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Tax time

Friday is the deadline for Canton Township residents to pay their summer tax bills without interest.

Canton Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said residents who can't make it by Friday can put the payments in the drop box outside the township administration building.

"As long as the payment is in the drop box by Monday morning when we come back to work, we will process it as paid on time," McLaughlin said. The township will also accept payments after the deadline as long as it is postmarked by Sept. 14. McLaughlin pointed out residents 62 years old and older, with a household income of no more than \$40,000, can get their payments deferred until Feb. 14. Application for that must be made by Sept. 14. Questions should be directed to McLaughlin's office at (734) 394-5130.

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Sample fine food, wine, pastries and beverages at the 21st annual Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23 in the ViTaTech Center, Livonia. Tickets are \$50 per person (\$20 is a charitable contribution). Food and beverage vendors from Novi, Birmingham, Royal Oak, Plymouth, Livonia, Traverse City and more will be featured. To purchase tickets, call (734) 462-4518 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation. The event also includes a silent auction and a special raffle (first prize is \$1,000 cash).

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ABC moving to Borders building

By Darrell Clem
 Observer Staff Writer

Canton's former Borders store, vacant since the nation's second-biggest bookseller chain closed last year, is expected to get a new tenant when ABC Warehouse moves to the prominent retail location at Ford and Morton Taylor roads.

Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet said ABC Warehouse, a leading appliance and electronics retailer, hopes by the holiday season to occupy the former Borders site and close its store on IKEA property near Ford and Haggerty.

ABC Warehouse, which plans to lease the new site, faces a special land use vote as early as Sept. 25 by the Canton Township Board of Trustees for an auto electronics-installation area on the east side of the building, Goulet said.

That vote looms after the Canton Planning Commission has recommended approval. Kristen Thomas, Canton economic development and marketing analyst, said the 20,500-square-foot Borders building has been vacant for a year. The closing came after

the national chain failed to find a buyer to get it out of bankruptcy.

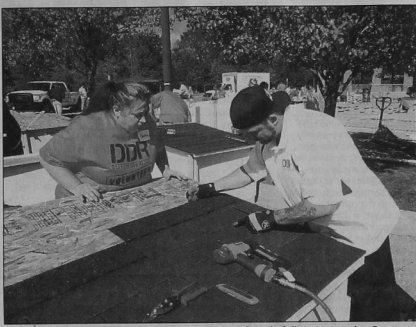
"It's a great location," Thomas said of the prime Ford Road site. Canton officials aren't certain what plans IKEA may have for the current ABC Warehouse site, Thomas said. An IKEA manager couldn't be reached by telephone Tuesday.

Some area residents had lamented the Borders closing, saying it provided a quiet, peaceful place to sip coffee



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Christine Davis of Westland and Detroit Dog Rescue board of directors member Darte Dasaro single one of some 100 doghouses built in DDR's "Roofs for Woofs" event Saturday in Canton.

Housing market

Building event provides shelter for dogs

By Brad Kadrich
 Observer Staff Writer

When Christine Davis found a bull mastiff-pit bull mix she named Pork Chop, the dog had been attacked by a neighbor with a sword, and was suffering from serious wounds that needed medical attention.

Davis, a Westland resident, called to a variety of dog rescue facilities and couldn't get any help. Finally, someone at Detroit Dog Rescue responded and got Pork Chop the help he needed.

That's why Davis was in Canton Saturday, helping Detroit Dog Rescue put on its first "Roofs for Woofs" event, designed to build 100 doghouses organizers hope to use to combat what they called a "dire need for housing to protect dogs, often in poor neighborhoods, that are penned in or chained up in places with no escape from scorching summer weather and



Tanya West-Garrett of Fairborn, Ohio, puts her artistic touch to the walls of one of the doghouses.

frigid winter conditions."

"DDR was the only rescue I called who picked up the phone," Davis said. "They gave Pork Chop the medical attention I knew I couldn't give him."

The first "Roofs for Woofs" comes as Detroit Dog Rescue launches an effort, In The Dog House, to encourage dog owners to provide proper shelter. Kelly McLaughlin, director of programs and

development for DDR, said getting people to understand the problem will be a big part of solving it.

"I didn't know dogs live 24-7 on a chain outside," McLaughlin said. "Educating people is what it's all about, and once you do that, people are all about it. They've gone all out (to help)."

More than 200 people

Please see **DOGS, A3**

Starkweather students settling in after move to Fiegel

By Brad Kadrich
 Observer Staff Writer

Eric Souva looks around his expansive classroom at the former Fiegel Elementary School and can't help but smile.

That's because Souva, who teaches Algebra 1 and business math to Starkweather Alternative High School students, knows this classroom is the only one he'll have to worry about this year.

Souva, a graduate of Wayne State University in his second year teaching at Starkweather, split time between four different classrooms a year ago at the old building in downtown Plymouth. When the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education closed Fiegel Elementary and decided to move Starkweather into the building, Souva finally

had a home.

"Instead of having to pack up all my things and move in a five-minute time span, I can have everything ready for the kids in this room," said Souva, who taught in a Detroit charter school before coming to Starkweather. "I'll have all my supplies in this one room. I won't have to worry about, 'Did I leave it in the other room?'"

Whatever it is just an arm's length away."

It's one of the many advantages Fiegel will have over the old building, according to district officials. Most of the infrastructure—electrical and plumbing, for instance—is in much better condition than in the 1920s style building.

The changes should be educational advancement.

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Michelle Broccardo and Brett Winowicki meet in the hall between classes at the new Starkweather, which has moved to the former Fiegel Elementary School.

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W-W board taps Westland resident to fill vacancy

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer



Griffin

It took a number of votes but former Westland mayor Charles "Trav" Griffin has been appointed to fill a vacancy on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education.

"I appreciate this appointment. I will do my best to serve this community, the students who live within it and the parents," said Griffin. "I don't take this lightly. I will work with everyone on the board to maintain the stability of the district, regardless of how they voted."

A former Westland councilman, Griffin also is a former teacher and Michigan Educa-

tion Association Uniserv director. In addition, Griffin had a brief stint serving on the Wayne-Westland school board.

"I have experience on both sides of the table. I don't shy away from tough decisions," said Griffin. "I have never lost my passion. I was third in the race (in the last election). I decided to apply."

In his interview with the board, Griffin noted that he had served on the district's Citizen Bond Oversight Committee as well as the Building and Site

Fund Committee.

Griffin was appointed to fill the vacancy created when Andrea Clawson resigned her seat in August after having served only 14 months of her term. Griffin was appointed to fill the seat until the next general election in 2014.

The board interviewed a total of nine applicants for the vacancy, including three people who are appearing on the Nov. 6 ballot seeking to fill two six-year terms on the board.

Applicants appearing on the ballot are Paul Futch of Wayne, pastor of True Love Christian Fellowship Church in Romulus; Westland resident Jeffrey Hayton, who works performing

quality analysis and systems for the state and served as an appointed board member for five months in 2011; and Chandraz Cazzart, an attorney who works for a local nonprofit.

Also appointed to fill a board vacancy last year, board member Frederick Weaver is seeking a six-year term on the ballot. Incumbent Cindy Schofield isn't seeking re-election.

The fifth candidate on the ballot is Westland resident Sally Madison, who is a mother of four, school volunteer and a student at Schoolcraft College.

Other candidates interviewed by the board included Westland residents Christopher Staley, Stacey (Robinson) Antovich,

Scott Davis and Robert Froreich, along with Mark Diehl of Wayne.

Following a board procedure that created some confusion among board members and the public, the board voted repeatedly before narrowing their choices to Griffin and Futch.

Griffin was appointed on a 4-2 vote with no votes from board president Carol Middel and board member John Gori.

Board members thanked all of the candidates for applying for the position and encouraged them to continue to be involved with the district.

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AROUND CANTON

"Around Canton" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

VARIETY SHOW

Date/Time: Saturday, Sept. 15, 1:30 and 7 p.m.

Locations: Salem High School auditorium

Details: The Canton Chieftes annual Variety Show, "So You Think You Can Dance," features singing, dancing, bands, comedy and, of course, a performance by the Canton Chieftes. There will also be a concessions area available before the show and during intermission. Pre-sale tickets available through Canton Chieftes squad members for \$8 each. They are also available at the door before each show for \$10 each.

COLLECT TIME

Date/Time: Wednesday, Sept. 19, 6-7 p.m.

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main

Details: State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, hosts an office hour in Plymouth. Colbeck will be on hand during intermission. Pre-sale tickets available through Canton Chieftes squad members for \$8 each. They are also available at the door before each show for \$10 each.

Contact: For more information or to contact Colbeck, please visit www.senatorpatrickcolbeck.com or call (734) 335-0673.

HEISE COFFEE

Date/Time: Friday, Sept. 21,

7:30-9 a.m.

Location: Panera Bread, 400 S. Main in Plymouth

Details: State Rep. Kurt Heise is sponsoring coffee hours to give residents a convenient opportunity to meet with him locally. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or in his Lansing office.

Contact: Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REP-KURT or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

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 in a safe 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 includes 18 hole scramble, cart, range balls, snacks at lunch, dinner at finish. This is a no alcohol event.

Contact: Call Rick Talbot at (734) 751-8030 or send check payable to PC Alano Club to 45234 Rockledge Dr. Plymouth, MI 48170, with names of players).

FRIENDS OF MILLER WOODS

Date/Time: Wednesday, Sept. 26, 7 p.m.

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main

Details: In our corner of Wayne County there is a remnant of a forest landscape that once greeted pioneers to this area in the early 1800s. This gem is a designated nature preserve and the objective of the Friends of Miller Woods is to protect and preserve it for future generations. The Friends extend an invitation to anyone interested in learning more about Miller Woods, including volunteer opportunities. Individuals or groups who want to become involved in big or small ways are encouraged to come to this meeting.

Contact: Call Joyce Holmes (734) 453-8457 or visit www.millerwoods.com.

DIESEL RETIREES

Date/Time: Thursday, Oct. 18, 11 a.m.

Location: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia

Details: The Detroit Diesel Retiree Club will hold its annual luncheon and business meeting. It's primarily a social club that provides information to its members about items which may impact all retirees of Detroit Diesel Corporation from GM, through the current ownership. Guests enjoy social interaction beginning at 11 a.m., a buffet luncheon at 12:30 p.m. and brief business meeting with discussion on any topic of current interest to the attending guests. Cost to attend the lunch is \$25.

Contact: For information on the luncheon and pre-registration you can contact Robert Pavol, membership director, at (734) 452-2658, e-mail rpavol64@prodigy.net or John Ledwith, e-mail (313) 863-8850, e-mail dieseljm@aol.com.

HOLIDAY ART FAIR

Date/Time: Dec. 1, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Connection Church in Canton, MI.

Details: Connection Church in Canton hosts a Holiday Art Fair. If you have a craft and are interested in renting a table (\$35 + \$25).

Contact: For more information please email Katy at cholidayartfair@gmail.com.

STUDENTS

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tages to the 265 full- and part-time students, the 30 adult high school completion students, 40 who are trying to get their GEDs, and another 75 who are taking English as a Second Language classes.

Big advantage

And one of the best advantages — as Souza discovered — is a classroom for every teacher. Renovations are also being made to add science labs, a first for Starkweather.

"We've never had that," said Kevin Lane, for five years the program director at Starkweather. "We can do so much more hands-on with our students. Some of the kids don't learn as well just from the books. This will give the kids a much greater understanding."

Getting into the building hand in hand is a completely smooth road. Decisions had to be made about the inventory at Fiegel — did it follow former Fiegel teachers to the new buildings, did it go back to the curriculum center for storage, etc. — and, of course, everything that the old Starkweather building had to be moved.

"We moved an entire building of furniture out, and an entire building of furniture in," said Phil Freeman, the district's assistant superintendent for facilities and operations. "It was an extensive amount of work, and took a lot of man-hours to get it done."

"The biggest delay has been in the renovations needed to establish the science labs. That progress has been slowed in the bid process. What administrators had hoped to have done before the second semester started now will likely take until



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Starckweather students made this in art class.

well after that. "We had hoped to get it done, but we're not going to get there," Freeman said of the second-semester deadline. "I wish we could have waved a magic wand so we could have the science labs done (already). But we'll get there."

When they do, it'll be a huge benefit to students, according to Lane. To this point, there were certain parts of the science curriculum Starkweather teachers had been unable to teach.

"The science labs are going to be huge," Lane said. "Many parts of the curriculum we had to show students on YouTube."

More options

Starkweather student Nicko Castrodale of Canton said the new building would be better simply because it has air conditioning. But he also said it will have other advantages, despite the fact that, aesthetically, he preferred the other building.

"The old building had a lot of character," Castrodale said. "From an education standpoint, this will be better. There will

be more resources available."

That's what it's all about for Lane, too. The new building will provide space for an independent studies lab, where students can retake portions of classes they might have missed, rather than having to retake the entire class. It's more centrally located than the downtown building.

And, at the new location, Starkweather will, for the first time, offer busing to in-district students. That'll come in handy, because Lane said the school is getting more 16- and 17-year-old students who don't have their own transportation.

"We're getting a better academic reputation," Lane said. "Counselors aren't hesitating to send kids here because they know when students leave here, they're going to be ready for college. We teach the same curriculum here as the rest of the district. We just do it in a smaller atmosphere."

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Lori Nemeth of Seacrest, Fla., who was in town visiting her mother in Canton, gets a volunteer Detroit Dog Rescue t-shirt from DDR volunteer Barb Grunon of Byron, Mich.

DOGS

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signed up to help. Some cut the wood, others drilled pieces together, more shingled the houses and still others handled the painting and decoration.

Home Depot provided and prepared the wood, and the volunteers filled a large portion of the parking lot in assembly line fashion to get the houses built.

Lori Nemeth lives in Seacrest, Fla., but was in town visiting her mom. She said when she heard about "Roofs for Woofs" she thought it sounded fun.

"I'm on my second rescue dog," Nemeth said. "I see the shows on TV about dogs left out in the elements. This sounded like a good idea."

McLaughlin said the turnout and the event went as well as they'd hoped, though there were lessons to be learned. "We're thrilled for a



Some 200 volunteers registered to help at Saturday's Detroit Dog Rescue "Roofs for Woofs" event at the Home Depot on Michigan Avenue, in Canton.

first-year event," she said. "There are obviously kinks to work out and some things we'll do differently. But we can't

wait for next year. Bring it on."

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Canton approves condo site plan

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

In a boost to Canton's housing market, Southfield-based Boji Development, Inc., has received final site plan approval from township officials to build 52 single-family, age-restricted, detached condominiums south of Geddes and Denton roads.

Project manager Beth Boji Kelly is hopeful construction of a model home can begin within two to three weeks, with the first residents potentially moving to the Crystal Village at Denton neighborhood by early next year.

Boji Development has targeted the site condominiums for people age 55 and over after hiring a consulting firm that recommended an age-restricted community after studying the area's demographics.

"Surprisingly, there is an unmet demand for this age group," Kelly said Tuesday evening, after the Canton Township Board of Trustees gave final site plan approval to Crystal Village.

The project includes a

2,900-square-foot community building and 52 ranch-style condos that residents can access from Denton Road after Hawksbury Street is extended to provide an entrance. Starting prices for the new homes are expected around \$170,000, Kelly said.

The project signals a change from the company's earlier plans to build another round of higher-density, attached condos on the site, southwest of the older Ravensfield development where 15 buildings containing 75 residences already has been built.

Crystal Village homes are expected to range from 1,475-1,650 square feet. Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said Tuesday the revised site plan arose because detached — or site — condos have become "more viable in today's housing market."

The supportive vote by the township board came after a similar nod of approval from the Canton Planning Commission.

Kelly indicated Boji Development intends to move quickly on the project following Tuesday's vote.

"I'm hoping really within two to three weeks I can start the model," she said.

LaJoy and other local officials have said Canton remains a desirable place for new residents due to its comparatively low crime rate and its reputation for top-tier services such as parks and recreation facilities.

At a time when many metro Detroit communities lost residents, Canton's population spiked by 18.1 percent to 90,173 people in totals reported during the last U.S. Census.

In other action Tuesday, the township board:

- Agreed to spend \$23,827 to buy a new Ford Taurus police interceptor vehicle after an older car was struck from behind in August, causing significant damage to a car that already had 101,915 miles.

- Approved a resolution declaring October as Chamber of Commerce month, noting the contributions the Canton chamber makes to the local business community.

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BORDERS

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and read. The company liquidated its assets and closed nearly 400 stores employing an estimated 11,000 people.

ABC Warehouse had secured an option to lease the former Borders site.

"They jumped on it pretty quickly," Goulet said.

ABC Warehouse started with a single store in Center Line in 1963 and now has some 40 locations in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

In other Ford Road news, Thomas confirmed that the closed

Grapevine party store at Ford and Sheldon roads also is expected to get a new tenant when convenience-store chain 7-Eleven moves in. It wasn't yet known when the doors are expected to open.

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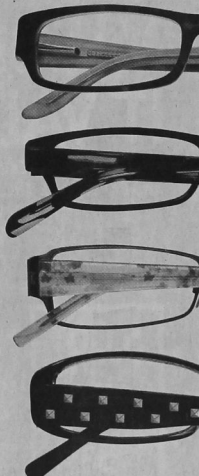
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Canton man surrenders after brief standoff

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A Canton man accused of using a handgun to threaten his girlfriend and his sister in a mobile home on the township's southeast side was arraigned on criminal charges Tuesday afternoon, two days after he surrendered during what authorities called a brief standoff with Romulus police.

No shots were fired during an incident that Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said began Sunday morning at the



Fizer

Academy Point mobile home community on Old Michigan, southeast of Haggerty and Michigan Avenue.

Canton police received a call shortly after 6 a.m. after a suspect allegedly "produced a handgun and threatened both females," Schreiner said. He described the incident as a domestic dispute but said it wasn't clear why defen-

dant Deandrew Fizer III, a 22-year-old Academy Point resident, allegedly pulled the handgun to threaten the women.

Fizer was arraigned Tuesday afternoon by video from the Canton police station by 35th District Judge Michael Gerou on felony firearms and felonious assault charges, along with two misdemeanor counts of domestic violence.

Gerou ordered Fizer jailed with a \$60,000/10 percent bond and scheduled a Sept. 21 preliminary examination to

determine whether the defendant should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court, 35th District Court Administrator Debra Kubitsky confirmed.

The most serious charge against Fizer — felonious assault — is punishable by penalties ranging up to four years in prison. However, the felony firearms count carries a mandatory two-year term with a conviction.

The domestic violence charges are punishable by 93 days in jail, Schreiner said.

Fizer had left the Academy Point home when Canton police arrived on the scene, Schreiner said. After learning he may have gone to a relative's house, Romulus police located him and took him into custody after what Schreiner described as "a brief standoff" between the defendant and Romulus authorities.

"No shots were fired," he said, commending Romulus and Canton police for "good work in tracking him down."

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Road rage

1 When appeared to start as a road rage incident, a motorist told Canton police he was trailed and pulled over by another driver who was flashing a badge and indicating he was a Detroit police officer.

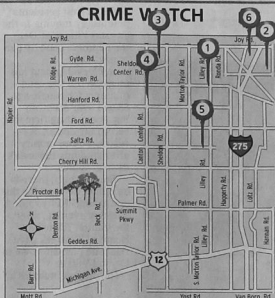
The 35-year-old victim alleged he was driving in the area of Warren and Lilley around 10 p.m. last Thursday when he decided to maneuver around several cars that had stopped to turn left from southbound Haggerty Road onto Koppernick. He said he merged back into traffic and noticed a black Volkswagen behind him, traveling close to his vehicle.

The man filing the report said a white male trailing him in a Volkswagen pulled something out of his pocket, followed him from Haggerty onto westbound Warren, tried to pass him despite oncoming traffic and flashed a badge.

The Volkswagen driver eventually drove up beside the other driver and motioned for him to pull over. At the traffic light at Lilley, he told the alleged victim he was a police officer and to pull over.

The victim pulled over and began recording the incident on his cell phone. He said the Volkswagen driver wouldn't tell him which police department he allegedly worked for, but he held up a badge that indicated the Detroit Police Department.

Both drivers wrote down the other's license plate



number, though a police report didn't indicate any physical confrontation occurred. When the victim gave the Volkswagen's plate number to Canton police, it came back registered to a Ford Focus.

Property damage

2 A Canton couple notified police Monday night after their property in the 8200 block of Honey Lane, southeast of Joy Road and I-75, was vandalized. The couple told police that someone threw a piece of wood at the window next to their front door, causing a scratch. They also reported scratches on their Ford F-150 pickup truck.

Sign smashed

3 A police report indicated that a 1992 Ford pickup truck drove over a curb and across a lawn before hitting the sign in the area of Lincolnshire Apartments. The man's daughter then drove the truck to a nearby area where the man apparently used insulin for his medical condition.

The incident happened about 12:15 p.m. last Thursday.

A police report said the driver lost control of the truck, drove over a curb and across a lawn before hitting the sign in the area of Lincolnshire Apartments.

The man's daughter then drove the truck to a nearby area where the man apparently used insulin for his medical condition.

Window broken

4 A 49-year-old woman contacted police after someone smashed the window of her 2013 Cadillac SRX while it was parked outside a restaurant in the 6600 area of Canton Center north of Hanford Monday afternoon.

The woman had left her car between 1:30-2:30 p.m. and returned to find the driver's side window had been broken. A police report indicated it appeared the damage had been done by a rock or blunt object.

There was no mention of items missing from the car.

Jeep damaged

5 A 45-year-old man told police his 1999 Jeep was struck by a hit-and-run driver between 9:30 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. Friday while it was parked across the street from his house in the area of Morrison and Saltz.

The man told police he didn't hear any noise. It appeared the damage was confined to a dent and scratches near the left rear portion of the Jeep.

Car break-in

6 A 22-year-old woman went to the Canton Police Department to report that someone broke into her 2004 Dodge Stratus between 7 p.m. Friday and 6:30 p.m. Saturday while it was parked on Brookpark, in the Stonebrooke apartment complex southwest of Joy Road and I-75.

The woman told police someone pried the handle of the driver's door open and gained entry. She said the contents of the glove compartment had been emptied onto a seat, but nothing appeared missing.

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Thumbs up for another Plymouth Fall Festival

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Blessed by a cooperative Mother Nature and good crowds, the 2012 version of the Plymouth Community Fall Festival is being called a success. "We got nothing like the weather was predicting," festival committee president Colleen Brown said Wednesday. "I think it was one of the smoothest festivals we've had in a very long time."

The Fall Festival, Plymouth's oldest continuing annual downtown event, dates from the 1950s. It is a collection of fundraising food booths and full meals, hosted by service clubs, churches, athletic booster groups and other organizations. There is also a car show, a craft fair, free entertainment, carnival rides and the Taste Fest at Station 885 in Old Village.

Brown said the rain that threatened for a time Friday afternoon held off until that night, forcing a short early shutdown. After that, it was pretty clear sailing.

"The weather was great, so they come. That's a simple equation for the Fall Festival," she said.

Although she didn't have formal reports, Brown said, she heard anecdotally that groups did well in their fundraising. The Rotary Club of Plymouth chicken barbecue, which had 10,500 meals on hand, sold out early Sunday, for example.

"I think it went as smooth as it could go," Brown said. "Everybody was happy. The weather was great. The music was great."

Performers at the fes-



Stewart Vohra and Suraj Etredey working in the corn department. They both live in Canton.

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The carnival rides are a hit with kids and grown ups.



Rotarians Thomas Adams and Kirk Kohn place another rack of chicken on the fire pit.

tival included the Randy Brock Group, the Shawn Riley Band, Gia Warner and Motor City Soul, plus cheerleaders, dancers and the Optimist Club of Plymouth's pet show.

Brown, who has been involved with the festival since 1999 and committee president since 2007, is stepping down as president, to be replaced for the 2013 festival by Eric Joy.

However, she is hesi-

tant to accept any plaudits for her work. "The festival is not about me," she said. "It's about all the groups." Brown will stay involved, however, saying she'll concentrate for future festivals on the craft show and on increasing the festival's presence on social media such as Facebook.

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Smoke from the chicken barbeque scents the air in downtown Plymouth.

Fun in the fall



Richard and Pamela Cella examine a 1955 Packard Four Hundred. The dogs are Ringo and Wyatt. All four are from Livonia.



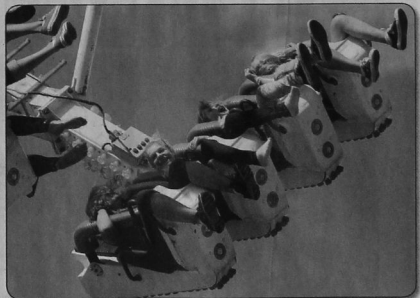
The rides are fun for kids and help support the festival.



Nino Paciocco and 7-year-old son Stefano ride the big slide.



Prepping boxes for chicken dinners are Jane Bensingler, Erin Bensingler, both of Canton, and Caitlin Orr of Plymouth.



Riding high above Ann Arbor Trail.



Shyan Thakker of Synergy Dance Academy helps a crowd burn off chicken dinner calories with Zumba.

Document locator is key piece for any estate

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

When it comes to estate planning, the conversation generally focuses on whether you have an estate plan or not and whether you need a will or a trust. In addition, somewhere in the conversation, medical and general durable powers of attorneys are also discussed. These are all important issues. However, another document that doesn't get much conversation, but is equally important, is a document locator. A document locator is a listing of assets, where they are located and how to access them. Also who, if any, profession-

al advisers have been consulted. I cannot stress enough how important this document is in the management of an estate upon death. Knowing what and where assets are will save your loved ones lots of aggravation and make administering your estate easier and less expensive. One of the most common themes I hear upon death is that family members cannot locate assets.

I've heard from many widows who know they have, for example, U.S. Savings Bonds, but they cannot locate them. And it's just not U.S. Savings Bonds that get lost, it is insurance policies and all sorts of other financial assets. Not only is there a monetary loss when assets can't be located, but there's an emotional toll for loved ones. The simple solution is a document locator. This isn't something that has to be done by your attorney. It could be nothing more to taking pencil to paper.

In the locator it is also important to include what legal documents you have and where they are located. If, for example, you have will, some-

one should know where it is. Other legal documents that beneficiaries may need upon your death should also be included in this form. For example, if you own a business and you have a buy-sell agreement, the location of that agreement should be disclosed.

It is also important to list professional financial and legal advisers. If a professional helped draw up your estate plan, that person should be disclosed. If you've used a financial adviser or have an insurance professional, those names should also be disclosed.

Upon your death, it is important that your personal representative con-

tact these people to make sure that everything is taken care of in the way that you want.

Having a document locator that your loved ones can easily access upon your death will save lots of pain and aggravation and, at the same time, make administering the estate easier and less expensive.

The key to doing a document locator is to make sure that it is always up to date and that upon your death it is easily accessible by the individual in charge of administering your final affairs.

The document locator act like a road map, so it is important that it is current. In other words, if you change a pass-

word, it's not a bad idea to reflect that on your document locator.

If you don't have a document locator, now is a great time of year to do one. Remember, this has nothing to do with how rich you are or how complex your estate plan is. Everyone needs a document locator, because everyone should have as a goal to make life as easy as possible on his/her loved ones.

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

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CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

New analyst

Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel welcomed Caitlin Busch as its new Financial Analyst. Busch will report to CFO Tina Eick and handle reporting, process control, system implementations as well as other accounting functions.

Previous to CBWM, Busch spent several years in Chicago in the financial sector.

"Caitlin is a great addition to our team. She will be integral in streamlining procedures and providing critical reporting as we continue in our current growth mode," said Tina Eick, CBWM CFO.

Founded in 1950, Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel is a Troy-based real estate broker with 15 offices and more than 400 real estate agents in southeastern Michigan. The company's reputation for professionalism, ethics, experience and proven results has fueled its successful growth. For more information, please visit www.cbwm.com.

Diamond class

Showroom of Elegance, a fine jewelry boutique located at 6018 Canton Center Rd. in Canton is planning a free class called Diamond 101. On Thursday, Sept. 20, from 6-7:30 p.m., brides, grooms, couples, and everyone in between are welcome to stop in for a half-hour presentation regarding the 4 C's of diamonds.

"Rick Guthro is a New York Master Manufacturer Diamond Emotions representative and has been in the jewelry industry since 1977," said Linda Robin, owner of Showroom of Elegance. "His presentation will allow people to get an up close and personal view of the diamond collection."

Each guest will also be registered to win a half-carat diamond, a \$2,500 value, but you must RSVP prior to the event and must be present to win. The event will also feature champagne and sweet treats from Sweet Expressions Chocolate for everyone attending. Each guest attending will receive a goodie bag filled with reminders about the information shared that night but they will also receive \$250 off any diamond purchase at this event only.

To RSVP for this event and register for the half-carat diamond contest, contact info@mgenterprises.com or call Showroom of Elegance at (734) 207-

1906. You may also visit www.showroomofelegance.com for information regarding other upcoming events.

Retiree luncheon

The Detroit Diesel Retiree Club will hold its annual luncheon and business meeting on Thursday, Oct. 18, at the Laurel Manor Banquet & Conference Center in Livonia. The group provides information to its members about items which may impact all retirees of Detroit Diesel Corporation from GM, through the current ownership. For the past 33 years the club has held an annual luncheon get together on the third Thursday of October. Retirees come from all over the country and overseas to renew friendships and get caught up on any new happenings.

Guests enjoy social interaction beginning at 11 a.m., a buffet luncheon at 12:30 p.m. and brief business meeting with discussion on any topics of current interest to the attending guests.

Cost to attend the lunch is \$25. The price includes a roster of current membership and a memorial page of those we know have passed. Retirees who cannot attend the luncheon or wish to register for future mailings can purchase the roster for \$3. For information on the luncheon and pre registration contact Robert Pavol, membership director, at (734) 455-2668 or rpavol@prodigy.net, or John Leidelein, president, at (313) 863-8850 or dieseljmi@aol.com.

Pampering moms

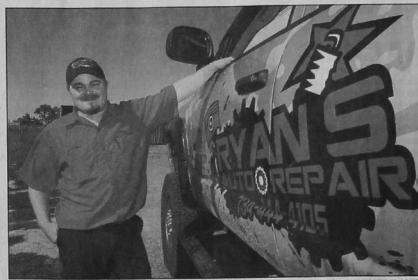
Local business owner Melissa Kirkpatrick-Huettner of Indigo Spa, Salon and Boutique, located at 50545 Cherry Hill in Canton's Cherry Hill Village, has announced a promotion that caters to mothers who have kids going back to school.

The entire month of September is 'Back to Spa' Mid-Day Getaway at Indigo, offering a guest list of premiere select services that can be purchased in a bundle of three services.

The offer cannot be combined or used with other gift cards and promotions, valid Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. only. Only select technicians are available for this promotion, which is why Indigo requests calling ahead to schedule your appointment. All of the three services must be completed in the same day and one 'Back to Spa' Mid-Day Getaway promotion is available per person.

For an appointment or more information call (734) 961-3245.

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



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Paul Holloway says that Ryan's Auto Repair has served the community over 10 years.

Auto repair shop celebrates 10 years

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

Ryan's Auto: Ryan's is a full-service auto repair shop. We repair brakes, transmissions, mufflers and exhaust, engines, suspensions, and offer full tune-ups to make and keep your car running great.

Observer: How did you first decide to open your business?

Ryan's Auto: I started in my father's garage after graduating from auto tech school.

Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

Ryan's Auto: I was born and raised in Plymouth, attended Plymouth schools, so Plymouth was the natural choice.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Ryan's Auto: We have been family owned and operated for 10 years, and our goal is "customers for life."

Observer: How has the business changed since it opened?

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Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Ryan's Auto: Business is good, people are repairing their current cars instead of buying new ones.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Ryan's Auto: Be honest and fair and word-of-mouth will grow your business as it has ours.

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

Ryan's Auto: More locations, and more happy customers.

CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

Business education workshop

The chamber's Business Education Workshop is set for 8-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the chamber office, 45525 Sanford in Canton.

The topic of the workshop is "Landing Bigger Deals with Bigger Companies," presented by Jan McDermott, Sponsor of the event is Yazaki North America, Inc. Admission is free to chamber members and first-time guests.

To make reservations call chamber office at (734) 453-4040 or email admin@cantonchamber.com.

Consumer expo

The 2012 Canton Chamber of Commerce Consumer Expo takes place 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Sponsors are Molly Maid and Showroom of Elegance. Registration forms and cost information is available on the chamber website at cantonchamber.com or by calling (734) 453-4040.

My Fair Lady

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Teachers form group to support Taj

A group of current and retired teachers have formed "Teachers for Taj" in support of Dr. Syed Taj, the Democratic candidate in the 11th Congressional District race.

On Monday, Taj's campaign noted that the new grassroots group was created by teachers concerned about the future of public education. Taj has distinguished himself as a champion for children, families, and public education; thus drawing another sharp contrast between Taj and Republican opponent Kerry Bentivolio, according to a press release from the Taj campaign.

"I am proud to have the support of so many dedicated educational professionals that both live and work in the 11th District," Taj said. "I share their concerns and passion for public education and when I am in Congress, teachers, student, parents, and community mem-

bers can rest assured they will have a friend in Congress. I join these teachers from around the district in recognizing that a vibrant, creative, and effective public education system is essential to our economic and social future as a region, state, and nation."

"My opponent views students and public education as just a paycheck. I am proud to have the support of so many great professionals that know teaching and our public schools are so much more."

Teachers for Taj has started a Facebook Page that can be found at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Teachers-for-Taj/277481455689387> (or search "Teachers for Taj" on Facebook). The Taj campaign stated that the group will be actively engaged in the district for the remainder of the campaign and working to keep public education at the forefront of the discussion this election season.

For his part, Bentivolio issued the following statement after winning on the Republican ballot in the special primary election last week in the old 11th Congressional District: "We thank the voters for once again honoring me with their confidence and support and thank party leaders such as the Governor and Brooks Patterson for their support. Now we can move on to defeat our liberal opponent, Syed Taj, who wants to double down on the failed policies of President Obama. He believes that we should raise taxes and expand ObamaCare into a single-payer system of socialized medicine like Europe. This is not right for Michigan and it's not right for the United States."

"We don't need Washington bureaucrats rationing our health care or telling our businesses how they need to operate. We need more job creators and more jobs."

Retired general headlines salute

Retired Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone will join the residents and staff at Botsford Commons Senior Community when they culminate National Assisted Living Week in a patriotic celebration 2:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, in the Mynarek Garden. Brighton Honor Guard VFW Post 4357 will lead the campus attendees in a Presentation of Colors.

Fausone, a resident of Canton, will speak at the event where the Honor Guard will be retiring the current Botsford Commons flag and replacing it with a new flag recently flown over the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C.

"We are so honored to have (Fausone) here to help us retire our flag," said Camille Purdie, Botsford Commons Executive Director of Marketing and Development Officer. "As the first women



Retired Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone will join the residents and staff at Botsford Commons Senior Community when they culminate National Assisted Living Week in a patriotic celebration 2:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14.

in the Michigan National Guard to be promoted to the rank of brigadier general, she has admirably served our country and our state in numerous ways. We all look forward to hearing about the

meaning of our flag and veterans from her perspective."

Visitors will also be treated to patriotic music and refreshments. Complimentary, official flag folding will be available as well for those interested in the service.

"Our neighborhood is very patriotic," said World War II veteran and Botsford Commons resident Rudy Smolen. "Many of us were a part of the Greatest Generation and the American flag continues to mean a lot to us today. We appreciate having events like this on our campus, where we are given the opportunity to thank and acknowledge this generation's heroic veterans as well as remember those lost in 9/11."

For more information on this patriotic salute, contact Barb Smith at (248) 615-2898.

Chippewa enrollment Saturday in Redford

Chippewa Nation of the Great Lakes will be hold a tribal citizenship drive for new members 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in the Redford Township Community Center, 12121 Hemingway. Vice chief Bonnie Moore will be present.

The enrollment drive is for descendants of the Swan Creek, Saginaw, and Black River Indian Settlements of Michigan and Ohio who are not members of a federally recognized tribe. Bring documentation showing

you are a descendant or attend the drive to find out how to acquire documentation.

The Chippewa Nation of the Great Lakes and descendants of the Saginaw, Swan Creek and Black River Settlements of Chippewa Indians was originally located near the shores of Lake Huron and extended from the Thunder Bay River in Alpena inland and down along the Lake Huron shoreline to Ohio (including a portion along the shores of Lake Erie).

Tribal leaders, in a press release, wrote that "many descendants still roam this territory and we are seeking to make contact with you."

For more information contact Lyman Joseph (989) 313-1859 and/or Bonnie Moore (989) 313-2384 of the Chippewa Nation of the Great Lakes. Email info@chippewannation.org or write to Chippewa Nation of the Great Lakes at P.O. Box 102, Hale, MI 48739. Visit chippewannation.org or thegreatlakes.org.

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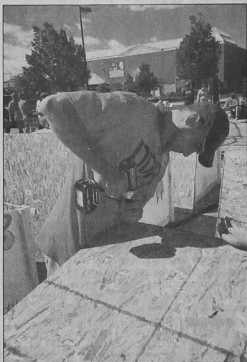
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Volunteer Brian Powleski of Plymouth takes drill to roof as he helps build a dog house at the Detroit Dog Rescue's "Roofs for Woofs" event Saturday at the Home Depot on Michigan Avenue in Canton.

Giving time

Volunteer efforts key to community events

The sense of "community" that drives the Plymouth-Canton area was on display again last weekend, no place more obviously than downtown Plymouth, which hosted yet another successful Fall Festival and Rotary Chicken Barbecue.

The success of such festivals is unquestioned. But what is less obvious — and more important — is the reason for success.

Ask the organizers of any event in either town where the success lies, and they will say the same thing: Volunteers.

They were on display by the hundreds in Plymouth all weekend, Rotarians and Kiwanians, students and adults, men and women, old and young. They scrubbed barbecue racks and helped people find parking. They sold tickets and manned information booths.

In Canton on Saturday, volunteer efforts were just as obvious as Detroit Dog Rescue sponsored its first "Roofs for Woofs" dog house blitz. The effort was staged at the Canton Home Depot on Michigan Avenue, designed to build 100 houses for dogs otherwise left to battle the elements without shelter.

Organizers said more than 200 volunteers signed up, and they worked two shifts to get the 100 dog houses built. Home Depot donated the wood and even prepared it for the build. By lunchtime, they were already well on their way to the goal, and worried they would not have enough work for the afternoon volunteers.

Examples abound of people helping other people on their own time, out of their own pocket, out of the kindness of their hearts.

The Plymouth Salvation Army, which services Northville, Plymouth, Canton and Belleville, got tremendous volunteer support for its recent Back 2 School Blitz drive, with volunteers filling the gym at the Corps headquarters to sort through hundreds of items of school supplies.

And there's no better example of volunteerism at work than the Miracle League of Plymouth, which provides special-needs athletes from around western Wayne County the opportunity to do something the rest of us take for granted: Play baseball.

Volunteers serve as "buddies" to the players, coaches for the teams, announcers, umpires and — most importantly — cheerleaders.

There are many ways to volunteer, and they don't all take a great deal of time. Opportunities are there to give hours, or mere minutes. Most organizations will take what time you're generous enough to give.

In Plymouth and in Canton, people are more than generous with their time. And the communities are better for it.

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Bob Mosher
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Kathy Martin
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Marcia Wilson
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"I don't pay too much attention to political advertising. It gets annoying. I do read the stuff that comes in the mail, and I read the Observer."

Tammy Farley
Canton

LETTERS

Double dipping

Earlier this year, Thomas Yack announced he was returning to the political arena, and ended up as one of the finalists in the August primary for Canton Township trustee.

Mr. Yack was Canton Township supervisor for 20 years. He also was employed by the Wayne-Westland school district and a member of the Michigan public school retirement system. Now, since the Tea Party representatives in Lansing have been relentless in their attack on public employee retirees, I wonder how one of their own fits in this equation?

If elected in November, would Mr. Yack be double-dipping or even triple-dipping? I believe the people have a right to know.

James Huddleston
Canton

Better off?

"Are you better off now than four years ago?" is a stupid question pirated from a Ronald Reagan 1980 campaign debate speech and oft-asked by "lazy journalists" in the works of Center for Budget Policies and Priorities lead economist Dean Baker, and this is why.

The assumption, of course, is that a "yes" answer should guarantee your support for the incumbent candidate who is allegedly responsible, but rarely are things that simple. Corporate CEOs certainly are better off enjoying an average 15-percent pay increase last year. The rest of the top 2 percent have generally "cleaned up," too, claiming 80 percent of all

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income gains achieved as a result of the TARP/FED Stimulus driven recovery. Their answer to the "are you better off" question should definitely be "yes."

Retirees should also answer the "are you better off" question in the affirmative since they haven't been ravaged by inflation and have seen Medicare expanded to partially fill the Medicare Part D doughnut hole and totally cover annual wellness visits while the solvency of the Medicare Hospital Trust Fund has been extended by eight years, all thanks to Obamacare. (These three expansions are the result of what Ryan/Romney claimed to be \$716 billion worth of "cuts" paid for through the elimina-

tion of waste, fraud and abuse.)

Autoworkers employed by the Big Three at the very least as well as thousands of Americans employed by companies in the supply chain and employees of foreign-based auto companies with production facilities here in the U.S. should have a "yes" answer to the "are you better off" question, too, since their industry once teetering on the brink of disaster has been, through government help, returned to profitability.

The fact is though, polls indicate the president can't count on any of these groups of workers even though most of these folks owe their livelihoods to the so-called auto bailout loan program that President Obama is largely responsible for. Oddly, one of the most stubborn anti-Obama demographics is that of working age, blue-collar white males that make up a healthy segment of the auto related industries.

Well at least the president can count on the top 2 percent and Medicare recipients for their votes, right? Not at all, because polls indicate Obama trails his opponent in both of those demographics too. So it seems that an affirmative answer to Ronald Reagan's title 1980 debate speech question is not at all an accurate predictor of support, at least in 2012.

My question for the 2-percenters, the seniors on Medicare and the autoworkers is, "Where's the gratitude?"

Mitch Smith
Canton

GUEST COLUMN

Plenty of flavors already in schools

By George Belvitch
Guest Columnist

In the Sunday, Aug. 2, issue of the *Observer*, a smiling superintendent of schools told a reporter, "We think we do a good job here ... We have a lot to offer." "We have a great vanilla." A great vanilla? Vanilla? Really? Really, Dr. Hughes?



George Belvitch

This is the second time the district's superintendent has made a statement that harms the good reputation of this wonderful school district and community. A few short months ago, Dr. Hughes unilaterally attempted to ban two books from the reading list of an AP English class at PCEP. His attempt to ban the novels *Waterland* and *Beloved* created a firestorm. Toni Morrison, the author of *Beloved*, recently received the Medal of Freedom from President Obama. Both books remained on the reading list.

Now, the leader of the Plymouth-Canton school district likens the district's instructional program and curriculum to that of vanilla ice cream.

I was an educator in our district for 37 years. I was a teacher, princ-

pal of two schools and the director of elementary education. My three children graduated from Salem High School. The teachers I had the privilege working with, and the teachers my children were fortunate to learn from, did not serve up "vanilla ice cream."

No, they served up a curriculum and used instructional practices that were based on best practice and sound educational research. To compare the educational program that I and so many of my colleagues shared with the with students at the elementary, middle and high school levels to "vanilla ice cream" is insulting.

Get out of your office, Dr. Hughes. Visit the schools. Watch high school teachers as they engage our young adults in the joy and excitement of discovery. Observe our middle school teachers as they hold the attention of youngsters who are constantly on the move. And carefully step into an elementary classroom so you can see and hear how a master teacher helps a child read for the first time.

"Vanilla, Dr. Hughes? Say that to the teachers you visit. I worry that our district has lost its way. We have district leaders who feel that adding academics, buying scripted literacy programs and suggesting that our children don't behave, therefore we must now have a character education curriculum, just like those charter

schools, is the correct course for a district that has a proud and decorated history. We are left to assume that academics, commercial reading programs and character education will turn this "vanilla" district into a banana split. But at what cost?

The cost will be that our teachers lose heart. Public school educators are already maligned and ridiculed by many in the country. Now, we have our local school leader comparing our instructional program to "vanilla ice cream." Instead of chasing programs, Dr. Hughes, talk to your teachers. Listen to them. Seek their input. You might be moved by what you hear. The teachers I know are deeply engaged with their students and their subject. The conclusions made by good teachers are held not in their methods but in their hearts — the place where intellect, emotion and spirit converge. That is not "vanilla ice cream."

Here's the deal. Instead of looking outside to find those special flavors you seem to be looking for, look within. By doing so, I am certain you will find all the flavors you will need to make Plymouth-Canton the place it has always been — a great place for children to learn and grow.

George Belvitch is the former director of elementary education and a longtime educator in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.



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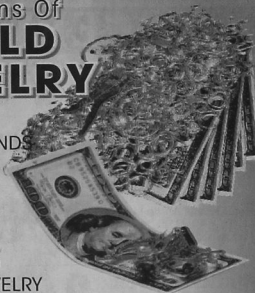
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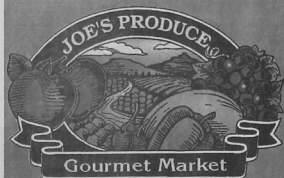
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'Cats nip Chiefs in 5-game tilt

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Watching players dive all over the floor is nothing new to fans watching volleyball matches featuring Canton and Plymouth.

Tuesday's KLAAS South battle lived up to the billing, requiring five intense, often-spectacular games filled with enough long rallies to make Jim Leyland envious.

Plymouth ultimately prevailed 3-2, rallying to win the fourth and fifth games. The deciding game was a 15-13 triumph, which ended when Wildcats senior middle hitter Madelyn Berts stepped up to slap the ball into a gap on Canton's side of the net.

"I just saw the hole and I wanted to play smart," said Berts, about her culminating point, which ended a service run by Canton's Chelsea Janice, trying to bring the Chiefs back from a 14-10 deficit.

Timely reminder
During that run, Plym-

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outh head coach Sarah Marody called a timeout.

"I just told them they had to stick to their game because their game was working, they couldn't try to force anything," Marody said. "It was their game or nothing."

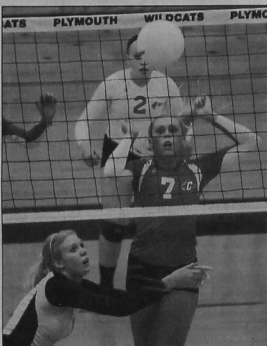
"And it was the last chance for the seniors to beat Canton at home, and they took that as a personal challenge, which they did. I'm proud of them."

Marody added that Canton's "a good team, they're very athletic, they got some big hitters. Erica (den Boer) is incredible. But my girls don't quit and they wanted this. They've been preparing for this for a long time."

It was far from an easy task, however.

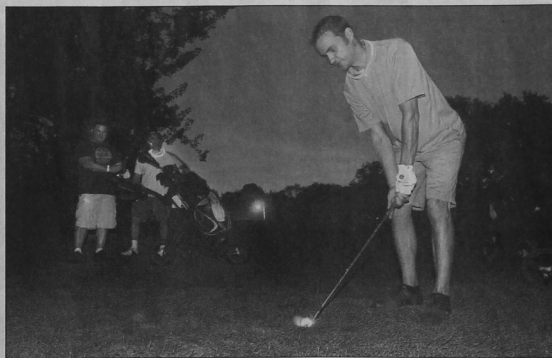
Plymouth (6-2-0, 1-1 in the KLAAS South) took the opening game, 25-21, but the visiting Chiefs prevailed in the next two games (25-23, 25-21) to be in a position to clinch the

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Plymouth's Emilee Beyer (No. 7, foreground) bumps the ball while Canton's Jordan Diedrick (No. 7) and Becca Middleton (No. 2) watch.



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Andrew Peters, a resident of Plymouth, prepares to tee off at Friday night's Glow Golf outing at Hilltop Golf Course. In the background are two other members of Peters' foursome — Craig Heikkinen of Madison Heights and Jim Darkangelo of Waterford.

Let it glow

They only come out at night for Hilltop 'Glow Golf'

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Golfing is tough enough under the bright sunlight.

It's a lot more fun at night, especially when hitting illuminated golf balls toward neon-lit fairways and greens at Hilltop Golf Course in Plymouth.

Just ask Plymouth resident Andrew Peters and others who joined him in Friday night's "Glow Golf" guys night at the course on Beck Road.

Admittedly, the outing wasn't about setting records or breaking par. It was about having a good time playing the scrambles format while figuring out how to navigate the lay of the land. Two of the Peters foursomes finished at 1-under-par and the third won with a 3-under-par tally.

Show them the way
"What they do, they have the pins lit up with



Livonia's Chris Naida putts glo golf balls on a neon-lit green at Hilltop in Plymouth. He was part of a group of friends enjoying the unique recreational opportunity last Friday night.

LEDs," Peters said. "There's maybe four neon lights surrounding the greens and they light up 100-yard markers and 150-yard markers. You basically just shoot at the lights."

Different-colored glow golf balls, provided by Hilltop as part of the \$25-

per-person fee, didn't fly as far as regular ones do.

That didn't matter because they were fun to track, said 28-year-old Chris Naida of Livonia who, with Peters, Jim Darkangelo of Waterford and Craig Heikkinen of Madison Heights, comprised a foursome.

Overall, there were three foursomes with the Peters group.

"The neat part was, usually when you're golfing, you shank a ball and you can't see where it goes," Naida said. "Well in this case, right when you hit it lights up, so we saw quite a few actually hit the trees and kick back out into the fairway and that was kind of neat to watch."

"And every time you drive, it's like a comet taking off."

Looking for clues

Neon markers also encircled greens to give participants an idea which direction to smack their wedge shots.

Once on the green, however, it was pure guesswork.

"That was very difficult," said Peters, who found out about Hilltop's Glow Golf from a friend.

"It was drizzling a little bit on Friday, so not only

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Whalers in wait-and-see mode

OHL HOCKEY

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Tom Wilson couldn't wait to skate in his first National Hockey League camp, next to Washington superstar Alex Ovechkin.

But that's an up-in-the-air aspiration for the Plymouth Whalers' rugged right wing — not to mention likewise for nine other Whalers with NHL ties.

At midnight Saturday, the NHL is expected to lock out players until further notice. Big league camps have been indefinitely postponed.

The Whalers play in the Ontario Hockey League, a junior circuit and primary feeder system to the NHL.

"It's kind of unfortunate that my first NHL camp might be locked out for a little bit," said Wilson, following a recent preseason scrimmage at Compuware Arena. "No kid wants to see that. It's been my dream to play with guys like Ovechkin and stuff."

"The farther that gets pushed back, the worse it is for me."

Wilson quickly added that members of the NHL



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Among Plymouth Whalers players impacted by the looming NHL lockout is forward Tom Wilson (No. 10), shown in action in the 2012 playoffs against Kitchener.

Players' Association "got to do what they got to do and I respect all those professionals. It's business."

Other Whalers impacted by the looming lockout include: forwards JT Miller (New York Rangers), Stefan Noesen (Atlanta), Rickard Rakell (Ottawa), Mitchell Head (Colorado), Garrett Meurs (Colorado), Cody Payne (Boston), defensemen and Whalers newcomers Gianluca Curcurro (Columbus) and Connor Carrick (Washington) and goaltender Matt

Mahalak (Carolina). Meanwhile, while the NHL won't be open for training camp anytime soon, barring a last-minute breakthrough, it is unclear whether affiliated minor league teams in the American Hockey League could summon OHL skaters to compete at their September camps.

In focus
Yet Wilson, 18, an exemplary student who finished high school at

Please see WHALERS, B2

Salem harriers excel at conference invite

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Strong depth showed itself Saturday for Salem's girls cross country team at the Kensington Lakes Activities Association Invitational at Willow Metropark.

The Rocks, spearheaded by junior standout Kayla Kavulich's second-place time of 18:00 minutes, 41.8 seconds, finished second out of 12 teams with 49 points.

She trailed only Hartland's Avery Evenson, who clocked in with a time of 18:25.3. The course was 5,000 meters. Finishing first was Northville (37 points), with Plymouth (176) and Canton (205) placing fifth and eighth, respectively.

"We started our 2012 competition season with a very impressive team showing," noted Salem head coach Dave Gerlach. "All five of our scorers broke the 20-minute time barrier and we were only 12 points away from a state-ranked team in Northville."

"This is a very motivated, hard working and talented bunch of young ladies that want to continue improving throughout the season."

Kavulich was one of six Salem medalists (the top-28 finishers in each of the girls and boys races earned medals).

Sophomores Lauren Arquette and Anya Cho came in eighth and 10th, respectively, with times of 19:50.1 and 19:55.4.

In 14th was senior Alejandra Beltran (19:58.6), followed by junior Natasha Stevenson (15th, 19:59.0) and senior Emily Bizon (22nd, 20:23.9).

Runners from Plymouth and Canton also placed in the top 28 to earn medals.

Plymouth junior Marianna DeBiasi placed 18th with a time of 20:12.0. For the Chiefs, junior Jessica Siegler came in 24th with a mark of 20:36.69.

Meanwhile, Salem freshman Kayla Hughes had an outstanding

showing in the junior varsity race. Hughes placed second out of 112 finishers with a time of 22:10.86.

Boys recap

On the boys side, Salem finished fourth with 97 points, behind Hartland (38), Grand Blanc (65) and Livonia Churchill (67).

Taking fifth with 168 points was Canton and Plymouth did not compete.

"Overall, we had a number of season bests and personal bests and ran well on a beautiful course and day," said Salem head coach Steve Aspinall.

The top finisher overall was Hartland's Sean Pengelly, with a mark of 15:53.2.

Closest among Plymouth-Canton Educational Park competitors was Salem senior Steve McEvilly. He came in sixth, with a time of 16:47.92.

Other Salem boys to medal were seniors Riley Dostader (11th,

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Rocks get past Chiefs on Senior/Parent Night

Two state-ranked soccer teams squared off on Saturday, and when the final horn sounded, Salem walked off the field with a hard-fought 1-0 victory over cross-campus rival Canton in the teams' annual "Senior/Parent Recognition Game."

The game was a rematch of the championship of the Gary Bacon Invitational, which was officially a 1-1 tie, although Salem was awarded the championship after winning a penalty shot shoot-out.

"It was a classic Salem-Canton game, with a lot of emotion and lots of guys getting tackled all over the field," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy after the game.

The game was played before a full house, with the bleachers packed with students and fans of both teams. Adding to the festivities were cheerleading squads from both schools, as well as a drum line to entertain the crowd before the game.

Holding the fort

Canton and Salem exchanged scoring chances throughout the first half, with neither team managing to sustain possession. The two senior goalkeepers, Erick Beas for Salem and Ian Wingate for Canton, were strong in their nets, as each dealt with several quality shots. It looked as if the game



CAROL HOMCO

Showing they are friends in the classroom and competitors on the field, Canton and Salem seniors pose for a photo before their annual "Senior Night" game at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Pictured in the front row are (from left) Dan Ovesea, Tyler Fossdick, Bryan Tolinski, Erick Beas, Ian Wingate, Robbie Morgan, Grant McKinney and Scott Piwowar; in the back row are (from left) Brian Galin, Daniel Marsden, Nick Tomei, Chris Dierker, Connor Shennan, Luke Hazen, Sachin Pindolia, Tyler Bashaw and Bobby Budlong.

would head into the half scoreless, but with less than a minute to play Canton was unable to clear the ball in front of Wingate.

Forward David Schroeder headed the ball towards the Canton goal, while midfielder Andriy Pelekh got his head on it and flicked a shot over Wingate's outstretched hands with just 28 seconds on the clock.

Canton came out with some early pressure in

the second half, and nearly tied the game. Following a Salem foul about five minutes into the half, Canton's senior co-captain Bobby Budlong lined up a free kick about 25 yards from the Salem goal.

McCarthy had switched his goalkeepers at half-time, inserting the taller Collin Hewett in net and his decision paid off. Budlong rocketed a shot that looked like it was about to slide under the cross-

bar, but Hewett was able to stretch out and push the ball safely away.

The two teams again exchanged scoring chances, but as in the first half, Hewett and Canton's Brandon Pickert were able to come up with big saves when they needed them.

The Chiefs dialed up the pressure in the last eight minutes of the game and again nearly evaded the match. Griffin Parks sent a shot that was wide by

inches, and senior co-captain Dan Ovesea had a shot snatched out of the air by Hewett.

That was close

Canton's last chance came with less than two minutes to play, when Connor Shennan drove a shot from close-range that Hewett managed to turn away.

"We really dodged a bullet there, with Connor's shot," McCarthy said. "I'm sure he'd like to have

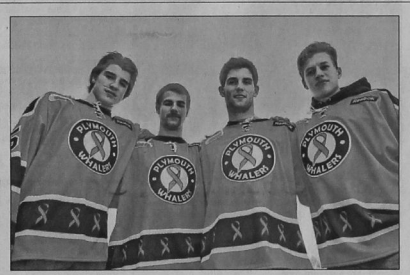
another shot at it, but he got a lot behind the shot and Collin made a nice save."

"This really was a classic Canton-Salem game, another rivalry game that lived up to expectations," said George Tomasso, Canton's head coach. "Both teams had lots of chances, and both teams played exceptionally well."

The two teams are matched up in the same state tournament district, so they may see each other for a third time this season. With the victory, Salem improved its record to 5-2-2 overall while Canton dropped to 6-2-2.

LUTH WESTLAND 3, PCA 2: The monkey is finally off Bob Regan's back. The first-year Lutheran Westland senior boys soccer coach earned his first victory Tuesday at home as Lutheran rallied from a 2-0 halftime deficit to beat Plymouth Christian Academy, 3-2. Lutheran Westland is now 15 overall and 1-5 in the Blue Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Lucas Albert scored both goals for the Eagles (0-7, 0-7) in the 18th and 35th minutes, respectively.

The Warriors mounted their comeback on the first of two Eric Babon goals in the 44th minute (off an assist from Walt Gembarick). Five minutes later, Brandon Wyman made it 2-2 all with Troy Gotchev trailing the assist. Babon then drafted the game-winning goal in the 52nd minute with Wyman assisting. Lutheran Westland goalkeepers Brian Williams made seven saves.



Whalers, Lucky Hair team up

The Plymouth Whalers and Lucky Hair Company of Canton are teaming up Sunday for a haircutting fundraiser, with all proceeds from the noon-to-4 p.m. event to be donated to the Karmaroc Cancer Center. Lucky Hair Company is located at 45421 Cherry Hill Road. Call (734) 844-8166 for more information. Those who stop by will get a free ticket to the Whalers' fifth annual Pink Out! For Breast Cancer Awareness game, slated for 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 at Compuware Arena against Sault Ste. Marie. At that game, Whalers players will wear specially designed pink jerseys and sport pink hairdos—just like they did last season (above).

WHALERS

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Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, said the potential lockout is helping put a focus on one thing.

"Whether or not they're locked out it's going to be a good year in Plymouth," Wilson said. "If it's locked out I'll be here."

The team opens Friday, Sept. 21 at Sault Ste. Marie and returns to

Compuware for the home opener (7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22 against Belleville).

One plus for teams such as the Whalers in the event of a NHL shutdown would be increased attendance and attendance.

According to Mike Velucci, longtime president, general manager and coach of the Whalers, that kind of bump accompanied the 2004-05 NHL lockout.

"If they do have a lockout it will probably increase our attendance like it did last time," Velucci said.

Of course, he would

want the NHL rift to heal before the beginning of December in order to ensure the Winter Festival at Comerica Park (including the Whalers) late that month isn't jeopardized.

"Yeah, we'd love to have them play so we could play in the (Winter Festival)," Velucci said. "Hopefully they're back before Dec. 1, because that's when they're talking about making a decision on the outdoor game."

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GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

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SALEM '95

PLYMOUTH '90

Sept. 11 at Salem

200-yard medley relay:

1. Salem (Aby Aumiller, Linda Zhang, Annie Patterson, Julia Suriano), 1:55.32; 2. Plymouth (Alexa Earls, Emily Toro, Lydia Plencner, Linda Erickson), 1:57.34; 3. Salem (McKenzie

Maurice, Kristy Rupp, Claire Amin, Vincenza Zaini), 2:08.49

200 freestyle:

1. Sarah Dombkowski (P), 1:58.58; 2. Aumiller (S), 2:02.55; 3. Emily Weiner (P), 2:06.23; 4. Maddie Gorman (S), 2:07.68; 5. Patricia Freitag (S), 2:08.25

200 individual medley:

1. Lisa Zhang (S), 2:13.84; 2. Earls (P), 2:18.95; 3. Patterson (S),

2:27.46; 4. Amin (S), 2:30.69; 5. Yamsiba Vilay (P), 2:35.78

50 freestyle:

1. Linda Zhang (S), 25.71; 2. Carolyn Stoddard (P), 26.15; 3. Emily Weiner (P), 26.54; 4. Stephanie Soltnerman (S), 27.30; 5. Caylin Waters (P), 27.90

1-meter diving:

1. Bridget Maul (S), 147.75 points; Megan McKeehan (P), 120.85; 3. Katy Telega (P), 120.35; 4. Alexa Gulliver (P), 118.40; 5. Aledella Johnson (S), 103.15

100 butterfly:

1. Lisa Zhang (S), 1:01.26; 2. Toro (P), 1:01.67; 3. Plencner (P), 1:04.84; 4. Andrea Ringer (S), 1:08.30; 5. Amin (S), 1:12.24

100 freestyle:

1. Erickson (P), 58.45; 2. Weiner (P), 58.45; 3. Soltnerman (S), 59.15; 4. Patterson (S), 1:00.25; 5. Cassidy Sargent (S), 1:01.37

500 freestyle:

1. Dombkowski (P), 5:07.47; 2. Suriano (S), 5:21.57; 3. Stoddard (P), 5:45.94; 4. Gorman (S), 5:50.31; 5. Vincenza (S), 5:54.40

200 freestyle relay:

1. Plymouth (Toro, Erickson, Weiner, Dombkowski), 1:44.31; 2. Salem (Lisa Zhang, Soltnerman, Gorman, Suriano), 1:44.90; 3. Plymouth (Lydia Matson, Waters, Casey Wing, Stoddard), 1:52.41

100 backstroke:

1. Aumiller (S), 1:50.52; 2. Earls (P), 1:03.71; 3. Patricia Freitag (S), 1:07.24; 4. Plencner (P), 1:09.15; 5. Maurice (S), 1:11.15

100 breaststroke:

1. Linda Zhang (S), 1:10.57; 2. Toro (P), 1:14.81; 3. Matson (P), 1:19.32; 4. Vival (P), 1:21.53; 5. Rupp (S), 1:22.28

400 freestyle relay:

1. Salem (Suriano, Lisa Zhang, Aumiller, Linda Zhang), 2:41.00; 2. Plymouth (Dombkowski, Stoddard, Weiner, Earls), 3:48.74; 3. Salem (Gorman, Ringer, Patterson, Gorman), 3:59.68

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Friday, Sept. 14				
N. Farmington (1-2, 0-2) at Harrison (2-1, 1-1), 7 p.m.	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
Oxford (2-1, 2-0) at Farmington (3-0, 2-0), 7 p.m.	Oxford	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington
Crestwood (0-3, 0-1) at Garden City (2-1, 1-0), 7 p.m.	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City
Redford Union (1-2, 1-0) at Robichaud (3-0, 1-0), 7 p.m.	Robichaud	Robichaud	Robichaud	Robichaud
Canton (2-1, 1-0) at John Glenn (0-3, 0-1), 7 p.m.	Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton
Livonia Churchill (3-0, 1-0) at Wayne (0-3, 0-1), 7 p.m.	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill
Livonia Stevenson (3-0, 1-0) at South Lyon (2-1, 1-1), 7 p.m.	South Lyon	Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson
Northville (2-1, 1-0) at Salem (3-0, 1-0), 7 p.m.	Salem	Salem	Northville	Northville
Plymouth (2-1, 0-1) at Livonia Franklin (1-2, 1-0), 7 p.m.	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
Lutheran Northwest (2-1) at Clarencville (2-1), 7 p.m.	Northwest	Clarencville	Clarencville	Clarencville
Saturday, Sept. 15				
Univ. Liggett (2-1, 1-0) at Luth. Westland (1-2, 0-1), 1 p.m.	Liggett	Liggett	Liggett	Liggett
Last week	8-4	10-2	10-2	11-1
Overall	24-17	28-13	27-14	26-15

Rocks seek consistency

After losing Thursday against K.L.A.A. Central Division rival South Lyon, Salem's varsity girls volleyball team had an inconsistent showing at Saturday's Lakeland Invitational.

The Rocks went 3-3 in pool play before bowing out to Canton in a Silver Bracket contest.

Salem began pool play losing 8-25, 20-25 to Lakeland. Then came a 22-25, 25-21 split against Okemos and a 25-20, 25-17 victory over Farmington.

In the Silver Bracket, the Rocks lost 15-25, 25-22, 12-15 to Canton.

"We started playing better in the second game," Salem head coach Amanda Nies said. "We had a lot of errors to start in the Canton game. All day we were struggling to keep the lead for a long time."

"We would make three great plays and then make three unforced errors in a row."

Erika Hatcher played well for Salem, with 30 kills, eight aces and 26 digs, Nies said.

Other Salem contributors included Tess Ganich (22 kills, eight blocks), Abigail Dworzanin (12

kills, 34 digs), Nicole Jablonski (six aces, 25 digs) and Julianna DiMichele (52 digs to lead the defense).

Nies cited Jablonski and DiMichele for strong defensive showings.

Against South Lyon, the Rocks lost 3-1 (15-25, 20-25, 25-16, 19-25).

Hatcher (12 kills), Bri Beaver (nine kills), Ganich (four aces, seven kills) and Nancy Krutty (four aces, 33 assists, 10 digs) chipped in for Salem.

Eagles win opener

Plymouth Christian Academy defeated Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest Tuesday night, in the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference opener for the Eagles.

PCA lost the opener (21-25) but roared back with 25-18, 25-23 and 25-17 wins to clinch the match 3-1.

Jen Malcolm sparked the Eagles with 13 assists and 11 digs while libero Callie Morby (16 digs), Rachael Fuller (eight kills) and Mary Anleitner (three aces) helped the cause, said PCA head coach Katie LeComte.



ED WRIGHT PHOTO

Catch him if you can

Plymouth-Canton Steelers young varsity running back Mason Phillips breaks free for a long touchdown run during his team's 28-0 victory over Ypsilanti Saturday afternoon at Central Middle School. The Steelers have now outscored their opponents 71-0 during their 2-0 start.



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match in Game 4.

The Wildcats squared things with a 25-17 win and rode that momentum into the fifth game, building a 10-3 lead early on before hanging on. "I think we started to tighten up a little bit (down the stretch)," said Canton head coach Steve Johnson. "And I think we were probably score-watching a little bit and playing not to lose rather than just relaxing and keeping (what) we were doing."

Highlight play

In Game 4, the Wildcats came out strong from the start with three straight points, two on spikes by senior Emilee Beyer (10 kills, three blocks).

Plymouth kept battling and tacking on points, including one on a stunning defensive play.

With den Boer (17 kills, 26 digs, five aces) serving, the Chiefs chipped the Plymouth lead down to 8-6 and had a chance to surge ahead.

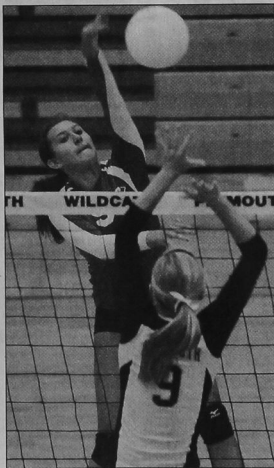
Then came the play that Marody said exemplifies her squad's key-serve-up mantra. Teaming up to turn an almost-certain Canton point into a defensive sideout were junior Haylee Weber, senior Taylor Rieckhoff (three blocks) and senior Kyra Neumann (11 digs).

That play made it a 9-6 Plymouth lead and before too long, it was 19-12 following successful service runs by Rieckhoff and Beyer.

"Haylee dove to put it in the rafters, Taylor was patient and waited for it to come out and Kyra Neumann put it over the net," Marody said. "She was out of bounds, in the back court, and threw herself at the ball and put it over."

According to Betts (17 kills, 19 digs), that sequence summed it all up for the night.

"We never give up, not until you hear that final whistle," Betts said. "You just keep playing." So did the Chiefs (11-



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Canton's Courtney Kurkie (No. 9, red) hammers the ball over the outstretched arms of Plymouth's Madelyn Betts.

6-1, 1-1), who also displayed those same characteristics. "I'm not disappointed with the way our team played," Johnson said. "I thought we did a good job tonight."

Back and forth

The second game was a see-saw affair. Canton's Chelsea Janice (21 assists) snapped off five points from the service stripe, including an ace, to put the Chiefs up 15-11.

Answering that run was Plymouth junior setter Shayla Smalls, also with an ace among five points to make it a 17-16 Plymouth lead. (Smalls was in the middle of things for the Wildcats all night, finishing with 32 assists along with five aces.)

Finally, Janice served up the game-clinching points, with right-side hitter Courtney Kurkie (nine kills, three blocks)

hammering home the winner.

In Game 3, Canton led virtually all the way, sparked by a nine-point run at the service stripe by Madison Kleitly (20 assists, six digs, three aces), which broke open a close contest.

"She kept us in the game," Johnson said. "She had a couple of those tonight for us. It was a very strong effort from her."

Other Plymouth contributors included senior middle hitter Caterina Soli (15 kills, five assists), sophomore Olivia Beyer (15 kills) and freshman Daniella Barile (12 assists, two aces).

Helping Canton's cause were outside hitter Jordan Diedrick (12 kills, six digs), middle hitter Alexis Madis (three kills) and right-side hitter Sasha Cucuz (six kills).

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Sept. 8 at Willow Metropark
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 37 points; 2. Salem, 49; 3. Brighton, 86; 4. Livonia Churchill, 85; Plymouth, 176; 6. Hartland, 178; 7. Livonia Franklin, 189; 8. Canton, 205; 9. Westland John Glenn, 238; 10. Novi, 271; 11. Walled Lake Western, 314; 12. Wayne Memorial, 378.
 (* Top 28 - medalist)
Individual winner: Avery Benson (Livonia Churchill), 18:25.3 (5,000 meters).

Boys Team Standings: 1. Hartland, 38 points; 2. Grand Blanc, 53; 3. Livonia Churchill, 67; 4. Salem, 97; 5. Canton, 168; 6. Walled Lake Western, 180; 7. Northville, 181; 8. Livonia Franklin, 191; 9. Wayne Memorial, 203; 10. Westland John Glenn, 306.
 (* Top 28 - medalist)
Individual winner: Sean Pengelly (Hartland), 15:53.2 (5,000 meters).

Individual winner: Lindsey Brevis (Divine Child), 19:10 (5,000 meters).
Lady's Team Standings: 27. Sarah Wilson, 22:00; 56. Katherine Taylor, 23:35; 70. Katrina Gaffka, 24:11; 81. Sydney Triest, 25:34; 121. Mackenzie Darr, 27:02; 135. Katie Maier, 28:52.

Salem finishers: 2. Kayla Kavulich*, 18:41.8; 8. Lauren Arquette*, 19:50.1; 10. Ayra Cho*, 19:55.4; 14. Alejandra Beltran*, 19:58.6; 15. Natasha Stevenson*, 19:59.0; 22. Emily Lopez, 20:23.3; 32. Rebecca Flynn, 21:14.5; 38. Alexa Foley, 21:18.1; 47. Kati Binsfeld, 21:44.9; 48. Kaiti Robinson, 21:45.4; 55. Sierra Bowden, 22:11.1; 58. Emily Marcero, 22:18.1; 71. Madison Goodspair, 22:38.1.

Salem finishers: 2. Steve McEvilly*, 16:47.92; 11. Riley Dostader*, 17:06.61; 15. Michael Karizat*, 17:17.04; 23. Donovan Drouillard, 17:51.59; 34. Jeremy Drouillard, 17:59.07; 39. Noah Engerer, 18:06.33; 42. Alex Creekmore, 18:11.32; 48. Evan Bruyer, 18:55.52; Paul Vander, 18:22.84; 53. Brendan McCann, 18:23.33; 56. Wesley Tou, 18:22.41; 65. Connor Hall, 18:53.37; 71. Russell Sharpe, 19:04.07; 75. Jason Basabe, 19:11.31.

Madonna finishers: 34. Tim Bous (Westland John Glenn), 21:58; Jeffrey Grzywnski, 22:57; 53. Nathaniel Theobald, 22:57.0; 68. Dan Pratt, 24:05; 74. Ryan Carrigan, 24:19.92; Erick Roth, 26:20.

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Plymouth boys slowed by Churchill

Plymouth's varsity boys cross country team dealt with a bit of fatigue from a recent heavy schedule, not to mention opponent Livonia Churchill Tuesday at Cass Benton Park.

Plymouth's top times were turned in by Berlanga (17:17), Dalton (17:21) and Cardenas (17:29).
 "We have some work to do over the next few weeks," Mikecosz said.

Berlanga, 17:17; 3. Brandon Dalton, 17:21; 5. Liam Cardenas, 17:29; 12. Nick Williamson, 18:07; 15. Jeffery Grzywnski, 18:16; 18. Brian Duskoewicz, 18:58; 15. Matt Pah, 19:08.

The Wildcats left 26-33 in their first KLA4 dual meet of the season.
 "Our top three, Zane (Berlanga), Brandon (Dalton) and Liam (Cardenas) ran well," Plymouth head coach Jon Mikecosz said. "Our guys had three meets in the past six days so I think they might have been a little burned out."
 "But my hat goes to Churchill (because) they came out to run today." The medalist was Churchill's Ben Yates, who finished with a time of 17-17:39.

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17:06.61) and Michael Karizat (16:17, 17:04).
 Two Canton runners made the final. Tom Walkinshaw finished 21st (17:31.28) and sophomore Billy Toth was 22nd with a time of 17:32.79.
 Teams were permitted to run 14 athletes in the varsity races, with others competing in the JV races.

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Another tournament victory for Wildcats

Plymouth's varsity boys tennis team is on a tournament roll.

als. Winning gold thanks to placing first overall were sophomore Charlie Hou (2 singles) and junior Jon Conn (4 singles).

The Wildcats made it two straight tournament victories with Saturday's first-place finish at the Wildcat Invitational at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.
 Plymouth took the top prize with 22 points, having defeated all three opponents in the round robin event. In second was Dexter (18 points), followed by Dearborn Divine Child (13) and Dearborn-Pond, with just one point.
 "This averages an early season dual match loss to Dexter," said Plymouth head coach Tom Kimball.

Silver medals were earned by freshmen Jordan Lu (1 singles) and Kevin Hou (3 singles).
 Following is a glimpse at the three Plymouth dual matches (flights won by Wildcats except where noted):
PLYMOUTH 6, DEXTER 3
 (singles) 1. Jordan Lu defeated Nick Gajdos, 6-2, 7-6; 2. Charlie Hou def. Sam Gough, 6-2, 6-4; 3. Kevin Hou def. Aman Mandar, 7-6, 6-2; 4. Jon Conn def. Graham Northrup, 7-5, 6-3.
 (doubles) 1. Anthony Quail-Mitch Kimball (Dexter) def. Cameron Garis-Dylan Grant, 6-2, 2-6, 10-6; 2. Joe Kiots-Danny Smith def. AJ Steritz-Michael Bradshaw, 6-4, 6-2; 3. Akash Yerakola-Charlie Anderson def. Michael Dezeuz-Spencer Paulissen, 6-2, 6-4; 10-1-4. Kyle Worthey-Matt Rose (D) def. Jared Hopf-Tyler Smith, 7-5, 3-6, 10-7; 5. Nate Nuttle-Kyle Kuhns (D) def. Parth Patel-Tyler Bauer, 6-2, 6-4.

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were they slower, usually Hilltop has fast greens, you basically need to know the course well enough to have a guess on how to use any of those in which direction the putts are going to break.
 "One of my buddies brought a lantern and another used his cell phone to kind of illuminate the greens a little bit, to get an idea which direction the greens are sloping."
 To help the golfers know where the other participants were standing, each wore neon necklaces provided by Hilltop.

There were about eight fouromes all told for the latest Glow Golf installment.
 A good chunk of the golfers were with Peters' group — which enabled his wife Maureen and her friends to also enjoy Friday night together.
 Maureen Peters is about seven months pregnant.
 "They wanted to get all the guys out of the course before the baby comes," Naida said. "A night of guys' will be guys," to just relax."
 When Naida found out about the Glow Golf outing, he figured it would be a good time. Yet he didn't know what to expect when he showed up at Hilltop.
 "I was really

impressed," Naida said. "I wasn't actually sure how it was going to work. But they set the course up pretty well as far as being marked."
 "It's not lit, per se. It was challenging, for sure. It was nearly impossible to read the green."
 Now a veteran of Glow Golf, Peters stressed anybody considering future trips to Hilltop for Glow Golf should maintain some perspective.
 "My biggest piece of advice would be you're going out there to have fun," he said. "You're not out there to break course records and play competitive golf."

Sign up for Saints

The Washtenaw Saints Football Team, of the Christian Athletic League of America, 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 Florentine at (734) 649-0532 or by e-mail at Lemmie@aol.com.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Run, bike, golf
 Tami's Tri, a 5-kilometer run, 20K bike and 9-hole scramble golf event will be from 9 a.m. until 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 Tami 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 400 golfers.
 Proceeds will go to the non-profit organization Growth Works, Inc. of Canton and Plymouth.
 To RSVP, e-mail TrainWithTami@yahoo.com. For more information, call (734) 731-0238, or visit www.TrainWithTami.com.

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Byzantine choir performs chant at Livonia church

By Sharon Dargay
OLE Staff Writer

The choir of St. Romanos the Melodist of the Archdiocese of Beirut, Lebanon, will make two stops at Detroit-area churches during its current U.S. tour.

The all-male group will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13 at St. George Orthodox Church in Troy and at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14 at St. Basilica of St. Mary, 18200 Merriman, in Livonia.

"This group came by invitation of his eminence Archbishop Philip of North America to tour the entire United States. The concert will present musical talent without musical instruments of the most ancient form of chant by eight men who are trained in this Byzantine art of music," said the Rev. George Shalhoub, pastor of the Basilica of St. Mary.

The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch, which is the charitable arm of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America is funding the tour.

The group will chant hymns related to Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, various saints, Mary, and more. They'll sing in Greek, Arabic and English.

Shalhoub said he trained in Byzantine chant for seven years and is a student of the art.

"It sounds so simple but is most difficult because you have to use your voice as an instrument to sing in different tones and melodies," he said.

Shalhoub said Byzantine chant is rooted in the "earliest ancient churches."

"Most Byzantine chant is happy, jolly, inviting and exciting because it involves your total body — voice, heart, ear, chest," he said.

"That is the way of all our worship. It has a tone of excitement and celebra-

tion." Concert goers will get a chance to participate in a major feast day — The Elevation of the Cross — after the performance.

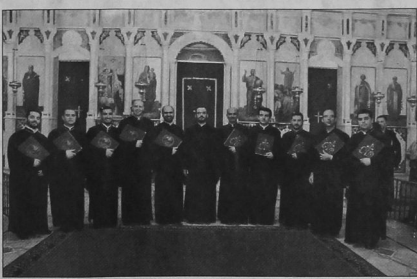
"There will be a procession of the Holy Cross in honor of the Elevation of the Holy Cross," Shalhoub said. "The cross is decorated with flowers and honors the day Empress Helena found the cross. Those in attendance will receive a blessed flower."

The feast celebrates the discovery of Christ's crucifixion cross — found under basil flowers — by Empress Helena, mother of St. Constantine the Great.

Shalhoub said the cross used in the procession will be decorated in carnations and basil.

A cheese and wine afterglow will follow the choir performance.

For more information call (734) 422-0010.



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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) 254-0282

BIBLE CLASS

Time/Date: 10:45 a.m. Sunday, beginning Sept. 23

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Included in the discussion are heaven, hell, the resurrection of the dead, final judgement, and other topics

Contact: (734) 968-3523 or

(313) 532-8655.

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, Sept. 16

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

Details: French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice and milk. All-you-can-eat breakfast costs \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10

Contact: (734) 425-4421

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22

Location: 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton

Details: Free clothing and shoes to anyone in need

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

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14

Location: The Church of

Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 7575 Hix, Westland

Details: Free concert by pianist David Glen Hatch

Contact: (248) 478-8588, davidglenhatch.com or 2011581@LDSCchurch.org

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-solc@gmail.com



ALLEN, DOUG

11/4/1970 - 9/9/2012

Doug is survived by his brothers, Michael Allen and Tim Allen. His sister Donna Young and his son Kyle Allen. Much laughter and love!

BOCK, JAMES R.

Age 67. Beloved father of Kelly (Frank). Dear brother of Robert Oakes and Norman Lee Bock. Loving uncle of Kelly Brejak and Tracy. Cherished grandfather of Jonathan Stailis and Samantha Brae. Uncle of Cindy, Lee, Don, Craig, and Catherine. Retired truck driver for Roach.

HOUSEMAN, WALTER R.

Age 85. September 10, 2012. Survived by sons Guy Derek and Brian Clay and long time companion Isabelle Trynovich. Services were private and entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Redford, MI. www.harrywillfuneralhome.com



MOELLERING,

PAUL C.

Age 91. Beloved husband of 63 years to Evelyn. Loving father of Tom (Dianne) Moellering, Michelle (Gene) Walker and the late Michael Moellering. Dearest grandfather of 8 and great grandfather of 8. Paul was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana and was a World War II veteran. Founder of Arrow Moving and Storage of Livonia. Long time Livonia Rotarian. Retired to Marco Island, Florida before returning to Michigan. A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20805 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington Hills, Friday at 1:30pm. Memorial contributions may be directed to Concordia Lutheran School, 20805 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48336. Please share a memory at: www.rggharris.com



SCHAEFER, EDNA P.

Age 81. September 6, 2012. Loving wife of the late Randolph. Beloved mother of Lois (Phil) Pfefferle and William Schaefer. Grandmother of Eric and Steve Pfefferle. Sister of Agnes Frost, Nadine Abshire, Glenda Thomas and Joseph Vincent and the late Lillian Ferrel and Kenneth Vincent. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society. www.harrywillfuneralhome.com

VOSLER, RICHARD G.

Age 91. September 10, 2012. Beloved husband of the late Marion. Loving father of Diane Macdonald, Karen James, Rick Vosler, Cheryl Butler, Jan Zoyes, Colleen Swanson, Laurie Haas and Rob Vosler. Dear grandfather of 25 and great grandfather of 34. Dear brother of Marianne Yapp. Visitation Saturday at Highland Park Baptist Church, 21600 Lahser Rd., Southfield from 2 pm until Funeral Service at 3 pm. Those wishing to make a contribution in Richard's name are asked to consider Southfield Christian School, 28650 Lahser Rd., Southfield, MI 48034. Share a memory at: www.rggharris.com

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A 'canary in a coal mine'

Duo returns home with film on Detroit's decline

By Diana Wing
Special Writer

Detropia, a new documentary by Jesus Camp filmmakers Heidi Ewing and Rachel Grady, gives us a glimpse into the lives of several Detroiters who haven't yet given up on the city they call home.

The owner of a blues bar, a UAW rep, a young video blogger, a couple of avant-garde artists, a gang of illegal "scrap-crappers" and an opera impresario go about their day-to-day lives, all the while reflecting on the past and searching for solutions to turn around the Motor City's downward spiral. Their musings are strung together with beautiful footage of decaying architecture and empty streets, as well as clips of old auto ads, gloomy union meetings, spirited public meetings and live blues.

Detropia opens next weekend at the Main Art Theatre in Royal Oak. Ewing, who was born in Southfield and raised in Farmington Hills, has a family connection to Detroit. Her parents were living in the city during the 1967 riots, and they were part of the exodus to the suburbs a year later. Her grandmother remained in the city.

Ewing said that while she moved out of the city to study and work in film, she often returned home to visit. Recognizing the situation in Detroit was getting more desperate, Ewing came back to the city in October 2009 with Grady and co-producer/cinematographer Craig Atkinson, who grew up in Royal Oak, to see if there was a story to be told.

"I stayed with my parents, and she stayed with our cinematographer and his parents, and we filmed for three days," Ewing said. "We just wanted to get a sense of the characters, the people who chose not to leave Detroit. We had an amazing three-day experience,



Illegal scrappers dismantle old structures and collect the metal in the documentary "Detropia."



UAW Local 22 President George McGregor talks to a union member about available benefits after the bailout.

and we were so touched by the people we met that we became obsessed with making a full-length documentary film about the city.

"In September 2010 we moved out of the city to two apartments downtown, a crew and two cars and basically moved in for about a year. The result is *Detropia*."

Detropia's struggles

Initially, the filmmakers weren't sure where they were going with the story. They filmed many different people and followed a variety of storylines until they got a strong sense of the story that was emerging — a much more national story than they had expected. "Detroit's troubles are more grave than other cities, but definitely representative of the national anxiety we're having as a country," said Ewing, who noted that the film has screened for audiences around the country.

"Plenty of cities and people have been able to identify with the job

loss, with the sense of being left behind, with the crumbling infrastructure, with problems that don't seem to be getting solved administration after administration," she said. "I hear people saying, 'Hey, that's happening here too.' The foreclosure crisis and the gutting of the manufacturing sector and the people who don't have the skills to compete are finding they've fallen out of the middle class.

"So those things are happening nationwide, and I think Detroit can be looked at as the canary in the coal mine in many ways," Ewing said.

Of the Detroiters highlighted in the film, Tommy Stephens, proprietor of the Raven Lounge and Restaurant on Chene in east Detroit, stands out.

"The fact that he is an African American business owner who is struggling to keep his business open, and the fact that his fortunes could rise and fall with the auto industry, because of his direct proximity to the plant



PHOTOS BY TONY HARDMON

"Detropia" chronicles the lives of several Detroiters — including these performance artists in gas masks — trying to survive a city in economic decay.



Detroit's abandoned train station draws artists and the curious.

up the street, something about that just connected so many dots for us," Ewing said. "The ups and downs of a one-industry town, the importance of maintaining culture in a city where so many people have left, keeping the blues alive — there are so many things about his story and him as a person."

"He's a retired school teacher. He cares so much about the city and he's concerned about our country being competitive. As a documentary filmmaker, you couldn't ask for more."

One of Ewing's favorite scenes in the film has Stephens at the North American International Auto Show talking to representatives of BYD (Build Your Dreams) Auto of China. The electric vehicle he is looking at is about half the price of the Chevy Volt, and it runs farther between charg-

es. He approaches the rep at the Volt display and asks, "What are you going to do about the BYD?" Not getting the answers he wants, Stephens figures the guy "has his head in the sand." He warns, "Remember when nobody would buy a Honda, and then Honda took over?"

Finding solutions?

The effort to demolish vacant homes, revamp excess land and encourage residents to relocate in order to receive better city services draws anger at a public meeting in the documentary. One woman asks, "Why do we have to move? Why not build around us?"

In the film, UAW Local 22 president George McGregor talks about the need for an improved educational system to help young people stay competi-

tive. Blues club owner Stephens points to capitalism as exploiting the weak and argues that you should "help your neighbor put that fire or put fire is coming to you."

The filmmakers didn't want to overplay the arrival of artists and young people to Detroit. "There are new people coming to Detroit all the time, and they definitely bring energy. We didn't want to portray it as though they're definitely going to save the city," she said, admitting that she wished she had found a solution to Detroit's turnaround.

"We looked real hard. But we're not sure there is no easy solution... this has been a long time coming, and it's not going to be a quick fix. That's one of the messages of our film."

Ewing and Atkinson will appear in person for a question and answer session after the 7:15 p.m. show, and to introduce the 9:50 p.m. show, Friday-Saturday, Sept. 14-15, at the Main Art Theatre, 118 N. Main, at 11 Mile, in Royal Oak. Tickets are available at www.landmarktheatres.com/tickets or at the box office. Call (248) 263-2111 for more information.

Essay winner will 'rule' amphibians at zoo

Newts, frogs and toads at the Detroit Zoo are looking for a leader. Amphibiville, a two-acre wetland village that is home to the National Amphibian Conservation Center, is seeking a new mayor for a two-year term.

To join the race, candidates, 7-12, must submit an essay of 100 words or less on why they

should be mayor of Amphibiville. All entries must be submitted by Oct. 5 to PRI@dzo.org or to Mayor of Amphibiville, Detroit Zoological Society, 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak, MI 48067. Entries must include candidate's name, age, address and daytime telephone number. The winner will be announced in November.

The new Mayor of Amphibiville will be sworn in and receive a plaque, inscribed with his or her name, that will be displayed in the National Amphibian Conservation Center. The prize of the winner is his or her position as Mayor of Amphibiville; a plush frog; and a one-year family membership to the Detroit

Zoo. Amphibiville's outgoing mayor is Claire Kozal, 10, of Whitmore Lake. Sworn into office in November 2009, Claire built her own home nature center when she was just 3, and says she loves all animals, "even the slimy ones." Amphibiville opened in 2000

featuring the award-winning National Amphibian Conservation Center, a state-of-the-art facility that includes a spectacular diversity of frogs, toads, salamanders, newts and caecilians. For more information about the Detroit Zoo, call (248) 541-5717 or visit www.detroitzoo.org.

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New season of folk music starts in Plymouth

BaseLine Folk Society kicks off its eighth season of open mic and featured acts at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at Plymouth Community Art Center, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth.

Singer/songwriter Doug McClennen, a regular at Baseline, will host its first open mic of the season. He is a true "folky," having met Pete Seeger and other greats of folk music, and has a wealth of folk songs and stories. McClennen will sing a couple of songs and introduce the evening's performers.

Anyone interested in performing in the open mic may sign up between 6:15-6:45 p.m. at the show. Eight open mic spots are available. If more than eight performers sign-up, a lottery will be held

for the open mic spots. Each musician will perform two songs. Cover and original both are welcome.

The featured group, "Circle of Friends," consists of Mary Foley, Dean Barnett and Gordon MacDonald. Foley has played professionally in the Detroit folk scene for many years. She plays guitar and sings, plays guitar and mandolin and also performs with other groups. MacDonald is a retired music teacher who plays almost any instrument you can name. He plays bass with Circle of Friends. The group will perform a 30-minute set. Admission at the door is \$5 per person. Annual memberships also will be available for

both individuals and families at the door.

An individual membership includes free admission to monthly open mic concerts from Sept.-May for \$25.

Family memberships enable parents and their children to attend all monthly concerts free. Membership cost \$50.

BaseLine Folk Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and preserving the fine art of traditional acoustic folk music. Look for its season lineup on its new Facebook page. The group also plans a few "all open mic" events this season. For more information contact its new president, Scott Ludwig, at BFSPresident@yahoo.com or call (734) 453-0869.

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

Exhibits: Picasso & Matisse exhibits all of the museum's drawings and prints by the two artists, through Jan. 6, 2013; Fabergé: The Rise and Fall, The Collection of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Oct. 14-Jan. 21, 2013; Hidden Treasures: An Experiment, Oct. 31-March 3, 2013

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

LIVONIA ARTISTS CLUB

Time/Dates: Through Sept. 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, through Sept. 22

Location: 215 W. Gady, 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 through 9 p.m. Sept. 21.

Coming up: "Vote for Mel Artists Respond to the Presidential Election of 2012," Oct. 5-27, with an opening reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5

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 DiPiacido will be on exhibit. Her art explores experimental approaches in the presentation of contemporary art

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

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FAIRLANE BALLROOM DANCE CLUB

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

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

Details: Singles an 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

Film

PENN THEATRE

Time/Dates: 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 14-15, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "People Like Us," \$3

Coming up: "The Amazing Spider-Man," 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 21-22, 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, and 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27

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

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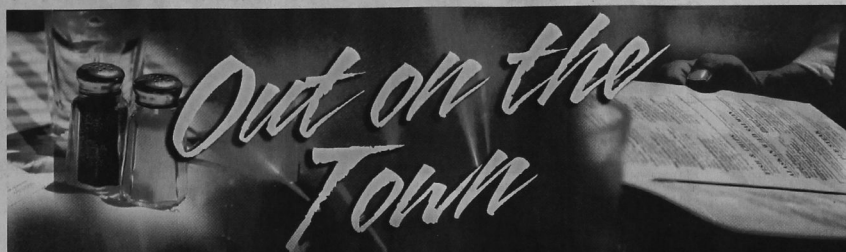
Time/Dates: 8 p.m. Sept. 21 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sept. 22

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

Details: "The Sea Hawk," \$4

Coming up: "The Birds," 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, with a special appearance by Tippi Hedren on hand at all three shows, \$5; The Three Stooges Festival, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, includes "Three Little Pigskins," "Three Little Beers," "Hollo Polloi," "Ants in the Pantry," "We Want Our Mummy," and "Dutiful But Dumb." \$5

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Sweet treats for the lunch box

Transitioning back to school means getting accustomed to a new schedule, teachers and classmates. Parents can help make the transition a little easier by surprising their little one with a sweet treat in their lunch box. But because of food allergies, many desserts with peanuts are not allowed in schools.

These treat recipes are made with SoyNut Butter from I.M. Healthy. A great tasting and safe alternative, soy nut butter does not contain peanuts, gluten, eggs or dairy, making it the perfect go-to ingredient for lunch box meals and after school snacks.

Soy nut butter should be stored in an air-tight container. It can be stored in the refrigerator or cabinet. Use soy nut butter as a replacement for peanut butter in your favorite recipes. For example, substitute soy nut butter ounce for ounce in Hershey's recipe for Peanut Butter Blossoms. For more soy nut butter recipes and health information, visit www.soy nutbutter.com.

Hershey's Peanut Butter Blossoms

This version substitutes soy nut butter for peanut butter

- 48 Hershey's Kisses brand milk chocolates
- ½ cup shortening
- ½ cup soy nut butter
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- ½ cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt

Heat oven to 375°F. Remove wrappers from chocolates. Beat shortening and soy nut butter in large bowl until well blended. Add 1½ cup granulated sugar and brown sugar; beat until fluffy. Add egg, milk and vanilla; beat well. Stir together flour, baking soda and salt; gradually beat into peanut butter mixture.

Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Roll in granulated sugar; place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 8-10 minutes or until lightly browned. Immediately press a chocolate into center of each cookie; cookie will crack around edges. Remove from cookie sheet to wire rack. Cool completely. About 4 dozen cookies.

Nutritional Information per serving (1 cookie): 90 calories; 6g total fat, 2g saturated fat, 5 mg cholesterol, 75 mg sodium, 10g total carbohydrate, less than 1g dietary fiber, 6g sugars, 2g protein

Chocolate Soy Nut Butter Cookies

- 1 stick softened butter
- 2 eggs
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 ½ cups chocolate soy nut butter
- ¼ cup cocoa
- 1 cup flour minus 2 tablespoons
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 4 ounces chocolate chips
- 4 ounces peanut butter chips (optional)

In a large bowl, combine butter, eggs, granulated sugar, brown sugar, and vanilla. Once mixed, add chocolate soy nut butter. In a separate bowl, combine cocoa, flour, baking soda, and salt. Fold the dry ingredients into the first bowl. Add chocolate chips and peanut butter chips. Drop into cookie sheets and bake 8 minutes at 375 degrees. Allow to cool 1 minute before removing from cookie sheet.

Walking Salad

- 1 apple, cored
- 2 tablespoons I.M. Healthy Honey Sweetened Creamy Soy Nut Butter
- 1 teaspoon raisins
- 1 teaspoon diced roasted soy nuts

After apple is cored, fill center with honey Soy Nut Butter and top with raisins and soy nuts — or any topping of your choosing. Eat while you walk.



Chocolate Soy Nut Bars

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Yield: 16 bars

- 2 teaspoons margarine, melted
- ¾ cup creamy soy nut butter
- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- ¼ cup crushed graham crackers
- 2 to 4 tablespoons apple juice
- ¼ cup chocolate soy nut butter

Combine margarine and soy nut butter in food processor. Add sugar and graham crackers, drizzling in just enough apple juice (one tablespoon at a time) to make the dough stick together, but not enough to make it wet.

Press dough into 8 x 8-inch baking dish. Chill for 20 minutes. Spread chocolate soy nut butter liberally over dough.

Chill for 20 minutes. Cut into 16 squares.

Nutty Butter Cookies

Yield: Approximately 45 cookies

- 1 cup soy nut butter (chunky or creamy)
- ¼ cup canola oil
- ¼ cup liquid egg substitute
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar, packed
- ½ cup chopped soy nuts
- ½ cups whole wheat pastry flour
- ¼ cup soy flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 375°F. Combine moist ingredients; cream until smooth. Combine dry ingredients in small bowl.

Stir dry ingredients into wet ingredients. Preheat oven to 375°F. Combine moist ingredients; cream until smooth. Combine dry ingredients in small bowl. Stir dry ingredients into wet ingredients. Flatten with a fork, making crisscross patterns. Bake 10 minutes. Cool on wire rack.

Place dough balls on prepared cookie sheet. Flatten with a fork, making crisscross patterns. Bake 10 minutes. Cool on wire rack.



Nutty Butter Cookies

Brown Rice Crispy Squares

Yield: 16, 2-inch squares

- ½ cup brown rice syrup
- 3 tablespoons creamy soy nut butter
- ¼ cup chopped, dried fruit (apricots, cranberries, etc.)
- ½ cup roasted soy nuts, coarsely chopped
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 cups crispy brown rice cereal

Combine first 2 ingredients in a large saucepan. Heat over medium low to simmering (microwave if desired). Add dried fruit of choice and soy nuts and simmer five minutes more; remove from heat. Stir in vanilla and cereal.

Mix thoroughly. (Wearing disposable gloves helps). Firmly press mixture into a lightly oiled 8-by-8-inch square pan. Using a sharp knife, make light indentations to denote 2-inch squares. This will expedite in cutting later. Refrigerate about 30 minutes. Cut into 16, 2-inch squares.

Preheat oven to 350. Beat eggs in a medium size bowl. Add Fat to Skinny Zero Sweetener and baking powder. Mix until all ingredients are combined well. Grease a cookie sheet. Roll the dough into balls and place on cookie sheet. Flatten the balls twice with a fork (crisscross) and make a thumb indent in the middle, fill with fruit spread. Bake for 8 minutes. Cool on rack. Refrigerate to firm up.

Thumb Print Cookies

Yield: 24

- 2 cups unsweetened soy nut butter
- 24 drops Fat to Skinny Zero Sweetener
- ¼ cup GG Bran Crisp Fiber Sprinkles
- 3 eggs
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ¼ cup fruit spread

Preheat oven to 350. Beat eggs in a medium size bowl. Add Fat to Skinny Zero Sweetener and baking powder. Mix until all ingredients are combined well. Grease a cookie sheet. Roll the dough into balls and place on cookie sheet. Flatten the balls twice with a fork (crisscross) and make a thumb indent in the middle, fill with fruit spread. Bake for 8 minutes. Cool on rack. Refrigerate to firm up.

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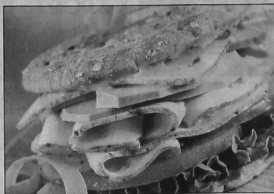
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- Try different sandwich bread - Add some extra flavor to your favorite sandwich with a zesty rye, a dark pumpernickel or an Asiago ciabatta.
- Switch spreads - Mayo and yellow mustard are good, but how about Italian-style deli dressing, honey mustard or even Russian dressing?
- Stack your sandwich high with fresh ingredients - Avocado, hummus and cucumbers are all unexpected options that give an extra kick to any sandwich.

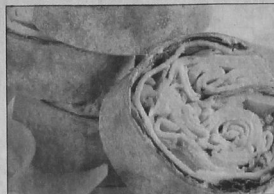
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California Turkey Sandwich

- 3 slices Boar's Head Ovenfold Turkey Breast
- 1 slice Muenster cheese
- ¼ medium avocado, peeled, pitted, thinly sliced
- 2 lettuce leaves
- ¾ tablespoon Boar's Head Pepperhouse Gouremaise
- 1 whole wheat sandwich roll, thin, round

Separate the sandwich roll in 2 halves. Layer the bottom half of bread with lettuce, tomato, turkey, avocado and cheese. Spread the Pepperhouse Gouremaise over top half of bread; then flip atop the sandwich. Press together lightly and serve.



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- 12 slices Boar's Head Ovenfold Turkey Breast Thinly Sliced
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 6 whole Bibb lettuce leaves
- 2 teaspoons soy sauce
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- ¼ teaspoon ground ginger
- 6 tablespoons almonds, sliced
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 1 tablespoon vinegar, rice
- 1 package crispy noodles

Wash and dry lettuce leaves and set aside. Combine oil, vinegar, honey, soy sauce, ginger and garlic together and whisk until well blended. Add broccoli slaw and toss to evenly coat. Make a wrap by adding 2 slices of turkey to the lettuce leaf, then top with ginger slaw, almonds and crispy noodles.

Mesquite Turkey Garden Wrap

- 2 ounces Boar's Head Cream Havarti Cheese
- 3 ounces Boar's Head Mesquite Turkey Breast
- 1 ounce spring mix lettuce
- ½ ounce carrot, blanched, julienne
- 1 each lavash wrap
- 1 ounce pesto cream cheese
- ½ ounces asparagus spears, blanched, julienne
- ½ ounce Granny Smith apple
- ½ ounce Vidalia onion, shaved

Spread cream cheese evenly over the entire wrap. Evenly place the ingredients on the wrap, as you would on a pizza. Leave a 2-inch area clear on the top of the wrap. Roll up the wrap, tucking ingredients as you place, as tightly as possible.

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