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Candidate forum

The League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County hosts a candidates forum at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center, for those running for the 20th and 21st districts in the Michigan House of Representatives.

The 20th District seat includes Plymouth, Plymouth Township and part of Canton. The 21st District includes Belleville, Van Buren Township and Canton. Dian Slavens and Joe Barnabei, running for the 21st District seat, and Kurt Heise and Tim Rorback, the 20th District candidates, have all agreed to attend.

The public is invited to attend the forum and submit questions for the candidates that will be asked by a League moderator. The public can also submit questions in advance through the League's e-mail address: lvwmil@yahoo.com. The forum will be filmed and will be available on the League's website for viewing.

Healthy start

The Canton Farmers Market hosts a free Healthy Start to School Program Sunday, Sept. 23, for area sixth- and seventh-graders in an effort to teach children about nutrition, fitness, agriculture, and the importance of supporting local farmers.

Sessions will be offered at 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. on the market grounds, located in Preservation Park at 500 N. Ridge Road in Canton. Online registration is required at www.cantontown.org. The program features three interactive stations, including a fitness activity, cooking with chef Paul Penney and a nutritional station that highlights healthy snack options for teenagers.



Sam Logan Khaleghi, who plays U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Wesley Kent in his new film 'Approaching Midnight,' brought a film crew to Mettetal Airport to shoot scenes involving a small airplane.

Scene stealer

Mettetal provides backdrop for film crew

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Mettetal Airport in Canton became a movie location last Friday when director-writer-producer-actor Sam Logan Khaleghi brought in a film crew to shoot scenes for *Approaching Midnight*, which tells the story of a U.S. Army staff sergeant's return from Afghanistan and the emotional difficulties he faces in life.

Airport manager Pete Foster said Khaleghi and his film crew spent several hours shooting scenes of a Piper Twin Comanche taking off and landing — and segments of actors having conversations in the aircraft.

"It was great," Foster, a Livonia resident, said. "The weather was beautiful that day. It was a community thing on my part, and it's goodwill on the airport's part."

Approaching Midnight stars actors such as Khaleghi, Jana Kramer, Jason Waugh and Brandon T. Jackson. Kramer, also a country music singer, was among those who joined Khaleghi on the set.

Khaleghi, who was nominated for an Emmy as producer of another film, *Prison Boat*, said Mettetal Airport proved the perfect location



A crew member works on equipment during filming at Mettetal Airport.

for the new film. He found the airport through the Michigan Film Office.

"We needed a small-town airport. The narrative of the scene required a very private situation," Khaleghi said.

Moreover, the film crew was greeted enthusiastically by airport personnel such as Foster.

"He was very accommodating. He was an amazing guy," Khaleghi said. "It was like a housewarming. It was like going to a friend's house."

Foster said he didn't hesitate when the airport was contacted as a possible site

for filming. "Sam was delighted to come over (and shoot scenes)," Foster said. "It all came together for him and the airport."

Foster said a local pilot, Bill Brown (not of Bill Brown Ford), flew a plane for some of the scenes. Foster helped behind the scenes by driving an airport truck with a film crew in it, shooting scenes of the landing aircraft.

Khaleghi's film crew shot scenes for about seven hours, Foster said, estimating that 40 people were at

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Event puts 'Bark' into fundraising

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Calling herself "a miracle girl," Canton resident Kathie McFry has strong support from husband Ron and other family members as she battles stage-four anal cancer that spread to her liver.

Yet, she has another untiring source of love and comfort, a 3-year-old golden retriever named Bo, who has tended to her when she comes home sick from chemotherapy and radiation treatment.

"There are times when I'm down and need to cry, and Bo is here for me," McFry said. "He's a good listener. He's a great cuddler when I need a cuddler. He has meant everything. There's something about that unconditional love you get from a dog."

"They love you when your hair falls out and you look ugly," she said.

In an effort to honor furry friends like Bo and raise money for the American Cancer Society, McFry and dog-lover Janet Stafford are co-chairing the second Bark for Life, a canine-centered fundraiser patterned after Relay for Life that includes a doggie costume contest, a musical sit game similar to musical chairs, a best-trick contest and a shortest- and longest-tail competition.

Registration starts at 10 a.m. Saturday at Canton's Heritage Park, off Canton Center south of Cherry Hill, and the event continues through a closing ceremony that ends at 3 p.m. Participants

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Kathie McFry has found comfort from her golden retriever, Bo, as she battles cancer.

Canton police taking back prescription drugs

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Amid an escalating prescription drug problem marked by addiction, street sales and pharmacy burglaries, Canton police say it has become imperative for local residents to properly dispose of potentially dangerous controlled substances.

And local authorities are giving residents a way to do it.

In an effort spearheaded by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the Canton Police Department is joining agencies

across the nation by allowing residents to rid their homes of unwanted, expired or unneeded prescription drugs during a four-hour drug-collection program set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29.

Residents can simply bring prescription pills — anonymously with no questions asked — and discard them in bins that authorities plan to set up inside the Canton Police Department lobby, 1150 S. Canton Center, between Cherry Hill and Palmer. Liquids and needles can't be accepted. "More and more, prescription

pills are being abused," Canton Police Special Services Sgt. Pat Sullivan said. "And these pills are sitting around in medicine cabinets where teens (and others) might get a hold of it, sell it, use it or overdose."

Studies have shown that most abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, and the home medicine cabinet is a leading storage place.

Moreover, Sullivan said former disposal methods such as flushing prescription drugs down toilets or throwing them in the

trash can potentially pose safety and health hazards to water systems and to people or pets who might find them.

"We're finding that drugs are winding up in the water system and can't be filtered out," Sullivan said.

Canton police collected 33 pounds of controlled substances from local homes during one of its drug take-back programs last fall. In April, the DEA reported it collected 276 tons of drugs during a nationwide effort.

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Teens get up-close look at safe driving

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Lael Wynne of Canton had a tough time navigating the obstacle course set up for teen drivers at Saturday's "Celebrate My Drive" safe driving event sponsored by State Farm and various law enforcement agencies.

She was texting while driving, part of the exercise set up by organizers, and she had difficulty getting around the orange cones at various stages of the course.

And since she was only driving a golf cart, the message organizers were hoping she'd get seemed to sink in.

"It's pretty hard to multi-task while driving," Wynne said.

That's the kind of thing State Farm officials, Wayne County Sheriff's Department deputies and Canton Police officers were hoping youngsters would learn Saturday in a series of activities designed to show teens the dangers of driving.

According to information provided by State Farm, car crashes are the number one killer of American teenagers, with their first year of driving being the most dangerous.

While what officials called "traditional scare tactics" still resonate with some new drivers, State Farm is adopting a more supportive, positive approach to teen driver safety.

"State Farm believes once teen drivers recog-



Brianna Briegel, 16, of Ann Arbor, rides the seat-belt convincer set up by Wayne County Sheriff's Department officers to demonstrate what a slow-speed crash might feel like.



Wayne County Sheriff's Department Cpl. Phil Migliaccio demonstrates what drivers might experience if they aren't seat-belted in during a rollover accident.

nize (the dangers), they'll be more aware," said Ron Bodine, State Farm Agency Field Executive. "We know this approach of teaching and sharing is working."

To make sure Saturday was a teaching moment, the Wayne County Sheriff's Department provided a "seat belt convincer" and a rollover simulator to show teens what being in an accident can be like. The rollover simulator was a "watch and learn" device that used a seat belt to show the effects of a rollover accident on drivers not wearing seat belts.

The "seat belt convincer" was a hands-on device that gently lowered teens down an incline to show what crashing and having an air bag deployed

might feel like.

"It's like an accident at 5- to 7-mph," said WCSO Cpl. Phil Migliaccio. "At a low speed like that it jostles you pretty good. Most accidents happen at 25 mph or

higher, so this gives kids some perspective."

Lisa Briegel of Ann Arbor brought her daughter, Brianna, to the Canton event for just such perspective. She's got 16-



Canton teenager Lael Wynne learns how difficult it can be to multi-task while driving during Saturday's safe driving event in Canton.



Twins Benjamin and Joshua Reynolds of Highland take a break from conquering the inflatable obstacle course for a photo op during Saturday's safe driving event in Canton.

year-old Brianna already on the road, and a 15-year-old waiting in the wings.

"I think this is an excellent way to make kids aware," said Briegel. "Anything promoting safety is positive."

Brianna was so sure, particularly when she was contemplating climbing

into the seat belt convincer. But one ride was enough, well, convince her.

"I learned what actually happens — you can experience it without getting hurt," she said after trying the convincer. "I don't want that to happen to me."

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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

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 at 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.

ANNIE, JR.

Dates/Times: Nov. 1-4, 7 p.m.; Nov. 3-4, 2 p.m.

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

Details: Forever After Productions youth theater company will present Annie Jr. at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. It tells the

story of a spunky Depression-era orphan determined to find her parents who abandoned her years ago at on the doorsteps of a New York City Orphanage. Song favorites include "Maybe," "Hard Knock Life," "Easy Street" and "Tomorrow." Forever After Productions is a youth theater company for children and young adults ages 6-21. The 2012-2013 season includes A Christmas Carol in November/December, Les Miserables School Edition in February and Disney's Little Mermaid in March. Log on to foreverafterproductions.com for more information about auditions and performance schedules. Purchase tickets at www.foreverafterproductions.com. Tickets are also available at Forever After Productions, 50429 Independence Street, Canton, MI 48188 or at Dance Bait, 1100 West Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. All tickets are \$15.

Contact: www.foreverafterproductions.com or call (734) 547-5156.

CHARTER OPEN HOUSE

Date/Time: Tuesday, Sept. 25, 6-8 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Scholars

BLOOD DRIVES

Dates: Various

Locations: Various

Details: The American Red Cross sponsors blood drives at the following dates, times and locations: Friday, Oct. 5, Busch's Market/Caribou Coffee, Plymouth, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 7, St. Thomas a Becket Church, Canton, 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.;

Monday, Oct. 8, Church of Christ, 1-6:45 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 14, First Presbyterian Church, 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; Tuesday, Oct. 16, Victory Toyota, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.;

Saturday, Oct. 20, Northridge Church, Plymouth, 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 22, Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2-7:45 p.m.;

Wednesday, Oct. 24, VFW Post 6695, Plymouth, 2-7:45 p.m.

Contact: Donors can contact Diane at (313) 549-7052 or Diane.Risko@redcross.org to set up an appointment.

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) 483-8457 or visit www.millerwoods.com

HOLIDAY ART FAIR

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

Location: Connection Church in Canton

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

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PETE FOSTER | METTETAL AIRPORT

Director Sam Logan Khaleghi, directing a new film 'Approaching Midnight,' takes pictures during his visit with a film crew to Mettetal Airport.

FILM

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Mettetal Airport for the film shoot.

The film crew used a Piper Twin Comanche, described by Foster as a light two-propeller aircraft that seats four people including the pilot.

Foster said he was lucky that not many local pilots were flying last Friday — a move that made it easier for Khaleghi to do his work. Pilots and others who were at the airport watched with interest as the film crew shot scenes.

"Everyone cooperated," Foster said. "I was very delighted to help the film crew out."

Khaleghi, also filming in areas such as Bir-

mingham-Bloomfield, is a Detroit native directing his second film with *Approaching Midnight*. He said filming is expected to wrap up in a month, and the movie will be marketed on the independent film circuit in hopes of attracting a distributor for wide release.

It's a movie that could put Mettetal Airport on the movie map — at least for Foster and others who will recognize the setting.

Mettetal Airport, southeast of Joy and Lilley roads on Canton's north end, has about 100 planes based there. Foster estimated it has roughly 400 landings during good-weather months.

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PETE FOSTER | METTETAL AIRPORT

Director Sam Logan Khaleghi, with camera, brought a film crew to Mettetal Airport.



SAM LOGAN KHALEGI | 12 A.M. PICTURES LLC

Sam Logan Khaleghi, who is director, producer, writer and actor in 'Approaching Midnight,' stands near a scene where filming occurred at Mettetal Airport.

BARK

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can pay \$20 for one dog — and \$5 for each additional pooch — by signing up at www.relayforlife.org/barkcantonmi, or just show up at Bark for Life. Last year's event drew 78 dogs, 200 people and raised \$6,000 to fight cancer.

"We're hoping to double it or come close to doubling it this year," McFry said.

Jill Andra Young, who owns a Plymouth photography business specializing in pet portraits, is a Bark for Life committee member who is among the vendors coming to Saturday's event. Young, whose mother is a cancer survivor, has a 2-year-old Basenji named Henri.

"My main interest in Bark for Life is the canine companionship part of it," Young said. "If you've ever just had the flu, it's so nice to have a dog lie in bed next to you and be a companion. It's

'BARK'ING FOR A CURE

Here's a rundown at what to expect at Saturday's Bark for Life event in Heritage Park:

10 a.m.: Event registration.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Silent auction.

10-11:45 a.m.: Doggie contest registration.

10-11 a.m.: Music starts by Metro Entertainment.

10:15 a.m.: Stretching/warm-up for the relay walk.

11 a.m.: Opening ceremony.

11:15 a.m.: Cancer survivor lap followed by team laps and open laps.

11:30-11:45 a.m.: Search and rescue demonstration by Zeus and Maggie.

11:45 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.: Best doggie costume contest.

12:15 p.m.: A fight-back-against-cancer ceremony.

12:30 p.m.: Musical sit.

12:45 p.m.: Best doggie trick contest.

1 p.m.: Agility and obedience demonstration featuring Zeus and Maggie.

1:15 p.m.: Lunary ceremony.

1:30-1:45 p.m.: Music.

1:45-2:15 p.m.: Shortest and longest doggie tail contest.

2:15 p.m.: Doggie sit and stay contest.

2:30 p.m.: Closing ceremony.

healing, that unconditional love. They seem to know when you don't feel well, and they're just happy to have you at home."

Joyce Obradovich, oncologist for Canton-based Animal Cancer & Imaging Center, is among the featured speakers Saturday, and McFry said the day includes a

silent auction, a deejay, facepainting and a hamster ball made for people, among other activities.

Zeus and Maggie, search-and-rescue German shepherds owned by Ely Price of Plymouth, also are set to appear. "We hope to make it a real family-oriented event," McFry said.

Bark for Life's second outing comes after a 10-member committee planned it.

"Every one of us has been touched in some way by cancer," McFry said.

Numerous studies have indicated there are health benefits to owning pets, partly by improving moods and helping people feel less depressed. Moreover, pets provide companionship and can lead to new networks of friends.

McFry said Saturday's event will be followed by two other events: a fundraiser 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, at bd's Mongolian Grill on Ford Road in Canton featuring Detroit Lion Brandon Pettigrew, followed by a Plymouth Whalers game against Sudbury set for 7:05 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29. Tickets for the latter event can be found at www.relayforlife.org/barkcantonmi.

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Purse-snatcher gets probation in plea bargaining

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer



Case

A Taylor woman accused of a drive-by purse-snatching outside a Canton Target store has been placed on probation for five years after she entered a plea in Wayne County Circuit Court to a charge of larceny from a person, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Sarah Elizabeth Case, 26, could have faced penalties ranging up to 10 years in pris-

on if she had gone to trial on charges that originally had included an additional count of possession of stolen property. Case was charged following an incident that authorities said happened shortly before 6:30 p.m. May 9 in the parking lot of the Target store on Ford Road between Morton Taylor and Sheldon.

Authorities made an arrest due to quick action by witnesses that led to Case's capture in Livonia in the parking lot of the Costco store at I-96 and Middlebelt.

Case was slapped with charges after witnesses identified a woman who was accused of reaching out the window of a red Ford Focus and grabbing a 24-year-old Westland woman's purse while she was walking to her car, Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner has said. Canton police notified neigh-

boring police agencies, and Livonia authorities spotted the car and suspect near the Costco store.

Case's probation came with a lengthy list of court orders. She has been ordered not to violate any more laws, not to leave the state without permission, to receive drug testing and to attend substance abuse counseling sessions.

She also was ordered to seek outpatient substance abuse treatment, to perform community service and to report

for monthly probation appointments.

According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, Case also has to notify authorities of any change of address, to make an effort to find a job and to pay restitution.

She has been credited with time she served in jail after her arrest.

If Case fails to obey the terms of her probation, she could be returned to jail.

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Topless tango

It wasn't the typical Walmart parking lot scene — a 18-year-old topless woman, accused of shoplifting, running from the store until she was captured by Palmetto police.

Police say the incident started around 4 p.m. Sunday at the Walmart store on Michigan Avenue west of Belleville Road.

A police officer was alerted of a fight that occurred in the store lobby during an alleged retail fraud incident — then noticed the topless woman running east from the store across the parking lot. The officer activated the patrol car's emergency lights and the woman stopped, was handcuffed and put in the vehicle.

Her purse authorities found four boxes InnoTab video tablets, a tank top and pants. A security officer told police the suspect had stolen the items and concealed them in her purse before leaving the store without paying.

A female employee tried to stop the woman as she left the store, but the suspect allegedly became defiant and unruly, pushing the employee and swinging at her. During the scuffle, the suspect's top came off.

The woman was facing charges. She also had prior arrests and an assault and fraud case pending in Washtenaw County.

Indecent exposure

Police were told by a school bus driver that a man may have exposed himself while he was walking near a bus stop at Seabrook and Kensington, northeast of Palmer and Canton Center. Police received the call about 3:35 p.m. Sept. 11. The man was described as a white male in his 50s with a stocky build. It is believed he was wearing khaki pants and a white shirt.

The bus driver, a 47-year-old Westland woman, said she had just finished dropping off students at the intersection and had stopped to check her bus when she was approached by another driver who had been behind her at the bus stop.

The other driver asked the bus driver if she had just seen a man walking in the area while exposing himself.

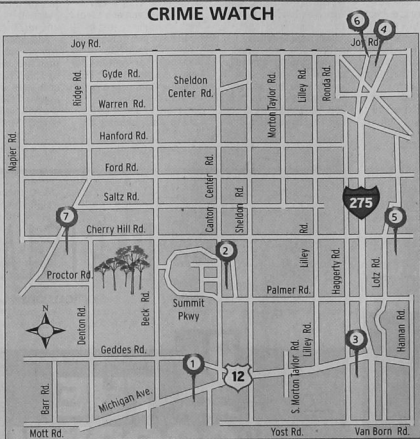
The bus driver had just dropped off three girls and two boys in grades six through eight.

Anyone who notices such an incident should call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400.

Cell theft

Police were investigating reports that a woman was robbed of her cell phone during an incident that allegedly happened about 8:15 p.m. Sunday in the Sherwood Village mobile home park, on Old Michigan southeast of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty.

Police received a call that a black male suspect had taken the victim's cell phone. The woman told police she was outside sitting on the tailgate of her truck when the suspect drove up in a car and approached her.



The woman told police she recognized the suspect as a boyfriend of one of her friends.

The woman conceded she had borrowed money from the friend to buy baby formula and agreed to pay back the money on Tuesday, though the friend's boyfriend stopped by to demand the money Sunday.

The woman reportedly told police she didn't have the money yet but had agreed to pay it by Tuesday. She started to call the friend to whom the money was owed.

She told police the suspect then grabbed her by both arms, threw her to the ground and ripped the cell phone from her hands.

Police were investigating the incident as a strong-arm robbery.

Peepster creep

A woman who lives in Stoneybrooke Apartments southwest of Joy Road and I-275 notified police to report that a peeping Tom was looking in her bedroom.

Police received the call about 1:15 p.m. Saturday.

The 22-year-old woman was in her bedroom talking on the telephone when she said a man sneaked up to her window and looked in. The only description she had was of a man wearing a dark-colored ballcap that he wore backward.

The woman told police the man fled when she screamed.

Parental threats

Police investigated reports that a 27-year-old Canton man may have made threatening remarks against his par-

ents, indicating he might burn down their house while they were inside.

Police were notified of the incident shortly before 10 p.m. Sunday and went to the 300 block of Meadowlake, southeast of Cherry Hill and Lotz, where a pursuit of the suspect by Westland police ended. The suspect had been driving a motorcycle and was taken into custody, a police report said.

Westland authorities had gone through

the suspect's cell phone and found a text indicating the suspect was trying to figure out a way to burn down his parents' house with them in it.

Police contacted the parents and were told that problems with the son had been occurring on an ongoing basis. Police learned the suspect lives with his parents, is argumentative and may have a drug problem.

The parents told police they didn't want to prosecute for the threats but were glad to be aware of the situation.

Storage war

Police went to America's Budget Storage, near Joy and Haggerty roads, after receiving reports that an attempted break-in had occurred at the office.

The incident happened between 1 p.m. Sunday and 9 a.m. Monday. A police report indicated a screen had been bent and removed from a window, though entry to the building wasn't gained.

Pot arrest

Canton police arrested a 22-year-old man who was wanted by Michigan State Police for a felony warrant involving the delivery and manufacturing of marijuana.

The incident happened about 10:30 a.m. Monday when a police officer checked a license plate of a vehicle and learned that the owner had the warrant out for his arrest.

Police couldn't catch up to the car but went to the street where the owner was suspected of living in the 50100 block of Grant, southeast of Cherry Hill and Ridge. Police were arranging to turn the suspect over to state police.

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

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Bidders may obtain one (1) set of bidding documents, beginning at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 18, 2012, by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400. Additional plans may be ordered and purchased directly from Dunn Blue Reprographics Technology, (248) 288-5600. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.** The bid division(s) being bid is/are to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

There will be a pre-bid meeting held on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at the Fiegel School Building located at 39710 Joy Road, Plymouth, Michigan. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project, schedule and to answer any questions that bidders may have.

All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00 41 26) and the Proposal Execution Form (Section 00 42 00). **The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by Section 1287 of the Revised School Code, as amended, MCL 380.1287 and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted.**

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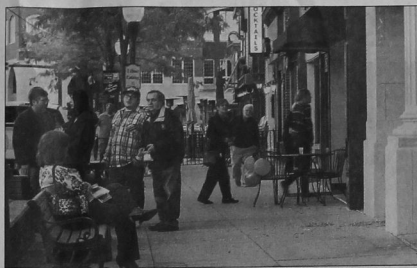
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The restaurant crawl drew an early evening crowd to downtown Plymouth.

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PennTasteTic has city 'crawl'-ing with diners

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Ann Lanzoneri was searching on line for five-kilometer races when she found something every good runner needs — a chance for carbohydrate-loading.

It was downtown Plymouth's restaurant crawl, and Lanzoneri was in. She brought friend Ron McNally and daughter Amanda Lanzoneri along Tuesday evening.

"Of course, our first stop's got to be dessert," joked McNally as the trio sampled ice cream at Kilwin's, which also offered tastes of peanut brittle, fudge and taffy to what server A.J. Smith described as a steady stream of crawlers.

The Lanzoneris and McNally, all of Canton Township, were among the hundreds of people attending the seventh annual restaurant

crawl, also known as the PennTasteTic. The event, a fundraiser for the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and the Penn Theatre, featured more than a dozen downtown restaurants and sweet shops, visits to all of which were included in the price of a \$20 ticket.

How many stops were they planning to make? "As many as we have room for," said Ann Lanzoneri.

"So far it's been great everywhere we've been," said Margaret Harris as she and husband Charlie left the Ironwood Grill on Ann Arbor Trail.

The Harris, of Plymouth Township, are PennTasteTic regulars. "It's good each year to catch the ones you didn't catch before," said Charlie Harris.

All crawlers in fact had a chance this year to sample new fare, as the Sardine Room, Panache 47

and the Greek Islands all opened within the last 10 months. Harris recommended the risotto with crab and lobster at the Sardine Room; the samples served there, he added, would bring people back.

At the Ironwood, Land-on Garrett, one of the owners, was serving up pulled pork sliders and chips with spinach and artichoke dip.

"We do very well for this. It's a fun event," Garrett said. "It helps us out as well, brings people into the city."

Chamber president Wes Graff said PennTasteTic sold out of its 250 tickets — as it usually does. "This is downtown Plymouth," he said.

Proceeds are split evenly between the chamber and the Penn; the restaurants get the publicity value.

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DRUGS

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"The prescription drug take-back campaign was a huge success," Atlanta-based DEA Special Agent Harry Sommers said of the April collection. "More than 552,161 pounds (or 276 tons) of unwanted or expired medications were turned in at numerous sites across the country. As a result, these products did not end up in the hands of a would-be abuser."

Sommers has called the drug-collection efforts "critical in stemming the tide of prescription drug abuse in this country."

One study by the National Survey on Drug Use and Health indicated more Americans are abusing psychotherapeutic pills, or prescription drugs, than the number of cocaine, heroin and hallucinogen abusers combined.

Authorities say all too often, prescription drugs are left in medicine cabinets and other places long after they have been prescribed. In such cases, parents or guardians might not even notice when pills are missing.

Authorities say the DEA-sponsored program takes painkillers, antibiotics and other drugs out of homes and potentially off the street. Canton and other southeast Michigan communities have seen an uptick in pharmacy burglaries this year — another indication of the growing problem of prescription drug abuse.

During times when drug take-back programs aren't available, federal officials have recommended following any disposal information on labels. If there is none, the DEA has suggested these tips:

- Take drugs out of their original containers and mix them with an unde-

sirable substance, such as used coffee grounds or kitty litter. The medication will be less appealing to children and pets, and unrecognizable to people who may intentionally go through trash.

- Put them in a sealed bag, empty can, or other container to prevent the medication from leaking or breaking out of a garbage bag.

- Before throwing out a medicine container, scratch out all identifying information on the prescription label to make it unreadable. This protects a person's identity and personal health information.

- Don't give medications to friends. Doctors prescribe drugs based on a patient's specific symptoms and medical history. What works for one patient could be dangerous for another.

- When in doubt about proper disposal, consult a pharmacist.

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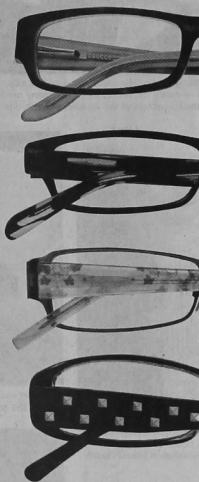
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Revolutionary War soldier's gravesite rededicated

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

The grave site of a Revolutionary War soldier buried in Livonia was rededicated during a ceremony Sunday attended by 13 of his direct descendants.

Pvt. David Dean was just 15 when he enlisted in the Continental Army on March 1, 1778, while living in New York. Chronicles have recorded that he marched to West Point and met George Washington. He took part in the famous battle of Minisink and was one of only 30 patriots to survive.

He moved to Livonia Township in 1836 to live near sons David, Gabriel, William and Luther. He died at age 76 on Sept. 23, 1838, and was buried in Newburgh Cemetery.

In 1930, the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution decorated his grave-site with a Revolutionary War Patriot marker.

But over time, the marker disappeared and his headstone broke into pieces.

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter — headquartered in the Plymouth-Canton-Northville area — paid to replace the marker and restore the gravestone, said Kathleen Ripley Leo, the chapter's regent.

"Our mission is to celebrate their sacrifice," Leo said of Revolutionary War soldiers. "They sacrificed their fortunes, honor and sometimes their lives to make our freedom possible."

'They did it up royal'

Descendants came from as far away as California, but also from Canton, Plymouth, Pinckney, Rochester and Ypsilanti to attend the rededication, which included a rifle and drum corps, color guard, sword ceremony and taps.

"They did it up royal. They did it full-tit," said Sue Daniel, chair of the Livonia Historical Commission and a member of the Sarah Ann Cochrane DAR Chapter.

The ceremony was attended by about 60 people total.

Troy David Schmidt, the great-great-great-grandson of David Dean, traveled from California. He has been researching David Dean's descendants for three decades. He said little personal information is known about David Dean himself.

"We know about his military service, some land records and dates for births, deaths and marriages of David and his family, but there are no known written records to provide us with information about his personal thoughts, beliefs or experiences," Schmidt said.

"His granddaughter, Mary, described the family as 'sturdy Puritan stock, so strict (he) refused to cook on Sunday.'"

"David's grandchildren further described him as a kind man of (Scottish) descent who loved children and enjoyed telling stories about the war," Schmidt said. "I imagine him as stern, determined and independent — a man who



The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the DAR provided boutonnières for direct descendants of David Dean during the ceremony.

worked hard everyday and whose life was shaped by his Presbyterian heritage."

Enlisted three times

David Dean was born in 1763 in Little Britain, N.Y. According to the DAR, he served for just three months following his initial enlistment. Much of that service was fatigue duty and guarding the jail at Goshen, N.Y. Over the next two years, he enlisted twice more to serve for a total of 14 months and 16 days.

He married Phoebe Borland in 1784, and they had nine children who survived to adulthood. The family moved from Goshen, N.Y., to Canandaigua, N.Y., about 1800. Phoebe died Sept. 20, 1831, after which David Dean moved to Livonia Township.

"He didn't live very long (afterwards)," Daniel said.

David Dean gave the musket he used in the Revolutionary War to his son, Gabriel, who had accompanied him on the move to Livonia Township. Daniel said, Gabriel served in the War of 1812, as did three of David Dean's other sons. Gabriel's son Henry fought in the Civil War.

Three of David Dean's sons went on from Livonia to Ingham, Eaton and Jackson counties. Luther stayed behind and also is buried in Newburgh Cemetery.

Daniel said David Dean is one of four known Revolutionary War soldiers buried in Newburgh Cemetery, the city's oldest. His headstone was close to a tree, and one of the roots had dislodged and toppled it as the tree grew.

Schmidt said attending the rededication of his great-great-great-grandfather's tombstone was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for him.

"I'm very happy to see it upright," he said.

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Lawrence Dean Sr. and his brother, Bennett Joy Dean, visited the grave site sometime in the 1930s, after the original marker was placed by the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the DAR.



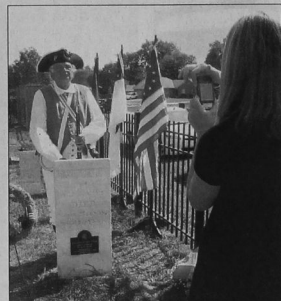
Giving the grave marker a sword salute are Sons of the Revolutionary War Honor Guard members, Gerald Burkland, Joe Conger and Rod Wilson.



Descendants of David Dean — siblings, John Dean, Ypsilanti; Lawrence Dean Jr., Rochester, and Barbara Hight, Plymouth — watch the rededication ceremony conducted by the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.



Descendant Troy Schmidt of Goleta, Calif., came to Livonia to attend the rededication of David Dean's grave site. "I'm very happy to see it upright," he said of the tombstone.



Lauren Evert of Pinckney takes a photo of the grave stone and Sons of the American Revolution Honor Guard member Joe Conger.



Ardis McLeod (right) and LuDean Peters read the inscription on the grave stone of David Dean.



Kathleen Ripley Leo, regent of the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the DAR, talks to the 60 or so people, including 13 direct descendants, who attended the grave rededication ceremony for Revolutionary War soldier David Dean.



The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps starts the ceremony at Newburgh Cemetery.

Survivor takes walk to advance lung cancer research

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

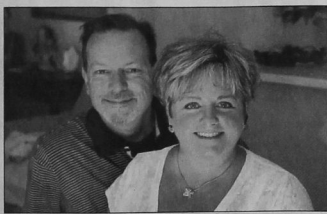
When it comes to lung cancer, Mary Jo Grand knows the statistics.

Lung cancer surpassed breast cancer as the No. 1 killer of women in 1987. It kills more men each year than prostate cancer. It kills more people than breast, prostate, colon, liver, kidney and melanoma combined. It is the No. 1 cancer killer in the United States and the least funded when it comes to research.

She knows those statistics because she has lung cancer. Diagnosed four years ago, she has made it her mission to raise money for research and help those battling the disease. The Garden City resident is holding her third annual MJ Grand Breathe Easy Fun Run/Walk and Dinner on Sunday, Oct. 14, to benefit for the University of Michigan Lung Cancer Research Program.

"When I was diagnosed with lung cancer, I never heard the response I received, I was shocked," she said. "People didn't ask how I was doing, it was 'Oh, you must have been a smoker.' It's time to stop the blame game, it doesn't stop anything." "People who have been diagnosed with lung cancer deserve to receive support and be treated with compassion. We can't get around the fact that smoking is bad for your health, but nearly 80 percent of all newly diagnosed lung cancer patients have never smoked or quit decades ago," she said.

Grand has raised more than \$42,000 for lung cancer research with her Breathe Easy event. It is one of the biggest fundraisers for the U-M research program, and she is hoping to get more



Mary Jo Grand and her husband Tom refer to their trip to Ann Arbor for her chemotherapy treatments as their spa day. Diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer, the Garden City resident is holding her third annual Breathe Easy Fun Run/Walk and Dinner on Sunday, Oct. 14, to raise money for lung cancer research.

people to sign up and raise even more money.

The walk/run is along the Rouge River Gateway Trail and portions of the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus. Registration is at 10 a.m. with the run starting at 11 a.m. and the walk at 11:15 a.m.

The start and finish is adjacent to the Andiamo Italian Steak House which is the dining host for this year's event. The public is invited to gather at the restaurant for an afternoon of special moderately priced Italian food music, Sunday football, children's activities, including face painting and balloon art and a silent auction featuring sports memorabilia, golf packages, hotel packages, jewelry, wine baskets and more.

Andiamo, located at 21400 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, will donate a portion of each diner's food bill between the hours of noon and 4 p.m. to Breathe Easy.

"The gateway trail is spectacular at this time of the year, we couldn't ask for a more beautiful spot for the event," said Grand.

There is a \$20 registration fee. Participants can sign up online and create their own fundraising page at www.breatheasy.kintera.org. Anyone who raises \$100 will receive a commemorative T-shirt. Children age 12 and under are free.

The afternoon also will include special guests Betsy De Parry and Sarah Murray. De Parry, a 12-year survivor of lymphoma, is the producer of *Candid Cancer Reports* on PBS, author of two books, *Adventures In Cancer Land* and the *Rollercoaster Chronicles*. She also is an advocate for cancer research. Murray is widow of Vada Murray, former University of Michigan football player, who will share her and her family's experience with lung cancer. Grand was 47 years old when,

in 2008, she was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. She decided to participate in a clinical trial that used targeted therapy to deal with the disease. Every three weeks, she goes to the cancer center to receive an infusion of Avastin, a cancer drug that has kept the disease at bay. She just received her 78th infusion. Doctors, she said, "are rolling their eyes in wonder." Nurses look at her chart and say "78 can't be right."

"Four years ago I was given six months to a year," she said. "There were 47 people in phase two of the clinical trials. I got very lucky, it worked for me." Having cancer has changed Grand. She appreciates the little things in life. Cancer, she said, has taught her "to live in the moment."

Grand and her husband, Tom, make the trip to the cancer center every three weeks. They call it their spa day. After her treatment, they stop for dinner at a favorite restaurant or try some place new. They have met many people at the center during those four years — people who can't eat or sleep, people who are "so scared." The Grands talk to them about their journey.

"She gives them hope and they leave there with hope," said Tom Grand.

"The Avastin is working, that and a lot of prayers," added Grand. "I told my doctor that No. 1 I put this in God's hand to let the medicine do what it can. With guided medication and prayer, I'm still here today."

"My doctor said he probably will never live to see a cure, but he will see it as a managed disease," she added.

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The Canton Public Library's Back to Business School is in session for the fall.

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CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

Major investment

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation announced five companies were approved for incentives by the Michigan Strategic Fund through the Michigan Business Development Program to support their expansions in the state. The projects are expected to generate up to \$59.6 million in investments and add 387 new jobs in Michigan.

"From leading edge technologies to a food producer, these five companies are demonstrating that Michigan can compete with any state in the country as a great place to grow a business," said Michael A. Finney, MEDC President and CEO. "These new investments show once more Michigan's highly competitive business climate and tremendous workforce capabilities mean real opportunities for leading companies."

Among the Michigan Strategic Fund approved incentives for the following projects: Mayer Polymer USA is the North American presence of Mayer, an international producer of headwear, foam technology, molding and safety technology. Mayer Polymer USA plans to expand its operations in Canton Township to include light assembly of their anti-pinch sensors.

Sump pump check

Experts at Plumbing Professors say making sure your sump pump works now can prevent problems later. When the rain starts to fall heavily in Michigan within the next few months, staffers said, homeowners can prevent dealing with a flooded basement by having a working sump pump.

With heavy rains (one inch or more) in a short period of time, the pump located at the sump bucket works extremely hard to keep up with the amount of water flowing into the bucket. If and when that pump fails, the exterior walls of the basement and under the basement floor begin to fill up with water.

Matt O'Rourke, Vice President of Plumbing Professors says, "Picture an inside out swimming pool," Matt O'Rourke, vice president of Plumbing

Professors, said. "The walls and floor cannot handle the hydrostatic pressure and begin to leak. In some cases the water will overflow from the sump bucket causing the basement to fill with water."

O'Rourke pointed out sump pumps can fail due to age, power outages or even a blockage in the discharge line. Any one of these failures will result in a flooded or leaking basement.

Most sump pumps will last 5-10 years, but there is no real guarantee. Experts have seen pumps last 2-3 years or as long as 15. It all depends on the type of pump, housing of pump and the water tables where the home is located. Soil conditions and landscaping can also play a huge part in ground water management, too.

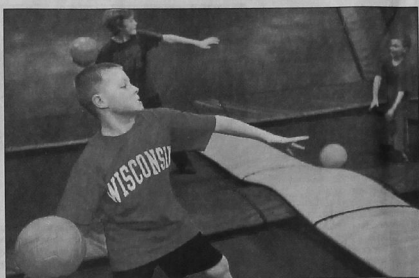
The most important thing for areas that experience a lot of rain is having some sort of secondary or back up sump pump. Plumbing Professors can be reached by calling (800) 654-1300.

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 rpavol64@prodigy.net, or John Ledjelm, president, at (313) 863-8850 or dieseljin@aol.com.



Sky Zone Canton will be hosting a fundraiser supporting the American Heart Association Monday, Oct. 15, to raise funds to aid in funding cardiovascular research, while also benefiting Plymouth-Canton schools through Jump Rope For Heart & Hoops For Heart.

Sky Zone starts community initiative

Staffers at Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park, creator of the world's first all-trampoline, walled playing court, is excited to give back to the community which has supported them since day one.

The sky's the limit as Sky Zone kicks off its community involvement initiative. Sky Zone Canton received an overwhelming amount of support from the community as they opened their doors in July, and the team feels very strongly about giving back.

A team of Sky Zone employees will go out into the community and participate in volunteer activities, provide donations for charitable causes and host fundraisers at its 35,000-square-foot facility in Canton.

The efforts will be led by a core group of Sky Zone volunteers who will be looking for requests that best align with Sky Zone's priorities:

- Promoting a healthy lifestyle through a focus on fitness and fun
 - Supporting children in need and their families
 - Showcasing the unique benefits of Sky Zone to as many people as we can
 - Maximizing the return on our fundraising efforts
- For more information or to request Sky Zone volunteers, fundraiser or donations please go to the Sky Zone Canton website at www.skyzonesports.com/canton. Please click on the community involvement section which is located under the 'About Us' tab.

In order to kick off this



Staffers at Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park in Canton are starting a community initiative that will benefit Plymouth-Canton Schools.

combination of fun and fitness that anyone can participate in, regardless of age, size or physical ability. Together, we can make a difference in children's lives."

Brittany Merritt, regional vice president of Youth Market for Michigan American Heart Association, said the initiative is important because childhood obesity can be prevented with programs and resources that influence healthy behaviors.

"Many parents don't realize simple steps like adding good nutrition and exercise to a child's daily regimen can help tremendously," Merritt said.

"We commend Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park for believing in our mission and introducing youth programs to the community."

Sky Zone Canton is located at 42550 Executive Drive in Canton. For more information about Sky Zone Canton and the American Heart Association, visit www.skyzonesports.com/canton and www.heart.org.

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CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

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, www.cantonchamber.com or by calling (734) 453-4040.

My Fair Lady

Don't miss the comedy, music and romance of "My Fair Lady," the legendary musical loved by audiences, worldwide. Show continues Friday, Sept. 21, at 7:30 p.m. and runs through Sunday, Sept. 23. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m.

Performances are at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. Tickets are available by phone at The Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www.spotlightplayersmi.org or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door.

Business awards

The chamber's annual Business Awards luncheon takes place 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Cost is \$25 for member advance registration, \$30 members at the door and non-members. Sponsors are Atchinson Ford Sales, Community Financial, Molly Maid, Schoolcraft College and Show-



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room of Elegance. Reservations are required.

Call the chamber office at (734) 453-4040 or email admin@cantonchamber.com.

First Friday Club

The chamber's 1st Friday Club meets 8:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at the chamber office, 45525 Hanford in Canton.

Register today. This is an opportunity for one-on-one networking in a small cup setting. This networking event is limited to 10 separate businesses plus a sponsor. Participants should bring business cards, flyers, etc., to share with the group. Participation in this networking event is limited to once per quarter. To make your reservation, call (734) 453-4040 or email admin@cantonchamber.com.

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Worth the walk

Crowds were large and diners were sated Tuesday as the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of the Penn Theater teamed up to offer their annual PENN-Taste-Tic fundraiser.

Plymouth Chamber executive director Wes Graff said the fund-

raiser, which divides the money evenly between the chamber and the Penn Theater, sold out "as it always does."

Diners were treated to samples from many downtown Plymouth restaurants, including several new ones that have opened in the last year.

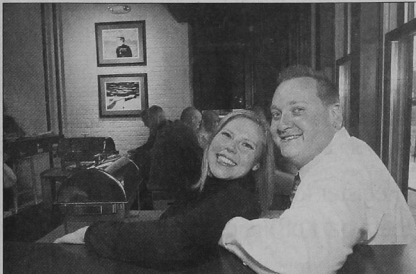


Zin server Lauren Strachan offers Chicken Tandoori Rolls.



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The balloons tell everyone that E.G.Nicks is participating in the crawl. Becky McKinney of Canton, Dawn Walsh of Plymouth, Kathy Mihelick of Canton, and Cindy Saunders, also of Canton, enter the restaurant.



Dawn and Craig Lucier, of Plymouth, really enjoyed Arrancini (lobster risotto) at The Sardine Room.

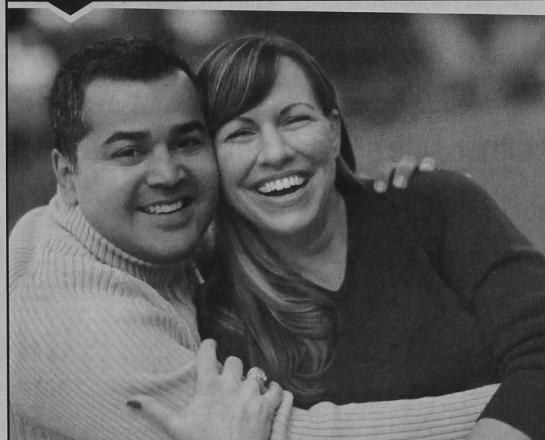
E.G. Nicks was a popular choice during the restaurant crawl.



Susan Schmits, of Canton, Sandi Srodawa, of Plymouth, and Tia Barbera, of Canton, admire the martini display at Panache.

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OUR VIEWS

To register to vote, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old by election day, a resident of Michigan and the city or township where you're applying vote. It's that simple, yet so powerful.

Powerful privilege

Register to vote, plan to be a part of the process

If you've forgotten the fact that voting in the United States is a privilege — and a duty — think again. If political ads, candidate bashing and venomous political division is causing complacency, think again.

Voting is the core of our democracy. We not only remind our readers to study all of the issues and candidates in this important 2012 election season, we also implore those who aren't registered to vote, to do so before the Tuesday, Oct. 9, deadline.

If you don't think it's important, just listen to five minutes of news reports from around the world. Our political system may have its faults, but it's no excuse to excuse yourself from the democratic process that ensures people have a voice in this country.

Whether you're just turning 18 and are eligible to vote; you've recently become a U.S. citizen; or you've just never been interested in voting — no matter your reason, now is the time to get registered. And, on Nov. 6, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m., will be the time to exercise your right at the polls.

It's an amazing and empowering civic duty.

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You can register in person at Canton Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Street in Canton.

If you'll be outside of the community on election day, or otherwise eligible, you can also apply for an absent voter ballot from the clerk's offices.

Normal business hours for the Canton Township clerk's office are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

You can also download a mail-in voter registration from the Secretary of State's website, www.michigan.gov/sos but you must vote in person for your first election, except if you're age 60 or older.

Don't let your work schedule or vacation plans interfere with your right to vote. Absentee voter ballots are available for all elections. It's a good way to cast your ballot when you're unable to go to the polls on election day.

As a registered voter, you may obtain an absentee voter ballot if you are:

- 65 years old or older
- Unable to vote without assistance at the polls
- Expecting to be out of town on election day
- In jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- Unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons
- Appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.

Democracy is there, waiting for you to participate. There's no better time to be a part of the process than during this 2012 election, in which voters will decide offices from the president of the United States, all the way down to your state representatives and county commissioners.

Powerful, indeed. Don't miss out.

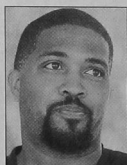
COMMUNITY VOICE

Would you want to serve on the Kwame Kilpatrick jury? Why or why not?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"Yes, I would. I think he deserves a fair trial."
Jackie Morris
Canton



"Probably not. With all the stuff that's going on with the trial, I wouldn't want to be associated with it."
Ron Green
Belleville



"Yes, I would, although I'm not sure I could be impartial. I think he has been a really bad chapter in Detroit's history."
Vivien Pierson
Canton



"No. It would be hard. I wouldn't want to be away from my family for a long time."
Karen Lijek
Canton

LETTERS

Governor's courage

Gov. Snyder has again shown courage and vision in negotiating the lease of Belle Isle. For 50 years I've enjoyed visiting Belle Isle but have seen it deteriorate to the dilapidated overgrown mess that it is today. Detroit will never have the money to restore it. Operated as a State Park it will again become a jewel of the Detroit Metro area as Central Park is to New York, as Kellogg Park is to Plymouth or a more familiar level.

The governor has demonstrated leadership in promoting a new international bridge. It is not in our best interest to have International border crossings that are privately owned or monopolized. It is government's job to assure our security and to promote commerce. This bridge will pay huge dividends in terms of commercial growth for our state.

The governor helped rein in the state's run-away health care expenses by limiting the state's contribution to health care for government employees. While that change has personally been painful to me financially, it was necessary as the cost trends were clearly unsustainable. This move is a major step in moving Michigan forward to meet our future challenges.

Mike Gerou
Canton

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters by the following formats:

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Deadline: Letters should be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published Thursday.

'New' Sheldon Center

I've lived in the area of Sheldon and Joy Road across from Gallimore school for 35 years and the noise being generated by cyclists and muscle cars is unbelievable.

I believe the cyclists and cars come to open the strip of road and get the need for speed and rapping mufflers. Some of these bikes must be burning past 70 mph and generating a noise that almost rattles my windows.

The mufflers on these vehicles are probably illegal. They seem to enhance noise rather than muffle it. I hear bikes on Ann Arbor Road and Morton Taylor that sound like they are blowing through my sub.

STAFF COLUMN

Other side's grass not always greener

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Last year, the company the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education contracted with for transportation after privatizing its bus drivers had to sub-contract with two different companies to fulfill the obligations, and still couldn't meet them.



Brad Kadrich

This year, working for a company that pays them \$16.25 per hour and offers no pension plan, bus drivers began leaving Michigan Education Transportation System in droves. According to district administrators, some 25 percent of the bus drivers have left over the summer, most for better-paying jobs with private companies or with school districts (Livonia, for example) that still offer pension plans.

Clearly, the privatization of the bus drivers isn't working, at least not yet. The situation came to a bit of a head last week, when Plymouth resident Melissa Uhl told the story of how excited her young son was about finally being able to ride the school bus to kindergarten, only to find out it didn't come. Her neighborhood bus routes definitely suffered, with several substitute bus drivers and even a sub-contracted company having to cover the routes.

Phil Freeman, the district's assistant superintendent for facilities and operations, tried to explain the situation, pointing out the departure of so many bus drivers (many of them in the week leading up to the start of school), and throwing in the myriad of construction issues and the need for time for new drivers to learn the routes.

School trustee Mark Horvath jumped at the bait, telling Freeman pointedly, "Personally, I don't want to hear 'This is a part of doing business' ... We should never say 'it's the beginning of the school year.' We have a beginning of the school year every year. We've got to get it right."

Horvath and fellow trustee Mike Maloney, who weren't part of the board that privatized bus drivers, have never been big fans of some of the decisions made by that previous board. They spent much of last year at the podium during board meetings, criticizing the board for some of those decisions (remember, it was a campaign year).

Considering three of the other board members — Judy Manglick, Adrienne Davis and Barry Simescu — were part of the board that privatized bus drivers, it isn't surprising Horvath and Maloney were the only ones to speak up about the first-week busing issues. But their ire was misdirected.

Horvath is asking for charts and graphs and numbers and plans to solve the problem; it's how he works. But Freeman is right; you can't throw numbers at this problem and fix it. And blaming administration for a problem the board has wrought seems wrong.

Please, bikers and muscle car drivers, forget the bursts of speed and try to remember that this is a residential area. Also, I question why there are no reduced speed limit signs in front of Gallimore Elementary School.

Richard Giles
Canton

Summit no longer a bonus

I've been a member of The Summit, Canton Township's leisure facility, for several years. As a senior citizen on a fixed income this membership has been a bonus.

It's preventative medicine for seniors to keep moving. The township is a fortunate to have such a great resource and staff who work directly with the members for the price of the yearly fee.

However, that has changed as of Fall 2012. In addition to a yearly membership fee, I will now have to pay almost \$300 for classes formerly included in my yearly membership dues.

Canton's Leisure Services has taken my means of prevention out of my health program. My fixed income now can't afford something I truly need to support my health, and that my Canton taxes help subsidize.

Rosemary Jones
Canton Township

Like when the board kept sending the administration back to the drawing board for different scenarios before trustees closed Fiegel Elementary School, demanding constant reporting about the solutions now is a waste of Freeman's time.

Freeman and Kurt Tyszkiewicz, the district's director of student services, put in hundreds of manhours figuring out how best to configure the district's boundaries. The work was to no avail when the board, this time including Horvath and Maloney, failed to consider their work as found a solution of their own.

Freeman doesn't need me to defend him; administrators will solve this problem simply because there's no other choice. But the decision to privatize bus drivers, which cost some \$300,000 more than expected last year alone, could reverberate for a long time, particularly if METS for some reason goes under.

I'm not suggesting the district bring the bus drivers back into the fold, although it would be nice to see them get a decent wage and a retirement package that won't leave them worrying about how they'll survive. But the transportation struggles do provide a cautionary tale when the district goes into contract negotiations with any number of its unions.

The grass almost always looks greener on the other side. It's been my experience the look is deceiving.

Brad Kadrich is community editor of the Plymouth and Canton Observer. He can be reached via e-mail at bkadrich@hometownlife.com.

Look for solid, long-term track record before investing

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

I received a call from a client who wanted my opinion on an investment that he was considering. The investment was a new mutual fund that was going to follow a proprietary strategy that, according to the fund's prospectus, would be able to protect against downturns in the market and allow the investor to participate in market upswings.

The fund materials mentioned a number of times - it was an alternative investment. The client liked what he read and wanted my opinion. Even before I studied the prospectus or looked deeper into the fund management team and the past



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

track records, I told him that I could not recommend the investment.

When it comes to investing, in order to be successful, you have to set certain rules and criteria for yourself that you follow in virtually all cases and exceptions should be rare. One of the rules that I live by is that I do not invest nor will I recommend a new investment.

Criteria

One of the criteria I have before I will recommend an investment is that it must have a solid, long-term track record. The main reason you invest money is to make money and that is why before I recommend an investment, I want to see a solid long-term track record.

Any investment can have a good year or a bad year; therefore, I look at any one year as immaterial. I want to look at investments where I can look at five and 10-year track records. To me, that is much more of a

relevant time period than in the case at hand where the fund has only been around for three months.

The new buzz word in investing today is alternative. Fund companies have started marketing many of their funds as alternatives, which means that they're either investing in a non-traditional asset class or following non-conventional investment strategies.

I think all too often many of these mutual fund companies are rolling out new funds not because they have a better way of managing your money but rather, they're looking at market shares.

Looking back

It reminds me of what was happening in the late 1990s when fund companies were developing new funds all based upon the buzz word at the time and that was technology. Unfortunately, many of those funds didn't have a better way of managing your money

and many of those funds, after years of miserable performance, went out of business.

I don't personally invest or recommend any investment that doesn't have a track record. That means that I may miss out on certain opportunities, but that's the cost I'm willing to pay to protect myself. I believe that as an investment advisor, my goal is to protect and grow a client's money. One way I can protect a client's money is to avoid new investments.

For someone who wants to invest in a new investment without a track record, I tell them that they should treat it not as investing, but rather, speculating. There's nothing wrong with taking a "flier" on an investment. As long as it is not a material portion of your portfolio and you recognize the additional risk you are assuming.

I look at speculating more akin to gambling than investing. When you have a new

investment, there is not a lot of independent information upon which to base your decision. On the other hand, with an investment that has been around for a while, there's a lot more information that you can use to analyze the investment and to make an informed decision. In principle, there is nothing wrong with gambling, however, there's a time and place for it. The same thing can be said about speculating on an investment.

I cannot stress enough how important it is that, as an investor, you follow a set of rules that work for your situation. This won't assure you of success, but it will put the odds more in your favor. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial advisor. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, please email Rick at rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

Former McCotter staffer pleads no contest to five misdemeanor counts in petition scandal

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

A staffer for former Congressman Thaddeus McCotter pleaded no contest Tuesday to five misdemeanor charges in the congressman's petition scandal.

Lorianne O'Brady, 52, of Livonia, who worked as a scheduler for the former congressman, pleaded no contest in 16th District Court before Judge Kathleen J. McCann to five counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor or punishable by up to 93 days in jail. Her sentencing hearing is scheduled for Oct. 23 in front of McCann.

Attorney General Bill Schuette said there was no plea or sentencing agreement offered.

"As your attorney general, I have a duty to enforce the law and ensure public integrity," said Schuette in a prepared statement. "After a thorough investigation, my office determined that criminal acts were committed, and the appropriate criminal charges were filed."

"Our office will continue to prosecute the remaining defendants involved in this shame-

ful violation of the public trust."

Schuette alleges that members of McCotter's Michigan staff were involved in a deliberate fraud involving a pattern of copying and altering petitions in order to qualify the five-term congressman for the 2012 Michigan ballot. Schuette revealed examples of petitions that were allegedly manufactured electronically by transposing signatures collected in previous election years onto 2012 nominating petitions.

After the signatures were declared invalid by the Secretary of State's office, McCotter said he was going to run as a write-in, then decided that he would not run in the 11th Congressional District in early June. On July 6, McCotter, who was not charged in Schuette's petition fraud investigation, resigned from Congress.

Three other former staffers also face charges.

Mary Melissa Turnbull of Howell is scheduled for a preliminary exam on Sept. 27. Turnbull faces two charges: one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, a five-year

felony; and one count of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

Don Yowchuang of Farmington Hills faces 17 charges: 10 counts of election law forgery, a five-year felony; one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, a five-year felony; and six counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor or punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

Paul Seewald of Livonia faces 10 charges: one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, a five-year felony; and nine counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor or punishable by up to 93 days in jail. Pleas of not guilty were entered for Seewald and Yowchuang at their arraignments on Aug. 10.

Yowchuang and Seewald are scheduled for a pre-exam conference on Oct. 9 and a preliminary exam on Oct. 11 in 16th District Court.

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Josh White highlights Barefoot concert

Barefoot Productions hosts celebrated blues and folk musician Josh White, Jr., for a rare appearance Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Barefoot Productions facility located at 240 N. Main in Plymouth.

White, a singer and guitarist of international acclaim, appeals to the emotional core of his audiences. He sings with intent to reach the best part of each listener, then to acknowledge and reinforce the most positive human trait. He paraphrases



White

es Woody Guthrie's commitment to "sing the songs that make you take pride in yourself," and for many years has given each audience a sense of fulfillment and joy.

White has been honored as a recipient of the "Harvey Chapin Award for Contributions to Humanity" for his dedication to social

reforms and charitable organizations by way of countless benefit concerts. He has graced the stages of Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Madison Square Garden, and recently sang on the stage of New York City Center and The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., accompanying the Harlem Theater of Dance's rendition of John Henry.

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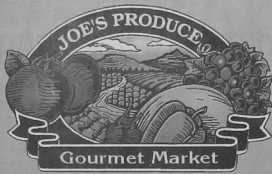
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PLYMOUTH WHALERS PREVIEW

Whalers primed for success

DROP THE PUCK

What: Plymouth Whalers open the 2012-13 Ontario Hockey League season with a game Friday at Sault Ste. Marie and 7 p.m. Saturday at Compuware Arena against Belleville.

Listen: The home opener will be broadcast on 88.1 The Park, with Pete Krupsky handling play-by-play duties. There will be 24 Whalers games on the local station this season. Also, all games can be streamed live at www.plymouthwhalers.com.

Tickets: Call (734) 453-8400 for info. **Upcoming:** The Whalers will play home games on several Saturday nights in a row. Those include Sept. 29 against Sudbury, Oct. 6 against Niagara and Oct. 13 against Sault Ste. Marie. All home games start at 7 p.m.

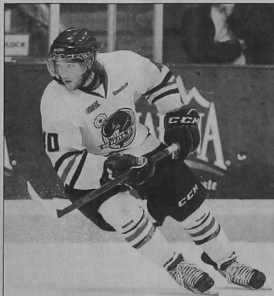
By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Year after year, it seems Mike Vellucci merely reloads his Plymouth Whalers roster for another shot at supremacy in the Ontario Hockey League.

And the 2012-13 team should have no trouble continuing that trend, with an enviable mix of seasoned OHL veterans and uber-talented newcomers to the Whalers.

They are a lock to make it to the playoffs a 22nd consecutive spring. "I think people will tell you we're the favorite in our conference and I wouldn't shy away from it," said Vellucci, whose 12th season as head coach opens Friday night at Sault Ste. Marie. "That's something we should embrace and I would agree with it."

"We have some very good firepower up front, good defense now that we made a few changes and our goaltender has



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Scoring threat Alex Aleari of Farmington Hills is looking to hit the 50-goal barrier this season for the Plymouth Whalers.

been strong. I think we've shored up in all three areas now. We just got to bring the consistency every night."

Opposing coaches will

have plenty to worry about when their teams go up against the Whalers, who finished second in the Western Conference in 2011-12 with 97 points.

That's even after Plymouth lost a number of key players. Gone from 2011-12 are forwards Andy Bathgate, Jamie Devane and Mitchell Heard (recently signed by Colorado) and currently with AHL affiliate Lake Erie; defencemen Beau Schmitz (Howell) and Austin Levi (Farmington Hills); and goalie Scott Wedgewood.

The Whalers, however, still boast offensive power in forwards Stefan Noesen (38 goals, 44 assists, 82 points), Farmington Hills' Alex Aleari (36-29-65), Rickard Rakell (28-34-62), JT Miller (25-37-62) and Garrett Meurs (20-33-53).

"I want to be an offensive-minded guy this year, really be a go-to guy," said Aleari, along with defenceman Colin MacDonald one of the team's coverage players. "That's what I should be. I want to score 50 goals."

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Hole-in-one club grows

Golfers of all ages keep sinking tee shots, with the latest being an ace by 39-year-old Kyungsook Oh of Novi on Saturday.

Oh used a 7-iron and Srixon golf ball on the 160-yard No. 14 hole at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center's Golden course in Plymouth.

• On Sept. 12 at Fox Hills' Woodlands course, West Bloomfield resident Ren Swope, 82, used a 9-iron and Top Flite XL ball to sink the 108-yard No. 5 hole.

• On Sept. 9 at Fox Hills' Strategic Fox Course, Milford resident Carrie Tokar, 37, used a pitching wedge to sink a hole-in-one on the 78-yard No. 3 hole.

• Sheppard's Hollow Golf Course in Clarkston was where resident Mark Burgoon registered his first-ever hole-in-one.

Burgoon's feat took place Sept. 7. He took a 9-iron to ace the 130-yard No. 21 hole.

• Back on Aug. 18, 75-year-old Frank Young of Livonia aced the 149-yard No. 14 hole at Fox Hills' Golden course. He used a 4-hybrid club and Titleist Velocity ball for his winner of a shot.

PCA spikers give it their all

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

First-year Plymouth Christian Academy volleyball coach Katie LeComte isn't using the lack of depth on her roster as a crutch for any setbacks the Eagles might endure this season.

On Tuesday, the host Eagles — with just two players on the bench, which will be the case all year — battled but lost 3-1 to Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest. PCA (1-1 in the Michi-

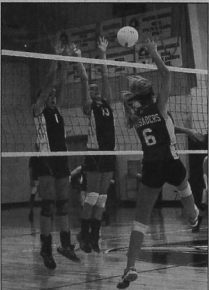
gan Independent Athletics Conference) won the opener 25-24, rallying from an early 7-2 deficit.

In Games 2-3, the Crusaders won by identical 25-21 scores and then finished off the Eagles in the fourth set with a 25-20 triumph.

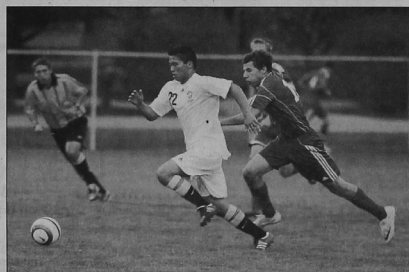
"I don't think it's so much fatigue," LeComte said. "I think if somebody's off or not playing well I don't really have a lot of subs. Plus, they're so young. It's really for-

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Jumping in unison to try and block a spike attempt by Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest's Emily Woodfin (No. 6) are Plymouth Christian Academy's Kelsey Williamson (No. 1) and Sydney Burton (No. 10).



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Plymouth's DK Kim (No. 22) gets the jump on Salem's Matthew DeMoss (No. 15) during Monday night's varsity boys soccer match.

Early goals power Salem

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Two quick goals Monday night sparked state-ranked Salem to a 3-0 victory over Plymouth in K.L.A.A boys soccer action.

It was 2-0 before three minutes of the contest had elapsed at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity soccer field, to the dismay of Wildcats head coach Jeff Neschich.

"It was almost like we were sleepwalking when we started this thing and we never recovered from that," Neschich

said. "They were winning the battles in the box. They won two early."

On the flip side, Salem head coach Ed McCarthy emphasized that the early goals did not mean it was an easy victory for the No. 6 Class A team in the state (now with a record of 8-2-2 overall).

"I think maybe Plymouth started a little flat and we had two re-start goals in the first few minutes," McCarthy said. "Which really set the tone and made this game seem a lot further away than it was."

"This was a closer game than what that score indicated."

McCarthy added that the Wildcats came on strong later in the first half and could have cut the lead to 2-1 if not for some solid goalkeeping from junior Collin Hewett.

"I was not comfortable at halftime that this game was under control by any stretch because Plymouth had been dangerous," McCarthy said. The Cole twins teamed up for Salem's first goal as Brady Cole headed

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Officials training

The Michigan Women's Lacrosse Association (MWLOA), a Michigan-based, US Lacrosse-endorsed non-profit, is hosting a series of clinics throughout the state over the next four months for adults interested in officiating women's lacrosse.

Three of the sessions — Jan. 16, 23 and 24 — will be held in Birmingham.

Each clinic is geared to give new officials — and those who would like to enhance their lacrosse officiating skills — the opportunity to learn the basic rules, penalty administration and positioning concepts as one begins the journey to becoming an official of the newest sport on two feet.

"We are thrilled to be offering so many clinics," said Laura DeMeulemeester, the president of the Michigan Women's Lacrosse Officials Association. "Introducing lacrosse to Michigan's adults and having them learn the right skill-set, from some of the best people in the sport today, is exciting. If someone wants to work up to six days a week, get exercise and make some good money, this is the right opportunity."

All adults over the age of 18 who welcome the challenge of learning or officiating a new sport are encouraged to sign up and attend one of the clinics. Games are played Monday through Saturday from March until June.

The cost for the six-hour clinic is \$50 and includes membership within MWLOA. Membership in United States Lacrosse will be required after completion of classroom and prior to any on-field work.

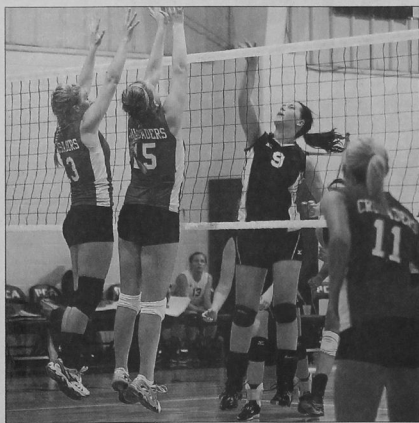
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Getting a read

Looking to read one of the greens at Whispering Willows on Tuesday are Plymouth senior golfers Kelsey Murphy (left) and Sarah Thompson. The Wildcats defeated Livonia Churchill, 160-190. For more on the match, please turn to page B2.



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Plymouth Christian Academy junior middle blocker Jennifer Malcom (No. 9) squares off against Kayla Kokko (No. 13) and Katelyn Rasmussen (No. 15) of Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

Weather doesn't stop cruising Wildcats

The wind whipped through Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf Course on Tuesday, but that didn't stop Plymouth from whipping through another KLAAsouth Division opponent.

The Wildcats earned a 160-190 win over host Livonia Churchill to improve to 11-0 overall and 6-0 in the division.

Kelsey Murphy scored a 37 to secure medalist honors. She was followed by Sarah Thompson (38), Kayla Whately (42), Katie Chipman (43), Sydney Murphy (44) and Danielle Allen (46).

Churchill's top performer was Jackie Burdette, who registered a 39.

"It was rainy at times, very windy," Plymouth head coach Dan Young said. "Obviously it's got colder, but we played well. We've been talking about it, that the worse the conditions the better it is for us, because we know we have a good team."

"We know we can get through that (poor conditions) and still score."

Pretty in Pink
Plymouth also prevailed at Saturday's Pretty in Pink Invitational in Farmington Hills with a score of 319.

The low score for 18 holes was Kelsey Murphy (72) while Thompson finished second overall with a 78. Other Plymouth finishers were Sydney Murphy (81), Chipman (88), Whately (89) and Allen (92).

Also competing at the invite were Canton (5th place) and Salem (13th).



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Plymouth's Sarah Thompson gets set to drive a tee shot during Tuesday's dual meet against Livonia Churchill at Whispering Willows.

For the Chiefs, Kelsey McDougall registered an 80, followed by Chloe Luyet (90), Katie Adams (93), Alyce Krumm (95), Rachel Pisano (102) and Madeilyn Mans (102).

Salem's top scorer was Gabby LeBlanc, with a 98. Other Rocks included Kiley Flynn (101),

Christine Li (110), Hope Warkozeski (112), Katie Vena (115) and Amanda Bennett (133). Meanwhile, the Wildcats will host Canton 3 p.m. Friday at the Fox Hills Classic course. The dual meet originally was scheduled for Thursday.

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ing them to work through it.

"Even if they are kind of mentally down, and they have to stay in they have to work through it, which is tough to do, especially because there's so many young players."

The Eagles did show plenty of spunk, especially in Game 3, after falling behind 17-3 (thanks largely to a 9-0 serving run by the Crusaders) Katelyn Rasmussen).

"They put up quite a fight, they definitely don't quit," LeComte noted.

PCA junior middle blocker Jennifer Mal-

colm sparked the surge with four service points (including an ace) to make it a 19-9 game.

The rally featured excellent work at the net by Malcolm and senior outside hitter Mary Anleitner, enabled PCA to cut the lead to 24-21.

Looking to even the match in Game 4, and force a fifth game, the Eagles could not overcome an early seven-point serving stint by Emily Woodfin (including four aces).

"We wasted a lot of opportunities," LeComte said. "Especially on free balls, where we should have been putting the ball away."

In the opening game, the Eagles capped off a win when junior outside hitter Rachel Fuller served up three points

to bring PCA back from a one-point deficit. On the same point, Malcolm set up Anleitner for an impressive slam.

Also helping out in that game for PCA was sophomore right-side hitter Kelsey Williamson, with three service points to break a 16-16 tie.

Malcolm led the Eagles with eight kills, 15 defensive digs and 15 assists. Anleitner chipped in with seven kills and four aces.

Contributing nine digs was sophomore libero Callie Morby.

Leading the Crusaders (1-1 in the MIAC) with 12 kills was Kayla Kokko. Rasmussen tallied nine aces and Lexi Stroeters added 22 assists.

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Wildcats show they belong

Rebounding from a sluggish start, Plymouth's varsity girls volleyball team captured the Trojan Invitational Saturday at Trenton High School.

The Wildcats got past Macomb Dakota (24-26, 25-18, 15-10) in the semifinals before upending Utica Eisenhower 25-22, 28-26 in the finals.

In pool play, Plymouth lost to Dakota (23-25, 18-25) but defeated Macomb L'Anse Creek (25-15, 25-22) and Trenton (25-12, 25-14).

Top performers for the Wildcats included Madeilyn Betts (37 kills,

22 digs), Olivia Beyer (27 kills, nine blocks), Emilee Beyer (25 kills,

11 digs, four aces), Italian exchange student Cat Soli (11 kills, six blocks, seven assists), libero Zoe Irvin (26 digs, including four game savers in the semis), setter Shayla Smalla (67 assists, 10 aces) and defensive specialist Haylee Weber (19 digs).

"There were a lot of great teams there including Macomb Dakota who is currently ranked No. 1 in the state," Plymouth head coach Sarah Marody said. "My girls had a slow

start to the morning but as the day went on, their game just kept improving."

"The offense we have been working on began to click, our defense was impenetrable."

She also praised the team's unselfishness and enthusiasm, which contributed to the tourney victory.

Plymouth wins in 3

In a KLAAsouth Division match Tuesday, host Plymouth defeated Westland John Glenn in three sets, 25-23, 25-17, 25-16.

Before the game, a special ceremony recognized Wildcats senior Madeilyn Betts for signing her commitment letter to play at Robert Morris.

Canton rolls

On Tuesday, host Canton (12-7-1, 2-2) rolled to a 25-13, 25-14, 25-21 KLAAsouth Division triumph over Livonia Franklin (8-12, 2-2).

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

wanted to terminate the ball and pass on dimes."

"Undoubtedly the most entertaining point of the entire night unfolded in the match's final moments when — with the Ocelots leading 21-10 in the final set — the two teams orchestrated a thrilling rally that featured players from both teams making improbable digs from all points on the court.

SC eventually won the impressive point when a Hawk sent a hit out of bounds — close to 60 seconds after it started.

"That's how we play," Brumfield asserted, when asked for his assessment of the point.

"When we scrimmaged Madonna, I've never seen the girls play so well. What we need to do now is get to the point where we're playing like that on a regular basis.

"It's part of the maturity of the game. Unlike the four-year scholastics, we don't have juniors and seniors, so the girls we have are constantly

learning and growing."

A trio of Livonia natives impacted the match in a positive way. Twin sophomores Kara and Nicole Kempinski — products of the Livonia Churchill volleyball juggernaut — were key spark plugs in the victory while Stevenson grad Monika Rudis was a piston, delivering a couple floor-denting kills in the fourth set.

Redford native Erica Pironello played well for the Hawks, knocking down the 25th point in her team's narrow second-set win.

Allen Park Cabrini's Emily Bondar and Carlton Airport's Brittany Sprinkles also sparked in the front row for Brumfield's crew, which returns to action tonight against St. Clair Community College.

"I think this team is going to enjoy a lot more success than not," Brumfield said. "We're going to have a winning season. At the same time, we can't let teams sneak up on us. We have to hum every set we're out there."

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No. 4: Jon Conn (P) def. Andrew Watson, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Cameron Earls-Daniel Grant (P) def. Daniel Selva-Arthur Herrera, 6-0, 6-1.
No. 2: Joe Klotz-Danny Sinnott (P) def. Davion Holt-Antonio Heberling, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 3: Akash Venkatesh-Praveen Loganathan (P) def. Jack Delisi-Daniel Mills, 6-0, 6-1.
No. 4: Jared Hoop-Tyler Smith (P) def. Brandon Nevel-Sam Washington, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 5: Charlie Anderson-Roger Matar (P) def. Tyler Dunn-Arthur Straw, 6-1, 6-1.
Dual match records: Plymouth, 5-1 overall, 4-0 KLAAsouth Division.

PREP GRID PICKS

Table with columns: Week 5, Friday, Sept. 21, and various sports categories (North, South, West, Overall) with corresponding team names and scores.

Aerial attack downs Warriors

By Brad Emmons
Observer Staff Writer
Saturday's MIAC football clash between host Lutheran High West and Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett was reminiscent of a Shootout at the O.K. Corral.
When it was all over, the only man that remained standing and was Liggett quarter back Nathan Gaggin, who accounted for 361 of his team's 459 total yards as the Knights gunned down the Warriors, 45-31.
Gaggin, a senior, was the game's Wyatt Earp. He connected on 15-of-19 passes for 266 yards and four touchdowns, while rushing 16 times for an additional 95 yards and a TD as the Knights improved to 3-1 overall and 2-0 in the MIAC.
'He (Gaggin) is pretty good, but we helped him a lot,' said Lutheran West-land coach Paul Guse. 'We didn't tackle him very well. We were awful high today. He does a good job and they do what they do well.'
Double winnery
Liggett jumped out to a 12-0 first quarter lead on a 12-yard touchdown run by Gaggin along with a 33-yard pass from Gaggin to Thomas Jackson.
The Warriors, meanwhile, went to a first down on their first three possessions and turned it over at their own 38 with a fumble after quarterback Jacob Richter hit Jacob Davnport on a 16-yard pass.
The Knights increased their lead to 26-7 at intermission when Gaggin fired TD passes of 32 and 30 yards to Drew Jerome.
Lutheran Westland countered with their lone TD of the first half when Richter found Nick Andrzejewski wide open for a 37-yard scoring toss with 6:20 in the second to cut the deficit to 12-7.
With 8:28 to go in the third quarter, Liggett scored again on Gaggin's 1-yard TD run.
Andrzejewski playing football for the first time after three years of soccer, answered on the ensuing play from scrimmage with an 80-yard TD run followed by Richter's two-pointer to cut the deficit to 32-15.
The Warriors then scored again on the final play of the third quarter when Richter scrambled and hit Andrzejewski on 30-yard TD play. Richter added the two-point conversion on a keeper to pull within nine, 32-23, entering the final period.
Gaggin's fourth TD pass of the game came with 8:56 remaining on a 15-yard hook-up with Jerome.
Defensive back KeV. aughn Jackson then picked off a Richter pass at mid-field and raced 50 yards for another game-winning TD to increase the lead to 45-23.
Richter completed the shootout with a 95-yard kick-off return with only 2:57 remaining. Andrzejewski added the two-point but it was too little, too late for the Warriors.
Jonah Lambert, Alex Reardon and Martin Kemp each registered a sack on Gaggin, but it couldn't prevent Lutheran Westland from coming to 3-3 overall and 0-2 in the MIAC.
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a corner kick by Connor Cole.
Shortly thereafter, Connor Cole tallied a goal on a play started when senior Chris Dierker threw the ball in from the left side.
McCarthy said the throw-in was deflected inside the 6-yard goal area and Cole headed it past Plymouth starting goalie Mario Gruszczynski.
With 30:09 left in the game, the Rocks scored again for good measure. Senior defender Luke Hazen's sizzling direct kick about 25 yards out rocketed to the top-right corner of the Plymouth cage, past sophomore James Gibbs (who would score the second half).
'That was a fantastic strike, there was no doubt about it,' McCarthy said. 'I'm real proud of his hit there and it didn't even look like the keeper knew he hit it so well.'
Salem also used two goalies, with senior Erick Beas entering midway into the second half to fin-



Putting a good foot into one Monday night is Salem's Tyler Foydock (No. 3), shadowed by Plymouth's Galvin McCracken (No. 16). Also pictured are Salem's Connor Cole (No. 9) and the Wildcats' Vikas Kanneganti (No. 10).

ishing for Hewett.
With the loss, Plymouth scored to 2-8-2 overall. Neschid said his team will work on getting better at executing fundamentals needed to win.
'We played some really good soccer out there at times,' Neschid said.
SALEM 1, S.L. EAST 0: On Tuesday at South Lyon East, Salem earned this KLAAs Central Division win on the strength of Andriy Petelchik's game-winning goal two minutes into the second half. Setting up the pass was Chris Dierker (while goalkeepers Erick Beas and Collin Hewett shared the shutout.
The win puts Salem at 4-1-0 and in first place in the KLAAs Central at the midway point of league play.

Chiefs offense has field day

Canton traveled to Westland John Glenn Tuesday and came away with a 3-KLAAs South Division win on a wet and windy afternoon.
Senior co-captain Bobby Budlong scored three goals (he has seven for the season) and added three assists.
Scoring first in the contest was Canton senior co-captain Dan Ovesea, converting a pass from senior defender Nick Tomei.
Moments later, junior Cody Widlak sid a pass to Griffin Parks, and the junior one-timed a shot into the Glenn goal.
Budlong followed with a penalty-kick goal and scored again with about 15 minutes to play, when he drilled a volley off a crossing pass from sophomore Aiden Shennan.

The Rockets got a goal back late in the half to close the game to 4-1 at the break.
Canton scored twice in the first six minutes of the second half. First, Parks took a pass from Budlong that split a pair of John Glenn defenders, and walked in on the goalkeeper and calmly slipped it into the net.
Next up was senior Connor Shennan, who made it 6-1 with his first goal of the season, a header off a Budlong corner kick. John Glenn scored the next two goals to tighten things up at 6-3, but the Chiefs quickly pulled away again.
Ovesea got his second goal of the game and 13th of the year after a nice pass from sophomore Kit Zemanski to make it 7-3 at the

half's midway point.
Then, Budlong led Bryan Tolinski with a pass down the wing, and the senior beat the keeper to give Canton an 8-3 lead.
The Chiefs' final goal came on a counter attack, when Ovesea laid off a nice pass to Budlong, who tucked a shot inside the post. John Glenn got a goal in the last minute of the game to make the final score 9-4.
Senior Ian Wingate and junior Brandon Pickert split the game in goal for the Chiefs, making 11 and five saves respectively.
Canton improves to 9-2-2 (overall) and 5-0-0 in the KLAAs South. The Chiefs host Livonia Churchill on Thursday night.

Wildcats coast to victory

Tuesday's rain didn't dampen the hopes for Plymouth's varsity boys cross country team.
The Wildcats earned a 20-40 victory over Wayne Memorial at Cass Benton Park.
Earning medalist honors was Plymouth's Brandon Dalton, who finished the course in a time of 17 minutes, 26 seconds.
Also eclipsing the 18-minute mark for the Wildcats were Zane Benzag (17:30) and Liam Cardenas (17:31).
They were followed by Max Rogowski (18:04), Jonny Dalton (18:23), Nick Williamson (18:32), Canton Hacker (18:48) and Matt Pahl (18:51).
Leading the Zebras were Dan Malcolm and Devin Gibson, with times of 17:35 and 17:56, respectively.
'Our guys ran well,' Plymouth coach Jon Mikoski said. 'It trained hard right before the meet started so sometimes that can throw them off mentally but they didn't let them effect them.'
'Brandon Benzag and Liam ran as a strong pack today.'

ROCKS CROSS COUNTRY
Top performers on the varsity were seniors Steve McEvilly (second overall), 16:43, Riley Dostad (fourth) and Michael Karizat (fifth).
Sophomore Noah Engerer, Jeffress and Donovan Drouillard finished 9-11.
In the junior varsity race, senior Alex Creechmore and junior Wesley Tsou finished 1-2.
'We competed very well and ran a strong race,' Aspnall said. 'The racing conditions were ideal for running fast times, even though the course was on the tough side.
'Of the 47 runners who competed, 25 ran season-best or personal-best times.
DUAL MEET RESULTS
PLYMOUTH 20
WAYNE MEMORIAL 40
Sept. 18 at Cass Benton Park
Individual winner: Brandon Dalton (Plymouth), 17:26 (5,000 meters)
Other Plymouth finishers: 2. Zane Benzag, 17:30; 3. Liam Cardenas, 17:31; 6. Max Rogowski, 18:04; 7. Jonny Dalton, 18:23; 9. Nick Williamson, 18:32; 11. Canton Hacker, 18:48; 12. Matt Pahl, 18:51.
Wayne finishers: 4. Dan Malcolm, 17:35; 5. Devin Gibson, 17:56; 7. Zack Williams, 18:18; 10. Michael Gibson, 18:41; 13. Uriel Figueroa, 22:36.
Dual meet records: Canton, 1-1 KLAAs South Division; Wayne, 1-1 KLAAs South Division.
CANTON 19
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 39
Sept. 18 at Cass Benton Park
Individual winner: Billy Toth (Canton), 17:54 (5,000 meters).
Other Canton finishers: 2. Evan Dunning, 18:16; 3. Josh Joy, 18:41; 5. Owen Ash, 19:15; 9. Jay Drennan, 19:26; 9. Andrew Stephens, 19:43; 11. Keith Olsen, 20:16.
John Glenn finishers: 4. Chris Codd, 19:06; 6. Ed Mayaya, 19:18; 7. Cameron Smith, 19:22; 10. Micah Or, 20:06; 12. Franka, 20:24; 13. Austin Hickerson, 22:52; 14. Jeff Busch, 23:22.
Dual meet records: Canton, 2-0 overall; 2-0 KLAAs South Division; Wayne, 0-2 overall; 0-2 KLAAs South Division.

Salem girls a step ahead of competition

Salem's varsity girls cross country team keeps on rolling, whether at invitationals or KLAAs dual meets.
On Tuesday, the Rocks improved to 2-0 in the KLAAs Central Division with a 15-50 victory over South Lyon East at Island Lake Recreation Area.
The epitome of pack running, Salem took the top 15 places.
Freshman Kayla Hughes and Lauren Aranda took the top two spots for Salem, each clocking in at 21:25, while teammates Natasha Stevenson and Alexis Foye placed 3-4 (21:26 each).
The rest of the Salem lineup finished as follows: 5. Rebecca Lopez, 21:33; 6. Kayla Kavulich, 21:33; 7. Katy Robson, 21:34; 8. Anya Cho, 21:34; 9. Kati Binsfield, 21:44; 10. Emily Marcano, 21:51; 11. Alejandra Beltran, 21:52; 12. Shannon Flynn, 21:53; 13. Emily Bizon, 21:54; 14. Sierra Bowden, 21:54; 15. Madison Goodpasture, 22:40.



Salem's varsity girls cross country team celebrates victory at Saturday's Holly Invitational.

with a total of 29 points.
The Rocks were paced by overall medalist Kavulich, who finished in 19-minute flats.
Salem also had six other medal winners. Those included Arquette (fifth), 19:43; Cho (sixth), 19:52; Stevenson (eighth), 20:13; Beltran (ninth), 20:13; Bizon (11th), 20:20; and Flynn (20th), 20:50.
Meanwhile, Rebecca Lopez was first overall in the junior varsity race

with a mark of 20:52.
'The girls continue to surpass my expectations at this point of the season,' said Gerlach, noting that they overcame fatigue from an intense week of training with determination and competitiveness.
He added that the squad is gearing up for the dual meet on Tuesday, Sept. 25 against state-ranked Northville.
'That will be a good measuring stick, ... against a great team in Northville,' Gerlach said.
DUAL MEET RESULTS
CANTON 28
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 29
Sept. 18 at Cass Benton Park
Individual winner: Shekinah Johnson (John Glenn), 22:04.
Other Glenn finishers: 2. Barb Messias, no time available; 5. Caroline Mahalak, no time; 9. Courtney MacQuarrie, no time; 12. Hannah Mitchell, no time; 13. Bailey Paddock, 27:53; 15. Carissa Root, no time.
Dual meet records: Canton, 1-1 overall; 1-1 KLAAs South Division; John Glenn, 0-2 overall; 0-2 KLAAs South.

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

September

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

Location: Don Hubert VFW Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft, east of Inster Road, Redford

Details: Admission to this Bethany Together Dance is \$13

Contact: Loretta at (586) 264-0282

BIBLE AND HEALTH

Time: 2:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23

Location: Plymouth Seventh-day Adventist Church, 4295 Napier, between Ann Arbor Road and Warren Road, Plymouth

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A vegetarian meal will cap the presentation

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BIBLE CLASS

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

Location: Lake Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Contact: (734) 968-3523 or (313) 532-8655

CLOTHING BANK

Time: 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

ENDOW

Time: 9:15-11 a.m. Tuesdays, the class began Sept. 18

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Classes focus on Edith Stein, the Jewish, German philosopher whose search for truth led to her conversion and ultimately to her untimely martyr's death at Auschwitz. The series is open to all interested women, regardless of parish or religious affiliation

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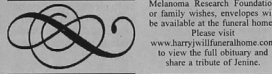
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ENTERTAINMENT

Mingling, food, music kick off Livonia Symphony Orchestra season

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

40TH ANNIVERSARY KICK-OFF

What: A celebration of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra

When: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27

Where: Laurel Park Office Center atrium, Laurel Park Plaza Drive, north of Six Mile, west of Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Mingle, hear live music, eat a strolling supper. Tickets are \$140

Contact: Bill Joyner at (734) 427-2782

Bill Joyner hopes to raise awareness as well as dollars at a kick off for the Livonia Symphony Orchestra's 40th anniversary season.

"It's community-driven," he described the event on Thursday, Sept. 27. "The community got together and opted to do this on behalf of the Livonia Symphony."

Joyner and a coalition of business, community and government leaders organized the celebration and then reached out to potential new supporters.

"We tried to find people who appreciate Livonia's quality of life, but might not be aware of the symphony."

So far, 130 music lovers have paid \$140 each to attend the event, which will run from 7-9 p.m. at Laurel Park Office Center and will include a strolling supper prepared by Thomas's Catering, along with music by brass and string ensembles. Seven Livonia artists will exhibit their works, and donating that "art goes beyond the stage." The Livonia Civic Chorus, the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, and Phoenix Theatre have donated free tickets for concerts and shows.

"Everyone who comes to the event will get over \$100 in free tickets to events," Joyner said. "Even the Tuscan Cafe, my favorite place in Northville, is giving cups of coffee away."



Volodymyr Shesliuk Livonia Symphony Orchestra conductor

Non-alcoholic

Coffee, tea, soda and non-alcoholic drinks will be served with the strolling supper.

"The unique thing is this is non-alcoholic. We wanted this to be a meet and mingle, for people to enjoy themselves and have a fun time," Joyner said. "We've got a gorgeous atrium at Laurel Park. Lights will be strung so it will look like a courtyard in the big city.



The Livonia Symphony performs with dancers during its annual holiday concert.



Volodymyr Shesliuk conducts the Livonia Symphony.

Thomas's Catering is the best in Livonia... everything from Beef Wellington to kebabs."

Organizers planned to sell between 100-140 tickets to the kick off and were just 10 sales from their goal as of Tuesday. But Joyner said he'll "find room" for anyone who wants to buy a ticket.

With everything except invitations donated, all proceeds from admission will benefit the symphony. Joyner said he hoped \$40 from each ticket would be designated for expenses

during the symphony's 40th season. The remaining \$100 would be set aside for the future.

Creating a cushion

"His intent, when he started this whole thing was to raise \$10,000 to put in the bank and \$4,000 for our immediate treasury. It would start a (financial) cushion for us," said Rose Kachnowski, Livonia Symphony president. "It would be so nice to have a cushion. We go from hand to mouth all the time. It's difficult to keep symphonies

alive right now."

Although the Livonia Symphony has never cancelled a concert because of financial difficulties, cash flow can be a problem at the start of each new season.

"We try to start out with some money... we've got to do mailings and send out brochures. But until the money comes in through ticket sales and donations, it's a tough cash flow," Kachnowski said.

More awareness

She said the kick off event will be a tremendous help in fundraising and in expanding the symphony's pool of supporters.

"If we find even five new people we've never had contact with and these five are willing to pay \$140 for tickets, that is something good for us. You never know where it will go."

In the meantime, volunteers hope to raise awareness of the symphony through a 40th anniversary sign campaign. They're placing signs in windows throughout the business community.

In addition to the symphony's regular concert schedule, outreach programs and special events — such as its 40th anniversary auction, dinner and concert on Friday, Nov. 16 — a performance with Steve King and the Dittilies is in the planning stages.

"I have so many ideas I'd like to still see done. I'd like to see a community outreach where musicians work with St. Mary Mercy Hospital, because music is so healing," Kachnowski said. "I'd like to see the musicians go out and play for patients. But we can't do that until we build up a fund."

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Band performs children's music at peace event

See Gemini in concert and browse tables with information about peace organizations and initiatives at the fifth annual ONE PEACE, 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22 at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Sponsored by Citizens for Peace, the event will celebrate the United Nations International Day of Peace.

In addition to the Gemini concert at 2 p.m., Citizens for Peace members will read books from its Children's Peace Collection to young visitors. Participants also will view the Peace Pals International Art Display, hear the story of Peace Day and the history of ONE PEACE, and get a chance to engage in creative art activities.

For more information visit www.onepeace.us or call (734) 425-0079.

Sandor (left) and Laszlo Slomovits sing together as Gemini. They'll perform at ONE PEACE, Saturday, Sept. 22 in Livonia.

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LIVONIA ARTISTS CLUB

Time/Date: Through Sept. 28

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

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

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

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

Contact: Jean Orleans at (734) 516-0500



Claude Bourbon performs Oct. 6 at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia.

MOON DUSTERS

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

Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Singles and couples; 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

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Time/Date: 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

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "The Amazing Spider-Man," \$3

Coming up: "The Dark Knight Rises," 7 p.m. Sept. 28, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sept. 29-30; "Hope Springs," 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Oct. 5-6 and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Oct. 7

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

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 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 Bears," "Hoi Poloi," "Ants in the Pantry," "We Want Our Mummy," and "Dutiful But Dumb," \$5

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Music

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Time/Date: Lori McKenna & Mark Erelli, Sept. 20; John Gorka, Sept. 21; Gary Louris, Sept. 22; John McCutcheon, Sept. 23; BeauSoleil with Michael Doucet, Sept. 24; Murchant & Elisabeth Pixley-Fink, Sept. 25; The Devil Makes Three & John Fullbright, Sept. 26; Madcat! Mantra Blues Band, Sept. 27; The Kin & Find Vienna, Sept. 28; Nancy Griffith & The Kennedy, Sept. 29

Location: 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor

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

JAZZ AT THE ELKS

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

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

Details: There is a \$10 donation at the door which

includes hors d'oeuvres. Paul VonHagen Quartet will perform Sept. 25. Proceeds from Jazz Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans

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TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

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

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Drew Nelson, Sept. 21; Chris Proctor, Sept. 22; Seth Glier, Sept. 28; Chimney Choir, Sept. 29; Claude Bourbon with JB Davies, Oct. 6; Empty Chair Night, Oct. 7; Sons of the Never Wrong, Oct. 12; Erik Brandt and Noah Reimer, Oct. 13; Around the House - A Trinity House Theatre Variety Show, Oct. 19. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted

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Culinary delights

Food, wine event raises scholarship funds

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Executive Chef David Poirier will use almost all local ingredients in the Butternut Bourbon Soup he serves to patrons Sunday at the 21st Annual Culinary Extravaganza at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

"All the products are Michigan products, except for the Maker's Mark," said Poirier, a Farmington Hills resident and co-owner of the Black Tulip Grill in Wixom.

Funds generated by his alma mater's fundraiser will stay local, too.

The Schoolcraft College Foundation will use proceeds from the event — which will feature more than 50 food and beverage stations — for student scholarships and to benefit the culinary arts department at the college.

"It's a tremendous event for the college. It's a benefit to students," said Marjorie Lynch, coordinator of special events and fundraising at the college. "Scholarships are more important than ever now."

Lynch said the Culinary Extravaganza raised approximately \$50,000 for the college. She added that tickets are selling well for the event, which will run from 2-5 p.m. Sept. 23 in the VisiTaTech Center on campus, located on Haggerty Road, just south of Seven Mile in Livonia.

"We expect about 600 or 700 people on Sunday."

Food, auction

Patrons pay \$50 each — \$20 of which is a charitable contribution — to sample food and drinks from Metro Detroit restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors. They can bid on a silent auction, including sport event tickets and weekend getaways, buy a chance to win raffle prizes of cash and dinners at Schoolcraft's American Harvest Restaurant, and



A patron samples the fare served by Old World Olive Press at Schoolcraft College Foundation's Culinary Extravaganza.



Joan Gebhardt, a Schoolcraft college trustee, and her husband, Fred, peruse a dessert table at the Culinary Extravaganza last year.

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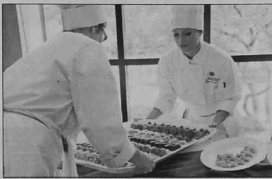
"We're bringing back Chef (Jeffrey) Gabriel and he's doing a demo on healthy food preparation. He's a certified executive chef and he did this for the first time for us last year," Lynch said.

Lee Hershey, who teaches wine classes at Schoolcraft, will hold a seminar on wine-tasting.

Vendors include Steve Restaurant at the Inn at St. John's, Plymouth Township; Black Star Farms, Suttons Bay; Dream Cakes, Commerce Township; Something Chocolate, Birmingham; Steve & Rocky's, Novi; The Sardine Room, Plymouth; Zumba Mexican

Grille, Royal Oak; Mitchell's Fish Market, Livonia; Toasted Oak Grill and Market, Novi; The Henry Ford, Dearborn; Wisteria Bakehaus, West Bloomfield; Vine2Wine Custom Winery, Northville; Vintners Cellar, Canton Winery, Canton; The Elite Catering Company, Livonia; Skandis Fine Wines LLC, Kalamazoo; McCormick/360 Vodka; Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council; Cadillac Coffee Company; Madison Heights; Coffee Express Company, Plymouth; Old World Olive Press, Plymouth and more.

"Many restaurants employ our students or are run by former stu-



Schoolcraft students set up a sweets table at the Culinary Extravaganza last year.

dents," Lynch noted.

Former student

Poirier graduated from the college's culinary program in 2000, after spending 31 years in the auto industry as an electrical repairman. His grandfather was a chef in the Upper Peninsula. Poirier and his partner, Bill Widmyer, opened Black Tulip Grill in April. Participating in the Culinary Extravaganza was an easy decision for Poirier who volunteered at the event as a student and staffed Holiday Market's vendor booth for three years.

"I'm one of the chefs in Michigan Chefs de Cuisine. I still do a lot of things with Chef Gabriel

at Schoolcraft."

Executive Chef Marius Maniac has participated in Culinary Extravaganza for several years with Compari's on the Park in downtown Plymouth. He'll represent The Sardine Room at the event this year.

"Same company but different idea," he said, adding that the new restaurant opened in May in downtown Plymouth.

Look for his Brown Butter Sage Portuguese Sardines on Sunday at the Culinary Extravaganza. They're topped with fried capers and served with a goat cheese crostini.

Get tickets for Culinary Extravaganza by calling (734) 462-4518 or by visiting www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation.

CITY BITES

Brew, Brats, & Bands

CANTON — Beer enthusiasts and the 21 and over crowd can support the Canton Historical Society while also enjoying a Michigan craft beer, 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Cady-Boyer Barn, located in Preservation Park at 500 N. Ridge Road in Canton. Tickets for the 3rd Annual Brew, Brats & Bands are \$30 and available at www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org, at the door, or in advance at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton Treasurer's Office and the Canton Parks Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road; as well as the Canton Farmers Market, 500 N. Ridge Road. Designated Driver tickets also are available for \$10. Admission includes seven drink tickets, each good for a four-ounce beer tasting sample. Attendees will be able to choose from more than 50 different beers and specialty brews. A complimentary beer-tasting mug and brats with all the fixings will be included with admission. "All Directions" will play rhythm and blues standards and "The Tabasco Cats" will play Dixieland music. For more information on Brew, Brats, & Bands at the Barn, visit www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org or call (734) 394-5314.

Restaurant week

PLYMOUTH — Plymouth Restaurant Week celebrates the diversity of the city's downtown dining establishments, Sept. 28-Oct. 7. Each participating restaurant will offer a special three-course menu at a discounted cost of \$15, \$25 or \$35 per person. No tickets or passes are necessary. Participants will dine out as frequently as they want over the 10-day period. Participating restaurants include E.G. Nicks, Flamma Grille, Sean O'Callaghan's, Compari's, The Sardine Room, Penn Grill, Nico & Vali, Panache 447, Ironwood Grill and Zin Wine Bar. View their menus at www.plymouthrestaurantweek.com.

Food fight

LIVONIA — Lori Tepper, certified sommelier at d.vine fine wines, will battle it out with Michelle DeHayes, advanced sommelier, AHD Vintners, in a contest involving small plates and wine pairing. Participation will run from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27 at d.vine fine wines, 17386 Haggerty. Brandon O'Sullivan will cater and serve three courses, along with a refreshing dessert. Each course will feature two wines — one chosen by Tepper and the other by DeHayes. Participants will cast their vote for their favorite wine and food pairing. Cost is \$35 per person, \$30 for Wine Club members. DeHayes. Participants will cast their vote for their favorite wine and food pairing. Cost is \$35 per person, \$30 for Wine Club members. DeHayes. Participants will cast their vote for their favorite wine and food pairing. Cost is \$35 per person, \$30 for Wine Club members. DeHayes. Participants will cast their vote for their favorite wine and food pairing. Cost is \$35 per person, \$30 for Wine Club members. DeHayes.

Time-saving tips with go-to ingredients

It's easy to run out of time and energy to prepare a delicious family meal when school, sports and other activities beckon. How, then, do you bring the family back to the table? One easy way to reclaim precious time is to infuse your menu with palate-pleasing, leftover-friendly staples like pulled pork.

Easily repurposed throughout the week, pulled pork can be cooked once and incorporated in a variety of dishes your family will love. For example, this Chili Rub Pulled Pork recipe can be prepared in the slow cooker, yielding a flavorful meal that's ready to eat when you return home from an active day. Additionally, the leftovers can be enjoyed throughout the week in a number of different ways. Whether topping creative salads or savory pizzas, filling enchiladas or adding new flavor to baked potatoes, pulled pork is a perfect fit for a busy lifestyle.

For more pulled pork tips and recipes, visit www.PorkBeInspired.com. Also, follow the National Pork Board on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PorkBeInspired, Twitter @AllAboutPork and on Pinterest at www.pinterest.com/PorkBeInspired.

Chili Rub Slow Cooker Pulled Pork

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 5 1/4 to 8 1/4 hours
Makes: 8 to 10 servings

1 3-pound boneless pork shoulder or sirloin roast



Chili Rub Slow Cooker Pulled Pork

2 tablespoons chili powder
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon cayenne powder
1 tablespoon canola oil or other neutral-flavored oil
1/2 cup chicken broth

Line a 9- by 13-inch baking pan with foil and place pork in pan. In small bowl, combine chili powder, salt and cayenne. Rub mixture over all sides of meat, pressing to adhere (if the meat is tied together with twine or netting, just rub the seasoning right over it). Set aside.

In large skillet over medium-high heat, warm oil. Add pork and brown on all sides, 6 to 8 minutes. Transfer meat to slow cooker.

Add broth to skillet, scraping up any browned bits, then add broth to slow cooker. Cover and cook until pork is very tender, 6 to 8 hours on low or 4 to 5 hours on high.

Transfer meat to cutting board and let rest 10 to 15 minutes. Use two forks to shred meat into bite-sized pieces. Moist and season

with cooking juices to taste.

Serving Suggestions: This recipe is only mildly spiced, so if you like things with a kick, try adding more cayenne to the rub or add some of your favorite hot sauce to the finished, shredded meat. Use the pork to make a traditional pulled pork sandwich, with barbecue sauce and slaw, enjoy it in your favorite chili recipe, or on top of a Tex Mex Caesar salad.

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