanagh and Steve King, all of Livonia, are running for the Republican nomination, with the winner to face David Curson of Belleville, who is running unopposed on the Democratic ticket, in the Nov. 6 general election.

Kavanagh, Crider and Curson have never run for political office before, though Crider was recently elected a precinct delegate in Livonia.

Wednesday's special election will occur in the old 11th Congressional District. It is the newly reconfigured 11th District, Bentivolio, who won the Republican primary Aug. 7, will face Syed Taj, who was victorious in the Democratic primary, in the Nov. 6 general election.

Kerry Bentivolio

Bentivolio, 61, a veteran of the Iraqi and Vietnam wars, a former schoolteacher and currently a reindeer farmer, ran for the unexpired seat because he believes the 11th District deserves representation through the end of the year.

Bentivolio is tired of the "overspending, overborrowing and overregulating" of government and wants to end any more debt increases.

"It will give me a head start," Bentivolio said of the special election. "There will be budget issues, and all kinds of issues. I'm still wrapping my head around it, and I'll have to do a lot of homework."

Bentivolio has spent the past few weeks contacting supporters and thanking them, he said.

Should Bentivolio win the

special primary and special general election in the old 11th District and win the general election in the new 11th District, it will help him better represent the district, according to campaign manager Robert Dindoffer. "He will get a couple of months of seniority, which will help him get better committees," Dindoffer said.

Nancy Cassis

Cassis, 68, a former state senator, decided last week that she is not "actively campaigning" for the special election. She released reporters with a statement, but stopped short of endorsing Bentivolio.

"Much has been made of my comments from earlier this summer on *Off the Record* in which I stated that if I did not win the 11th District primary I would withdraw from the special election," Cassis said. "I would like to clarify that, at that time, I made the remark in the context of only two filed candidates and for one to withdraw would save taxpayers the \$650,000 expense of a special election. That all changed when three more people from Livonia filed to run. Thus my name is on the ballot along with four other Republicans and one Democrat."

"The voters will go to the polls, see the names that are on the ballot, and our democratic process will work itself out as it has done for over 200 years in our great nation."

"It is time to lay our differences aside and work to get our Republican ticket elected in November starting with Mitt Romney."

Ken Crider

Crider, 47, a superintendent of heating and air conditioning at Kelley Bros., a Livonia company, is running because he believes voters should have more than one option on the ballot. Crider decided to run after Bentivolio was the only candidate who filed.

"We have a lot of the same views," Crider said of Bentivolio. "But he takes his views too far."

Crider describes himself as a "Christian conservative Republican." He acknowledges that Bentivolio is the candidate to beat in the race and knows it will be a challenge in his first campaign and election. "The best thing about

it is that I have no baggage," Crider said.

He said his campaign is a grass-roots campaign. He has spent money on campaign signs and wristbands, Crider said.

Crider said he is opposed to abortion, he said he was raised by adoptive parents. "My biological mother was homeless," he said. "If she had the choice to abort me, I wouldn't be here."

Crider also has participated in protests in Washington, D.C., with his wife Penny. "We weren't happy with the health care bill," he said. "I understand that we need some change. But I'm a free market person and I don't want the government involved."

Crider said his campaign consists of four people going door to door, making phone calls and placing campaign signs.

Carolyn Kavanagh

Kavanagh, 33, a restaurant and consultant, is the daughter of 16th District Judge Sean Kavanagh. She ran because she enjoys public service. She volunteered to assist in Haiti after the earthquake and in Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina struck there several years ago.

"Politics is a natural progression for me to represent my community on a larger scale," she said. "The opportunity here is really unique. It is a month-long campaign versus a six-month campaign."

Kavanagh has assisted with previous local campaigns. She's raised some money for her race from friends and family, and has put up campaign signs along major roads in the 11th District.

Her demographic, a younger female in Congress, isn't prominent in Washington, so she'd like to represent her generation in Congress, she said.

Kavanagh expects Congress will work on budget issues and vote on income taxes. She would vote to maintain tax cuts, she said. "This will be a lame-duck session," she said. "The community needs to be represented on every single vote."

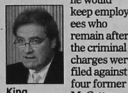
Reactions are positive from the community about her campaign run, Kavanagh said. "Everyone is shocked that this seat is available, but I hear from a lot of people who say to me, 'That's great, we need a younger person,'" she said.

Steve King

King, 57, a musician and certified teacher, is running

because he sees the opportunity to serve the public, even if it is only for a few weeks.

King doesn't know if any votes will take place in Washington the final weeks of the year. He said he would keep employees who remain after the criminal charges were filed against four former



McCotter staffers. "I would reach out to residents who have not been able to get help over the past few years," he said. "I would help them. You aren't going to be able to go and change Washington."

King, a former Livonia school board member, decided to run as a Republican because he considers himself a "moderate Republican." When asked why he ran as a Democrat for state representative against Republican John Walsh in 2008, King said: "I wanted to beat him. That goes on all the time."

David Curson

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the 11th District, I was outraged because there will be important legislation going on. With all of the health care debate and legislation, I felt it was our duty to have representation."

Curson said his experience in the AAW in negotiating disputes between workers and management trained him well for Congress. "When there were problems or issues, I'd sit down with someone across the table," he said. "We want a win-win for both sides. That's the way government used to work, but now, it's just obnoxious."

Curson expects the jobs bill to be up for a vote before the end of the year. "It affects the economy at all levels," he said. "I would work to get support to get that passed." Curson said he also would work on veteran and health care issues.

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Samsung Galaxy S3 rivals iPhone

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist



Tech Savvy

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screen may however, be the best feature. The screen clarity is on par with that of the iPhone or other top-of-the-line Android devices – but at 4.8 inches it is also noticeably larger.

While the Galaxy S3 doesn't have the largest screen on the market (that distinction belongs to the Galaxy Note at 5.3 inches) it is plenty big for a cell phone.

Despite its large screen size, the phone is incredibly light weight – so while it is big, it certainly won't weigh you down. The phone only has a thickness of 8.6 millimeters.

Properly placed navigation buttons allow for one-hand usage and added convenience. The only drawback to the phone setup and user experience is the location of the charging port. Its awkward positioning may make it difficult if you are someone who likes plugging in to a stereo system while charging, you may want to test it out first.

You may also be surprised to know the device is not available in black. Samsung offers only two

color options for this model and they are blue and white.

The device runs on the new Android Ice Cream Sandwich 4.0 operating system and has a 1.4 GHz processor. These last two specifications may mean nothing to you – but rest assured they are the best on the market. The 1.4 GHz processing speed is more powerful than laptops that were on the market just three or four years ago.

To compete with Apple, Samsung included voice command software, much like Siri, into this device. The feature is called S-Voice recognition and the software recognizes eight different languages (which won't matter if it performs anything like Siri). But in fairness, I did not have the phone long enough to determine the overall quality of the S-Voice recognition feature.

The Samsung Galaxy S3 is available from Verizon and other cell phone providers and retail outlets for around \$199 with a two year cell phone agreement.

For more information about the S3 visit Samsung.com.

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Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature?

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Observer: How did you come to open your business?

Axis Music: After moving back home from music school in California studying at the Musicians Institute, I decided to share what I learned with music lovers in the Metro Detroit area, so I opened Axis Music Academies.

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

Axis Music: There are a lot of wonderful families in Canton. Then there is the business community, police department, fire department and schools. Or the Canton Chamber of Commerce, the Summit, Canton Leisure Services, the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities or Village Theaters. I could go on and on... Just a great community overall.

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Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Axis Music: More teachers and more students. We now have 3 locations: Canton, Southfield & Birmingham.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Axis Music: Just like everyone else. But we see things are getting better.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Axis Music: Get to know your customers. I hope, like us, you consider your customers your friends and family.

Observer: What's in store for the future of your business?

Axis Music: We recently updated the front of the store in Canton. And Canton is under new management. Ryan Ghedotte is taking on a new role and so now Canton is being run by Nick Pappadakis & Kelly Hayden. If you have not met them, stop in and say hello. And check us out at www.axismusic.com and like us on Facebook.

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- Golf for Four Package, \$600 - Includes golf with cart for four, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, buffet dinner, prizes, gift package and more.
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- For more information, call the chamber at (734) 453-4060.
- Individual Golf, \$150 - Includes golf with cart, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, buffet dinner, prizes, gift package, and more.
- Dinner Only, \$35.

The Ryder Cup style format was a big hit last year with team Barone being the big winner. The Chamber Cup focuses on the larger team accomplishment. Teams are formed and pairings are created where everyone is on a level playing field for two 9-hole match plays. This allows all golfers, regardless of their skill level, to contribute points for their team in the hopes of winning the Canton Chamber Cup.

Chamber luncheon

The next Canton Chamber of Commerce luncheon is set for 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway.



Blitz success

RealBarQ of Canton took part in the back-to-school promotion as part of the Salvation Army's Back to School Blitz, collecting new notebooks, backpacks and writing supplies during a two-week promotion earlier this month. RealBarQ wound up collection some 200 items, including pencils, markers and composition books, among other things.

Guest speaker will be a representative from Oakwood Hospital. Sponsors are Community Financial and Schoolcraft College.

Cost is \$25 for members (advance registration) and \$30 at the door or registered. call the chamber office at (734) 453-4040 or email admin@cantorchamber.com

Sheriff's new K9 honors slain police officer

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

The Wayne County Sheriff's Department has a new law enforcement tool, and Bill and Debbie Nagle couldn't be happier.

The Sterling Heights couple was at the K9 Academy Training Facility in Wayne Tuesday to say hello to Nags, a 1-year-old German shepherd that they named for their daughter, Jessica Nagle-Wilson, a Hazel Park police officer who died in the line of duty 10 years ago. The canine is being trained by Deputy Jason Mathews to be a narcotics dog.

"This is dear to our hearts because you know Nags is out there patrolling the streets and doing her job," said Debbie Nagle. "This is one thing Jessica would have loved to have done, but her career ended too soon."

"Nags is an important member of the department," said Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon. "Nags is going to be a drug dog and help us fight the drug problem in and around Wayne County."

With the addition of Nags, the Sheriff's Department now has four K9s. Nags and Mathews are currently in training. The process will take three months at which time both handler and



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dog will be tested to be certified to work.

Mathews already is a dog handler. His other K9 partner is 3-year-old Abby, who sniffs out explosives.

"Nags is the best partner I could ask for, I'm lucky to have him," said Mathews, who works primarily in Detroit. With Nags, he will be able to prove his case against the drug dealers he encounters, he said.

This is the sixth police K9 that the Jessica Nagle-Wilson Charitable Foundation has provided to law enforcement agencies

around the state. The foundation was set up by her husband, Matt, and her family to honor her and help police agencies. It awards grants to cover the cost of the dog. In the case of Nags, which came to the United States from Slovakia, the cost was more than \$5,000.

"This is a wonderful thing they are doing," said Napoleon. "They could have retreated and distance themselves from law enforcement, but they didn't. I wish I could give you more than a plaque for the support you provide. Nags is

going to be a big asset in our fight against narcotics."

Jessica Nagle-Wilson, known as Nags to her fellow officers, had been married just eight weeks when she was sent out to handle a neighbor problem involving a dog. What she didn't know was that the dog's owner had told his neighbors that if they called the police, he would "kill the police officer and then kill them."

"According to everyone, there was a 30-second standoff," said Bill Nagle. "She told him to put his gun down, he

didn't. They don't know who fired first, but she put him down, she injured him. She had her vest on, but a majority of the buckshot hit her in the neck."

Mathews picked up his new partner at Detroit Metropolitan Airport on Aug. 3 and introduced him to the Nags at a 10-year end of watch ceremony on Aug. 4.

Mathews praised the Nagle family for their continuing support of law enforcement. To get the dog from a family that has suffered as much as the Nagles is a "gift from



One-year-old Nags is named after slain Hazel Park Police Officer Jessica Nagle-Wilson, whose nickname was Nags. The dog will be trained to sniff out narcotics.

the heart," he said. "This was an unbelievable tragedy and to see how they've held up, a lot of families suffer with the death of a police officer. This family is strong, they're together and support law enforcement. Their daughter lives on in that."

People interested in supporting the work of the Jessica Nagle-Wilson Foundation can send donations to the foundation at 2226 Camel, Sterling Heights, MI 48310.

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St. Nicholas Institute honors five who embody Christmas spirit year-round

Detroit hockey legend Ted Lindsay, ardent Livonia volunteer Bill Heaton and Irene Bronner are among five honorees set to participate in the first St. Nicholas Institute Awards Banquet that will be held at the Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center in Livonia on Oct. 3.

The banquet is held in conjunction with the four-day St. Nicholas Institute, a seminar for faith-filled men who aim to professionally portray St. Nicholas and/or Santa Claus. The institute is the brainchild of Fr. Joseph Marquis, pastor of Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, a professional Santa Claus for 40 years, and one of 24 individuals from North America to be inducted into the International Santa Claus Hall of Fame.

Some 20 individuals who participate in the Institute program Oct. 1-4 at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Detroit will receive framed certificates of achievement at the banquet.

The award names are tied to the values emphasized in the St. Nicholas Institute: Nicholas as our Model, Openness to the Christmas Spirit, Exercising Compassion, and Love for Children (NOEL).

Carol Myers

The Nicholas as our Model Award goes to Carol Myers, founder of the St. Nicholas Center. Her comprehensive web-based resource educates the public about St. Nicholas. The website, www.nicholascenter.org, features more than 1,100 pages and receives at least one million visits annually from 154 countries. A leading St. Nicholas expert, Myers, of Holland, Mich., is featured in the Oprah Winfrey Network's documentary, *Becoming Santa*.

The Openness to the Christmas Spirit Award goes to Phillip Wenz, founder of Santa Claus Oath Foundation and Santa Claus Productions. A charter member of the International Santa Claus Hall of Fame, Wenz created the Santa Claus Oath, which outlines eight principles for

any portrayer of Santa Claus. His Santa Claus Productions list of works include numerous locally and nationally broadcast parades, productions for suburban Chicago's Santa's Village, the movie *Nicholas of Myra*, and the documentary *They Wore The Red Suit*. For 25 years, Wenz has portrayed Santa Claus at "Santa's Village," a



Irene Bronner and her late husband, Wally



Lindsay



Heaton



Myers

theme park in Dundee, Ill. He lives in Crescent City, Ill.

Ted Lindsay

The Exercising Compassion Award goes to Lindsay for his work with the Ted Lindsay Foundation since its inception in 2001. His foundation raised more than \$1.5 million to help children with Autism and other neurological disorders. The National Hockey League Hall of Famer and four-time Stanley Cup Champion has also worked to support numerous other charities such as the Michigan Special Olympics, Canadian Special Olympics, Canadian Alzheimer's

Association and wheelchair hockey. He lives in Troy.

Bill Heaton

The Love of Children Award goes to Heaton, the long-time president of the Livonia Christmas Goodfells, an organization that collect money, toys and household materials for needy families as part of its annual "No Child Without a Christmas Campaign." He has devoted much of the past 50 years to supporting people with developmental disabilities by providing housing. He has received numerous awards for his community service, including the Livonia Observer's First Citizen Award.

Irene and Wally Bronner

The Lifetime Achievement Award goes to Irene Bronner and her late husband Wally, co-founders of Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland in Franconmuth, the world's largest Christmas store. Over the years, they have dedicated millions in resources to a variety of civic and charitable organizations through the Wallace and Irene Bronner Family Charitable Foundation. In November 1992, the couple dedicated the Silent Night Chapel that welcomes the millions of visitors who come to their store. The landmark is a faithful replica of the original chapel that marks the spot where the beloved carol, *Silent Night*, was first sung during mid-night mass in St. Nicholas Church, in Oberndorf, Austria, on Christmas Eve 1818.

The couple also earned a number of international awards for philanthropy and support of the Christmas spirit. Mr. Bronner died in 2008, but his widow continues her work through the Foundation. The entrance into their store posts a motto that drove their work: "Enjoy CHRISTmas, It's His Birthday; Enjoy Life, It's His way!"

Honorees were selected from the broader community for significantly embodying the Christmas Spirit 365

days a year." Fr. Marquis said. "This banquet gives metro Detroiters a chance to meet these outstanding people and express our gratitude for their work in bringing Christmas joy into everyday life."

He added all award recipients are scheduled to attend the Oct. 3 banquet, which is open to the public. The program begins at 6 p.m. Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center is at 29125 Six Mile

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OUR VIEWS



Right to vote vital

Cast your ballot in special primary election Wednesday

Residents of the old 11th Congressional District, including those living in Canton, will vote in a special primary election Wednesday to nominate a Republican and a Democrat for the November ballot for the unexpired term of Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, who resigned in July 6.

Five Republicans and one Democrat are running. The Republicans are former teacher Kerry Bentivolio of Milford, whose name also appears on the Nov. 6 ballot against 11th District Democrat nominee Syed Taj of Canton for a full two-year term in the newly redrawn 11th District; Nancy Cassis, a former state senator who lost her write-in candidacy in the Aug. 7 primary; Steve King, a former Livonia school board member; Carolyn Kavanagh, of Livonia, daughter of 16th District Judge Sean Kavanagh; and political newcomer Kenneth Crider.

However, the district will need good representation during the lame duck session occurring after the November general election and before new members of Congress take office in January. Lame-duck sessions are a time when some lawmakers will attempt to hinder or even damage the lawmaking process by working to stall good bills or turn bad bills into law.

Since it is a primary election, voters cannot cross over and cast a vote for both Democratic and Republican candidates or their ballots will be spoiled and not counted.

The lone Democrat is David Curson. Voters who win in November will serve less than two months, most likely after Congress will have decided and voted on budgets, tax breaks and most major issues for the year.

The special election will cost taxpayers an estimated \$650,000, but it is required by state law and the U.S. Constitution to fill the vacancy.

Voters may be tempted to skip the election, thinking it doesn't make much difference or wanting to protest it because of the cost. However, the district will need good representation during the lame duck session occurring after the November general election and before new members of Congress take office in January. Lame-duck sessions are a time when some lawmakers will attempt to hinder or even damage the lawmaking process by working to stall good bills or turn bad bills into law.

And no matter how expensive an election is, it is never good to waste one's right to vote.

COMMUNITY VOICE

How do you feel about school starting back?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"Nervous because I'm not used to it right now."
Manjot Matharu,
Achieve Charter Academy
Canton



"I feel good because I like doing math."
Gavin Petzold,
Tonda Elementary
Canton



"Good because I like school."
Tyler Thompson,
Miller Elementary
Canton



"Good, because it's my first time going to this school [South Pointe Scholars]."
Lindsey Barrett
Canton

LETTERS

Taj, by a mile

On Saturday I received a robo call smearing Dr. Syed Taj for endorsing the Affordable Care Act. Dr. Taj, who is the Democratic candidate for the 11th U.S. House District in November, was accused by this robo of being financially irresponsible.

I also recently received a flier in the mail from Dr. Taj's Republican (Tea) Party opponent, Kerry Bentivolio, who claims to be a fiscal conservative.

These two incidents left me in a quandary.

Dr. Taj chose not to enter the Sept. 5 primary because he did not want to saddle the taxpayers of our district with a \$650,000 bill. I imagine that he assumed the Republican (Tea) Party would do the same. But, Kerry and his associates had no such thoughts and fielded five candidates, forcing another primary.

You see, Bentivolio and his ilk are only fiscal conservatives when it is convenient and it doesn't hurt them, their agenda or the billionaires they work for, and who pay for these robo calls.

Who is the true fiscal conservative? Dr. Syed Taj, by a mile.

James Huddleston
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churches, agencies, vendors, service clubs and individual donors for their generous support with Back 2 School Blitz 5. The Communities of Plymouth, Canton, Belleville and Northville raised almost \$15,000 in gift-in-kind donations and monetary gifts. This generous support will provide 400 students with back packs filled with school supplies and a gift card from Payless Shoe Source for new shoes. The collection also benefited the Plymouth Canton Clothing Bank by collecting 100 packs of new socks

and underwear for students in need.

Additionally, 100 volunteers pledged their time to collect, count, sort, pack and distribute back packs and supplies - each volunteer shift was filled making the process from start to finish a smooth one.

We are blessed to be part of such a wonderful program that is by the community and for the community and again share our warmest thanks

Laurie Aren
The Salvation Army
Plymouth Corps

Supports Taj

Like many people in the 11th Congressional District, I was appalled by Thaddeus McCotter's careless disregard for election law, and his constituents. He clearly did not "work for me."

In contrast, Dr. Syed Taj, who is a candidate for the 11th District, strikes me as an ethical, competent and careful guy. I met him and I was very impressed with his intelligence, cheerfulness and curiosity. He listened well, understood my concerns and seemed motivated to work hard for our district.

I anticipate that he will do a great job for us in Washington, D.C.

Diane Hallinen
Highland

OUR VIEWS

Tips can help ease back-to-school transition

It's been a great summer for kids in Plymouth and Canton — lots of summer camps, special programs and events to fill each day — but those days have dwindled to the last precious few as we approach back to school time.

Students will return to the routine of getting up early, doing homework and learning new things when school starts Tuesday, Sept. 4.

For some students, this transition can be scary and somewhat dreadful. An area education expert, Wie Pan, who is executive director of Huntington Learning Center of Canton, takes note of this, and offers parents and students some tips.

We think they're worth sharing with our readers.

1. If you haven't already, take your child back-to-school shopping. Spending a day together buying school supplies and maybe even a new back-to-school outfit is a fun way to get into the school mode and a good opportunity to let your child tell you the things he or she thinks will help make him or her successful.

It's also a good chance for parents to have one-on-one conversations with their children about any goals they have for the year and how

they can be supportive of their children.

2. Introduce your child ahead of time to another classmate or two. Reconnect with friends from last year who will be in your child's new class. If your child is new to the school, look around your neighborhood to find other children of the same age. A back-to-school night may be a good opportunity to meet other classmates, too.

3. Plan on getting extra help. For students who struggled in the previous school year, the idea of going back to school may be especially stressful. Summer is a great time to build skills and improve weaker areas, but if your summer was focused on other things, now is a great time to investigate supplemental education services for your child. Talk to his or her teacher in advance about problem areas and how the two of you can work together to get your child off on the right foot.

4. Set an optimistic tone. As a parent, you have a lot of influence on your child's attitude toward school. Show him or her through your actions that learning is fun and a part of everyday life. Teach your child to value effort and hard work. Your child needs

to understand, too, that failure is something we all experience. What matters is how we learn from it and move forward.

5. Be prepared. The information parents need about school supplies, dress code, required forms, transportation and more, are offered on the district's website. Being organized and on top of all school requirements will minimize first-week stresses for both you and your child.

6. Meet the teacher. Get familiar with the school layout and other school resources that will help your child (the guidance counselor and speech therapist, for example). Let your child's teacher know that you look forward to working together this year.

These tips can be useful in reducing the back-to-school nerves and anxieties for students and parents. Parents should set that positive tone about school, long before the bell rings on the first day. But, that's just the beginning — support throughout the school year is necessary. Partnering with your child and with his or her teacher in the education process is important in leading kids down a productive and perhaps even enjoyable educational experience.

Retirees should look closely at Ford pension plan

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

Ford recently began sending out information to retirees regarding the pension buyout. I had the opportunity to sit down with a number of Ford retirees and here's my initial take on the buy-out offers.

First, it's important to realize Ford is not doing this because they want to help their retirees. Ford is doing this because it is a good deal for the company. That doesn't mean that in certain situations Ford retirees won't benefit; because many will. However, it is also true many people would make a bad

financial decision by accepting the buyout. Similar to General Motors, the buy-outs offered by Ford have been computed fairly. In the past, when Ford offered buyout options, many times they were very generous. That is not the case here. In the past it was almost a no-brainer to accept a Ford buyout offer. That is not the case here. Retirees shouldn't auto-

matically decide to accept the offer. They must look at their individual situation. I believe when people look at their individual situation, the majority will more likely find that they would be better off to keep what they have as opposed to accepting the buyout option. This is based on a number of factors, including investment style, spending habits and need for income.

One of the differences between the Ford and General Motors plans is that Ford is not bringing in a third party. General Motors basically said it was getting out of the pension business and pensions are now the responsibility

of Prudential. Ford did not do this. As a result, those do not accept the offer will continue to have the protection of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation which acts as an insurer. It may not insure the entire pension, but it will insure a significant portion.

I believe the decision with regards to a pension is one of the most important decisions an individual can make. That is why I am hosting two free seminars in cooperation with the Observer & Eccentric Media on the Ford plan. Unlike other seminars, these will be educational. The goal is to give Ford retirees the tools

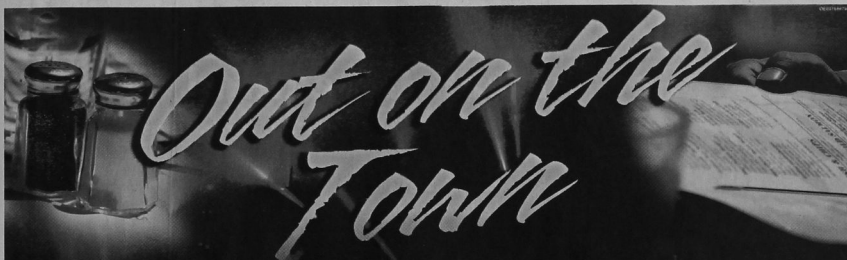
they need to decide what best fits their personal situation.

The seminars are scheduled on 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 3rd at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The seminars are free but you need to make a reservation. Email which seminar you'd like to attend at seminars@bloomassetmanagement.com or contact my office at 248-932-1379. For more information visit www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

My last piece of advice for anyone who is thinking about the buyout decision is to make sure that you take your time, don't focus on what's good for everyone else. Focus on what's

good for you and make sure that if you're seeking professional advice, you're not dealing with a salesperson. Unfortunately too many salespeople have one goal in mind and that is to maximize what ends up in their pocket and not yours. If you seek professional help make sure you deal with someone whose loyalty is to you and not to generating more commissions. Good luck!

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2012 CROSS COUNTRY PREVIEW - PT. 1

Chiefs set to keep rolling

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Gone from Canton's 2011 KLAAs South Division championship are standouts such as Mitch Clinton, Miles Felton, Jeff Molchan, Bradon Conley, Alex Krul and Jackson Lytle. Those names are among the best to compete for the Canton boys cross country team, with Felton (Lansing Community College) the school record holder.

But don't expect Chiefs head coach Bill Boyd to fret about losing such runners as the 2012 varsity boys cross country season gets into gear. For starters, he has eight varsity lettermen back who tasted success last year.

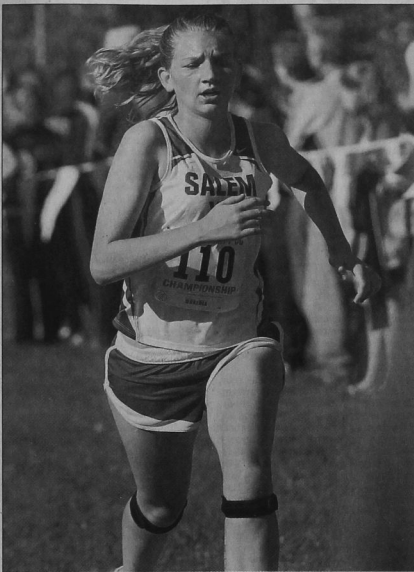
"Canton runners are confident that there will not be a letdown," stressed Boyd in an e-mail to the Observer. "Canton cross country has never finished below second in the KLAAs South or third in the KLAAs. The team has set building on that success as their goal."

At the front of the line will be senior Andrew Stephens, juniors Tom Walkinshaw and Eyan Dunklee and sophomore Billy Toth.

All but Toth were all-Observer honorable mention picks while Toth was Canton's top rookie and named to the All-KLAAs third team.

- Stephens, whose personal best was 17 minutes, 27 seconds, "is consistently one of the hardest workers on the team. He leads team workouts on a daily basis."
- Walkinshaw (17:24) looks ready to

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One of the key members of Salem's nucleus entering the 2012 varsity girls cross country season is senior Shannon Flynn, shown in this 2011 file photo.

Plymouth Whalers in training

The Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers hit the ice in scrimmages from 9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. The scrimmages are free and open to the public and media. Rosters will be provided the day of the scrimmages.

Compuware Arena is located at 14900 Beck in Plymouth Township, between Five Mile and M-14. Plymouth opens their preseason schedule against Windsor on Saturday, Sept. 1, at 7 p.m. at Yack Arena in Wyandotte and the teams will follow up with a game 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3, at Windsor Family Credit Union Center.

The Whalers open the 2012-13 regular season on Friday, Sept. 21, in Sault Ste. Marie, with the home opener set for 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at Compuware against the Belleville Bulls.

Tickets for all Plymouth Whalers games can be purchased by calling Compuware Arena at (734) 453-8400.

Salem girls aiming high

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Salem's varsity girls cross country team really wants to make a point this season — literally.

If the Rocks do just that, it very well could be enough to push them over the hump into the Division I state meet. Last season, Salem came up just one point short.

"We came in fourth in the region, missed qualifying for the state finals as a team by one point, which is a huge motivator for us for this year," veteran Salem coach Dave Gerlach said.

Several factors both well for Salem indeed getting where it just missed out on in 2011.

There is outstanding leadership, provided by senior captain Emily Bizon and senior assistant captains Shannon Flynn, Gretchen Clemons and Alejandra Beltran.

"I am very proud of my four leaders, my four captains," Gerlach said. "They have shown the team over this summer what they expect. They don't want it to happen again with the one-point loss, one point (short) of going to state finals."

Bizon, Flynn and Beltran don't just provide leadership. They return as key members of the varsity lineup.

It also helps that Salem's roster boasts a number of other runners who had success a year ago and unprece-

ded depth (there are 40 girls on the roster).

Back to pick up where they left off will be junior Natasha Stevenson and sophomores Anya Cho, Lauren Arquette and Rebecca Lopez. Promising sophomores Allison Bush and Kati Binsfeld could impress and the team still has a number of other varsity veterans, including seniors Shannon Fitzpatrick, Madison Goodpasture and Alexis Foley.

Major boost

Yet Salem's biggest boost will come from the return of standout Kayla Kavulich, who was a state qualifier as a freshman, but missed

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Coaching changes

Although it hasn't officially been announced, the Plymouth varsity girls golf team is getting a new coach.

In its place, coach Chris Moore is apparently stepping down for reasons unrelated to the team. Running the Wildcats on an interim basis is Dan Young, considered a front-runner for the coaching job.

Another coaching change for the fall season at Plymouth is the hiring of Coach Steve Johnson taking over the Canton varsity girls volleyball reigns from Mary Kryssa.

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'Cats pack punch

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Could this be the year of the Black and Silver Slamers? Perhaps that could happen in 2011-12. Plymouth second-year varsity girls volleyball coach Sarah Marody seems to think the Wildcats could be pretty amazing this season.

The team, which went 28-6-0 last season (including 7-3 in the tough KLAAs South), features 10 returning players including six major contributors.

There is an influx of new players who could make it a very deep rotation and Marody is

thrilled with the "team-first" attitude displayed in the preseason.

"We are anticipating a great season and looking to make a run for the conference title," Marody said. "This is an incredible group of girls to work with."

"They get along with each other so well and it's evident in the way they connect on the court."

Front-row prowess

Marody has the crunch factor on her side, too. Third-year seniors Madelyn Betts and Emilee Beyer, along with sec-

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Rocks could make noise

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Salem's varsity girls volleyball team is sporting something old, something new as it looks to rebound from a tough season.

Setter Nancy Krutty and defensive specialist Emily Lipa, both senior co-captains, are back and expected to be catalysts as the Rocks start the 2012 season Tuesday against Canton.

But head coach Amanda Nies is enthusiastic about senior outside hitter Abigail Dworzanin's return to the fold after missing all of last season due to a torn ACL.

"We are very pleased to have her back and in the lineup," said Nies, noting that Dworzanin is another co-captain. "Abby has really grown as a player with her experience with coaching the girls last year."

"She really has an eye for the game and can be a leader on that court for us. Her skills on the floor being an all-around player for us will really help our younger girls grow



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Standing her ground for Salem during a 2011 girls volleyball contest is Brianna Beaver.

as players."

Another player not on the 2011 team (which finished 3-8 in the KLAAs) who could make an impact is freshman outside hitter Tess Ganich, described as a "wild card" by Nies.

"Tess is an all-around athlete and can play any position I put

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Lady Ocelots nip GLIAC opponent

Samantha Jarrett scored the match-winning goal on a penalty kick in the 75th minute as the Schoolcraft College women's soccer team knocked off its second straight foe from the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference with a 2-1 victory Friday night over host Saginaw Valley State.

The Cardinals took a 1-0 lead in the 37th minute on an own goal.

Schoolcraft's Lauren Badalamente then tied it up in the 53rd minute, respectively.

Schoolcraft goalkeepers Tara Gessler and Danielle Schendel (Canton) combined for 32 saves with 19 and 12, respectively.

Nikki Bowers made two saves for the SVSU.

Schoolcraft opened its season Aug. 22 with a 2-1 win at Northwood University.



Rocking the tourney

The Salem varsity boys tennis team took first place at the Aug. 25th Dexter Quad tournament. Gold medal winners and those participating (from left) are: Ryan Chin (4 singles gold), David Blossom (3 doubles gold), Shaheer Rabbajo (3 doubles gold), Amol Carvalho, Rohan Thanedar, coach Bill Nelson, Charlie Liu (4 doubles gold), Jake Scott (1 singles gold), Jon Clark, Jeffrey Selevski (4 doubles gold), Nick Ortiz and coach Lin Ware. Not pictured are Alek Zultowski and Jake Sealy.

Salem kickers win 3-1

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

The Cole brothers struck early and often Tuesday night to pace Salem to a 3-1 varsity boys soccer victory over visiting Walled Lake Northern.

After Spencer Viksne parlayed a feed from Kyle Boulter on an early 1-0 Knights advantage, junior forward Brady Cole evened the score (from senior midfielder Tyler Fosdick).

Before the half, junior midfielder Connor Cole put the Rocks in front and he added his second

of the night in the second half to give Salem a comfortable lead.

Down the stretch, steady goalkeeping from junior Collin Hewett and solid protection from his back line (particularly senior Daniel Marsden) kept the Knights at bay.

"Once we got the second one I thought we were pretty good defensively," Salem head coach Ed McCarthy said. "And Collin did a good job on all of the balls that were whipped into the box. They had a number of balls where he had to come out and he was very effective coming out strong."

"This was really a hard-earned game, maybe our most physical game of the year. Walled Lake really made it very difficult on us tonight."

About Marsden's play, the coach said "He's got great pace and Walled Lake has some good speed on the flank that he was able to counteract."

With the victory, the Rocks improved to 3-0-2, also having nipped Northern 1-0 at the Gary Balcon Invitational.

The Knights dropped to 2-5-0 for the season.

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Chiefs' foiled in bid to extend streak to 29

Canton traveled to Novi Monday night, looking to beat the Wildcats for the sixth consecutive time over three years, and to extend its unbeaten streak to 29 matches over two years.

Unfortunately for the Chiefs, both of those streaks came to an end as Novi scored two early goals and held on for a 2-0 victory.

The Chiefs (3-1-2) had the early pressure, with junior Griffin Parks hitting a crossbar and senior co-captain Dan Ovesea hitting the post twice on shots inside the first 10 minutes. However, following a Canton corner kick 11 minutes into the game, Novi quickly counter-attacked and junior Nick Oakley got behind the Chiefs defense and beat senior goalkeeper Ann Wingate.

About six minutes later, Canton was unable to clear the ball in front of Wingate, and Novi junior Dan Nakashima jumped on the loose ball and found the net.

A little later, Canton senior co-captain Bobby Budlong looked like he had pulled the



CHRIS JACKETT

Canton's Connor Shennan (No. 2) collides with Novi goalkeeper Andy Netter to wipe out a Bobby Budlong free-kick goal during Monday night's game. At right is Jack Zemanski (No. 19) of the Chiefs, instead of Canton cutting the lead to 2-1 on the play, officials called Shennan for a foul and awarded Novi a free kick.

Chiefs within a goal with a long-range shot that carried Novi senior goalkeeper Andy Netter across his line.

Although the referee initially signaled a goal, after talking with his linesman he changed his mind and called a foul on a Canton player, and the Chiefs went into

the half trailing 2-0.

Novi settled into a defensive shell in the second half, working hard to keep Canton off the scoreboard. An early opportunity came just a couple of minutes into the half, when Budlong drove a direct kick into the goalie's box that senior Connor Shennan headed onto the crossbar.

Canton turned up the pressure after the midpoint in the half, and nearly drew blood on several occasions.

Senior Robbie Morgan hit a shot from the top of the 18 yard box through traffic, but Netter saw it at the last moment and pushed it wide.

Ovesea and Parks each made a couple of long runs through the Novi defense but had their shots knocked down, and Budlong had a couple of shots blocked by Wildcat defenders in the last 10 minutes of the game.

Wingate and junior Brandon Pickert split the game in goal for Canton. Wingate made six saves while Pickert stopped all seven shots that came his way.



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Plymouth's varsity boys tennis team celebrates after winning Friday's Monroe Invitational.

Resilient 'Cats win Monroe Invite

One day after Plymouth took it on the chin in a boys tennis dual match, the Wildcats rallied to capture the Monroe Invitational.

Plymouth registered 21 points Friday to top the eight-team field. Placing second with 18 points was Salem West. The Wildcats went 2-2

in singles finals, with Jordan Lu and Charlie Hou falling short at No. 1 and No. 2, respectively — but bouncing back in the 3 and 4 flights.

At No. 3, Kevin Hou won 6-2, 6-2 in the final while at No. 4, Jon Conn was victorious 6-1, 6-2.

Where Plymouth really dominated was doubles play, taking first in three of the four flights.

At No. 1 doubles, Dylan Grant-Cameron Earls were outstanding in defeating Woodhaven 3-6, 7-5 (7-5 in the tiebreaker), 6-1.

Keeping things rolling at No. 2 was the tandem of Joe Klotz-Danny Sinnott, with a 6-3, 7-5 win over Livonia Franklin.

At No. 3, Plymouth won again as Akash Yerakola-Praveen Loganathan defeated Riverview 6-2, 6-3.

Placing third at No. 4 was the tandem of Bryan Caragay-Tyler Smith.

"Our seniors showed their experience and leadership as they played terrific tennis and all earned first-place victories at 1, 2, and 3 doubles," Plymouth assistant coach Erik Betail said.

"Every one of our tennis flights earned a medal at this invitational."

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 Brighton (1-0) at Canton (1-0), 6:30 p.m.
 Milford (1-0) at Plymouth (1-0), 7 p.m.
 Salem (1-0) at Walled Lake Northern (0-1), 7 p.m.
 Grand Blanc (0-1) at Durand (1-0), 7 p.m.
 Howell (0-1) at Franklin (0-1), 7 p.m.
 Hartland (1-0) at John Glenn (0-1), 7 p.m.
 Pinckney (0-1) at Wayne (0-1), 7 p.m.
 Lutheran Westland (0-1) at Lutheran Northwest (0-1), 7 p.m.
 Stevenson (1-0) at Walled Lake Central (1-0), 7 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 31
 Farmington (1-0) at Southfield (1-0), 4 p.m.
 Edsel Ford (1-0) at Garden City (1-0), 7 p.m.
 Oxford (0-1) at North Farmington (1-0), 7 p.m.
 Farmington Harrison (1-0) at Rochester Adams (0-1), 7 p.m.

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Grand Blanc	Grand Blanc	Grand Blanc	Churchill
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Hartland	Hartland	Hartland	Hartland
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Garden City	Garden City	Edsel Ford	Garden City
North	Oxford	Oxford	North
Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
10-4	8-6	8-6	10-4

Wildcats ready to reload

By Tim Smith
 Observer Staff Writer

You don't have to tell Plymouth coach Jon Mikosz that one of the best boys' cross country runners in the state graduated.

But even the recent graduation of 2011 all-star Derek Gielarowski (plus Jimmy Maciej) isn't keeping Mikosz down.

Instead, the 2012 Wildcats have plenty of varsity talent back for another season.

"We have the potential to have a really good team this season," Mikosz said. "We will be looking for another (KLAAs) South Division title, to compete for a conference championship and make it on the state meet as a team."

After finishing 4-1 last season in the KLAAs South, second to Canton, the Wildcats could make a lot of noise.

Spearheading a strong year could be juniors Zane Berlanga, Liam Cardenas, Max Rogowski and the Dalton brothers — senior Brandon and sophomore Jonny.

"Liam and Zane are looking strong right now," Mikosz noted. "They put in some good off season work and it has paid off."

"Brandon, Max and Jonny are all coming off an outstanding track season. Both Max and Jonny made it to the state meet. They are all looking for the same type of success



Brandon Dalton Zane Berlanga



Jonny Dalton Max Rogowski

in cross country this season."

Four other runners continue to push themselves and each other to make contributions to the squad.

Those include seniors Nick Williams, Caton Hacker and sophomores Matthew Pahl and Joey Maciej.

"Nick, Caton, Matt and Joey all put a lot of miles in over the off season," Mikosz said. "If they can keep up the hard work by the end of the season they should be contending for a varsity spot."

Liam and Zane are slated to take part in the Early Bird Invitational at Huron Metro Park on Thursday, Sept. 6.

The first KLAAs meet will be 3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11 against Livonia Churchill at Cass Benten.

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her entire sophomore year due to a knee injury. Kavulich also established a school record as a freshman (18:25.4).

"These 10 or 11 and bringing Kayla back, we were very excited with the potential that this team has," Gerlach said. "And add to it the motivation of falling one point short. We're excited for this year."

"But we're not resting on our heels, we've got some good depth and good talent." We have our work cut out for us."

Gerlach stressed that Kavulich is completely recovered. She put in an all-state season with the 2012 girls track and field team as evidence.

"I believe she is 100 percent back from her injury," Gerlach said. "She is very motivated. She's learned, she took the time off to learn more about distance running and strategies. She has come back stronger."

There's no telling what Kavulich can accomplish. But both the coach and runner are on the same page.

"What do I believe as a coach she has potential to do? I have goals, for her to be top 10 in the state, to improve the school record, be undefeated



BILL BRESLER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

In this 2010 photo, Salem's Kayla Kavulich (right), then a freshman, goes up against Canton's Blanca Kubicki at the KLAAs conference girls cross country meet. Kavulich is back for her junior season after missing all of 2011 with a knee injury.

in division and conference," he said. "My goal for her is to be conference, regional and county champ. She has the same goals."

Meanwhile, having Kavulich back in the fold should pay dividends across the board.

"I think it adds to team confidence," Gerlach said. "You know, it's kind of like the analogy of a sharp spear. Obviously the whole spear is the true weapon, but if you have a sharp point it's obviously going to do more damage."

"And with us, with Kayla being able to lead the way and hopefully score some low points

and things, it's going to make us a lot much better because the rest of our team has that confidence in her to go out there and do the best she can do. It's going to pull everyone else along."

All-star potential

With such a deep, talented roster, contributions could come from all corners of the roster, too.

"Right now, the way I look at it, I have anywhere between 10 and 14 kids that are going to be in the mix for those top seven spots," Gerlach said. "At our scrimmage at our camp these kids were just interchangeable, they were fighting it out. They were within seconds of each other."

"I'm not sure who is going to be that one person to really step up ... But I think that (anybody in that) whole group has the potential to be the next great runner here at Salem."

The time to find out is almost here.

Salem will compete Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Kensington Lakes Activities Association Invitational at Willow Metropark and follow up with its initial KLAAs dual meet Tuesday, Sept. 11, against Lyon at Island Lake Recreation Area.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Sign up for Saints

The Washtenaw Saints Football Team, of the Christian Athletic League of Michigan, is currently looking for interested young men (6th through 12th grade) to join the team.

There are no tryouts and everyone will get a chance to compete. Practices are underway at Domino Farms in Ann Arbor from 5:30 to 7:30 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. For more information contact coach Jeremy Florence at (734) 649-0532 or by e-mail at Lemmie@aol.com.

Thirst for Life Run

The Thirst For Life 5K Walk/Run will be Saturday, Sept. 8, at Bicentennial Park in Livonia to benefit Team World Vision.

Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. the race at 9 a.m. The course is on the north side of 7 Mile Road, between Gill and Newburgh roads.

All of the money raised will be used to fund water and sanitation projects in the villages of Sati and Hamandu in Zambia, Africa.

For more information and to acquire a registration form, go to www.ThirstForLife5K.org. World Vision is a Christian relief and development organization dedicated to helping children, families and communities worldwide.

Run, bike, golf

Tami's Tri, a 5-kilometer run, 20K bike and 9-hole scramble golf event will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier Road, Superior Township.

The cost is \$65 (through Sept. 15) or \$75 (through race day). Included in the cost is a free golf clinic conducted by PGA professional Tim Bealert at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at Hickory Creek. Tami's Tri includes gift pack, prizes and lunch included. Space is limited to 144 golfers.

Proceeds will go to the non-profit organization Growth Works, Inc. of

Canton and Plymouth.

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Reds need players

The Farmington Hills-based Oakland Reds Baseball Club is seeking players to fill remaining 8-and-under through 18U spots on its 2013 rosters. Go to www.oaklandreds.com for additional information and to request a tryout.

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Hilltop Golf Course, located on Beck Road just north of Ann Arbor Trail, in Plymouth, is hosting Glow Golf each Friday night through Sept. 1 for just \$25 per player.

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WYAA football

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association football will be 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays and 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays at the WYAA Large Compound, 6050 Farmington (north of Ford).

The WYAA offers two football units, the Comets and Meteors. Each unit has four squads divided by age and divided restrictions for juniors and freshmen (7-8), freshmen (8-10), junior varsity (11-12) and varsity (13-14).

In addition, both units have four cheerleading squads (ages same as football). For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640.

CVY volleyball

Registrations are being accepted for the Livonia St. Edith fall volleyball program (grades 2-8).

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Season should test Chiefs

By Tim Smith
 Observer Staff Writer

Like the proverbial fork in the running path, Eric Pahl isn't exactly sure which direction the 2012 Canton girls cross country team will take.

Led by Jessica Siegler, an outstanding junior returnee and all-conference selection last fall, the Chiefs could approach 2011's 4-1 record and second-place finish in the KLAAs South Division.

Or, a group of young runners could struggle for a while.

"We are a pretty young team with a lot to learn," Chiefs coach Eric Pahl said. "We have some potential but we are not sure what we are yet. We are untested."

He knows what he has in Siegler.

"Last year, Jessica was one of the top runners in the conference and we look for her to improve on last year," he noted.

The team also will have to overcome some minor injuries to start the season, not to mention being in the always-competitive KLAAs Kensington Conference (of which the South Division is part of).

"As always, we are in a tough division, tough conference and tough region," Pahl said. "Right now, we are nursing a couple of minor injuries so hopefully we can get over these and focus on the task at hand."

In addition to Siegler, the roster includes seniors Laura Murphy, Marissa Campbell, Ellen Grimes and Hannah Perree; juniors Olivia McIntee and Anna Gorzalki; sophomores Paige Calvert and Krista Huff.

Freshmen Mary Galm and Samantha McGrath (along with Grace Grimes) could provide a youthful spark.

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led by "compete with the best in the division" after bouncing back from a summer injury.

• Dunklee (17-37), last year's most improved Chief, is "another talented returning varsity runner, with goals to be one of the best in the division."

• After Toth's brilliant freshman season (17:06), the coach is looking toward more of the same sophomore year.

Toth "expects to be one of the team and division leaders," Boyd continued.

Ready to help

There are a number of other runners set to contribute who were either on the varsity or junior varsity in 2011.

Those include: seniors Owen Ash, Jay Drennan, Josh Joy, Keith Olsen, Steven Winter, James Hildreth; juniors Mace Gatzek, Justin Kolbie, Brendan Noble; sophomores Evan Childs and

Salem steps it up

By Tim Smith
 Observer Staff Writer

Strength in numbers is what Steve Aspinall sees as a strong point of his Salem varsity boys' cross country team as the 2012 season gets under way.

"We're definitely improving," said the Rocks' second-year head coach. "We have 50 guys on the team this year, which is more than I can ever remember."

"We'll be all right. I'm excited about where we're going."

Helping guide a bit to foster such enthusiasm is the dedication shown during summer workouts, where Aspinall said "nearly 25 guys showed up each day ... Hopefully, this hard work will translate to success this fall."



At the front of the line during a 2011 cross country meet is Salem's Steve McEvilly.

Aspinall stressed that Wednesday's scrimmage against 2011 Division I state finalist Hartland "should provide some insight into the work we put in this summer."

Spearheading the summer effort and expected

times drop quite a bit as a result.

Freshmen Christian Trost, Jordan Joy, Gabe Gatzek and Jeff Black-

man are new to the squad.

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Red-hot 'Cats keep winning

Another girls golf tournament, another record-breaking victory for Plymouth.

And so it goes for the Wildcats, winners of a fourth consecutive tournament Monday at the Next 'Te Invite at Knollwood in West Bloomfield with a school-record 305 tally. Leading the way was tourney medalist Sarah Thompson, with a 68.

Right behind her were Kelsey Murphy (71), Sydney Murphy (82) and Kayla Wiley (82).

Last Thursday, Plymouth took care of 23 opponents to win the Heather Highlands Invite in Holly with a score of 318. Kelsey Murphy was tops in that tourney with a 69,

GIRLS GOLF

followed by Thompson (77), Sydney Murphy (83) and Whitney (89).

Wednesday, Aug. 22, the Wildcats won the Hudson Mills Invite, finishing with a team score of 328 (one stroke better than runner-up Lansing Catholic Central).

Sydney Murphy registered a 74, tying for medalist honors. Kelsey Murphy and Thompson each finished with scores of 77, while Danielle Allen posted a 100.

Plymouth (5-0 overall, 1-0 in the KLA) started the string of success on Aug. 20, winning the Birmingham Seaholm Invite at Forest Lake Country

Club with a score of 328.

"This a great group and they work hard," said Dan Young, interim coach. "We've had two shoot in the 60's so far, but we have a consistent group from top to bottom. That's why we have gotten as low as we have on Thursday and (Monday)."

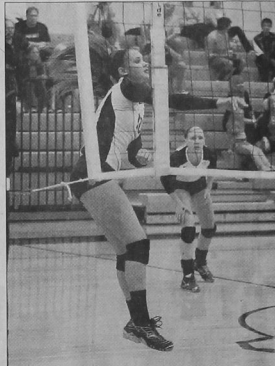
Rocks fall

Salem lost 187-213 to South Lyon Monday in a KLA crossover girls golf match at Cattails.

Gabby Leblanc was the Rocks' top performer, registering a nine-hole score of 48. She was followed by Hope Warkoczki (50), Christine Li (52), Kiley Flynn (54), Amanda Bennett (59) and Katie Vena (66).

WILDCATS

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Keeping a rally going in this 2011 file photo is Plymouth's Taylor Rieckoff.

one-year sophomore Olivia Beyer, will block and smash up front either at outside hitter or middle blocker.

"I'm looking to Madelyn, Emilee and Olivia to lead in offensive numbers," Marody said.

But Betts and Emilee Beyer are also versatile enough to be strong players on the defensive side of things and lead on and off the court.

"I am looking forward to watching these two young ladies put up huge numbers for us as they, sadly, enter their final season at Plymouth," Marody said.

As for the younger Beyer, the coach said "Olivia played a major role for us last year as a freshman and has dedicated herself to year-round volleyball and it is apparent as her overall game just continues to grow more and more impressive."

improvements to their game in the off-season and will be key offensive weapons, as well as, stepping up and leading our blocking game."

Shoes to fill

One area the Wildcats might need to tweak is defense, only because outstanding libero Lindsay Stemberger graduated.

Marody emphasized that defensive specialists "know they have big shoes to fill as a personal challenge."

Seniors Zoe Irvin, Kyra Neumann, Jess Bihn and junior Haylee Weber — all starting their second year with the varsity — are crucial to that task.

One of them will take on libero duties.

"I have not picked a libero yet, but Zoe, Haylee, Kyra and Jess are all in the running," Marody noted. "They will all play that position at points

during the season."

Backing up Smalls at setter will freshman Daniela Barile.

"Daniella doesn't look like a freshman when she plays," Marody said. "Her poise and confidence on the court caught my eye during the summer and she has fit into our system seamlessly."

Caterina Soli is an intriguing senior foreign exchange student who can fill in at middle blocker or right-side hitter.

"They have the mindset and heart of 'team first' and will do whatever is asked of them to get the job done," Marody added. "I am very blessed to have the opportunity to work with this collection of talent, leadership and dedication."

The Wildcats open the KLA season on Sept. 5 against visiting Livonia Churchill.

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Livonian wins O&E women's title

By Brad Emson
Observer Staff Writer

Ellen Howell was probably more surprised than anybody that she had won the Observer & Eccentric Open on Sunday at Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf Course.

"I had no clue I was going to hit this well and I had no clue I was going to win, I'm thrilled," said Howell, who shot a 79, including an impressive 36 on the back nine to win the championship flight.

Howell, a retiree who worked in business analysis for an IT company, had somewhat of a home course advantage. She works as a golf ranger at Whispering Willows.

The Livonian, who collected an \$80 gift certificate and first-place plaque, was three shots better than runner-up Lauri Ponikewski of Livonia, who shot an 82 and took home a \$60 gift card on route to runner-up honors.

Ironically, the round did not start out well for Howell, who took a bogey on the par-5 first hole followed by a double-bogey on the par-4 second.

"The girls that I was playing with were out-hitting me by 15 or 20 yards," Howell said. "It (the drive) has to be straight and it has to be somewhere where I can put it down by the green, and then chip and putt. On the first couple of holes I wasn't

O&E GOLF

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC WOMEN'S GOLF TOURNEY

- Aug. 26 Whispering Willows Golf Course CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT:**
- 1. Ellen Howell (Livonia), 79.
 - 2. Lauri Ponikewski (Livonia), 82.
 - 3. Lori Rogers (Washington Township), 84.
 - 4. Cindy Hill (Ypsilanti), 85.
 - 5. Jackie McFarlane (Livonia), 87.
 - 6. Kathy Stelma (Wayne), 89.
 - 7. Sue Dorr (Livonia), 93.
- Low net:** Mikeek and Ann Mikeek (Royal Oak), 102 each.
- 15+ net:** 1. Tina Callewaert (Chesterfield Township), 87.

2. Michelle Sroka (Livonia), 90.

3. Debbie Hoerscheid (Livonia), 100.

4. Arlene Shields (Livonia), 101.

5. (tie) Annette Wiselhart (Redford) and Ann Mikeek (Livonia), 103.

Low putt: Mikeek and Shelton, 75 each.

Long putt: Mikeek, low putts (tie): Sroka and Callewaert.

chipping or putting. On the whole front nine I wasn't chipping or putting. That's my game. It's not length, it's all on the short game."

Howell's back-nine was highlighted by a birdie on the par-3, No. 15 where she knocked home a 35-foot putt.

Howell is a regular in a Thursday morning women's league at Whispering Willows and plays occasionally in Michigan Women's Golf Association and Golf Association of Michigan events.

"I was one of those fortunate people that had a father and a grandfather that were golf nuts," said Howell, a Detroit native. "I probably started at 10 or 11. I gave it up after I got out of college and started working. I gave it up 15 years then my brother got into the golf business and that's when I took it up again."

Howell was nearly flabbergasted afterwards when she found out she had taken the title.

"Never, never, ever won on gross (score) in a tournament," she said. "Leagues, yes. Tournaments, no. Never as an individual."

Lori Rogers, of Washington Township, carded an 84 to place third. She also took low net honors with a 72.

"This is it for the year," Howell said of her 2012 golf schedule. "I'm going to rest on my glory. I'm so excited I could barely ... Lori (Rogers), I played with her many, many times and she's very good. I know she hits them really well and when she gets hot she's really good."

First flight

Tina Callewaert of Chesterfield Township shot an 87 to capture the first flight crown three shots better than Livonia's Michelle Sroka, who finished with a 90.

Callewaert won a \$70 gift certificate and took home the first place plaque.

Ann Mikeek (Royal Oak) and Pat Shelton (Farmington Hills) were tied for second place with 90s.

ROCKS

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her in," Nies said. "Right now she will be our middle hitter but she is a player that could end up playing all around, setting or outside attacking."

"She has a powerful serve and will really help us this year in the game."

Getting connected

The Rocks, of course, will rely a lot on Krutty and Lipa, among others.

"Nancy ... will be the quarterback of the team as our setter," Nies noted. "She has been working hard these past couple weeks and we are really working on making a better connection with our hitters."

"She is the first one in the gym and the last one to leave."

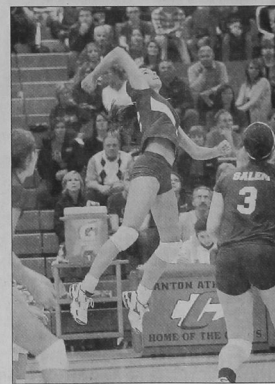
Lipa will be running the defense, along with senior defensive specialist Juliana DiMichele.

"They both played a lot last year defensively for us," the coach stressed. "I expect them both to really be our leaders in the back row."

Senior outside hitter Erika Hatcher, right-side hitter Brianna Beaver and junior middle hitter Kelly Whalen added punch to the offense and have worked hard to improve.

"(Hatcher) has a lot of drive and really wants to be her best," Nies said. "She has an explosive jump and an arm swing that could really help us in many games."

Nies said Beaver, a senior moving over from middle hitter, "is our most improved player from last year. She is



Hammering the ball in this 2011 file photo is Salem's Nancy Krutty.

really coming a long way and can really do some damage when attacking if she gets connected."

Beaver playing on the right side "really opens us up offensively but is powerful if we keep our consistency on the floor with our passing and setting."

Hatcher also could become one of the team's top servers with her power arm.

The Rocks have Whalen continuing to work and improve at middle hitter — the position she moved up to play near the end of last season.

"Kaley is still working in that middle at faster plays and sets," Nies said. "She loves to prac-

tice and get better. She is also one of our top blockers on the floor"

Rounding out the roster are senior defensive specialist Lexi Zepky, junior outside hitters Nikki Manser and Taylor Jaaska, junior defensive specialists Nicole Jablonski (also available to play setter) and Jacquelyn Schauburger and sophomore defensive specialist Alexa Davis.

"Overall I am very excited to see us in action," Nies said. "My girls have been working hard in the weight room and in the gym to improve every skill."

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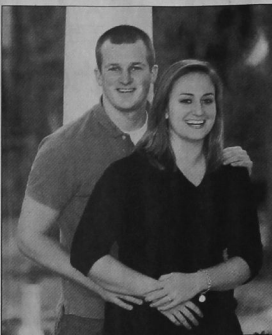
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A in the family: Wedding is a 'church family' event

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer



Kristen Gee and Aaron Kettlehake will wed Saturday at Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills. Kristen's dad is the church pastor and her mom is music director. They've opened the ceremony to all.

The worship service at 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, at Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills is open to all.

But it will be anything but typical.

The Rev. Brad Gee, pastor, will walk his daughter, Kristen, to the altar where her godfather, who also is a minister, will greet the pair. Then, the pastor will don his clerical robe and officiate at his daughter's wedding to Aaron Kettlehake. "We wanted to invite everybody, but we can't," said Becky Gee, Kristen's mom, referring to the wedding reception. "We thought, if people would like to come to the

She hopes congregation members, former church neighbors and others feel free to attend the service.

ceremony, they could. That is the important part of the day."

She said the "church family" at Hope has been an important part of the Gee family's faith development for the past 17 years. "They've known Kristen since first grade. We want them to be a part of the day."

She hopes congregation members, former members, church neighbors and others feel free to

attend the service. Kristen's brother, a music major at Central Michigan University, will play marimba music before the ceremony and accompany a cousin in song. Kristen's uncle will play the trumpet and a PowerPoint presentation will show images about God's beautiful handiwork.

"It's good for people to attend wedding ceremonies because it helps people who are currently married remember the vows they took," Becky said. "I think it's a good affirmation."

The married couple will live in Ohio where Kristen will teach special education and Aaron, the son of David and Lisa Kettlehake of Lebanon, Ohio, will work at an accounting firm.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

September

BETHANY
Time/Date: 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 29

Location: Don Hubert VFW Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft, east of Inkster Road, Redford
Details: Admission to this Bethany Together Dance is \$13
Contact: Loretta at (586) 264-0282

BIBLE STUDY

Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 11-Nov. 13

Location: Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville
Details: W.O.W. Ladies Bible Study focuses on the Book of Proverbs in these interdenominational sessions. Fee is \$15. Free children's program for children 5 and under
Contact: (248) 348-7600

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 9 a.m. breakfast; 9:30 a.m. program, Sunday, Sept. 9

Location: Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Bill Ballenger, editor of "Inside Michigan Politics," will kick off a Sunday morning breakfast speaker series. Ballenger is a former state

representative and senator, an ex-state racing commissioner and former director of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulation. The breakfast costs \$3; coffee and bagels are \$2. No charge for the program. Both are open to the public
Contact: Barbara Grant at (248) 851-1100, Ext. 3149

DIVORCED CATHOLICS

Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Social Hall, 47650 North Territorial, Plymouth

Details: New Beginnings, a support group for divorced Catholics, meets. The Rev. John Riccardi, pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel, will talk, followed by a Q&A session that gives attendees the opportunity to discuss issues related to divorce and faith in a safe, confidential, and prayerful environment. Pre-registration recommended. No admission charge for the event
Contact: newbeginning-solg@gmail.com

FAMILY FEST

Time/Date: Noon-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8

Location: Crosspointe Community Church, 36125 Glenwood, Wayne

Details: Games, bounce houses, hay rides, children's crafts, food, pony rides, music, and car show; free
Contact: www.crosspointe-

communitychurch.org

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Time/Date: Begins 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6 and runs 9 weeks; preview class at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market, near 12 Mile and Farmington Road, Farmington Hills

Details: Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University anyone struggling financially or looking for ways to improve their savings
Contact: (248) 553-3380 or www.daveramsey.com for registration

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16 and 23

Location: St. Raphael the Archangel, 31530 Beedwood, Garden City

Details: The "Grieving with Great Hope" workshop offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Speakers will include the Rev. Ray Lewandowski, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization. Registration forms are online at www.goodmourningministry.net or call the St. Raphael parish office
Contact: St. Raphael at (734) 427-1533

HOLIDAY SERVICES

Time/Date: Rosh Hashanah services, 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16 and 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 17; Yom Kippur services include Kol Nidre service, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6 and runs 9 weeks; preview class at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30

Location: Congregation Bet Chavrim, 321 Ridge Road, at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, Canton

Details: No tickets are required. Donations accepted
Contact: (734) 480-8880; BetChavrim@aol.com; BetChavrim.com

LECTURE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6

Location: Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Marni Davis will be the guest speaker at the 2012 Mary Einstein Shapiro Memorial Lecture sponsored by the Rabbi Leo M. Franklin Archives of Temple Beth El. She will talk about her book, "Jews and Boose: Becoming American in the Age of Prohibition" which portrays American Jews' relationship to alcohol during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the years of the national Prohibition movement. No admission charge. Davis' book will be available for purchase
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GARVER,

LOUIS WM., "LOU"

Age 87, of Redford, passed away peacefully on August 27, 2012. Mr. Garver was a graduate of Kings Point Merchant Marine Academy, earned his Bachelor of Science degree from his beloved MSU "GO GREEN!" He proudly served in the Navy during the Korean War as an Intelligence Officer. Mr. Garver retired as a stock broker after 30 years, where he enjoyed his family, especially his beloved grandchildren. Beloved husband of 62 years to Joan, dear father of Diane (Fred) Herman, Mary Ann (Doug) Reschke, Richard (Sue) Garver, Carolyn (Garth) Cathy, Cathy (Tom) Mertz, Gerald (Julie) Garver; proud grandfather of nine; caring brother of Dan Garver and the late Blodwen Rogers. The Memorial Service will be Friday, August 31, 2012, at 11 a.m. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI. The family will greet friends at the church on Friday from 10 a.m. until the time of the memorial service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations suggested to Veterans Administration Hospital/Veterans Program - Ann Arbor: www.volunteer.va.gov. Please visit www.harrywilliamson.com and share a tribute of Love.

LIVELY, WILLIAM E.

Age 88 of Tecumseh passed away Saturday, August 25, 2012. A full obituary may be viewed at www.HandlerFunerals.com

WASHBURN, SUSAN KAY

Age 68, of Royal Oak, passed away August 21 at Beaumont Hospital. A teacher in Ferndale and then in Whitmore Lake for over 30 years, Susan touched the lives of hundreds of children. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Amy Irene Washburn and William James Simon, of West Allis, WI. A memorial service will be held on September 1 at 10:30 AM at the First Congregational Church of Royal Oak (ccro.org). In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Susan's name to the Lupus Foundation of America (www.lupus.org) or the American Diabetes Association (www.diabetes.org).

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Chamber Music Society opens season with Beethoven

By Sharon Dargay
Q&A Staff Writer

The Juilliard String Quartet will kick off the Chamber Music Society of Detroit's 2012-13 season, launch its new "inDepth" program series and star in a documentary Friday-Saturday, Sept. 7-8.

"The Juilliard String Quartet happened to be available an extra day. That was the beginning of the snowball down the hill, asking visiting artists to do something a little different on the night before their concert in our regular series," said Steve Wogaman, Chamber Music Society president.

The Juilliard String Quartet will be the first of six music acts this season to play both the Society's regular concert season at the Seligman Performing Arts Center in Beverly Hills and its new Detroit-focused "inDepth" series.

Willa Walker, administrative and marketing director for the Chamber Music Society, which is based in Farmington Hills, says the new inDepth concerts will be held in smaller venues, with an intimate, informal ambiance.

"It's a really interesting series. We're starting out on (Sept.) the 7th in the Music Box at the Max Fisher Music Center. This is a beautiful little theater. We're doing it with cabaret seating. We hope to attract young professionals and the loft crowd."

Wogaman hopes the inDepth program will become a "free-standing" series next year. Not all shows will be piggybacked onto the Seligman concerts.

"By the 2013-14 season you can expect to see things downtown that won't be at the Seligman," he said.

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT

• **Signature Chamber Series:** Concerts start at 8 p.m. at the Seligman Performing Arts Center, located on the campus of Detroit Country Day School, located at 13 Mile and Lahser in Beverly Hills. Performers are the Juilliard String Quartet, Sept. 8; Roberto Diaz, Oct. 6; Richard Stoltzman on clarinet with David Deveau on piano and the Linden String Quartet, Nov. 17; Christoph Prégardien, tenor, and pianist Menahem Pressler, Dec. 15; Anthony Marwood, violin, and Aleksandar Madzar, piano, Jan. 13, 2013; American String Quartet, Feb. 9, 2013; Piffaro: Renaissance Band, March 23, 2013; Gryphon Trio, April 6, 2013; Lynn Harrell, cellist, May 18, 2013

• **inDepth Series:** Features concerts in Detroit. Performers are: Juilliard String Quartet, Sept. 7, in the Music Box at the Max Fisher Music Center; Richard Stoltzman and the Linden String Quartet in open rehearsal, Nov. 16 at the Detroit School for the Arts; Menahem Pressler in a master piano class, Dec. 14; American String Quartet, Feb. 8, 2013, Music Box; Piffaro: The Renaissance Band, March 22, 2013 at the Detroit Institute of Arts; Gryphon Trio & Patricia O'Callaghan, April 5, 2013 at the Jazz Cafe at Music Hall • PNC Piano Series: Christina & Michelle Naughton, Sept. 15; Marc-Andre Hamelin, Jan. 19, 2013; Daniil Trifonov, April 13, 2013. All concerts are held at the Seligman Performing Arts Center in Beverly Hills

• Visit the Chamber Music Society of Detroit offices at 31731 Northwestern Highway, at Middlebelt, Suite 259 West, in Farmington Hills; (248) 855-6070



Christina and Michelle Naughton kick off the Chamber Music Society of Detroit's PNC Piano Series Sept. 15 at the Seligman Performing Arts Center in Beverly Hills.

The multi-media concert at the Music Box will feature a performance of Elliott Carter's String Quartet No. 5 with onscreen images that will guide listeners through the piece and a Q&A with the musicians.

The Juilliard String Quartet also will play Beethoven's Grosse Fuge. An excerpt from a new documentary film called *The Juilliard String Quartet: Keeping Beethoven Contemporary*, will follow



The Juilliard String Quartet will open the Chamber Music Society of Detroit's 69th season Sept. 8 at the Seligman Performing Arts Center in Beverly Hills.

the performance.

The full documentary by Michael Blackwood, will make its debut the following night as a part of the Chamber Music Society's Signature Series at the Seligman. It will supplant the usual pre-concert discussion and includes rehearsal and performance excerpts, dialogue between the four musicians, a conversation between the quartet members and the filmmakers who made the string quartet as a genre of music, its history, and the significant contributions of Beethoven. It also shows the group in performance at a special event to welcome new Juilliard students in August 2011. It will start at 6:30 p.m. and the Juilliard String Quartet will perform at 8 p.m. The group will play two Beethoven pieces — the Spring Quar-

ter in C-sharp minor, Op. 131 and String Quartet in A minor, Op. 132.

Destination show

The Juilliard String Quartet is a returning favorite to the Chamber Music Society's concert series. It performs every two to three years for the organization. "The performers we engage are destination performers. If you're a string student studying in Ann Arbor, and the Juilliard is playing within 100 miles, you're going to go hear them," Wogaman said.

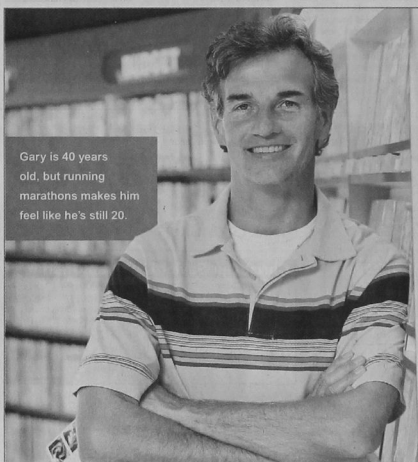
The Chamber Music Society's concert series draws primarily from Farmington, Farmington Hills, the Birmingham-Bloomfield areas and Southfield, but some audience members travel from as far as Grand Rapids and Toledo, Ohio.

"One thing the Chamber Music Society of Detroit can pride itself on is that we're not merely taking what managers give to us, but we're working with artists to come up with unique combinations."

Tickets for the inDepth concert on Sept. 7 are \$20, and \$10 for students. The Max Fisher Music Center is located at 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Refreshments will be available at the concert.

Tickets for the Signature Series concert and documentary film on Sept. 8 range from \$30-\$60. Students pay half price in most seating areas. The Seligman Center is located at Detroit Country Day School, 22305 W. 13 Mile in Detroit.

Buy tickets for both concerts by phone at (248) 855-6070 or online at www.chambermusicdetroit.org.



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Local chorus seeks new members

The Farmington Community Chorus (FCC) will hold open auditions for new members on three consecutive Tuesday evenings, Sept. 4, 11, and 18, at the Costco Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, just east of Middlebelt, in Farmington Hills. Each audition session will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Singers, 18 and over, for all voice parts may audition. The Chorus also offers an accredited session for Oakland Community College (OCC) students in partnership with OCC's Music Department.

The Farmington Community Chorus, directed by Steve SeGraves and accom-

panied by assistant director Susan Gatt, is celebrating its 33rd year. The mixed chorus is composed of more than 70 singers from throughout the metro-Detroit area. The group rehearses from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, at the Costco Center. Beginning in September, the Chorus will rehearse a repertoire of popular music for its holiday concert in December.

For more information about the Farmington Community Chorus and the auditions, call Shelly Addison at (248) 250-1447 or visit the website at www.farmingtonchorus.com.

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Art

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Time/Dates: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

Family Sundays: 2 p.m. Sundays; storytelling, performances; free with admission

Exhibits: Patti Smith: Camera Solo, shows performer Patti Smith's photographs, through Sept. 7; Picasso & Matisse: exhibits all of the museum's drawings and prints by the two artists, through Jan. 6, 2013; Vermeer: Must-see Masterpieces includes 35 paintings by the Dutch master through Sept. 2; Faberge: The Rise and Fall, The Collection of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Oct. 14-Jan. 21, 2013

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

LIVONIA ARTISTS CLUB

Time/Dates: Sept. 5-28

Location: Livonia City Hall lobby, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia

Details: The Club, founded in 1960, holds its 52nd annual art exhibit, featuring oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, collage and drawings

Contact: Livonia City Hall at (734) 466-2200

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Dates: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, Sept. 7-22

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Beyond Borders: Mosaic Exhibit and Auction" features mosaic work by artists from around the world that will be auctioned online at <http://www.BiddingForGood.com/DWB-MSF>. Online bidding runs from 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 7 to 9 p.m. Sept. 21. Opening reception is 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7 at Northville Art House

Contact: (248) 344-0497

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Dates: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances, through Sept. 25

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: More than 20 works of artist Amy DiPlacido will be on exhibit. Her art explores experimental analog photography, south of Warren in Dearborn Heights

Contact: (734) 394-5300 or visit cantonvillagetheater.org

Dance

FAIRLANE BALLROOM DANCE CLUB

Time/Dates: 7:30-10:30 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Lyskawa V.F.W. Hall, 6840 Waverly, east of Telegraph, south of Warren in Dearborn Heights

Details: Singles and couples dance to live bands on a hardwood dance floor. Admission is \$7 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. Free refreshments

Contact: Jean Orleans at (734) 516-0500

MOON DUSTERS

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

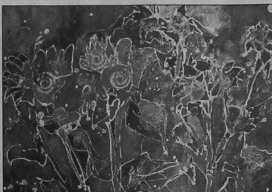
Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Singles and couples; 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

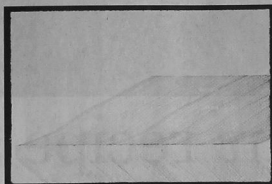
Contact: Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197



"Moony Mums" by Flair Robinson is among the mosaic works that will be on display Sept. 7-22 at Northville Art House in Northville.



"Under The Sea Garden" by Beverly Johnston is among the art works on display Sept. 5-28 in the lobby at Livonia City Hall.



Art by Amy DiPlacido is on display through Sept. 25 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Film

COMPUWARE ARENA DRIVE-IN

Time/Dates: Gates open at 7:30 and movies start at dusk; open nightly through Sept. 2

Location: 14900 Beck, Plymouth

Details: Listen to the film through a battery-operated FM radio or your car radio. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$6 for ages 4-12 and free for age 3 and under. Students with ID pay \$7 Sunday-Thursday

PENN THEATRE

Time/Dates: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 31-Sept. 1, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 2, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6

Location: 760 Pennington Ave., Plymouth

Details: "Moonrise Kingdom," \$3

Coming up: "Brave," 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 8-9, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13

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

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Dates: 8 p.m. Sept. 7 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sept. 8

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

Details: "What's Up Doc?" \$4

Coming up: "The Sea Hawk," 8 p.m. Sept. 21 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sept. 22, \$4

Contact: (313) 537-2560

Music

THE ARK

Time/Dates: Bill Kirchen, Aug. 31; Ruthie Foster, Sept. 4; Open Stage, Sept. 5; Chuck Mead, Sept. 6; Frontier Ruckus, Sept. 7; The RFD Boys & Friends, Sept. 8; Shape Note Singing, Sept. 9; Billy Joe Shaver, Sept. 9; Stacey Earle & Mark Stuart, Sept. 11; The Fred Eaglesmith Traveling Steam Show, Sept. 12; The Nuala Kennedy Band, Sept. 13; Todd Snider & Amy LaVere, Sept. 16-17; Steve Forbert, Sept. 18; The Refugees, Sept. 19; Lori McKenna & Mark Erelli, Sept. 20; John Gorka, Sept. 21; Gary Louris, Sept. 22; Nancy Mitchell, Sept. 23; BeauSoleil with Michael Doucet, Sept. 24; Marchant & Elisabeth Pixley-Fink, Sept. 25; The Devil Makes Three & John Fullbright, Sept. 26; Madcat! Mantra Blues Band, Sept. 27; The Kin & Find Vienna, Sept. 28; Nancy Griffith & The Kennedys, Sept. 29

Location: 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor

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

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY

Time/Dates: 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8

Locations: Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 West 13 Mile, at Lahser, Beverly Hills

Details: The Juilliard String Quartet opens the 69th season of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit, a non-profit organization based in Farmington Hills. Tickets are



The Curt Time Players will perform Sept. 8 at the Farmington Players Barn Theatre in Farmington Hills.



Keylend Hetherington plays Billy Elliot in the musical that starts Sept. 4 at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit.

\$30-\$60. (248) 855-6070 or www.ChamberMusicDetroit.org

CULTURAL CONCERT SERIES

Time/Dates: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8

Location: Farmington Players Barn Theatre, 23322 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Cut Time Players kicks off the series with a program of light classics, such as "The Sorcerer's Apprentice," Ravel's "Bolero," and more. Cut Time Players is an ensemble formed in 1995 by an enthusiastic group of Detroit Symphony Musicians. Tickets are \$19 for adults and \$17 for students and seniors.

Contact: (248) 473-1848; recreo.fmgo.com

JAZZ AT THE ELKS

Time/Dates: 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month

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

Details: There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds from Jazz Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans

Contact: (734) 453-1780 or e-mail to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Dates: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Nicholas Barron, Sept. 7; Melissa Greener, Sept. 8; Empty Chair Night, Sept. 9. Most shows: tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only

cash and checks are accepted

Contact: (734) 464-6302

VIVACE SERIES

Time/Dates: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9

Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The Harlem Quartet performs. An afterglow follows the concert. General admission is \$23; members, students and seniors pay \$20

Contact: Joyce Cheresch at (248) 788-9338 or Ann Sipher at (248) 661-1348; www.vivaceseries.org

Something different

ARTS, BEATS & EATS

Time/Dates: 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Aug. 31-Sept. 2 and 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3

Location: The streets of downtown Royal Oak

Details: Festival includes an art fair, entertainment on seven stages throughout the weekend, food from nearly 50 restaurants, and family-friendly activities. Admission is \$3 before 5 p.m., \$5 after 5 p.m., and free on Friday before 5 p.m.

Contact: www.artsbeats-eats.com

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Dates: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily, with extended hours — 8 p.m. — Wednesday through Labor Day; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. the day after Labor Day

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. Reduced admission is \$5 for all guests after 5 p.m. Wednesday

Senior Day: Seniors, 62 and older and their caregiver will receive free admission to the Zoo and rides on the Tauber Family Railroad, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday

Sept. 5. Senior Day will feature live music, tractor train tours, bingo and a senior resource area. The day's activities also will include zookeeper talks highlighting some of the Zoo's senior animal residents

Contact: (248) 541-5177

Theater

FISHER THEATRE

Time/Dates: 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 4-16

Location: 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit

Details: "Billy Elliot the Musical" is based on the hit film and includes music by Elton John. Tickets are \$39-\$89 and includes parking and are available at www.ticketmaster.com, www.BroadwayInDetroit.com, or (800) 982-2787

Contact: (313) 872-1000

MOTOR CITY YOUTH THEATRE

Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Thursday Sept. 6 and Friday, Sept. 7, call backs

Location: Grantland Street Playhouse, 27555 Grantland, Livonia

Details: Auditions for "A Little Princess," a musical based on the story by Frances Hodgson Burnett. Rehearsals begin Sept. 8 and continue Sept. 15, 22 and 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27 and Nov. 3. The show runs Nov. 9-11 and 16-18. E-mail the Motor City Youth Theatre to schedule an audition to audition. Prepare a short reading for the character for which you plan to audition. Find the book at www.gutenberg.org/files/146146/146-h.htm. Children interested in auditioning for singing roles will learn a song from the show during the audition, and will sing it both in a group and individually

Contact: Nancy at www.mcyt.org

PAUL'S PLAYERS

Time/Dates: 6-9 p.m. Sept. 17-18

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Auditions for "The Man Who Came to Dinner," a comedy set in a small town in Ohio in the 1930s that features a cast of 15 adults. Drop in any time during the three-hour audition period. Can't make it at that time? Call or e-mail for an alternate time

Contact: Patricia Hutchison at (248) 347-4134, or e-mail paulsplayers@gmail.com

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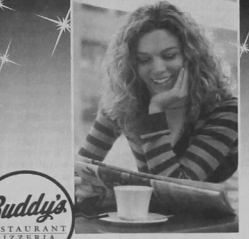
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HOT STUFF

17TH ANNUAL GREAT LAKES REGIONAL CHILI COOK-OFF

The cook-off runs 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, in downtown Plymouth. The event includes a restaurant chili challenge, motorcycle show and ride, dance performances, kids activities, and music by Steve King and the Dittilies, in addition to the cook-off. Cook-off categories are:

- Red Chili — Cost to enter is \$40. First place award is \$1,000 and the opportunity to compete in the International Chili Society's (ICS) World Championship in 2013.
 - Chili Verde (Green) — Entry fee is \$25. The top prize is \$300 and advancement to the world championship in 2013.
 - Salsa — Entrants must participate in one of the chili competitions. Entry fee is \$20. First place wins \$200 and a chance to advance to the world championship next year.
 - Non-members of the ICS must pay a \$50 membership fee in addition to entry fees.
 - Peoples Choice — The fee is \$40 if not entered into one of the ICS competition categories, free for those who are. First place wins \$100.
- Judges also will award honors to the "best booth."
Enter the contest at www.greatlakeschili.com



Larry Walton's winning chili

Fine tune your recipe and enter Plymouth chili contest

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Beans or no beans? If you plan to enter the 17th Annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off Oct. 14 in Plymouth, you need to decide.

Legumes are the fine line between the event's International Chili Society-sanctioned red and green chili competitions and its People's Choice category.

"Those folks who just want to make chili and not abide by the (ICS) rules can come and be a part of the People's Choice chili. There are no rules other than health rules. You can put anything in it," said Annette Horn, who coordinates the event with her husband, Ken. ICS sets stringent rules for competitors making red chili and green chili. No beans and no pasta are allowed in the mix. The combination of meat, red or green chili peppers, spices and other ingredients must cook at least three hours and no more than four hours.

"Chili cooks who are serious tend to use a cut of meat that can hold up to three hours of cooking and not become too mushy," Horn said, adding that California Tri-Tip is a favorite beef cut among chili cooks. "I've seen it at local grocery stores. It holds up well to cooking and it has really nice marbling and nice flavor."

Although all ingredients must be purchased from a commercial source — no homemade canned goods or wild game from last year's hunting trip — cooks aren't limited to beef.

"I've seen cooks using bison and more unique meats. One time a cook put rattlesnake in. Make something you love," Horn said. "I've found that throughout 30-some years being involved in chili, everyone has a favorite pot of chili and everyone makes the best pot of chili."

First-place winners of the red and green chili competitions will receive cash prizes and will advance to the ICS

World Championship Cook-off in fall 2013. The top People's Choice winner gets bragging rights and \$100.

Horn said approximately 50 cooks made red chili last year and 30 cooked green chili. Some also entered the salsa-making contest. She suggests that competition neophytes visit the event this year and enter it next fall.

"It can be overwhelming for the brand new chili cook. Other than mixing some spices up the night before, everything has to be done onsite from start to finish."

Cooks must bring their own utensils, pot and cooking stove. The event supplies a table, sample cups and sample spoons.

Horn also encourages participants to decorate their booths in a theme that reflects the name they've given their original chili recipe.

Ready to fine-tune your chili cooking chops? Try these tips from Larry Walton, an international chili champ:

— **Chili Powder** — Using the right chili powder makes all the difference in the world. Mexene Chili Powder and Seasoning Mix is a good choice because it's well rounded and balanced.

— **Meat** — Choose premium quality ground beef with an 80/20 percent beef to fat ratio. Or for an interesting twist, choose fresh boneless, skinless chicken thighs.

— **Browning** — A key essential is to brown your meat. It not only adds richness to your dish but also helps with the dark color of the chili.

— **Spices** — The spices are a main ingredient to bring out all the flavors. It's best to use spice powders, since they're more pungent.

— **Secret Ingredient** — Last but not least, add your secret "booster" such as chili powder, paprika, cocoa or a few dashes of Louisiana Hot Sauce at the end of cooking to wow your tasters.

Give Walton's award-winning chili recipe — or any of these other recipes — a taste test and get inspired to create your own contest-worthy chili. Find more tips and recipes at www.chilicookoffwinner.com.

Larry Walton's 2011 Terlingua International Chili Champion Recipe

Courtesy of the Chili Appreciation Society International, Inc. (CASI).

Yield: 2 pounds, or 8 servings

- 1st Mixture:
1 tablespoon onion granules
1 tablespoon garlic granules
1 tablespoon beef granules
1 tablespoon chicken granules
2 tablespoons Mexene chili powder
¼ teaspoon salt
2 dashes Louisiana hot sauce
- 2nd Mixture:
1 teaspoon garlic granules
1 tablespoon cumin
1 package Sazon Goya
2 tablespoons Mexene chili powder
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
2 dashes Louisiana hot sauce

Additional Ingredients:
2 pounds ground beef
1 14.5-ounce can beef broth
1 14.5-ounce can chicken broth
1 8-ounce can tomato sauce
1 ½ teaspoon brown sugar, if needed
Salt to taste

Mix 1st and 2nd mixtures in separate bowls. Set aside.
Brown ground beef then drain off grease. Add beef broth, chicken broth and tomato sauce. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to a low simmer for 40 minutes.

Add 1st mixture and simmer for 40 minutes.
Add 2nd mixture and cook on low heat for 25 minutes. If too spicy, add brown sugar and salt to taste.

Black and White Chicken Chili
Yield: 10 servings

- 6 boneless skinless chicken thighs
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 jalapeño peppers, fresh; seeded and finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon garlic, chopped
- 1 14.5-ounce can chicken broth
- 2 15-ounce cans great Northern beans, not drained
- 2 15-ounce cans black beans, drained
- 1 tablespoon Mexene chili powder
- 1 ½ teaspoons ground cumin
- ½ teaspoon salt

Cut chicken into ½-inch cubes.
Spray large, deep pot or saucepan with nonstick cooking spray. Heat over medium-high.

Add chicken; cook 2 minutes, stirring frequently.
Add onion, peppers and garlic. Cook 5 minutes longer, stirring occasionally. Add remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, 20 to 30 minutes or until chicken is done (internal temperature of 170°F).

Serving Suggestion: Top individual servings of chili with sour cream. Serve with mixed green salad and tortillas or tortilla chips. Refrigerate leftovers or freeze in a tightly sealed nonmetallic container or freezer bag.



Easy Chicken Chili

Yield: 4 servings

- 6 boneless skinless chicken thighs (cooked and cut into bite-sized pieces)
- 2 16-ounce cans kidney beans, not drained
- 2 14.5-ounce cans diced tomatoes, not drained
- 1 1.6-ounce package Mexene Chili Seasoning Mix
- 1 tablespoon garlic pepper sauce, to taste

Combine all ingredients in a large saucepan. Stir until well blended. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer 20 minutes.
Serve with shredded cheese and tortilla chips or crackers.

Hot Dog Sauce

Yield: 6 servings

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 3 tablespoons Mexene chili powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon oregano
- ¼ teaspoon cumin
- ½ teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 2 cups water

Brown meat (breaking up pieces) and onions; drain. At this point you can run it through a chopper if a finer dice is desired. Add all other spices; mix well. Add water and simmer for one hour.

Can be made ahead of time and frozen in a nonmetallic container or freezer bag.



Black and White Chicken Chili

Food policies matter to residents, business owners as well

By Julie Brown
O&E Staff Writer

After years of short-term extensions, Congress has passed a five-year reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program.

To put the significance of this passage into perspective, the NFIP has been extended 17 times since 2008 and has expired twice, delaying or canceling 1,300 real estate transactions each day of its lapse, undermining both consumer and investor confidence, according to the National Association of Realtors.

The Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 will help bring stability to many real estate markets and ensure access to affordable flood insurance for millions of home and business owners across the country, the NAR says. More than 5.6 million home and business owners in 21,000 communities rely on the NFIP to protect against flood-related disasters in the U.S.

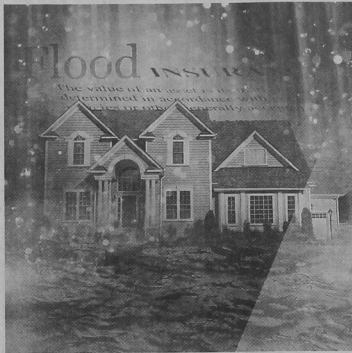
Jeff Jueneemann, owner of Jueneemann Insurance Agency in Westland, is a pro on flood insurance.

"Most people buy flood insurance because their home or business is located in a floodplain," Those policies are issued to satisfy mortgage lenders, he said.

"That's how most people determine they need it," Jueneemann said. "We don't generally have declared natural disaster floods."

Policies won't pay for a basement backup, he said. "It needs to be declared," he said.

The positive part of the con-



gressional actions, Jueneemann said, is it offers stability for the next five years. It used to expire every year, and "Congress was going to have to authorize money to subsidize it."

"It would keep expiring." Agents would get notices not to write policies, and hear later it could be going to be processed.

"It's going to give us stability for the next five years," Jueneemann said. He finds people often don't know what policies cover.

"I think people are totally unaware. I think people are blindsided." Often, they're surprised to learn they live in a flood zone.

There are some television announcements aimed at boosting awareness, he said, but many people don't know what's

covered. "I think it's something that is assumed to be in a homeowner's policy. I think homeowners are caught unaware."

Jueneemann, a Northville Township resident, is marking his 30th year in business on Ford Road in Westland. He said rates are standardized, with FEMA regulating flood maps that determine zones.

"As long as the flood zone on the map is accurate, the rate is the rate," he said.

Plymouth-based attorney Kurt A. Olson agreed coverage is crucial for homeowners.

"Homeowners insurance is critical to pay for replacement or repair damages to your home," Olson said. "It will also pay for damages suffered by others if they

are injured on your property." Flood insurance may also be appropriate depending on your location, because a regular homeowners' policy will often not pay for flood damage.

I recommend insurance to my clients as the construction costs of rebuilding or repairing a residence can be astronomical."

Judge Mark McConnell of Westland's 18th District Court agreed. "Extremely important to protect your investment and your personal property," McConnell said. "It's obviously very important for people to have homeowners'."

That's also true for renters, said McConnell, a lawyer with 19 years of experience who took the bench in 2009.

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Restricting free speech won't hold up

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: I heard recently about a case out of New Jersey which upheld the right of a co-owner to put up signs in a condominium, notwithstanding the restrictions of the association. What do you know about it?

A: In a recent case decided June 13 by the Supreme Court of New Jersey, the question on appeal was whether the homeowners association could prohibit residents from posting political signs in the windows of their homes. New Jersey has a tendency to rely on the state constitution for authority to prohibit the type of conduct which the 14th Amendment would prohibit through state action

such as First Amendment rights, etc. The court basically concluded that the "proliferation of residential communities with standard agreements that restrict free speech would violate the fundamental free speech values espoused in our Constitution, the higher source of public policy." The court went on to say that for that reason, it could not accept that a complete ban on free speech rights in one's home could be possible, but instead the exercise of those rights can be subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions. In effect, restrictive covenants that unreasonably restrict speech can be declared unenforceable as a matter of public policy. Whether or not that would be applicable in other jurisdictions is still questionable.

Q: I am a member of a board and the rest of our board does not care to follow the bylaws and does not want to go to any costs or read the books about condo operation. What can I do to get their heads moving in the right direction?

A: Hopefully, an attorney for the association, if there is one, is knowledgeable about community association law which enlightens them. However, many times these types of boards do not even go to any attorney or have their attorney advise them. You should get your own attorney, if necessary, to write a letter to the board telling members that they are not discharging their legal and fiduciary duties, which would result in liability not only for the association, but them personally. Short of certain outside pressure being brought, my experience is that the directors will continue to operate in a negligent and haphazard fashion.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and author of Condominium Law: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling, call 25864-4433 or visit bmesner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 14 - 18, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	GARDEN CITY	3539 Richard St	\$95,000	REDFORD	15127 Aubrey	\$17,000
45485 Augusta Dr	1555 Harrison St	14893 Riverside St	\$170,000	1285 Columbia	14256 Dixie	\$38,000
1271 Brookline St	32527 James St	16832 Surrey St	\$120,000	13151 Hemingway	1980 Kinloch	\$39,000
49126 Castledorf Dr	9925 Adams St	4471 Deep Hollow Cir	\$75,000	15078 Kinloch	17690 Kinloch	\$93,000
156 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr	14681 Arden St	16296 Dundalk Ct	\$310,000	20735 Lennane	19495 MacArthur	\$15,000
65993 Coachman	14748 Arden St	16848 Dunwood Dr	\$268,000	11316 Manor	18860 Poinciana	\$45,000
41652 Conner Creek Dr	14328 Bainbridge St	53715 Prestwick Cir	\$490,000	24484 Riverpark	24700 Schoolcraft	\$75,000
228 Constitution St	27714 Barkley St	46171 Mulberry Cir	\$129,000	26711 Student	26305 W J Mile Rd	\$11,000
14500 Creekside Dr	9838 Blackburn St	48846 Rainbow Ln S	\$350,000	23420 Westfield	27129 Westland Rd	\$42,000
295 Country Club Ln	29546 Bozich St	655 Randolph St	\$62,000	WESTLAND		\$84,000
3972 Elizabeth Ave	11401 Brookfield St	6260 Steepview St	\$315,000			
1751 Fern Ct	35441 Brookview Dr	PLYMOUTH				
47226 Gastonbury Dr	11422 Caldwell St	321 Adams St	\$205,000			
45029 Horseshoe Cr	14667 Country Club Dr	255 Ann St	\$228,000			
45300 Lothrop Rd	36128 Fairway Dr	586 Ann St	\$93,000			
2871 Haverford Dr	17623 Fairway St	732 Ann St	\$155,000			
50954 Murray Hill Dr	18568 Gill Rd	4050 Blank St	\$490,000			
7310 Oakmont Dr	9113 Gillman St	49280 Bugle Ct	\$502,000			
4530 Pond Dr	29772 Greenland St	14925 Farmbrook Dr	\$213,000			
4713 Pond Ln	31520 Hees St	40363 Gilbert St	\$88,000			
42685 Redfern St	29809 Hillbrook St	41150 Greenbrook Ln	\$144,000			
7832 Rutherford Cr	11813 Hunters Park Ct	718 Harding St	\$100,000			
4349 Southridge Dr	17220 Louise St	718 Harding St	\$105,000			
2816 Wakefield Dr	36341 Meadowbrook St	4040 Hillcrest Dr	\$387,000			
7956 Wheaton Dr	11218 Middlebelt Rd	12951 N Beck Rd	\$345,000			
7618 Wheaton Dr	28911 Morlock St	10105 Newport Dr	\$60,000			
2529 Woodmont Dr E	37600 Park Dr	1250 Ross St	\$48,296			
	17147 Oporto Ave	1311 Ross St	\$157,000			
	13720 Louisa St	9301 Southworth Ave	\$158,000			
	1979 Crain Dr	448 Sunset St	\$95,000			
	6455 Forest Way					
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	1964 Bloomfield Dr					
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	2050 Alpha St					
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3539 Richard St	\$95,000	3539 Richard St	\$95,000
14893 Riverside St	\$170,000	3539 Richard St	\$95,000
16832 Surrey St	\$120,000	3539 Richard St	\$95,000
4471 Deep Hollow Cir	\$75,000	3539 Richard St	\$95,000
16296 Dundalk Ct	\$310,000	3539 Richard St	\$95,000
16848 Dunwood Dr	\$268,000	3539 Richard St	\$95,000
53715 Prestwick Cir	\$490,000	3539 Richard St	\$95,000
46171 Mulberry Cir	\$129,000	3539 Richard St	\$95,000
48846 Rainbow Ln S	\$350,000	3539 Richard St	\$95,000
655 Randolph St	\$62,000	3539 Richard St	\$95,000
6260 Steepview St	\$315,000	3539 Richard St	\$95,000
PLYMOUTH		3539 Richard St	\$95,000
321 Adams St	\$205,000	3539 Richard St	\$95,000
255 Ann St	\$228,000	3539 Richard St	\$95,000
586 Ann St	\$93,000	3539 Richard St	\$95,000
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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 30 - May 4, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

5455 Forest Way	\$276,000	3161 Larcota Ct	\$150,000	23609 N Rockledge	\$41,000
11611 Trading Post Ln	\$213,000	2557 Solace Dr	\$200,000	23687 N Rockledge	\$47,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP		FARMINGTON		24533 Oak Orchard St	\$40,000
1964 Bloomfield Dr	\$225,000	23876 Fairview Ct	\$220,000	42025 Park Ridge Rd	\$150,000
1100 Burnham Rd	\$430,000	FARMINGTON HILLS		22625 Provincial Dr	\$50,000
1046 Chain Point Ct	\$350,000	29115 Appleblossom Ln	\$275,000	3114 Seneca Ln	\$135,000
3725 Bloomfield Blvd	\$148,000	34549 Fenwick St	\$60,000	28249 Wilcott Dr	\$22,000
6961 Cathedral Dr	\$293,000	27835 Gettysburg St	\$190,000	SOUTH LYON	
1979 Crain Dr	\$230,000	23685 Glencrest Dr	\$90,000	53815 Springwood Dr	\$24,000
6455 Valley Chase Rd	\$302,000	27992 Green Willow St	\$200,000	26710 York Ct	\$277,000
1907 Eagle Pointe	\$140,000	31775 Highway Ave	\$113,000	SOUTHFIELD	
468 Fox Hills Dr S	\$51,000	29045 Oak Point Dr	\$170,000	19811 Cherry Hill St	\$98,000
3365 Morningview Ter	\$430,000	MILFORD		30757 Fairfield St	\$50,000
171 N Williamsburg Rd	\$650,000	375 Martindale	\$98,000	21855 Hidden Rivers Dr	\$9,000
1920 Pine Ridge Ln	\$230,000	575 Sweetbriar	\$95,000	20142 N Larkmore Dr	\$195,000
566 Pinney Cir	\$135,000	1306 Yellowstone Valley Dr	\$25,000	28547 Piercer St	\$43,000
345 Westbourne Ct	\$170,000	45214 Bartlett Dr	\$336,000	18223 Westland Ave	\$58,000
635 Windsor Run	\$375,000	50598 Brenna Dr	\$84,000	20720 Winchester St	\$115,000
42356 Woodward Ave	\$60,000	NOVATO		WHITE LAKE	
COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP		2050 Alpha St	\$171,000	515 Berry Patch Ln	\$258,000
2050 Alpha St	\$171,000	1883 Applebrook Dr	\$191,000	8261 Cooley Beach Dr	\$515,000
1883 Applebrook Dr	\$191,000	2060 Augusta Dr	\$222,000	1952 Island Blvd	\$225,000
2060 Augusta Dr	\$222,000	6036 Brockway St	\$95,000	415 Mallock St	\$140,000
6036 Brockway St	\$95,000	2530 Hampton Ct	\$278,000		

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what it takes to get started. Many sellers are misinformed. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved. Bon-

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ACROSS

- 1 Skippy rival
- 4 Disparaging remark
- 8 Entrails
- 12 June in "Henry 6 and 8"
- 13 Decrease in intensity
- 14 Felice or Moises
- 15 Seesquaque alternates
- 17 Cheese coating
- 18 Bat or clothin feature
- 19 Pekee packets (2 wds.)
- 21 Truck mfr. — "Excited" (Printer Sisters)
- 23 Vest chams
- 28 Cabbage buds
- 32 Kipling novel
- 33 Common abbr.
- 35 Drag into court
- 36 From the top
- 39 Gridiron game
- 42 Square word

DOWN

- 1 Protrudes
- 2 " — " Excited" (Printer Sisters)
- 3 Man-got dairy
- 4 Bee colonies
- 5 On the —
- 6 Apartment
- 7 Octomiter button
- 8 Best-selling doll
- 9 Lamb's pen name
- 10 Temple dick
- 11 Bubble bath
- 16 Hassles
- 20 Mummur of
- 22 So-so grade
- 23 Police-blotter info
- 25 Massive
- 26 Succat —
- 27 Pigen
- 29 Firm speed no
- 30 Broke ground
- 34 Engine part
- 37 Spain and Portugal
- 38 A conjunction
- 40 Musical beat
- 41 Hula part
- 43 Dale palm locale
- 46 Famous lithographer
- 47 Tena House? (8)
- 48 Fontaine's husband
- 50 One-liners
- 51 Chills the body
- 52 Bill, briefly
- 55 Prior to yr. 1

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SUDOKU

5	1	6	2	8	9	7	3	4
9	8	5	4	3	6	7	2	1
6	9	5	1	2	4	7	8	3
5	1	2	6	5	4	3	8	7
4	3	2	5	6	7	8	9	1
1	3	2	5	6	7	8	9	4
4	6	2	5	1	7	8	3	9

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Lunch
Math
Merrill
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Reading
Science
Spanish
Student
Teacher
Testing
Tutor

Check your answers here

2	9	1	6	2	8	9	7	3
9	8	5	4	3	6	7	2	1
6	9	5	1	2	4	7	8	3
5	1	2	6	5	4	3	8	7
4	3	2	5	6	7	8	9	1
1	3	2	5	6	7	8	9	4
4	6	2	5	1	7	8	3	9

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Sudoku

2	9	1	6	2	8	9	7	3
9	8	5	4	3	6	7	2	1
6	9	5	1	2	4	7	8	3
5	1	2	6	5	4	3	8	7
4	3	2	5	6	7	8	9	1
1	3	2	5	6	7	8	9	4
4	6	2	5	1	7	8	3	9

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