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Canton's Nick Gallo.

TV star

Let's Ask America, the new TV game show where contestants can win up to \$50,000 from home, features Canton event coordinator Nick Gallo as a contestant Saturday, Oct. 6.

To be a contestant, all you have to do is go to the show's website (www.letsaskamerica.tv) and sign up. Every day, four contestants will be chosen to play the game and win up to \$50,000 cash via Skype from their home. The game is simple:

Let's Ask America polls America about fun and irrelevant topics to find out what people are thinking. Then, all the contestants have to do is correctly predict the answer.

With front-runner absent, U.S. House hopefuls spar in Plymouth

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Sharp differences were apparent Monday as five men campaigning to represent western Wayne County in the U.S. House of Representatives answered voters' questions during a forum in Plymouth.

With front-running Republican Kerry Bentivolio absent, Democrats Syed Taj and David Curson staked out the middle positions on issues ranging from health care to Social Security to job creation to taxes. That showed three third-party candidates, Green Party hopeful Steven Duke, Libertarian John Tatar and Mark

Hopefuls have varied backgrounds, views, A4.

Sosnowski of the U.S. Taxpayers Party, in starker contrast, with Duke on the opposite end of the political spectrum from the more laissez-faire Tatar and the conservative Sosnowski.

However, Duke, Sosnowski and Tatar found common ground in challenging a political system they said limits voters' choices.

"Voting for either party is an acceptance of business as usual," Tatar said. "It's time to give a third option a try before it's too late."

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Dr. Syed Taj, Steven Duke, John Tatar, Marc Sosnowski and David Curson were part of the candidate forum Monday at the Plymouth District Library.

Curves owner top Business Person

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Curves fitness center owner Kim Scartelli's youngest son Jack, 8, had dismissed her chances of clinching the title of Business Person of the Year even before she arrived Wednesday at the Canton Chamber of Commerce awards ceremony.

Scartelli had asked Jack and son Ethan, 10, what she should say if she won the chamber's top honor.

"Don't worry Mom. You won't win," she recalls Jack advising her as she drove her sons home from a church event.

Oh, but she did, this Canton chamber board chair whose Curves locations in Canton and Plymouth emerged this year among some 15 successful sites named "elite clubs" by a company that has 4,500 women's fitness clubs across the nation.



Kim Scartelli accepts her Business Person of the Year award from Tammy Brown.

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It's Miller time for Ambassador award

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer



Shane Fritz presents the Ambassador of the Year Award to Amy Miller, of TCF Bank.

There may not have been anyone more surprised at the winner of the Canton Chamber of Commerce's annual Ambassador of the Year award than the woman who won it.

Amy Miller, the manager at TCF Bank in Canton, called the win "a total surprise" after hearing her name called by Ambassador committee chairman Shane Fritz during Wednesday's annual Business Person of the Year luncheon.

"There are a lot of great people in that group," Miller said of the chamber's Ambassadors. "It's an honor to be part of that group."

Fritz said Miller, an Ambassador for about two years, has had a "good attendance record" at Ambassador meetings, volunteers to help out in

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Trustee: Hoffa won't be found

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Former FBI Special Agent John Anthony of Canton has a strong opinion of when the body of Jimmy Hoffa, former Teamsters union president, will be found.

Never. Anthony believes his 8-year-old grandson, Jack, summed it up perfectly after a tipster notified Roseville police to report Hoffa's body may be buried beneath a Roseville concrete driveway that was once the dirt floor of a shed.

"My grandson said, 'Papa, this is just a bunch of crapola. I think he's right,'" Anthony said.

As Anthony had predicted, no human remains were found in the soil removed from the home on Florida Street in Roseville last week.



Anthony

The Roseville Police Department said in a news release Tuesday that it is concluding the investigation.

"Our department just received the soil sample report from Michigan State University, after a battery of tests, and the samples submitted for examination showed no signs of human decomposition," the release stated.

Amid a media frenzy, even Roseville Police Chief James Berlin had indicated local authorities didn't believe Hoffa's body was buried there.

Authorities, however, dug beneath a concrete driveway last Friday and removed four tubes of dirt from the home on Florida Street.

Anthony, a Canton Township trustee, worked part time for several years on the Hoffa case after Hoffa disappeared July 30, 1975, outside a Bloomfield Hills restaurant.

He believes Hoffa was killed by Detroit's organized crime because he was trying to get back into union activity, even though such a move

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Board settles on Iowa firm to lead search

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

That didn't take long. Less than 10 days after hearing final proposals from a quartet of firms interested in leading Plymouth-Canton Community Schools through its latest superintendent search, the district's Board of Education has chosen one.

Hoping to cast a wide net in its search for candidates, and seeking a strong, set process to conduct the search, board members Wednesday settled on Ray & Associates, the Iowa-based company that was the largest among the four finalists. While discussion centered mostly around Ray & Associates and the smaller, Illinois-based School Exec Connect, trustees decided Ray & Associates, the oldest and most experienced firm among the finalists, was the best choice.

"Ray & Associates is very process-driven, and I think we need that," Trustee Mark Horvath said. "If we're going to pick someone, we need to use their process."

Reference check

Trustees polled school districts which have worked with all three firms — among them Ann Arbor, West Bloomfield, Rochester, Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills — and got almost completely favorable opinions about both Ray & Associates and School Exec Connect.

Several board members, including Judy Mardigan, Barry Simescu and President John Barrett — were leaning toward School Exec Connect before the meeting. But in the end, positive responses from Ann Arbor and West Bloomfield, plus Ray &

Associates' sheer size (the firm has about 140 associates) and ability to cast a wider net were deciding factors.

"Ann Arbor is not an easy school board... they're demanding and they ask a lot of questions," Trustee Sheila Paton said. "And they liked Ray & Associates."

In the end, trustees liked the well-defined process Ray & Associates plans to use, the number of associates employed by the firm and the company's national reach. They also liked the firm's success: The average tenure of a superintendent placed by a Ray & Associates search, according to the company, is eight years.

Center of attention

The one concern shared by most of the trustees was the volume of work Ray & Associates handles, some 30-40

searches a year. Trustees were concerned both that Plymouth-Canton's search might not draw the firm's top attention, and that the firm could be cycling the same candidates through several different searches.

On the other hand, the smaller, "boutique" feel of School Exec Connect almost won that company the contract. The company has led searches in many Michigan school districts, including Lapeer, Birmingham, Novi and Walled Lake. At last week's final presentation, School Exec Connect's Dave Peterson pointed out his firm's "reach" would have a strong Midwest flavor.

"I really like the fact School Exec Connect has really strong references (from districts) in our own community," Mardigan said. "I like the fact their references came in so strong

and they have a Michigan connection."

Trustees eliminated the third firm still under consideration, ProAct, from contention early on after discussing several less-than-glowing remarks from officials in districts for which it led searches.

Trustees will now consider contract language and get opinions from the district attorney before turning their attention to a potential compensation package.

The board is trying to replace Dr. Jeremy Hughes, the interim superintendent hired during the last year of former Superintendent Craig Fiegala's tenure. His contract expires at the end of the 2012-13 school year, and Hughes has said he's not interested in staying longer.

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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-availability basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

WOMEN'S CONNECTION

Date/Time: Monday, Oct. 8, 6-8:30 p.m.
Location: Canton Coney Island, 8533 N. Lilley, Canton
Details: The Canton Women's Connection meeting will feature guest speaker Stacy Stover, director of the Transition Center, Recruitment & Student Activities, Schoolcraft College. RSVP by Friday, Oct. 5.
Contact: June Nicholas, (313) 610 2561 or email junenicholas@comcast.net

BOOK SALE

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 20, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth
Details: The Plymouth Canton American Association of University Women Used Book Sale will be part of the Delta Kappa Gamma's Craft Show. Pick up some reading materials for the fraction of the cost. Now collecting used books (children/adults), gently used, no text, damaged books or Encyclopedias.

Contact: If you have any books to donate and/or questions contact Becky Copenhaver, (734) 981-6023 or email bcopenhaver@yahoo.com

PHILHARMONIC AUCTION

Date/Time: Friday, Oct. 19, 6-7 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: The Friends of the Michigan Philharmonic will host its first fundraising auction. Contributions are now being accepted for this event. Please consider donating gently used household items, toys, sports equipment and/or collectibles. All contributions are tax deductible and we will be happy to pick up your donated items.

Contact: Jeanette Sullivan, (734) 455-9674 or email jeanette@michphil.org

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 1:15 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, 7-7:45 p.m.; and Wednesday, Oct. 24, VWV 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.

MOM 2 MOM SALE

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 20, 8:30 a.m. (early bird), 9 a.m. to noon (regular)
Location: St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: The Mom 2 Mom sale features 74 tables of gently used maternity, baby, and kids items. There will be a bake sale and refreshments. Proceeds benefit St. Edith/St. Kenneth MOPS.

Contact: www.stekmops.org

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 & 525).

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

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 the doornstep 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, 50423 Independence Street, Canton, MI 48188 or at Dance Beat, 1100 West Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, All tickets are \$15.
Contact: www.foreverafterproductions.com or call (734) 547-5156

HEALING HEARTS

Date/Time: Second and fourth Monday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland
Details: grief support group for adults who have lost a loved one to the prison system. Hope 4 Healing Hearts, Inc., provides a safe environment allowing members to share in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Individuals share ideas, resources and experiences that are helpful to one another.
Contact: For more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237, bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com or visit www.hope4healinghearts.com.



Lee Bracken plays "Beauty" and Amanda Buchalter is the "Beauty" Belle in the Spotlight on Youth production of "Beauty and the Best Jr."

Youth troupe brings 'Beauty' to stage

A whopping 59+ local youths ages 5-18 showcase their musical theater talents in Spotlight on Youth's upcoming production of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast Jr."

The show runs Thursday, Oct. 18, through Sunday, Oct. 21, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. Spotlight on Youth is the only resident youth company at the Village Theater and operates under the Spotlight Players umbrella.

"This production appeals to all ages from the very young to the young at heart," director Barbara Bloom said. "It has charm, humor, drama and endearing characters with spectacular costumes, sets and a magical room." The production is especially good for little ones, she said, as it runs about 90 minutes with an intermission so they don't have to sit too long.

The Disney production features the familiar movie and Broadway song hits "Beauty and the Beast," "Gaston" and "Belle" and "Home," plus many more. It tells the classic story of Belle and her Beast, with many characters that bring the familiar story of learning that outside appearances don't show who a person truly is, on the inside.

Alternating as Belle, the heroine of the play are Amanda Buchalter of Canton and Lexi Fata of Westland.

The show plays Oct. 18-21 at 7 p.m., with 2 p.m. matinee performances Oct. 20-21. Tickets are available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www.cantonmi.org/village-theater

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

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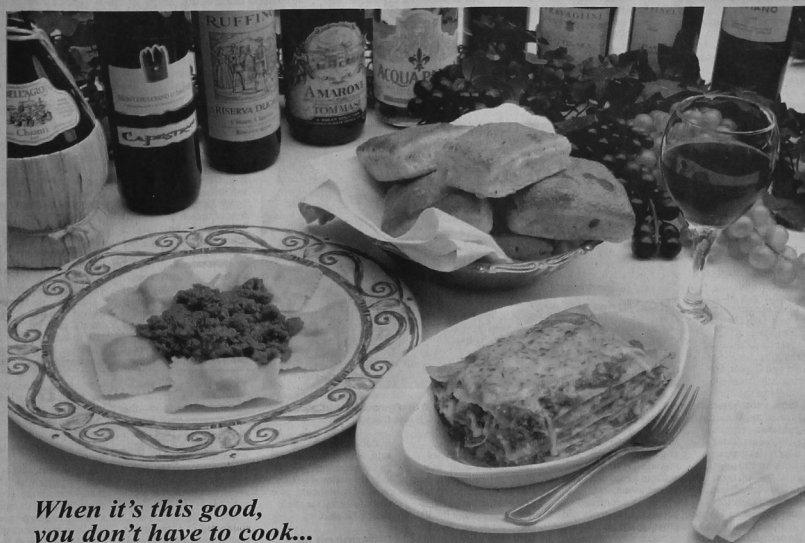
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Hopefuls have array of backgrounds, views

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

The five 11th Congressional District candidates at Monday's League of Women Voters forum at the Plymouth District Library were:

- Democrat Syed Taj of Canton Township, a physician and member of Canton's Board of Trustees. Taj was born in India and came to Michigan 30 years ago.
- "In many ways my life has been an American dream," he said Monday.
- Taj is running for a two-year

term in the redrawn 11th District, which includes Plymouth, Plymouth and Canton townships and Livonia.

- Steven Duke of Livonia, a member of the Green Party. No biographical information about Duke was available. Duke is also running for the full two-year term in the new district.
- "We do have a system that's broke, that's not working for us," he said.
- Libertarian John Tatar of Livonia, a retired Stevenson High School teacher and the owner of a home construction company.

"These parties, the Democrats and Republicans, are selling America into slavery, enslaving our people for generations to come," Tatar said.

Tatar is running for both the full term in the new district and the remainder of the current term in the current district, which has been vacant since Republican Thaddeus McCotter resigned in July.

- Marc Sosnowski of Dearborn Heights, a member of the U.S. Taxpayers Party, an affiliate of the national Constitution Party.

Sosnowski is a guest service

specialist at Corporate Comfort, which locates apartments for executives, and also works for the Detroit Tigers. Also a candidate for Wayne State University's Board of Governors, Sosnowski is only running for the remainder of McCotter's term.

"The federal government has no business in our health care," he said.

- Democrat David Curson of Belleville, a former auto worker and a United Auto Workers activist, currently executive assistant to UAW secretary-treasurer Dennis Williams.

"I've been a problem-solver my whole life. That's what we do in the union," Curson said.

He is running only for the remainder of McCotter's term. Candidates Kerry Bentivolio, a Republican and the front-runner in the latest polling, and Daniel Johnson, of the Natural Law Party, did not attend. There were 13 questions from the audience, submitted beforehand, asked during the forum by Angela Ryan, president of the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County.

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The forum in Michigan's 11th Congressional District race, at the Plymouth District Library, was sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County and held before a standing-room-only crowd of about 100 people.

Taj, Bentivolio, Duke and Tatar are running in the new 11th District, which will take effect in January as a result of redistricting, while Sosnowski and Curson are running only for the remainder of the current term, vacant since Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, a Republican, resigned abruptly in July. Tatar and Bentivolio are running both for the partial term and the full term.

Both the current and the new 11th District includes Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township.

'Don't get sick'

Candidates had varying views on the future of Medicare, which provides health insurance to



A standing room only crowd filled the meeting room at the Plymouth District Library for Monday's forum featuring candidates for the 11th U.S. House District.

Americans 65 and older, and Social Security. Curson and Taj they would work to keep both programs intact.

"This is a contract between the people and government and we have to make sure this contract remains," Taj said.

Tatar said he would keep the programs as they are "until some time in the future," but that they are "not on the top of

the table" for him.

Duke said he favors "Medicare for all" as a national health plan, and that he would never favor privatizing Social Security. "Privatizing it will only secure profits for Wall Street and bigger bonuses for executives," he said.

Sosnowski took the opposite view on health care.

"The best health care

is, don't get sick," he said, adding that there is no Constitutional provision for national health care. People should take responsibility for their health, he said.

Differing on jobs

In answering a question about creating jobs in Michigan, Duke called for increased tariffs on foreign goods, a hike in the minimum wage that, he said, would increase consumer spending and the re-regulation of oil speculation.

Tatar advocated lower taxes, saying consumer spending will not increase "unless we put money back into the hands of the people."

Sosnowski called for an entrepreneurial approach.

"Why not go back to what our founding fathers did?" he said. "If we all had our own business, we would have more responsibility in what's going on."

Curson and Taj pushed for job training and a program to repair the nation's infrastructure—roads, dams and bridges.

Taj said the state needs a diverse economy. "We can't get stuck with the same automobile jobs we had for 100 years in this state."

College costs

Addressing a question about college loans, most candidates agreed the cost of attending college

has increased too fast and by too much.

"There has to be some oversight, particularly in state schools," Curson said.

"We have to bring the cost of tuition down," said Taj, who said he'd like to see universities cut spending, student loan interest rates kept low and monthly loan repayment installments capped at 10 percent of a graduate's monthly income.

Sosnowski, who is also running for the Wayne State University Board of Governors, linked tuition increases to the law of supply and demand.

Duke said a narrowing of the economy "the loss of many good-paying jobs of the past that didn't require a college education—contributed to the problem. He said he favored a public university system over a private one.

Tatar called for an end to the war in Afghanistan and an end to foreign aid as ways to free up money to help people attend college.

"We need to stop spending everywhere else and spend on our own people," he said.

Tax the rich'

On a question about government's role in reducing poverty, Taj and Curson agreed the government should create opportunities; Curson also said people need hope for the future in order to stay motivated.

Tatar said he would offer a hand up for the poor, but that reducing the tax burden on the middle class is vital, as it would prompt spending, increasing job growth and opportunities. Tatar also said less government regulation would create jobs.

Duke pointed to growing inequality between the very rich and the vast majority of the population, and the higher tax rates of the 1940s and 1950s that, he said, helped create income equality. Job losses in the last 30 years and the elevation of financial speculation over the same period have had the opposite effect, he said.

"Tax the rich," Duke

said.

Sosnowski parted company with the others, saying "federal government has no Constitutional role in welfare" and the issue should be decided by states.

"To help the poor, that's the job of the church, and we should all be tithing," Sosnowski said.

Taxes and spending

On taxes, Taj stuck closely to national Democrats' view that the federal income tax could go up for higher-income households; he put that threshold at \$250,000 for individuals and \$500,000 for a couple filing jointly. He said both spending cuts and new revenue have to be part of the solution in balancing the federal budget.

Curson said that currently an uneven system that, for example, gives subsidies to oil companies and has some profitable corporations paying no taxes, needs to be made equitable.

Tatar called for the abolition of the federal income tax, saying that spending needs to be controlled.

Sosnowski called for the income tax to be thrown out and replaced by a national point-of-sale tax of 2 percent. He also called for spending cuts, saying federal departments like the Department of Education and the Department of Energy should be dismantled.

"These are excessive programs and they shouldn't have been allowed" without a Constitutional amendment, he said.

Duke repeated a line from earlier:

"I think I've been pretty clear about it, but let me say again: Tax the rich," he said, drawing laughs.

According to the League, Bentivolio's campaign informed the group last week that the forum conflicted with a previously scheduled event and he would not attend. The League said forum invitations were made in August.

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CRIME WATCH

High-speed chase

A man was facing possible criminal charges after he led Canton police on a high-speed chase that ended with a loaded handgun being taken from him, a police report said.

The incident started shortly before 6 a.m. Sunday when a police officer saw a 2008 Dodge Charger traveling at an estimated 90-100 mph along westbound Michigan Avenue near Canton Center, before turning north on Beck, the report said.

Police began pursuing the vehicle, which turned west on Geddes without stopping for a red traffic light, then south into the Chatterton subdivision onto Huntington, then Berkeley, then Cardiff, where the driver pulled into a driveway, the report said.

The pursuing officer drew a handgun and ordered the driver to put his hands outside the window. The driver admitted he had a concealed weapon, a loaded Smith & Wesson handgun, the report said.

The officer took the gun from the man. According to the police report, the man told police he had been speeding because he needed to use the bathroom.

The pursuing officer made possible charges, and the police report indicated his vehicle was towed and impounded.

Dine and dash

Canton police took into custody two suspects after they left Rose's Restaurant, on Canton Center north of Cherry Hill, without paying—and police learned the men had even deeper legal troubles, a police report said.

Police received a call shortly before 8 p.m. Sunday that two white males had walked out without paying their restaurant tab and left in a silver Cadillac.

The officer pursued them to ask why they left without paying, the report said, and he was told they were pulling the car around to the front of the restaurant.

A police investigation indicated the same car apparently had been involved in a retail fraud at the Canton Office Max store on Saturday.

The police report described one suspect as a white male with brown hair, blue eyes, thin, 30 years old, wearing a short-sleeve shirt and white cargo pants with a necklace wrapped around his wrist and a blue-and-white bank deposit bag tucked into his shorts. He was described as 5-foot-8 with freckles and got into the passenger side of the Cadillac, the report said.

The other suspect was described as a white male with short brown hair wearing a gray "fishing style" hat. He was of average build, 35-38 years old, wearing a gray sweater and jeans. He was described as having a round face and as being about 5-foot-10. He reportedly got into the driver's side of the vehicle.

Police traced the vehicle to the city of Wayne, where both men were taken into custody. One had a criminal history for shoplifting and interfering with police, according to the police report. The other had warrants for his arrest for being a parole absconder and for a felony charge of operating a vehicle while impaired. For allegations they left Rose's Restaurant with-

out paying, the suspects were facing citations for defrauding the eatery.

Hit and run

A woman contacted police shortly after 1:30 p.m. Sunday to report she had been involved in a hit-and-run accident at Michigan Avenue and Beck, a police report said.

The victim told police she had stopped and was making a right turn on Michigan to head westbound when another vehicle struck the rear of her vehicle. She got out and met with the suspect, described in a police report only as a white male.

The woman said the male driver advised her to drive over to the nearby Target store and he would make arrangements to fix her car. She did, but she said the male driver fled eastbound on Michigan Avenue in what was described only as a light blue car.

Near car theft

Police went to Technology Plus Trailers, a business on Ronda southeast of Joy and Lilley, after a man reported an attempted theft of a 2002 Dodge Durango, a police report said.

Police received the call about 4:40 a.m. Monday. The victim told police he parked his vehicle near the business after lunch and didn't lock it. When he went outside later, he noticed a hole in the steering column where apparent thieves had tried to steal the Durango, the report said.

Nothing was missing from the vehicle. Another employee reported seeing a vehicle back up next to the victim's Durango then drive away, but hadn't seen anyone get out.

Firebird damaged

A man reported that someone tried to steal his 1990 Pontiac Firebird while it was parked outside the Emagine Theater on Ford east of Lotz shortly before 4 p.m. Monday, a police report said.

The victim told police he parked his vehicle in the parking lot and locked his doors. When he returned, he said he noticed damage to the driver's side door and lock.

When he opened the door, a police report said, the man saw damage had been done to the steering column, with wires exposed. He said nothing was taken from the vehicle.

Purse raided

One student's ordeal serves as a reminder for other students to keep an eye on their belongings.

A Plymouth High School student reported that her iPod and cell phone were stolen from her backpack while it was left on the floor near her seat while she and other classmates were away from the classroom. Police received notification around 10:30 a.m. Monday from the school, located southeast of Joy and Beck.

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

Residents dump 79 pounds of drugs

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Canton residents turned over 79 pounds of prescription drugs to township police Saturday as local authorities offered a four-hour drug-collection program to get potentially dangerous controlled substances out of homes, away from children and off the street.

That more than doubled the 33 pounds of drugs brought to the Canton police station lobby last fall during a similar nationwide effort spearheaded by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration to reduce drug abuse and keep narcotics from being flushed down toilets.

"To put it in perspective, we had one container that was approximately the size of a large kitchen garbage can which was filled nearly to the top," Canton Special Services Sgt. Pat Sullivan said. "That's 79 pounds of prescription drugs that will not wind up in the hands of our children or in our water supply."

Canton's 79 pounds of controlled substances counted toward 9,535 pounds of prescription drugs collected across Michigan during the latest DEA-sponsored campaign. Sullivan said he believes the uptick in Canton's program means residents are learning the importance of proper disposal.

The DEA-led effort allows residents to turn over prescription drugs anonymously, with no questions asked. It comes as authorities in Canton

and elsewhere point to an escalating drug prescription problem marked by addition, street sales and pharmacy burglaries.

Canton's program occurred 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday inside the police station lobby on Canton Center Road south of Cherry Hill. It allowed residents to discard drugs except for liquids and paraphernalia such as needles.

Sullivan has said prescription drugs are increasingly being abused and, when left in the home place, can fall into the hands of teens and others who might use them, sell them or overdose on them.

National 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, authorities say 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.

Atlanta-based DEA Special Agent Harry Sommers has called the drug-collection effort "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.




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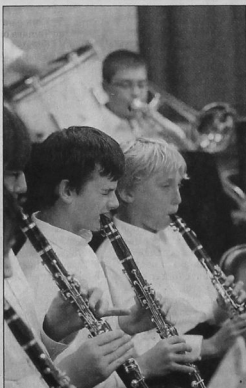
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Principal Clint Smiley thanks all who joined in the celebration of West Middle School's 50th anniversary.

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A half-century of learning

Former West principal Judy Stone speaks with former student Stacey Rosol and daughters Cassidy, 10 years old, and Madison, 12. Judy Stone was also Stacey Rosol's Girl Scout leader. Rosol's daughter Madison now attends West. Cassidy attends Smith Elementary and will attend West.



Judy Stone taught for three years at West (1967-1970), returned as assistant principal in 1983 and became principal in 1986, serving until 1996.



Where were you in 1962? That's when West Middle School opened, and the school celebrated its 50 years of student success during an anniversary event last week. The school hosted an open house complete with tours, refreshments, school history presentations and musical performances.



West Middle School eighth graders Alex Volante and Andre Mackenzie browse through yearbooks during the school's 50th anniversary open house.

Birthday girl: At 104, Westland resident says life has been good

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Ask Bea Archibald how it feels to be 104 years old and she'll tell you "lousy." Everything hurts, including her feet. But she's quick to add she's had a "good life." "I never would have thought I would live this long, absolutely not," said the Westland resident. Sitting in the dining room of Westhaven Manor in Westland, where she has lived since late last year, Archibald was the guest of honor at a birthday party last Friday, given in her honor just days before her 104th birthday. Family members, including her sister, Winnie Rooke, and husband Bob of Livonia, as well as niece Ival Lang of Plymouth were there to help her celebrate. "This is cool," said Lang. "She's doing quite well. She has a few problems, but who wouldn't at 104?" Born in Mount Clemens on Sept. 30, 1908, Archibald was the third

of four children. Gladys and Marguerite were older and Winnie the baby of the family and 16 years younger than Archibald.

Growing up

She recalls that her father worked for Packard and when someone came around selling an orange grove in Florida, he sold everything to buy it and move his wife and three daughters there. When he saw the orange grove with trees less than two feet high, he knew they couldn't make a living there and brought the family back to Michigan, but not before Gladys contracted malaria. The family settled in Roseville, where her father built a three-car garage and a house. "We didn't even have a car," said Archibald. "It was at the end of a street where the cars would turn around. We couldn't afford the house, so we moved to Detroit and lived in a house with three rooms — a kitchen, bedroom and living



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Tiffani Tindell of Westland (left) and Winnie Rooke of Livonia help Bea Archibald blow out the candles on her birthday cake at a celebration at Westhaven Manor last week.

room. My sisters and I slept in the attic where the studs were covered with paper." Archibald remembers learning to drive a Model T out in a field. When her father learned she could drive a tractor, "he was so mad." "He said, 'Now I'll have to buy you a car,'" said Archibald. She eventually bought her own and drove until she was 92 years old. She also bowled until she was 90 and lived in an apartment in Canton until last November when she fell

and cut her head. "I was in rehab for 24 days, they said I'd never walk, but they don't know how stubborn I am," she said. "I do walk, but not well and I'm afraid of falling." **Family ties** Archibald was married twice. She married Nelson Nagorsen in 1931 and they divorced shortly after the war. She had a son, Robert, and a daughter, Jeannine, who was unable to attend the party. She has had three strokes and now lives in

American House in Clinton Township. She married George Archibald in 1947. He died in 1975. "He died on the golf course," said Archibald. "We had moved to Florida. He had made a 40-foot putt and that was it." She also held jobs at Montgomery Ward — "I outlived them" — and in the office at Chrysler during the war. She retired in 1958 and took care of her grandson. "She's been on her own since 1975," said her sister. "She lived in an apartment until last year and did everything herself. She crocheted and made aigahns. She did a lot of craft work and decorated her apartment." According to Archibald, there was nothing she and friend Sylvia couldn't do. "We'd put our heads together and figure it out," she said. "We did sewing. What one couldn't do we did it together. There wasn't

anything we couldn't make, even clothes." A lot has changed in the past 104 years. The simple way of life has been ramped up with electronic gadgets, instant messaging and cable TV, but for Archibald, the most important invention is the one thing she treasures the most, her portable radio. "She's so thankful to have her portable radio, she can't see well, so she listens to it," said Marty Barikmo, who is Archibald's home health care worker. Employed by Homestead Health Care Services, she put together the party with the help of Patricia D'Agostino, community manager at Westhaven. Her birthday celebration included cake and ice cream, but when it came time to blow out the candles, she needed help. "To be 104, that's just awesome," said Barikmo. "She's such a special lady."

CURVES

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That's just one snapshot of why Scartelli received the chamber's top award among five nominees during an annual ceremony attended by an estimated 110 people at Summit on the Park. Consider the other accolades:

- Scartelli's fitness centers have raised \$120,000 over 10 years through Relay for Life events for the American Cancer Society.
- Her annual food drive for the Canton-based Open Door Ministry pantry collected 4,900 pounds of food last March alone.
- She has been involved

as Workman Elementary School's PTO treasurer and as a Local Partnership for the Arts & Humanities board leader.

- Scartelli served as this year's chamber board chair, helping to guide it from a tumultuous period to a revitalized organization that she and others say has a bright future.

All smiles
Accompanied by husband David, Scartelli smiled Wednesday after she was named Business Person of the Year.

"It really is an honor to receive this award," she said, adding that the chamber has gone from having cash-flow issues and losing staff to having a good year. "We have

started to turn it around. We're not there yet, but we're really working on it."

Perhaps part of her strengths come from owning two Curves locations dedicated to strengthening women and inspiring them.

"I'm so blessed to do what I do and be involved in this community," she said. "Helping to strengthen women is a really fun role to play, especially in this community."

Scartelli has made her Curves locations successful during the last 11 years, but she conceded that just a year ago she wasn't sure she wanted the challenge of leading the chamber board.

Yet there she stood

Wednesday as Tammy Brown, last year's Business Person of the Year winner from Farm Bureau Insurance Agency, announced Scartelli as this year's recipient for her efforts to better her community.

Proud day
Husband David Scartelli was visibly proud of her. "She's put in so much work, and it's so important that she was acknowledged by her peers," he said. "It means the world to her."

Scartelli won her award on the day township Supervisor Phil LaJoy gave chamber President Thomas Paden a framed resolution after the Canton Township Board of

Trustees earlier named October as Canton Chamber of Commerce Month.

Scartelli and others appear optimistic the chamber is becoming a more vital link among local businesses after reshaping its menu and choosing Paden as the latest president.

Scartelli captured the award among nominees that also included attorney Joe Barone, Mayflower Towing owners

Glenn and Terry Goehmann, Ribar Floral owner Lori Morrison and Central City Dance owners Tim and Tamara of Central City Dance.

All of the nominees had extensive involvement in their community, but this year it was Scartelli's time to shine.

"I'm really proud," she said.

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MILLER

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a variety of ways, and is a presence at nearly every chamber of commerce event.

Ambassadors, Fritz said, are "the backbone" of the chamber and give of both work and their own personal time.

He said Ambassadors are a "very strong part of keeping the chamber moving forward."

Miller, Fritz said, is a big part of that.

"She's very dedicated to what we do," Fritz said. "She gives a lot and makes a lot of sacrifices. She means a lot to the chamber."

Chamber President

Thomas Paden said Miller "truly deserves" the honor.

"We appreciate her hard work and dedication," Paden said.

Miller said becoming active in the chamber has been her "distinct pleasure." She said being a chamber Ambassador has opened quite a few doors for her in the community.

"It's been my distinct

pleasure to get to know this group of people," Miller said. "It's been wonderful being put in a position to be able to reach out to business leaders in Canton."

Miller follows the 2011 Ambassador of the Year, Jeanie Deraniyagala. The award is sponsored by Showroom of Elegance in Canton.

HOFFA

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wasn't allowed after then-President Richard Nixon pardoned him for crimes he committed and ushered in his release from prison.

Anthony said he and other FBI officials believed then — and now — that mob leaders wanted Hoffa killed because he was stirring up too much trouble.

"We believe the body was disposed of, probably cremated," Anthony said. "Every once in a while a lead will pop up when somebody's writing a book or wanting to get

out of jail or trying to get to heaven."

Anthony once stood in a suspect lineup as one of the good guys when FBI authorities were trying to find Hoffa's killers. Anthony returned to the media spotlight on CNN and other outlets as the latest Hoffa story has again drawn the national spotlight.

Anthony recalled the days after Hoffa's disappearance, when the union leader's wife received a phone call in an extortion attempt.

"We (the FBI) quickly jumped into the investigation and quickly found out it was an abduction and killing," Anthony

said. "The case took on a life of its own."

He estimated probably 1,000 FBI agents across the nation have been involved in the Hoffa investigation. Scores of agents spent the better part of a year working it full time.

Anthony believes the FBI solved the case — that Hoffa was abducted and killed — even though there wasn't a conviction. His belief stems from wiretaps, informant statements and good old-fashioned gumshoe detective work.

FBI officials have long said it appears Hoffa, trying to parlay his ties to the mob and Teamsters officials into his post-

prison return, was killed after people he was supposed to meet at the Machus Red Fox restaurant failed to show.

"He called his wife and she was stood up," Anthony said. "We believe he was picked up by someone he knew and driven to a location where he was killed and his body was disposed of."

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'Fiscal cliff' could trigger some big changes for everyone

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

automatic tax increases and budget cuts implemented.

The tax increases include the end of the Bush-era tax cuts, which affect all taxpayers, and changes in the alternative minimum tax, which could impact many taxpayers, particularly seniors.

The budget cuts included substantial cuts to Medicare and defense spending. It's estimated that approximately 1,000 government programs would be affected by the budget cuts.

The tax increases are in

addition to the tax increases that are scheduled to take effect next year because of Obamacare. Some of the tax increases will affect individuals who don't pay income tax because, under this legislation, the current reduction in payroll taxes (paid by employees) would no longer be there, resulting in a 2-percent tax increase on wages.

It is referred to as the "fiscal cliff" because even with tax increases and spending cuts, the budget deficit would be cut by more than \$500 billion, however, it is also estimated that if these cuts and tax increases take effect, GDP (gross domestic product) could be reduced upward of 4 percent and many are

predicting the result could be a recession.

The intent of the legislation was not to have tax increases or budget cuts take effect, but rather to force both parties to sit down and negotiate a bipartisan debt reduction plan. Unfortunately, the environment in Washington is toxic and there is no such thing anymore as bipartisanship. Therefore, there is a possibility that these changes will take effect. Of course, there is also the possibility that after the election, the parties will actually sit down like adults and work out their differences.

As we get closer to the end of the year when these changes are implemented, you're going to hear

more talk about the "fiscal cliff." At this point in time, it's hard to know what someone should do to prepare for this. I believe that after the election, the parties will sit down and work something out. Not because they want to be responsible, but rather because neither party wants to take the blame if the economy goes into a recession.

I'm sure as we get closer to the deadline, there will be lots of articles and commentary from the doom and gloomers. My advice is to ignore them, not because they are never right (even a broken watch is right twice a day), but because more often than not, they are wrong. A perfect example is this summer.

The doom and gloomers were talking about the market meltdown and it didn't happen. The people that rushed out of the market missed a nice little run that the market had this summer.

Will we reach the financial cliff and, if we do, what will be the reaction in the market? I don't know. However, one thing I do know is that investors who are informed will be in a better position to make better decisions with their money.

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National Western Life Insurance Company announced that Plymouth resident Vince Gauci of VFG Associates, LLC, earned Agent-of-the-Year honors for production excellence with the company's Domestic division. It was the sixth year in a row Gauci earned that distinction.

"Vince is a complete financial services professional," said National Western Life's Domestic Chief Marketing Officer, Chris Johnson. "His success in our two main product lines, life and annuity, indicates his skills in both retirement and estate planning."

"I just try to recommend the right solution for my clients," said Gauci. "The focus of our practice is safety, stability and guarantees. National Western Life is an industry leader in those areas."

Gauci is an industry veteran specializing in financial planning and wealth preservation. With a client base exceeding 2000, Vince and his firm have been serving Michigan residents since 1972. VFG Associates, LLC, is headquartered in Livonia, MI on 29433 Joy Road. For more information on Vince Gauci visit www.gauciassociates.com.

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Plymouth resident Vince Gauci of VFG Associates, LLC, earned Agent-of-the-Year honors from National Western Life Insurance Company.

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 Leislein, president, at (313) 863-8850 or dieiseljim@aol.com.

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

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The Whole House Shutoff Valve is something that should be checked regularly by homeowners, Plumbing Professors owner Matt O'Rourke said.

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CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

Mass and networking

St. John Neumann will be having a Mass and networking event 7 a.m. Friday, Oct. 5. After Mass we will have a morning coffee networking event starting about 7:45 a.m. If you are unable to attend mass, please join us for coffee at 7:45 a.m.

RSVP to the Rev. Ron Richards at (734) 455-5910, or email Father Ron at richards@stjohnneumann.us.

Business workshop

The chamber sponsors Business Education Workshop Series #5, "Marketing and Branding," 8-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16 at the Canton Chamber of Commerce, 45525 Hanford Road in Canton.

There is no cost to members or first-time guests. The workshop is presented by Dee Davy and Glenn LeFever, Creative Data. Sponsor is Yazaki North America.

Call the chamber office, (734) 453-4040 or email admin@cantonchamber.com to reserve a spot.

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 group 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



Scary stuff

United Home Health Services has one of the many scarecrows lining Kellogg Park for the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's "Scarecrows in the Park" promotion. The scarecrows were created by local residents, groups and businesses. They will be available for viewing through Halloween.

once per quarter. To make your reservation, call (734) 453-4040 or email admin@cantonchamber.com.

Consumer expo

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

Sponsors are Molly Maid and Showroom of Elegance. Registration forms and cost information is available on the chamber website at cantonchamber.com or by

calling (734) 453-4040.

After-hours mixer

The Canton Chamber of Commerce sponsors an after-hours mixer at Showroom of Elegance 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11. Admission is free for chamber members. Reservations are required; call (734) 453-4040 or email admin@cantonchamber.com.

The hosting sponsor is Showroom of Elegance; presenting sponsor is Huntington Bank. Showroom of Elegance is located at 6018 Canton Center in Canton.

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The cause of more than eight out of 10 homes suffering water damage are leaky pipes.

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"Most people don't know where their Whole House Shutoff Valve is so if and when they find it during a water emergency, they'll discover it is either frozen or broken from non-use, which will require emergency replacement," Plumbing Professors owner Matt O'Rourke said.

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Octogenarian uses positive thinking to earn master's degree

By Jill Halpin
Correspondent

Rosalie Bleecker has been wearing her cap and gown around town quite a bit.

Since earning a master's of arts in history from Madonna University in July, she has worn it to all of her doctor appointments, her graduation party Sept. 15 and even while taking a ride on a camel when the circus came to town over the summer.

You might say the Redford Township resident is proud, and certainly, she has a right to be: Bleecker is 84 years old and she is proud that age is nothing more than a number.

"Whenever I meet people—even perfect strangers—I tell them my name, my age and that I just graduated with a master's degree. And I tell them that for a reason. I want them to get this message: 'If you have ever wanted to do anything in your life, it's never too late. Just look at Rosalie Bleecker.'"

"Sometimes they look at me and they may think, 'I'm going to remember that.'"

The graduate degree is yet one more accomplishment on a long and exciting list of lifetime achievements, which includes raising five children with her husband, the late John Bleecker, singing at the Sydney Opera House in Australia, traveling around the world and returning to



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Rosalie Bleecker, 84, earned a master's degree with plenty of hard work and a positive thinking: "If you're not having fun, don't do it," she said. "But if you are not having fun, you can always change your attitude. I try to live by that."

college in her 60s to earn a bachelor's degree. For Bleecker, the 1946 graduate of Redford High School who still fondly remembers her high school fight song, attending Madonna University in Livonia was the fulfillment of a dream deferred.

Born in Detroit in 1928, Bleecker lived with her

parents and five siblings in a home next to her aunt, uncle and cousins.

"It was a wonderful way to grow up, with family all around," Bleecker said.

"I had always wanted to go to college, but at that time, it just wasn't possible. First of all, the G.I.s were returning from World War II and, sec-

ondly, college costs a lot of money. We just could not afford it. So I went out and got a job with the phone company," she said.

She married and settled with her husband in Redford in the same home she lives in today, raising five children who all attended college, she said.

After her husband passed away in 1989, Bleecker took some time for some self-reflection: "I had done everything that society had expected of me: I got a job, I got married and I raised a good family. Now I could do what I wanted."

In addition, she was active with the now-defunct Nomads Travel Club, a local group once known for travel to exotic locations, even acting as an archivist for the group at one point.

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untweaking with a variety of organizations, including The Parade Co., sponsor of America's Thanksgiving Day Parade® in Detroit.

"I helped dress the clowns for the parade for 10 years," she said, adding that she even participated in the parade once herself, riding upon one of the floats and distributing beads to the clowns walking along the parade route.

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always easy. Last winter, during a storm, a tree fell through her roof, damaging belongings including her computer printer and forcing her to move her study space to a cramped card table while repairs were made.

"When the tree came through, I had to grab as much as I could—I had to move my computer 'right away,'" she said. Still she persevered, establishing her routine of gathering as many resources as she could and taking copious notes as she read along.

"I have to write everything down—I'm sorry isn't what it used to be," she said.

Quitting school never entered her mind, she said.

"I had a purpose—you don't just quit. I figure that if you are going to do something, you just keep at it until you are done," she said.

Bleecker contends that her personal adage, one she developed on her own and has stood by throughout her life, also came to her rescue at times.

"When you can change nothing else, you can change your attitude. I try to live by that," she said.

She finished her degree in July and celebrated with a party at one of her favorite places to hang out with her "baby" sister, Suzanne, age 72.

"I had my graduation party on the top floor of Liberty Street Brewing Co. in Plymouth and, boy, was it a party," she said.

Museum gala honors men who flew Flying Fortress

Former University of Michigan football coach Lloyd Carr will be the featured speaker at the Yankee Gala, the annual premier event of the Yankee Air Museum.

The gala will be held 6:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10. This year, the YAM gala will focus on the legendary B-17 Flying Fortress and the heroic men who flew the heavy bombers into World War II combat for the first time some 70 years ago.

The 2012 Yankee Award for Valor will also be presented to Norm Ellickson, the esteemed founding member of the Yankee Air Force and crew chief of the "Yankee Lady" B-17 which is still flying today.

"As a museum, and as an organization of patriots, it's paramount that we celebrate our heroes, past and present," said Ray Hunter, YAM chairman of the board. "This

year we are very fortunate to honor Robert J. Shoets and the late Joseph W. Edwards, both B-17 pilots of the 8th Air Force in England during World War II."

Hunter said that the entry of the B-17 in the European Theater of Operations (ETO) brought strategic, daylight precision bombing to the enemy's homeland and began to destroy their ability to make war. More than 12,700 of the aircraft were built and nearly 5,000 were lost in combat in the ETO alone. Today, only about 10 B-17s are still airworthy and flying, including the YAM's Yankee Lady.

"Yankee Gala brings us face to face with the opportunity to achieve our purpose of honoring our aviation history and its participants through a living, flying museum," added Hunter. "We hope the public will support

us, by joining our festivities and taking this opportunity to meet some truly great men."

Yankee Gala will begin with cocktails followed by dinner. There also will be a silent auction. Tickets are \$75 per person, \$300 per couple. They're available online at www.yankeearmuseum.org. Information, especially about sponsorships and table pricing, is available by contacting Velda Garcia at velda.fay@yankeearmuseum.org or by calling (734) 483-4030.

The museum will be closed Nov. 5-12 to prepare for the gala. According to Walsh, moving airplanes and displays has to be done with great care. The museum will reopen on Tuesday, Nov. 13 and resume its regular schedule.

Yankee Air Museum is located on the grounds of Willow Run Airport at 47849 D St., Belleville. For more information about the Yankee Air Museum, a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization, visit the museum website at www.yankeearmuseum.org website.



MARTY KERSTENS
David Curtis, of Canton, portrayed Private Albert Stevens during the 2011 Plymouth Characters Cemetery Walk.

Museum hosts cemetery walks

Participants can meet and greet some of the characters from Plymouth's past at Plymouth's Riverside Cemetery during the Plymouth Historical Museum's "Plymouth Characters" Cemetery Walk, Saturday, Oct. 7.

Visitors will hear the tales of Plymouth's ghosts, such as Civil War soldiers Oscar Baker and Nelson Pooler, Plymouth's hardware store owner Michael Conner, and "Thriller Queen" Zaida Gottschalk.

Walks begin at 4 p.m. from the Mausoleum inside Riverside Cemetery. Parking is available inside the cemetery. Refreshments, provided by our sponsor Courthouse Grille of Plymouth, will be available at the cemetery following the walk. Walks begin at 4 p.m. with small groups departing every 15 minutes.

The walk lasts 60-90 minutes and involves some walking over uneven ground so please wear sturdy walking shoes. Bring flashlights for later times. Your tour time will be assigned upon purchase. If you are coming with a group, please let us know so we can schedule your group together. Call 734-455-

8940 for more information.

Tickets are \$10 per person, or purchase a Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum membership and receive up to two free tickets. A purchase of a Kellogg Park membership (value \$25) will get the recipient one free ticket; a purchase of a Daisy membership (value \$50) will get the recipient two free tickets. Tickets can be purchased on the museum's website (http://www.plymouthhistoricalmuseum.org/events/Plymouth-Characters-Cemetery-Walk-at-Riverside-Cemetery_ETAS.html?SortBox=201210) using PayPal or at the Museum during open hours.

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Mike Lica of Garden City (the Stormtrooper to the left of Darth Vader) and his wife Kristine (the X-wing pilot in front on the left) pose with a few "friends" during an appearance at Comerica Park. Lica will be at the Barnes and Noble store in Northville Saturday for the "Star Wars" Reads Day.

'Star Wars' invades bookstore for Read Day

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Luke Skywalker and Han Solo may have battled the Stormtroopers in George Lucas's bevy of *Star Wars* films, but there will be none of that when any of the fictional characters show up at the Barnes and Noble store in Northville Township Saturday evening.

Costume-clad *Star Wars* characters, members of the Great Lakes Garrison of the 501st Legion, as well as R2D2 and an X-wing pilot will be at the store at 17111 Haggerty at Six Mile, as part of a nationwide *Star Wars* Reads Day, an initiative of Lucasfilm and its publishing partners to celebrate reading and *Star Wars*. Participating publishers include Abrams, Chronicle Books, Dark Horse Comics, Del Rey, DK, Klutz, Random House Audio, Scholastic, Titan Magazines and Workman.

"This event is one of the things we do for Lucasfilms, we'll try to promote the books and get kids reading," said Mike Lica of Garden City. "We get to go out to the event and help promote *Star Wars* books."

Nearly 100 volunteers from the international fan-based costuming organizations, the 501st Legion, the Rebel Legion, the Mandalorian Mercs and the R2 Builders Club

are participating at select *Star Wars* Reads events around the country.

23 events

In Michigan, the 93 members of the Great Lakes Garrison will be at 23 events from as far north as Traverse City to as far south as Monroe. Lica, whose dresses as a Stormtrooper, will do an appearance in Allen Park from noon to 2 p.m. and then head over to Northville for the evening.

"The adults have more fun than the kids at these kind of events," said Lica. "A lot of guys my age are more excited than the kids because they don't know about *Star Wars* yet. Since 1997, the 501st Legion, also known as "Vader's Fist," has been dedicated to re-creating film-quality costumes of the villainous characters of the *Star Wars* galaxy and entertaining *Star Wars* fans with public appearances.

Members fabricate their costumes — no buying off the rack — and then submit photos of them to Lucas for his approval. Lica's Stormtrooper costume took about four months to make and his Dremel tool became his best friend during the process.

"They'll look at the photo and send you an e-mail telling you to fix this or adjust that," said Lica. "It takes a lot of time to do a costume. It looks over-

whelming, but you just make it one piece at a time."

Also a member of the R2 Builders Club, Lica and his brother, Jerry, made a remote controlled R2D2 that does everything but project a holographic image of Princess Leia. Made of aluminum, Styrene and resin, the brothers "had to do a lot of cutting" during the ninths months it took to build it.

Limited use

The members are allowed limited use of the copyrighted characters by Lucasfilms as long as they promise to never to use their costumes for personal profit. As a result, much of what members do is raise money for charity, including \$12 million worldwide last year.

The Great Lakes Garrison takes part in more than 100 events annually, including Detroit Tigers and Pistons *Star Wars* Nights, Great Lakes Loons *Star Wars* Night, Midland Balloon Festival, along with numerous charity walks and hospital visits. They've also appeared in the annual Downtown Garden City Santaland Parade for three years.

More information about the *Star Wars* Read Day, go to www.barnesandnoble.com and click on store locator. Information about the 501st Legion can be found at www.501st.com.

Boggs said prizes will be given away.

Decorated pumpkins will be displayed in the Arctic Edge lobby with informational place cards. Winners will be chosen for best-in-show in three age groups: 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12.

Winners will receive a gift certificate to D&M Art Studios for a summer art camp valued at \$90 to \$154.

Pumpkin creators can pick up their creations Oct. 21 through Oct. 25. For more information, go to www.arcticarenas.com or call (734) 487-7777.

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Canton hosts pumpkin contest

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Good grief, Charlie Brown, Canton is having a great pumpkin decorating contest.

Canton children ages 4-12 have an opportunity to create scary, humorous, flashy or simple pumpkins — depending on what mood the trick-or-treat season brings out in them.

D&M Art Studio and Canton Leisure Services are sponsoring the pumpkin-decorating contest at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena, 46615 Michigan Ave., where the creations must be submitted 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, or 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday,

Oct. 19.

Arctic Edge marketing specialist Brook Boggs billed the contest as a not-for-profit community event to celebrate the season, and contest winners will be announced during a Halloween skate 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20.

Young ghosts, goblins, witches, superheroes and other costumed youngsters are encouraged to wear their Halloween attire — but no masks, according to the Arctic Edge website — to the skate party. The event is free, but skate rentals aren't included.

The event includes music by DJ Roman, games, dancing on the ice and face-painting.

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OUR VIEWS

W-W school board race

We recommend Weaver, Hayton

Serving on the school board is the most basic of elective office. It is a modest position that carries a lot of importance and responsibility to the students, the staff and the school community.

Canton Township voters living in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools District will fill two six-year terms in the Nov. 6 election - one held by outgoing Trustee Cindy Schofield and the other held by appointed incumbent Frederick Weaver.

Five candidates are campaigning for the two positions. In addition to Weaver, they are Chandra Cozart, Paul Futch, Jeffrey Hayton and Sally Madison. Each candidate would bring different skills to the board. However, the candidates we believe would best serve the district at this time are Frederick Weaver and Jeffrey Hayton.

With the departure of Schofield, there will be only one member with a good working knowledge of what the board does, and that's Weaver. He has served on the board for nine years and has the institutional knowledge to help guide a board through the difficult times the district faces. There are those citizens who believe he should not serve because of his actions four years ago when he took a job in Midland and did not immediately resign. Weaver delayed in vacating his seat after making Midland his legal residence, a violation of state law. He is now in compliance with the law. He lives in the district and he is a registered voter in the district.

He was appointed to the school board in August 2011 by the Wayne RESA board, we believe, because he has experience. His past service has shown his commitment to the students, the parents and the school district. He has held different positions on the board and during his tenure as president, he started Project 180, a school board initiative to reach out to families and help them turn around their lives.

Weaver has made it clear he has one agenda - to make the Wayne-Westland Schools a better place for students to learn. If anything, we would like to see him temper his remarks at board meetings. He is frustrated by the dysfunctional nature of the current school board and it shows. He needs to be and can be part of the solution to helping the board function as a team. Hayton served on the board briefly in 2011 and understands the difficulties the school district is facing. His learning curve will be less shorter because of his previous experience.

While he believes the district is headed in the right direction, he would like to see school officials look at ways to smooth the transition to scale back services before Wayne-Westland hits the financial brick wall. His concern is what could happen to the programs in place. He believes this district would be well served to look at two-year budgets so school officials can know what to expect.

He would like to see the district give parents tools they can use to help their children at home and in turn improve learning in the classroom. And he favors a focus on policies that will strengthen the boards ability to communicate with parents.

The four candidates who participated in Observer interview process deserve a thank you. We take our job seriously and try to afford candidates every opportunity to express themselves and reach out to voters. We respect the choice of the one candidate who chose not to be interviewed because of her belief that newspapers should remain neutral in the election process. However, our concern is how open she will be with residents, if she is unwilling to be open with us. An endorsement is subjective and it appears only on our Opinion page.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

What is your favorite fall getaway?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



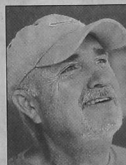
"We just moved here (from Las Vegas), and we've heard the cider mills are really fun."

Megan Pruett
Westland



"I like to go visit the local cider mills for cider and doughnuts, and I like to get apples to make apple sauce."

Carol Anderson
Canton



"My back yard. Other than raking the leaves, it's great. We're also going to Mount Pleasant to play golf. We do that every fall."

Ed Winstel
Canton



"One is going up to Traverse City and the Leelanau Peninsula, and the other is going back to Pennsylvania where I grew up, because the leaves and trees are pretty during the fall season."

Liz Snow
Canton

LETTERS

Traffic anger

This letter is for anyone who is in charge of Canton's traffic.

You knew that they were going to close Cherry Hill bridge. The township could have at least made it more bearable if they had only put a real traffic light at Palmer and Lotz roads, or at best made the dirt part of Lotz driveable.

Lillian Cleveland
Canton



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A reader takes issue with a response by state Rep. Kurt Heise (right) about equal pay for equal work at a recent candidates' forum. Tim Rorabach (left) is Heise's challenger in the Nov. 6 election.

The big 'no'

On Sept. 24 at the forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters at the Canton library, state Rep. Heise said he wouldn't support a bill granting women equal pay for equal work. His answer was one word. It was a very loud "no!"

The report of the forum in the Sept. 27 *Plymouth Observer* states: "Heise said he wouldn't." However, his answer was a loud "no."

Perhaps Rep. Heise tried to soften his response by saying later after the meeting, as reported in the *Observer*, "Most legislation has never passed and has been framed in broadly worded concepts." I equate that reported statement equal to what I have shoveled out of a barn and is an attempt to avoid the issue of equal pay for equal work.

What is Rep. Heise's real reason for not supporting equal pay for equal work?

William G. Cole
Plymouth

Billion-dollar gift

According to an article in one of our daily newspapers, our esteemed Republican lawmakers in the Michigan House and Senate have decided that the \$2 billion gift they gave our business leaders in January wasn't enough.

So in their wisdom, they are giving them another \$440 million from the state Treasury.

I have to admire the con-

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sistency and loyalty of these public servants. The billionaires get them elected, and the lobbyists tell them what their bosses expect them to do.

This \$440 million is almost the amount of the surplus that was expected after raising taxes on seniors and doing away with tax credits. No extra aid to school districts or local governments, no shoring up the rainy-day fund - give it to the same people who have yet to create any jobs with the first \$2 billion.

The Republican leaders are afraid that they will lose control of the House in November, so they pushed through this new welfare plan before that happens.

Let's make their fears come true and elect Democrats to the House of Representatives in Lansing and Washington, D.C.

James Huddleston
Canton

Backs Amar

To my fellow voters in Plymouth and Canton, I would like to recommend my long-time friend Democrat Jim Amar for Wayne County commissioner in the new 10th District.

Throughout his career at the Michigan Department of Labor as a labor mediation supervisor, Jim has gained extensive experience and exposure to the budgeting issues of local governments, school boards and private sector businesses. I believe that all of this experience provides Jim with insight that would promote economic growth and development in our community.

Jim is currently a member of the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, the executive board of the Fr. Clement H. Kern Foundation and the Plymouth Elks.

I have known Jim for more than 40 years, and know with certainty that he would bring integrity, trust and focus to this new position.

Jim Moylan
Plymouth

Exercise all votes

Re: Powerful Privilege (Opinion) dated Sept. 20, 2012: Voting is a right, not a privilege and it is our responsibility to exercise that right. Voting is the core of our democracy? Why do most Americans think our form of government is a democracy? How did they become misinformed?

Education and the media perhaps? We're a republic (or supposed to be). In a democracy, you only get one vote which is at the polls and your individual rights are at stake. Under a republic, we have a three (3) vote system to keep tyranny in check, not just one - one at the polls, one as a juror on a grand jury and finally one as a juror on a jury trial of your peers.

Do yourself a favor and seek out the power of jury nullification and juror's rights so you can exercise all of your voting rights.

Bruce Hartdegen
Plymouth

Kiwanis thanks

The pancake breakfast was another great success due to the support of the Plymouth community.

Once again the community attended the Plymouth Kiwanis Foundation annual Pancake Breakfast during the Plymouth Fall Festival on Saturday, Sept. 8. The area businesses in the community also helped with their generous donations that added to its success.

We were able to smoothly get thousands served quickly. It is all in good fun and the true focus is to raise funds to support Mott Children's Hospital, college scholarships, Kids Against Hunger and many other community causes. It is one of our major fundraising efforts each year which assist us in supporting many civic causes in our community.

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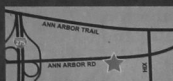
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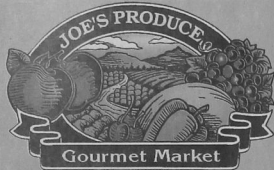
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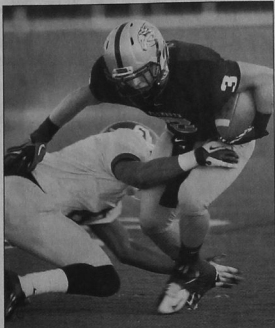
Chiefs, 'Cats rematch set — but they aren't only campus kids on the block anymore

Once again, two titans in the KLAAs with aspirations of a Division I championship clash Friday night. Canton and Plymouth have been down this col-

lision course many times in recent seasons, each squad battling helmets for bragging rights in the division, conference and campus.

The Chiefs and 2010 state finalist Wildcats are similar in many ways, their 3-1 record in the KLAAs South Division notwithstanding.

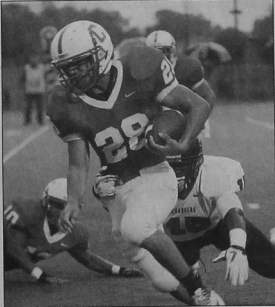
Both programs are offensively prolific, make opposing teams pay various ways (in the trenches, with to-the-house plays) and have coaching staffs that refuse to accept anything from their guys but the very best they can muster.



Nate Emminger (No. 3) always is in the thick of things on offense and defense for Plymouth's Wildcats.

When Friday's game commences at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, head coach Tim Baechler's Chiefs (4-2 overall) will be looking

to get one step closer to another playoff berth, while at the same time denying arch-rival Plymouth from improving to 6-1 overall — with a



One of several Canton running backs sparking the Chiefs offense this year is Charles Turfe (No. 28), shown during a recent game.

sixth win punching another playoff ticket for the Wildcats and head coach Mike Sawchuk.

Because Plymouth has been so dominating on

defense in 2012, giving up just 70 points so far compared to Canton's 128, the slightest of edges would

Please see REMATCH, B3

Fired-up Chiefs rally to edge Churchill

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Canton senior outside hitter Erica den Boer tumbled out of bounds to keep the volleyball from touching the floor late during Tuesday's Game 4 against Livonia Churchill — acrobatically batting it back toward her teammates.

That extra effort kept a rally going that enabled Canton to win 25-19 to send the KLAAs South Division showdown into a fifth game.

In Game 5, the Chiefs went on to win 17-15 and take the match 3-2, the first league blemish on Churchill's record (33.5 overall, 7-1 in the KLAAs South).

"Nothing hits the ground, this is our court, this is our house," said den Boer about what the Chiefs' collective mission was against the KLAAs South Division leaders. "We just wanted to touch every ball like it was our last."

Canton first-year head coach Steve Johnson, whose team improved to 20-9-1 overall and 5-2 in the KLAAs South, said the energy from the home crowd played a role in helping the Chiefs finally dispatch Churchill in

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

their third meeting of the season.

"I think the crowd was a big force for us, the kids drew a lot of energy off our home crowd," Johnson said. "That was probably the biggest crowd I've seen since we've been here."

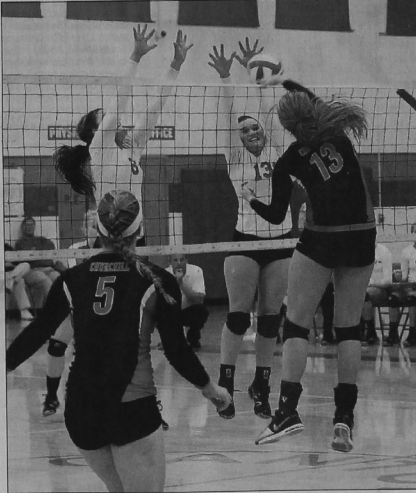
"We didn't have anything to lose by going for it and our team really went for it tonight." According to Churchill head coach Mark Grenier, "It was just a great high school match, two good teams going against each other. We just came up a little short."

The Chargers, featuring a stellar front row including Marissa Pomaville (23 kills) and Emily Norscia (17 kills), looked in control after taking games 2-3 by scores of 25-20 and 25-12.

Net presence

Churchill led much of Game 4, too, but the Chiefs drew even 16-16 during a service run by den Boer (18 kills, 25 digs) in which Jordan Diedrich and Alexis Madis put a bomb block on a Pomaville spike attempt.

Please see SPIKERS, B2



Canton's Rebecca LeChevalier (No. 6) and Erica den Boer (No. 13) try to thwart a spike attempt by Livonia Churchill's Marissa Pomaville (No. 13) on Tuesday. Also shown is Churchill's Casey Bias (No. 5).

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Rocks prevail at Haslett Invite

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

The momentum keeps building for Salem's varsity girls' cross country team and head coach Dave Gerlach couldn't be happier about that.

"These ladies have already accomplished a ton this season and are hungry for more success with the start of championship races," said Gerlach, following the Rocks victory at Saturday's Haslett Invitational with 40 points.

In second was East Grand Rapids (78), followed by DeWitt (97), Regina (136) and Wal-

Lake Northern (154). Among KLAAs teams, Livonia Stevenson finished sixth with 171 points and Plymouth took 12th (345).

Meanwhile, the Rocks followed that up with Tuesday's 17-46 win against Livonia Stevenson and now gear up for Saturday's prestigious Wayne County Championship at Willow Metropark in New Boston. A stellar showing there would provide Gerlach even more evidence his team — ranked No. 10 among Division I schools — is ready to hang with the best in Michigan at postseason state

Please see ROCKS, B4

Wildcats dominate field

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

When Dan Young took over from Chris Moore early this season as Plymouth's varsity girls' golf coach, he knew he had an excellent team.

It remains to be seen just how good the Wildcats can be, but they served up even more evidence with Tuesday's dominant first-place finish at the KLAAs Kensington Conference meet at Salem Hills.

Plymouth finished with 313 strokes — well ahead of runner-up Northville's 337 tally — and boasted the individual medalist in senior Sarah Thompson (73). Five Wildcats earned all-conference medals with the sixth



Thompson

GIRLS GOLF

member of the team (senior copartner Danielle Allen) falling just one stroke short of joining them. Allen finished the 18-hole course with a 90 score.

"I'm very proud of the girls, it was a great day," Young said. "We're very pleased and grateful for having such a great day. And we're very happy."

In addition to Thompson, other Plymouth medalists included senior Kelsey Murphy (74), Sydney Murphy (83), freshman Katie Chipman (83) and Kayla Whitley (84).

Finishing third with 357 points was South Lyon, followed by Novi (358), Canton (361), Livonia Stevenson (369), South Lyon East (399), Livonia Churchill (405), Salem (424), Westland

Please see GOLF, B3

MU women's golfers 1st

Identical 84s by Michelle Hall and Kaitlyn Brasher carried the Madonna University women's golf team to a Defiance College (Ohio) Invitational title Sunday at Eagle Rock Golf Club.

The Crusaders shot 345 to beat runner-up Adrian College by 15 strokes in the seven-school field.

Hall and Brasher tied for second, one shot behind Adrian College's individual medalist Ariel Gruber.

Also contributing to the MU victory was freshman Jordan Shepler (Livonia Churchill) and Chelsea Collura, who shot 88 and 89 to place seventh and eighth, respectively. Holly Laginess tied for 14th with a 93.

On Friday, Shepler shot a career low-round 78 as the Crusaders took runner-up honors in the seven-school Indiana Wesleyan Fall Invitational at Shady Hills Country Club in College.

Shepler tied for 5th individual with an 84-78-162 followed by Hall, eighth (85-81-166); Laginess, 10th (86-82-168); Brasher, tied for 14th (86-84-170); and Collura, tied for 16th (86-85-171).

MU's non-scorers were Becca Porter, tied for 23rd (86-89-175) and Megan Fleischer, tied for 36th (100-84-184).

MSU harriers finish strong

The Michigan State University women's cross country team took third in the Greater Louisville Classic as junior Sara Kroll (Livonia Churchill) placed fourth in the 5K Gold Competition with a time of 16:57.13.

Redshirt senior Rachel McFarlane (Churchill) was the Spartans' third runner in 31st with a clocking of 17:27.32.

Myers leads MU link effort

The Madonna University men's golf team captured fourth-place in last weekend's 10-team Kenyon College) Fall Invitational at Mount Vernon (Ohio) Country Club.

Columbus State (Ohio) captured the team title with a two-day total of 310-311-621.

Rounding out the top five were Northwestern Ohio (312-313-625), Kenyon (316-314-630), MU (321-310-631) and West Virginia University (321-311-632).

Ash Alstadd of Columbus State took medalist honors with a 71-70-141.

MU senior Andy Myers (Westland John Glenn) placed third with a 77-70-147.

Myers was also named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Golfer of the Week.

Other MU finishers included Joe Parker, tied for eighth (79-76-155); Billy Tier, tied for 23rd (81-82-163); David Corbell and David Good, tied for 32nd (82-84-166 each).

SPIKERS

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On the troying point, Madis drove the ball over the net with emphasis to remind the Chargers nothing was going to be given to them on this night.

"Our blockers absolutely allowed us to win the match tonight," Johnson said. "They did a great job staying disciplined, getting a lot of touch blocks, getting a lot of solo blocks, just putting a hand in their faces."

With Diedrick serving, Canton scored the game's final four points — including the one made possible by den Boer's desperation tumble. Diedrick's game point was on an ace expertly placed inside the far-left corner.

The Chiefs opened up a 4-0 lead in the fifth game and never trailed, although the Chargers rallied several times to draw even.

Canton led 14-12 but Churchill's Megan Damico served up two points including an ace to even the game at 14-14.

Churchill subsequently hit the ball out of bounds to fall behind 16-15 and den Boer finished off the victory, drilling a perfect pass from Janice.

Other top performers for the Chiefs included Diedrick (10 kills, 14 digs), Sasha Cucuz (nine kills), Courtney Kurkie (seven kills), Madis (six solo blocks), Rebecca LeChevalier (one solo block, four assists), libero Becca Middleton (22 digs) and Dia Jackson (10 digs).

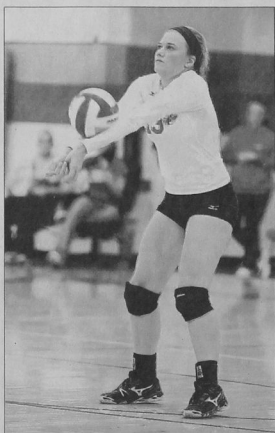
Orchestrating the Canton attack were setters Janice (23 assists), Madison Kieley (nine assists) and Rachel Buzenberg (eight assists).

Wake-up call for the Chargers, setter Katie Charrtrand had a strong match with 49 assists.

Grenier said the way Canton went after his team is something his players should expect from other opponents as the postseason looms.

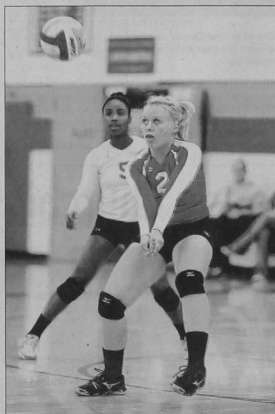
"Absolutely, from here on in everybody's out for blood," Grenier said. "It's a nice wake-up call for us. We have a big target on our backs."

Canton definitely had the Churchill game



Canton senior outside hitter Erica den Boer (No. 13) bumps the ball during Tuesday's match against Livonia Churchill.

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Sending the ball back over the net Tuesday is Canton senior libero Becca Middleton (No. 2), while teammate Dia Jackson (No. 5) watches in the background.

marked in red on the schedule. "It was our last game playing them so we just

really wanted to come strong and be able to remember this night for many years to come," den Boer said.

Johnson, meanwhile, said getting the victory over Churchill was something that could lift the team down the stretch.

"We're just happy with the win, to get the monkey off our back and take down a great team like Churchill," Johnson said. "It will definitely add confidence for districts. We've been doing things kind of quietly and tonight we kind of woke up and probably opened up some eyes."

Flury's flurry sparks Warriors

Alissa Flury finished with seven solo blocks and seven kills to propel Lutheran High Westland to a 25-18, 25-16, 25-25, 25-18 triumph Tuesday at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

Other standouts for the Warriors, now 15-12-5 overall and 3-2 in the MIAC Blue Division, include Leah Refenes (seven kills, nine assists); Sam Roberts (seven kills); Shannon Abbott (10 assists); Julia Yancy (17 digs); Chandler Davenport (six aces, eight digs); and Aldreanna Fikes (nine digs).

Refenes was also 30-of-31 serving with 25 points (including five aces).

"Overall I am happy to pick up the win on the road, but we still had issues with starting strong," said Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade, whose team led behind 8-1 before going on a 24-10 run to win the first set. "We can't afford to do that against better teams because better teams will make that lead hold."

"I thought we did a good job serving aggressive-

ly today and I thought we played very well at the net and got a lot of touches and blocks."

Salem falls

Livonia Stevenson is building some late season momentum following a 25-10, 17-25, 25-13, 25-18 KLAAC Central Division girls volleyball win Tuesday over Salem.

Plymouth wins

In a KLAAC South Division match Tuesday, host Plymouth came away with a 25-14, 25-15, 25-19 win over Livonia Franklin.

Warriors finally over the .500 hump

By Brad Emmons
Observer Staff Writer

It's been a long climb, but Lutheran High Westland's volleyball team is back over the .500 mark after going a perfect 7-0 Saturday to capture the Westland Huron Valley Lutheran girls volleyball tournament.

The Warriors defeated next door neighbor and host HVL for the championship in three sets, 26-24, 20-25, 15-9, to improve to 14-12-5 overall.

"What a very long, but rewarding day for Warrior volleyball," coach Kevin Wade said. "We definitely had to work for what we accomplished as indicated by the scores throughout the day. We had a focus on our passing and our middle play throughout the day and it was good to see the success we had there."

Lutheran Westland defeated Saline Washtenaw Christian (26-24, 23-25, 15-12) in the semifinal and Newport Lutheran South (26-24, 25-23) in the quarterfinal to reach the championship match.

The Warriors started the day with victories in pool play over Novi Franklin Road Christian (25-16, 25-22), Lutheran South (25-18, 25-13), Washtenaw

Christian (25-19, 28-26) and HVL (25-21, 25-17).

Junior Leah Refenes had a big day for Lutheran Westland with 36 total kills, 14 ace serves and 52 assist-to-kills, while junior Julia Yancy paced the defense with 94 total digs.

Other contributions came from Shannon Abbott (53 assists, nine aces); Sam Roberts (32 kills); Alissa Flury (19 solo blocks, 27 kills); Aldreanna Fikes (20 kills, 38 digs); Chandler Davenport (16 aces, 32 digs); Natalie Freeman (18 kills, five solo blocks) and Marcela Flury (14 kills, two solo blocks).

"We had some slow starts, especially in the bracket play that have to be ironed out or we may not be as fortunate to get the wins we got today," Wade said. "Overall I'm pleased and I hope this is something we build on as we get closer to November."

Meanwhile, the host Hawks finished 4-2-1 on the day defeating Pontiac Academy (25-9, 25-11), Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary (25-21, 25-23), Ypsilanti Arbor Prep (25-17, 25-18) and Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (25-17, 25-23).

HVL also split with

Washtenaw Christian (25-10, 23-25), while losing twice to Lutheran Westland.

"It was a very long, but fun Saturday for us," said HVL coach Mike Dext, whose team is 18-9-5 overall and 2-1 in the MIAC. White following Thursday's 3-1 setback to Birmingham Roeper. "I was happy with the effort and energy that we played with throughout the day. Of course we would've liked to win our tournament, and we're never satisfied losing the last match we play of any day, but I really liked some of the things I saw from us on Saturday."

Junior Lexus Medina paced HVL's attack with 53 total kills, seven solo blocks and seven aces, while sophomore Madison Dext contributed 45 kills, 15 aces and was 103-for-110 on serve reception.

Other top performers for the Hawks included Dayna Schroeder (27 kills, nine blocks, 75-of-90 serve receive) and Anne St. John (157 assists, 12 aces, 15 digs).

Bethany Schaffner and Julie St. John paced the defense with 27 and 20 digs, respectively.

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Rickard Rakell (No. 24) of the Plymouth Whalers scores against Sudbury goalie Taylor Dupuis during Saturday night's OHL game at Compuware Arena.

RENA LAVERTY

Whalers surge to 6-2 win

The Plymouth Whalers exploded for four unanswered goals in the second period and went on the defeat the Sudbury Wolves, 6-2, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night

OHL HOCKEY

before 3,144 at Compuware Arena.

Two of Plymouth's first-round National Hockey League draft picks led the way offensively. Rick-

ard Rakell (first round, Anaheim, 2011) was the game's first star, scoring his first two goals of the year along with an assist.

Tom Wilson (first round, Washington, 2012) was the game's second star with his first two goals of the year. Matt Misteale scored his first goal of the season, while Cody Payne (fifth round, Boston, 2012) scored his second of the season.

In goal, Matt Mahalak backstopped the Whalers' victory with 27 saves, helping up Plymouth's record to 1-0-1.

The victory was Plymouth's head coach Mike Vellucci's 399th of his career. He is the winningest coach in franchise history.

The Whalers return to action Friday at Guelph and then host Niagara 7 p.m. Saturday at Compuware.

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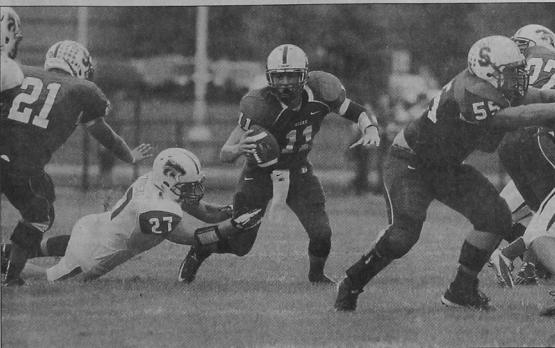
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PREP GRID PICKS

Week 7 Friday, Oct. 5	Wright	Smith	O'Meara	Emons
Garden City (4-2, 3-1) at Robichaud (6-0, 4-0), 7 p.m.	Garden City	Robichaud	Robichaud	Robichaud
Thurston (4-2, 3-1) at Redford Union (2-4, 1-3), 7 p.m.	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston
Salem (5-1, 3-1) at Stevenson (5-1, 3-1), 7 p.m.	Salem	Stevenson	Salem	Stevenson
Plymouth (5-1, 3-1) at Canton (4-2, 3-1), 7 p.m.	Canton	Plymouth	Canton	Plymouth
Franklin (2-4, 2-2) at Churchill (0-0, 4-0), 7 p.m.	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill
Wayne (0-6, 0-4) at John Glenn (0-0, 4-1), 7 p.m.	John Glenn	John Glenn	John Glenn	John Glenn
Farmington (5-1, 4-1) at North Farmington (2-4, 1-4), 7 p.m.	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington
Harrison (4-2, 3-2) at Oak Park (6-0, 5-0), 6 p.m.	Harrison	Oak Park	Oak Park	Oak Park
Crabrook Kingswood (1-5) at Clarenceville (4-2), 7 p.m.	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville
Saturday, Oct. 6				
Hamtramck (1-5) at Lutheran West (3-3), 1 p.m.	Westland	Westland	Westland	Westland
Last week	10-2	11-1	12-0	12-0
Overall	48-27	53-22	55-20	56-19



Salem quarterback Jake Deprez (No. 11) is looking to lead the Rocks to a playoff berth. Also shown here are teammates Kyle Cameron (No. 21) and Raymond Fisher (No. 55).

REMATCH

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seem to go to the black-and-silver team. Each team can score in bunches, however, so if any team can get to the Plymouth defense, it's the Chiefs (235 points). By the way, the Wildcats, led by senior quarterback Jamal Elland and senior wideout/linebacker Nate Emminger, have put 251 points on the board. Perhaps one might get a better idea how Fri-

day's showdown might go if Canton senior running back Malcolm Hollingsworth is held in check on the Chiefs' first offensive play of the night. On Canton's opening snap the past two weeks, he broke TD runs of 80 and 75 yards to give the Chiefs seven quick points. Meanwhile, for as much as these two perennial standouts again are among the top teams in Observerland, a third team at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park is pushing to become just as relevant.

Salem's upstart Rocks also can clinch a playoff berth if they can knock off host Livonia Stevenson Friday night. That would give Salem a 6-1 record, the latest step to respectability for head coach Kurt Britnell's program. Britnell, in his fourth year at the helm, has presided over a slow-but-steady climb from early struggles to a team that in 2012 cannot be discounted. With the potential for three P-CEP playoff teams, prep football fans

in Plymouth and Canton should be delirious, regardless of how it all shakes out in Week 10 and beyond. That's because few areas would be able to boast the kind of winning, thrilling football that continues to define the Park — not only this autumn but, hopefully, for seasons to come. **Tim Smith** is sports editor of the Plymouth and Canton Observers. He can be reached at (734) 469-4128 or tsmith@hometownlife.com.



Rocks win tourney

Salem's varsity boys tennis team finished first out of eight teams at Saturday's Woodhaven Invitational. Although the Rocks tied with Chelsea in the standings, the Rocks won the tiebreaker (head-to-head competition) for the top spot. Jake Scott also won the "Top Gun" award for winning at 1 singles while the No. 4 doubles tandem of Jeff Selevsky and Charlie Liu also took first. Salem players placing second were Ryan Chin (4 singles), Nick Ortiz-Amol Carvalho (1 doubles), and third-place finishers including Alek Zultowski (2 singles) and David Blossom-Shaheer Rabbag (3 doubles). Pictured following the tournament are (from left) Ryan Chin, Shaheer Rabbag, David Blossom, Rohan Thanedar, Amol Carvalho, coach Bill Nelson, Jeff Selevsky, Charlie Liu, Jake Scott and Nick Ortiz. Not pictured, but participating, were Jon Clark, Alek Zultowski and Jake Sealy.

Plymouth Family YMCA programs on tap

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of youth instructional programs and leagues this fall. The focus of these programs will be on fun, exercise and social interaction through sports instruction. Those offerings are as follows: • Preschool Soccer, Preschool and Youth Basketball and Martial Arts:

Ages vary by program but there is something for children ages 3-12. Programs run weekly beginning Sept. 17. Oct. 22 and are open to YMCA members and community members. • YMCA Co-Ed Soccer: Leagues are forming for children ages 4-10 with sessions from Sept. 10-Nov. 3. Fundamentals will be stressed through

one practice and one game (on Saturdays) each week. The Y fee is \$84 or \$115 for community participants. • YMCA Basketball: Leagues are forming for boys and girls ages 4-11. The first session will run from Oct. 22 through Dec. 21. There will be one practice per week and one game per week on Friday evenings. The

Y rate is \$80 or \$112 for community participants. The second session runs from Jan. 4-March 15. The Y rate for 2nd session is \$96 and the community rate is \$128. Programs are filled on a first come-first serve basis. For more information, please contact the YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymcaredetroit.org/plymouth.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

YMCA looking for staff

The Plymouth Family YMCA is hiring sports staff for the fall and winter sessions of youth sports. Applicants should be at least 16 years old and be available to work evenings in addition to possessing a strong desire to work with youth, knowledge of various sports and the ability to interact well with members of all ages. To apply, download an application and return it to Josh Borg at jborg@ymcaredetroit.org or 248 S Union, Plymouth, MI, 48170.

Sign up for Saints

The Washtenaw Saints Football Team, of the Christian Athletic League of America, is currently looking for interested young men (6th through 12th grade) to join the team. There are no tryouts and everyone will get a chance to compete. Practices are underway at Domino Farms in Ann Arbor from 5:30 to 7:30 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. For more information contact coach Jeremy Florence at (734) 649-0532 or by e-mail at Lemmie@aol.com.

Run, bike, golf

Tami's Tri, a 5-kilometer run, 20K bike and 9-hole scramble golf event will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier Road, Superior Township. The cost is \$65 (through Sept. 15) or \$75 (through race day). Included in the cost is a free golf clinic conducted by PGA professional Tom Bassett at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at Hickory Creek. Tami's Tri includes gift pack, prizes and lunch included. Space is limited to 144 golfers.

Proceeds will go to the non-profit organization Growth Works, Inc. of Canton and Plymouth. To RSVP e-mail TrainWithTami@yahoo.com. For more information, call (734) 731-0238, or visit www.TrainWithTami.com.

CYO volleyball

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

St. Kenneth, St. Aidan and St. Colette are eligible to play in the Catholic Youth Organization. To register, e-mail Gary Smart at smart595@sbglobal.net; or call (734) 432-5959.

Reds need players

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

WYAA football

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association football will be 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays and 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays at the WYAA Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington (north of Ford). The WYAA offers two football units, the Comets and Meteors. Each unit has four squads divided by age and weight restrictions for junior freshmen (7-8), freshmen (8-10), junior varsity (11-12) and varsity (13-14). In addition, both units have four cheerleading squads (ages same as football). For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640.

Archery range

Registration to obtain a pass for the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation archery range is under way at the Parks and Recreation office, located at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia. The range will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays (through Oct. 13) and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays (through October); 4 p.m. until dusk, Tuesdays and Thursday, September-October. Resident season pass rates are \$25 (individual); \$35 (two members); \$45 (three members); and \$55 (four or more members). Non-resident season passes are available for \$40 (individual); \$50 (two); \$60 (three) and \$70 (four or more). Daily resident rates are \$4 (adult) and \$2 (17-and-under). Non-resident daily fees are \$6 (adult) and \$4 (17-and-under). For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

GOLF

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John Glenn (485) and Livonia Franklin (no team score).

Other Observerland medalists included: Canton's Kelsey McDougall (80); Stevenson's Mary Peltz (86) and Laura Shureb (89); and Churchill's Jackie Burdette (89).

The Chiefs' Katie Adams just missed the all-conference cut with a 91. Salem's top performer was Amanda Bennett, with a 98.

KENNINGTON CONFERENCE GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

Oct. 2 at Salem Hills TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth, 313 strokes; 2. Northville, 337; 3. South Lyon, 357; 4. Novi, 358; 5. Canton, 361; 6. Livonia, Stevenson, 369; 7. South Lyon East, 399; 8. Livonia Churchill, 405; 9. Salem, 424; 10. Westland John Glenn, 485; 11. Livonia Franklin, no team score. **Individual medalists:** Sarah Thompson (Plymouth), 73. **TEAM-BY-TEAM SCORING Plymouth (D13):** Sarah Thompson, 73; Kelsey Murphy, 74; Sydney Murphy and Katie Chapman, 81; Ashley Whately, 84; Danielle Allen, 90. **Livonia: 87.** Megan Ye, 97. **South Lyon East (82):** Ashley Fisher, 86; Allison Ranusch, Priscilla Harding, 91; Lizzie Hig-

gins, Caroline Harding, Lauren Smith, 92 each. **Novi (85B):** Lauren Cojei, 85; Katelyn Henry, 88; Anna Greulich, 90; Allyson Krick, 95; Lauren Henry, 97; Madison Kretsch, 98. **Canton (361):** Kelsey McDougall, 80; Katie Adams, 91; Madelyn Mans and Chloe Luget, 95 each; Rachel Pianso, 96; Alyce Crumm, 99. **Stevenson (269):** Mary Peltz, 86; Laura Shureb, 89; Kelsey Duntley, 96; Alyssa Blazkiewicz, 98; Danielle Marzec, 100; Jessica Cracholia, 106. **South Lyon East (399):** Elena Moore, 90; Sydney Jones and Abbey Bullock, 107 each; Kaleigh Marshall, 107; Zoe Brown, 113; Molly Lyon, 118. **Churchill (405):** Jackie Burdette, 89; Maggie McGowan, 97; Taylor Cutting, 108; Katie Shereda, 111; Maddie Spooner, 113; Alysa Mazur, 116. **Salem (424):** Amanda Bench, 98; Abby LeBlanc, 105; Katie Riena, 110; Christine Li, 111; Kiley Flynn, 112; Hope Warkoczko, 115. **Westland John Glenn (485):** Olivia Cabildo, 101; Haley Arat, 111; Lindsey Croskey, 123; Ashley Andez, 158. **Franklin (no score):** Kendall Payne, 118; Jackie Hansen, 122; Alyssa Stevenson, 37.5. **South Lyon East, 2: 8.** Salem, 1: 9. **All-CONFERENCE (top 18)** **YMCA:** Thompson, K. 80; Murphy, Chapman, Whately; **Northville:** Matych, Page, Williams; **Children:** Zaty, 84; **Stevenson:** Fisher, Ranusch; **Novi:** Cojei, Henry; **Canton:** McDougall; **Stevenson:** Peltz, Shureb; **Churchill:** Burdette; **South Lyon East:** Jones, 118. **DIY CHIEFS STANINGS Central Division:** 1. (tie) Northville, South Lyon and Novi, 8-2 each; 2. Stevenson, 3-7.5; South Lyon East, 2-8; 6. Salem, 1-9. **South Division:** 1. Plymouth, 8-0; 2. Canton, 5-2; 3. Churchill, 4-4; 4. (tie) Franklin and John Glenn, 0-6 each.

Chili for a cause



Laraine Larking (left) and Colleen MacDonald show off silent auction items at Stepping Up for MS's first "A Chili Night Out" fundraiser last year at St. Edith Parish Hall. The second annual event will include chili and hot dogs provided by The Detroit Chili Company and Westborn Market, prize raffles, silent auction and 50/50 raffle, 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at the church, 15089 Newburg, Livonia. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children, 6 and under. Dinners include chili, hot dog, beverage and dessert. Buy tickets on line at www.stepsupforms.org or mail a check to Stepping Up for MS Benefit Dinner, 15988 Fox, Livonia, MI 48154. Include name, address, telephone, e-mail and number of adult and children's tickets. For more information call Amy Arsenault at (248) 615-1115 or e-mail to arsenault@stepsupforms.org.

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

October



State Rep. John Walsh will talk about the Affordable Care Act Wednesday, Oct. 10.

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, just south Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: State Rep. John Walsh,

R-Livonia, will talk about the tax implications of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2011. Walsh is a former tax attorney and current vice chair of the Michigan House Tax Policy Committee.
Contact: (734) 261-1455, ext. 200; www.livoniastmichael.org

BLOOD DRIVE
Time/Date: 1-6:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palm, Westland

Details: Walk ins are welcome or make an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org. sponsor code pwwestland
Contact: (734) 722-1735

BOOK SALE
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 5-6
Location: Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: This annual used book sale includes hardcovers for \$1 and paperbacks (for 50 cents), along with DVDs and CDs covering a variety of

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CAPUCHIN MINISTRIES
Time/Date: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7
Location: Solanus Casey Center entrance, 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

Details: Family Day includes an open house and guided tours of the Solanus Casey Center, St. Bonaventure Monastery grounds and the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's Midlum site, including Earthworks Urban Farm gardens. Mass also is planned at 11 a.m. in the St. Bonaventure Chapel. Free light lunch snacks will be available.
Coming up: The 5th Annual Second Helping Afterglow runs 9 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center, in downtown Detroit. Tickets are \$50 per person and include two free drink tickets, parking, dessert, coffee bar, entertainment. Proceeds benefit the

Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Get tickets at www.secondhelping.org or call (313) 579-2100, Ext. 153

Contact: www.solanuscenter.org or www.cskdetroit.org

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Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy Road, between Lily and Haggerty, Canton
Details: Free clothing
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CONCERT
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BOUGHER, TRACI RENAE

Age 40, of Westland, MI died Sunday, September 23, 2012. A Memorial Service will be held at Eureka Christian Church, 2619 Maple Rapids Rd., Eureka, MI on Saturday, October 6, 2012 at 1:00 P.M. The family will receive friends from noon to 1:00 at the church. Traci worked as an Agency Coordinator for FOCUS: Hope in Detroit. Traci Traci is survived 2 sons: Austin & Dominic of Westland, MI, her parents Bruce and Cathy Boughner of Maple Rapids, MI, brother Todd and Nichole Boughner of St. Johns, MI and nephew Matthew. Memorials may be made to Susan O. Komers Breast Cancer Research c/o 8331 W. Mead Road St. Johns, MI 48879 Online condolences can be sent to www.smi1familyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Chapel Funeral Homes 2105 Chapel St. Johns, Michigan.



HUBBARD, MARRJORIE F.

Age 90, 9/28/12. Preceded in death by her beloved husband of 59 years, James S. Hubbard, Sr. Loving mother of Patricia (Glenn) Osgood of Lakeswood, NJ, James Jr. (Linda) of West Bloomfield, MI, Michael of Lakemaroo, MI and Douglas (Linda K.) of Livonia, MI. Loving grandmother of Jamie, Jennine and Jenna. Cherished great-grandmother of 19. Marjorie, a seventh generation Virginian, graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in Richmond Virginia in 1940 where she was a cheerleader, Band Sponsor and student leader. After High School, she worked as a model for Thalhimer's Dept. Store. An accomplished seamstress, artist, and dancer, she made many of her own fashion creations, painted in oils and pastels and danced in a chorus line in her retirement community when living in Ocala, FL. She taught aerobic exercise until the age of 78. She and her husband raised her family in moves through 8 states, due to his transfers with BASF Corporation. She was a hostess to many corporate dinner parties and other events and possessed a gracious southern charm that made all feel welcome. Memorial gathering Thursday 11:00 am until the time of service at 11:00 am at Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile Rd. in Livonia. Donations appreciated to the Salvation Army in S.E. MI.



BUZDINSKI, JACQUELYN

Age 68, of Livonia, passed away peacefully on September 30, 2012. Jacquelyn attended Holy Cross School of Nursing in South Bend, IN. She loved cooking, sewing, and babysitting her grandchildren. She cared about people, her Hospice patients, and always was able to help. She truly put others first. Beloved wife of Ronald Budzinski, dear mother of Joseph (Lynn) Budzinski, Edward Budzinski, Terese (Todd) Rockwell, Kathleen (Robert) Wadzinski, Mary Ann Ann Marie Budzinski, Daniel Budzinski and his fiancée Carrie, proud grandmother of Jonathan, Alyssa, Madison, Audrey, Madeline, Sydney, Alex, Elain, Aidan, Grace Ann, Erin, Reese, caring sister of Eugene Holiewski. The visitation was Tuesday, October 2, 2012, at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48152. The Mass of Resurrection was celebrated on Wednesday, October 3, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Aidan's Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48152. Interment was at Glen Eden, Livonia. Jacquelyn's wishes were to make a memorial in her name to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg, Livonia, MI 48154 in lieu of flowers. Please visit www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com and share a tribute of Jacquelyn.

MERRITT, RODGER J.

Of New Lenox, IL, passed away September 16th after a courageous battle with cancer. Born in Salem Township to the late Russell and Edith Merritt. Beloved husband of Carol (Huddleston) Loving Father of Roger J., Cathy Merritt and Janet (Gerald) Merritt-Kosteck, "Poppie" of five grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Dear brother of Russell (Carol) Merritt and the late Wanda (the late Frank) Braciszewski; Rodger was a U.S. Army Korean War Veteran and a recipient of the Bronze Star Medal for Combat Heroism. Interment will be at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery at a later date. Donations may be made to the New Lenox Fireworks Project at 120 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox, IL 60451.

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‘Michigan Phil’ kicks off new season with back-to-back concerts

By Joanne Maliszewski
Correspondent

A heralded name change has paved the way for the Michigan Philharmonic to offer more concerts in its 67th season.

“We want to become Michigan’s Philharmonic and have a reach throughout Michigan,” said Don Soenen, Philharmonic board president. “We aren’t trying to replace the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. I think there’s an opportunity for an orchestra on the next tier down. We believe there is plenty of room in the market.”

The Philharmonic will open the season at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at the Seligman Performing Arts Center at Detroit Country Day School, 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. It will repeat the concert the following day at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Headliner Sharon Isbin will perform Rodrigo’s popular *Concierto de Aranjuez* at both venues.

Isbin is a multi-Grammy award winner and founder of the Guitar School at Julliard School in New York City. Lauded as the “greatest guitarist of our time” by *Boston Magazine*, Isbin has appeared as a soloist with more than 160 orchestras.

The geographic expansion follows the Philharmonic’s long-term growth plan while on the heels in 2011 of a significant 27-



Nan Washburn directs the Michigan Philharmonic.

percent revenue increase to almost \$369,000. Revenue from admissions also grew 21 percent, while business giving grew 71 percent and individual giving by 20 percent.

“This sound financial performance puts the Michigan Philharmonic in a very strong position to continue its rapid growth in the future,” Soenen said. “It is anticipated that revenue will increase by approximately 30 percent again in the coming season.”

Expanding its reach

Formerly known as the Plymouth Symphony, the organization changed its name more than a year ago with the intent to step beyond its longtime Plymouth-Canton roots.

“We have struggled with the fact that we have had no venue of our own,” said Beth Stewart, Philharmonic executive director. “So we decided,

‘Let’s go with what we are really doing — we play all over the place.’ We decided to take advantage of not having a venue. Who are we? We are the Michigan Philharmonic. We will go to them.”

Opening the season at the Seligman is expected to spread the Philharmonic’s popularity. The orchestra consistently sells out all of its concerts at the 400-seat Village Theater, a longtime venue where the orchestra plays repeat concerts because of popular demand. In May 2012, the Philharmonic sold 1,600 tickets to its widely popular Bollywood — a celebration of Indian music — at the Detroit Music Hall.

The Philharmonic’s goal is to become one of the top five orchestras in Michigan with an annual budget of \$1 million and a roster of more than 45 concerts performed

annually by the year 2017, Soenen said.

More venues

In addition to having performed in the past at Kensington Metro Park, the Detroit Music Hall and Concours d’Elegance at St. John’s Conference Center, the Philharmonic this year will perform in Livonia, Milford, Detroit and other southeast Michigan venues.

Stewart and Soenen credit the name change, involved board members, and the decision to make Nan Washburn the orchestra’s fulltime director, as the strength behind the Philharmonic’s growth spurt. Washburn has long divided her 13-year career between Michigan and California and now calls Plymouth home.

“The expansion is simply giving us the oppor-

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Classical to pop: Philharmonic offers variety

Nan Washburn, the Michigan Philharmonic’s conductor and musical director, is well-known for interesting and out-of-the-ordinary choices of music for the expanding orchestra.

“For years now, our orchestra has showcased such a great variety of music with a great balance of both traditional classics and new or lesser-known works,” Washburn said.

A new and larger audience requires a special splash, especially for the season opener, Washburn said. In addition to Grammy winner Sharon Isbin on the guitar, Washburn has an interesting mix of music in store for concert-goers in the new 67th season.

ISBIN PLAYS RODRIGO

- 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, The Seligman Performing Arts Center, Beverly Hills
- 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, Canton

Isbin performs Rodrigo’s *Concierto de Aranjuez*. Composer Miguel del Aguila, *The Giant Guitar* (2006)

Composer Joaquin Rodrigo, *Concierto de Aranjuez*. Composer Antonin Dvorak, *Symphony No. 7*

THE JAZZ EFFECT

- 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, Italian American Club, Livonia
- 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, The Carr Center, Detroit

A jazz-inspired tribute to “the Duke,” featuring principal flutist Dennis Carter

DANCE MIX

- 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, Canton

Zachary Shemon, saxophone; Libby Larsen, composer

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Sharon Isbin performs with the Michigan Philharmonic this weekend in Beverly Hills and Canton.

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Art

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Time/Date: Opening reception is 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12. Runs through Nov. 9
Location: 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham
Details: The Michigan Ceramics Show, curated by John Glick of Farmington, is a biennial exhibition and competition that shows the diversity of ceramic art in Michigan and neighboring states
Contact: (248) 644-0666; BBAArtCenter.org

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Time/Dates: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday
Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit
Family Sundays: 2 p.m. Sundays; storytelling, performances; free with admission
Exhibits: Picasso and Matisse exhibits all of the museum's drawings and prints by the two artists, through Jan. 6, 2013; Faberge: The Rise and Fall, The Collection of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Oct. 14-Jan. 21, 2013; Hidden Treasures: An Experiment, Oct. 31-March 3, 2013
Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Oct. 27; opening reception is 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: "Vote for Me! Artists Respond to the Presidential Election of 2012," includes a variety of works by more than two dozen artists
Contact: (248) 344-0497

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: Through October
Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: This first exhibit of the new season features work by instructors, students and board members, along with displays and photos from the Council as well as other community groups
Contact: (734) 416-4278

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Dates: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Oct. 29
Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: 20th Annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition includes paintings, sculptures, mixed media, charcoal drawings, pastels, ceramics, and photography by artists from throughout southeast Michigan
Contact: (734) 394-5308

Dance

FAIRLAKE BALROOM DANCE CLUB

Time/Date: 7:30-10:30 p.m. every Thursday
Location: Luskava V.F.W. Hall, 6840 Waverly, east of Telegraph, south of Warren in Dearborn Heights
Details: Singles an couples dance to live bands on a hardwood dance floor. Admission is \$7 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. Free refreshments
Contact: Jean Orleans at (734) 516-0500

MOON DUSTERS

Time/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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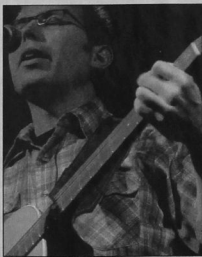
Time/Date: Oct. 13-14, 20-21, 27-28 and Nov. 3-4
Location: 6800 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: Children's film festival includes "The Pirates!", "The Lorax," "Ice Age," and "Dog Days." Free for children, 12 and under. Adults pay \$1. Check show times the Tuesday before each weekend screening
Contact: (734) 298-2657

PENN THEATRE

Time/Dates: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Oct. 5-6 and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Oct. 7
Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
Details: "The Odd Life of Timothy Green" \$3
Coming up: "The Bourne Legacy," 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 12-13 and 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14; "Premium Rush," 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 19-20 and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21; "Paranorman," 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 27-28
Contact: (734) 453-0870, www.penntheatre.com

REDFOOT THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6
Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit
Details: The Three Stooges Festival, includes "Three Little Pigskins," "Three Little Bears," "Hoi Polloi," "Ants in the Pantry," "We Want Our Mummy," and "Dutiful But Dumb," \$5
Coming up: Halloween double feature includes "The Bride of Frankenstein" and "Frankenstein Meets the Wolf Man," 8 p.m. Oct. 19 and 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Oct. 20, \$5; "Evil Dead," written and directed by Michigan native, Sam Raimi, starring Bruce Campbell and Ellen Sandweiss, Friday, Oct. 27, doors open at 11 p.m. and film starts at midnight, \$5; silent film "The Haunted House," with Buster Keaton and "The Cat and the Canary" with Laura La Plante, 8 p.m. Oct. 27, \$12 for adults and \$8 for children
Contact: (313) 537-2560



BRYAN AAKER

Erik Brandt will perform Oct. 13 at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia.

Music

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: Claude Bourbon with JB Davies, Oct. 6; Empty Chair Night, Oct. 7; Sons of the Never Wrong, Oct. 12; Erik Brandt and Noah Riemer, Oct. 13; Around the House - A Trinity House Theatre Variety Show, Oct. 19-20; Sally Barris with Jeff Scott, Oct. 25; Gifts or Creatures and Seth and May, Oct. 27. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted
Contact: (734) 464-6302

THE ARK

Time/Date: Nervous but Excited & Andrea Gibson, Oct. 4; Chris Smither, Oct. 5; Lou & Peter Berryman, Oct. 6; Matt Wertz & Steve Moakler, Oct. 7; Veterans for Peace John Lennon's Birthday Concert, Oct. 9; Neil Halstead & Jim Hanft with Samantha Yonack, Oct. 10; Shemekia Copeland, Oct. 11; The Chenille sisters, Oct. 12; The Boxcars, Oct. 13; Shape Note Singing, Oct. 14; Paula Cole, Oct. 14; Luke Doucet & Melissa McClelland, Oct. 15; Wild Swan Theatre Benefit, Oct. 16; The Battlefield Band, Oct. 17; Carbon Leaf, Oct. 18; Carbone Land & Michael McDermott, Oct. 19; The Verve Pipe, Oct. 20; Music-Con 2012, Oct. 21; Christine Lavin, Oct. 21; Runa, Oct. 22; Take a Chance Tuesday featuring Garrett Borns, Oct. 23; Nneka, Oct. 24; Bob Malone, Oct. 25; Peter Mulvey, Oct. 26; Mason Jennings, Oct. 27; Phish Ochs Song Night, Oct. 28; Arlo Guthrie, Oct. 29-30
Location: 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor
Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6
Location: Seligman Performing Arts Center, located on the campus of Detroit Country Day, 13 Mile at Lahser, Beverly Hills
Details: Roberto Diaz gives a rare viola recital with pianist Gloria Chien. Tickets range from \$30-\$60.
Contact: (248) 855-6070

CRANBROOK MUSIC GUILD
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10
Location: Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills
Details: Pianist Simone Dinnerstein plays works by Chopin and Felsenfeld. Tickets are \$25
Contact: (248) 645-0097 or visit www.cranbrookmusicguild.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. Proceeds from Jazz Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans
Contact: (734) 453-1780 or e-mail to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Time/Date: 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27
Location: 774 Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: D'ArKness & Light, featuring D'Art Band, is open to the community, exhibitors in the current "Heart and Soul" show, family and friends. The concert will mark the end of the Council's fall fundraising season and will formally bring the community in to the art show with an evening wine and hors d'oeuvre reception, along with music. Tickets are \$10 per person
Contact: (734) 416-4278

PRO MOZART SOCIETY
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7
Location: Birmingham Unitarian Church, Woodward Ave., at Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills
Details: Yoonshin Song, the new concertmaster of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra will perform, along with pianist Pauline Martin. Their program includes music of Janáček, Saint-Saëns, and Brahms. Single tickets are \$30 for adults; students under 25 pay \$10. A three-concert subscription is \$75
Contact: www.chambermusiciansdetroit.org; (586) 944-5353



Pianist Simone Dinnerstein plays works by Chopin and Felsenfeld. Oct. 10 at Christ Church Cranbrook.

Get shocked at Penn Theatre series

Prepare to be scared. The Shock-theater series of classic horror and comedy-horror films returns this month to the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth.
 The 1931 film, *Frankenstein*, kicks off the series on Thursday, Oct. 4 and is followed by *The Ghost and Mr. Chicken*, starring Don Knotts, on Thursday, Oct. 11.

The 1931 version of *Dracula*, with Bela Lugosi, is set for Thursday, Oct. 18. Abbott & Costello wrap up the series with *Abbott and Costello meet Frankenstein* on Thursday, Oct. 25.
 All films start at 7 p.m. Admission is \$3.
 The Penn is located at 760 Penniman; (734) 453-0870.

PHIL

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tunity to reach a larger audience with what many is already a wonderful product and exciting concert experience," Washburn said. "We want to make a big splash, show off our terrific orchestra and feature a fabulous, well-known guest artist like guitarist Sharon Isbin."
 The Philharmonic's leaders brought in help from well-known pub-

lications and marketing firms to rebrand and market the orchestra for its planned expansion and financial growth. Geoff Phillips of Gail & Rice and Tim Pryor of Pryor Terrassi were given the task of taking the Philharmonic's marketing to a higher level.
 "Once we changed the name, we needed help and institutional expertise," Stewart said.
 The expanding organization is now often affectionately referred to as the "Michigan Phil." Concert goers will see the

phrase, "Orchestrating the Extraordinary." Essentially that means patrons can count on an experience, Phillips said.
 "No longer is the experience just sitting and listening to an orchestra. "Orchestra goes want an experience from the time they leave home. Now it includes eating, parking, having some drinks. The whole experience has to be good," Stewart said.
 "It's a whole different mindset today. Everyone wants an experience," she added.

SEASON

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An eclectic array of vivacious dance music from ballet to folk to Broadway and back

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS
 • 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 13, Penn Theatre, Plymouth
 • 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, The Seligman Performing Arts Center, Beverly Hills

Detroit Country Day School Bella Voice and Concert Choir, Ron Weiler, director

A festive, family friendly concert includes traditional Christmas and Hanukkah pops favorites

MINIATURE MASTERPIECES
 • 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013, The Inn at St. John's Chapel, Plymouth
 Kristin Kuster, composer
 A performance of the original Appalachian Spring will feature the principal player all-stars of the Michigan Philharmonic

THE FRENCH CONNECTION
 • 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013, First United Methodist Church, Plymouth
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igy Anastasia Rizikov playing Ravel's jazzy Piano Concerto and an intimate rendition of the ever-popular Bolero
A BEATLES BLAST
 • 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 9, 2013, The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, Canton

A tribute to the legendary rock band and celebrates the entire Baby Boomers generation.
ADVENTURES ON EARTH
 • 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 19, 2013, with The Detroit Country Day School Orchestra, The Seligman Performing Arts Center, Beverly Hills

• 2 p.m. Sunday, April 21, with the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, First United Methodist Church, Plymouth

EVAN CHAMBERS, COMPOSER
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Cool mornings and Sumatra

By Dan Dean
Staff Columnist

There comes a time around late September when the sweat shirt comes out and my crisp morning walks are filled with sights of young deer meandering without care around the usual spot toward the back of the subdivision. These cool mornings are a signal that football games are in full swing, cider mills are gearing up for weekend rushes and it is time to make a temporary change in my morning coffee routine.

Coffee Preacher

Dan Dean

For at least a couple of weeks in late fall, the morning coffee making is made easier as my wife and I converge on a coffee that makes us both smile. In a single 32-ounce Chemex we can share, for a short period of time as the season changes, our coffee from the same vessel.

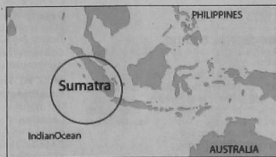
While some see the changing color of fall leaves as a time for a pumpkin latte, for me, it is a cup of Sumatra that I long for and one my wife wishes we just could brew all the time. We opened our coffee shop in the month of October and it may have a sentimental appeal as the Sumatra blend we sold was our first introduction to quality, fresh-roasted coffee.

For most of the year the appeal of coffee roasted light with a clean, sweet and berry or citrus profile is too much to resist. But the change of the season signals a desire to go back to one of my favorite coffees. With its earthy, rustic and spicy flavor profiles, Sumatran coffees go great with a bit of half and half. It is a great coffee for cool, fall mornings.

So whether you enjoy the change of season with a pumpkin latte, a cup of Sumatra or a good Oktoberfest brew, take a moment to enjoy the sights and smells that accompany this great time of the year, because we all know what is right around the corner.

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David describes the best Sumatran coffee as "one of the great romance coffees of the world." Sumatra is also where you can find Kopi Luwak coffee, which made headlines in newspaper and was featured on many television shows a few years ago for the way it processed. Basically coffee cherries are fed to a small animal called a palm civet and their seeds are collected from the animal's excrement. It is a rare coffee that currently sells online for \$59.99 for half a pound. But for most Sumatran coffee, the wonderful flavor profile comes from the way it is processed or the soil it is grown in or a combination of both.

To satisfy my craving, I recently stopped at Caribou Coffee, of all places. Regular readers of this column know I am not a big fan of corporate coffee houses, but when buying Sumatra, the top lots that many independent roasters purchase may not produce the superior cup that I can appreciate. I have found that Caribou's Samosir Batak does just fine in satisfying my fall craving.

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Quinoa-Stuffed Peruvian Avocados

Add big flavor to family meals

If you're looking for a way to add flavor to your family meals without spending all afternoon in the kitchen, start by incorporating fresh and rich ingredients into simple-to-prepare dishes. For example, Peruvian avocados — which are in season through October — are creamy, buttery and incredibly versatile.

Grown in the central western region of Peru, these Hass avocados are watered from the Andes mountain range. Because of the slightly nutty flavor of Peruvian avocados, this fruit can be quickly added to boost the flavor in salads, sandwiches, soups and sauces.

But the flavor alone isn't the only benefit of eating avocados. In fact, avocados include monounsaturated fats, potassium (142 mg), fiber, vitamins

E (0.5 mg) and C (2.5 mg), folate (25 micrograms), as well as vitamin B-6 (0.08 mg). And these nutrient-dense fruits are only 50 calories per serving (1/5 of an avocado). They're also naturally free of cholesterol and sodium.

To help save precious time each evening and pump up your menu with big, trendy flavors, add a Peruvian twist to dishes your family will love. Try these recipes for Quinoa-Stuffed Peruvian Avocados and Peruvian Avocado Ceviche, which require only 20 minutes of prep before chilling for at least one hour, leaving you plenty of time to help out with homework or catch up on laundry.

To learn more about the benefits of avocados, and to try some flavorful recipes, visit www.avocadosfromperu.com.

Quinoa-Stuffed Peruvian Avocados

Makes: 4 servings
Prep Time: 20 minutes
Total Time: At least 1 hour

- Quinoa Salad:
 - 1 cup water
 - 3/4 cup quinoa
 - 1/4 cup fresh corn kernels
 - 1/4 cup diced tomato
 - 1/2 cup cooked, diced yams
 - 3 tablespoons minced red onion
- Lime-Jalapeno Dressing:
 - 1/4 cup olive oil
 - 3 tablespoons lime juice
 - 3 tablespoons fresh cilantro leaves
 - 1 teaspoon sugar
 - 1/2 jalapeno pepper, stemmed and seeded
 - 2 ripe Peruvian avocados
 - Fresh cilantro leaves

Bring water to a boil in a small saucepan. Rinse quinoa in a fine mesh sieve and add to pot. Cook, covered, over low heat for 12 minutes. Remove from heat and let stand for 10 minutes, then fluff with a fork and transfer to a medium bowl.

Add corn, tomato, yams and onion to bowl and mix well. Puree all dressing ingredients in a small food processor or blender and stir into salad. Cover and chill for at least 1 hour.

Cut avocados in half and remove pits. Place avocado halves on 4 small plates and top with quinoa salad. Garnish with cilantro leaves.



Peruvian Avocado Ceviche

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Makes: 4 servings
Prep Time: 20 minutes
Total Time: At least 1 hour

- 2 halibut steaks (6 ounces)
- 1 cup freshly squeezed lime juice, divided
- 1/4 cup red and yellow grape tomatoes, halved
- 1/4 cup sliced red onion
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 to 1 jalapeno pepper, stemmed, seeded and minced
- 2 ripe Peruvian avocados, peeled, pitted and cubed
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, or to taste
- Tom fresh cilantro leaves

Cut halibut in 1/2-inch cubes and place in a bowl with 3/4 cup lime juice, or enough to cover fish. Cover and refrigerate for 2 to 3 hours, or until fish is opaque.

Drain liquid, then stir in all remaining lime juice and ingredients. Serve immediately.

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Beer, wine

LIVONIA — Taste wine, beer and help Fortington Hills, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia; 41840 W. 10 Mile, Novi; and 15185 Sheldon, Plymouth.

Pie time

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth Community Arts Council is selling certificates for 9-inch pies from the Grand Traverse Pie Company located on Ann Arbor Road, just west of Hagerly. Certificates cost \$20, \$5 of which benefits the Council. Order them through Oct. 31 — or while supplies last, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday at the Council offices, 774 N. Sheldon. Purchasers will receive a voucher for each certificate they buy. They'll redeem the voucher for a pie certificate after Nov. 7. Visit www.ptpie.com to see what kinds of 9-inch pies are available. For more information call the Council at (734) 416-4278 or visit www.plymoutharts.com.

Hands-on learning

FARMINGTON HILLS — Oakland Community College Culinary Studies Institute, in cooperation with OCC Continuing Education, is offering a variety of specialty culinary classes just in time for the holidays. All classes will be held at the Orchard Ridge Campus' J Building. The campus is located at 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-96. Classes include healthy baking — including gluten-free, sugar-free and dairy-free products — holiday breads and sauces, decorating holiday cupcakes and making holiday cocktails. Class sizes are limited and some classes have prerequisites. To learn more call (248) 232-4178. Register at www.oaklandcc.edu/dufe.

CITY BITES

Finger food demo

NOVI — Jyll Everman, who was a finalist on the Food Network Show, *Food Network Star*, will demonstrate how to make appetizers and finger foods at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4; 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5; 4 p.m., 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6; and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at the Novi Home Remodeling Show, in the Suburban Collection Showplace, located on Grand River, south of I-96 between Novi Road and Beck Road. Everman, owner of Jyllicious Bites, a catering company dedicated to gourmet finger foods, in Glendora, Calif., went to an open call for Food Network Star. She passed



Jyll Everman will show how to make finger foods at the Novi Home Remodeling Show.

four auditions and was chosen as a finalist for the 2011 season. Admission to the Novi Home Remodeling Show is \$8 for adults, 13 and up; \$7 for seniors, 60 and over, and free for children, 12 and under. The show runs 2-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday.

Drink your veges

ROYAL OAK — DROUGHT, the sister-owned raw juice company in Plymouth, will present a free screening of the raw juice documentary, *Fat, Sick and Nearly Dead*, at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18 at the Royal Oak Main Art Theater, 118 N. Main, at 11 Mile, in downtown Royal Oak. Joe Cross, star of the film, will be on hand for a question and answer session. The film chronicles his journey across the country as he loses more than 80 pounds, cures himself of a chronic illness, and helps change lives along the way. RSVP on DROUGHT's event page on Facebook to save a seat.

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Home Depot employees Marsha Burley and Lee Penny.

This summer and fall, Project Build!—a joint program of Jewish Family Service and Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan that provides home repairs for older adults, people with disabilities, and low-income individuals and families—is bringing together local businesses and nonprofit organizations in a Community Wheelchair Ramp Project for children and adults living with cerebral palsy and multiple sclerosis.

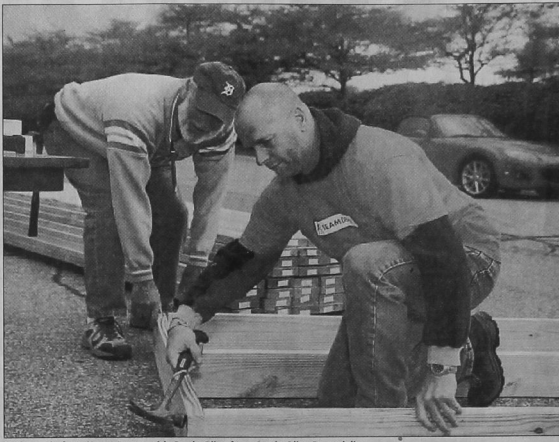
Sponsors and partner businesses include The Home Depot, BIA member companies Cohen Homes, Gordy Oliva Remodeling, Gordy Oliva Remodeling, Gordy Oliva Remodeling and Elder Living Construction as well as Pro Carpentry. Nonprofit partners include United Cerebral Palsy of Metro Detroit and Neighborhood Service Organization. Together, they are building four wheelchair ramps for individuals with cerebral palsy and multiple sclerosis, at no cost to the individuals.

During August, Cohen

Homes and Pro Carpentry built and installed a wheelchair ramp. One ramp is for a Detroit man living near Dexter and Davison who has cerebral palsy and is being cared for by his sister.

On Sept. 20, three additional ramps were built on-site at The Home Depot in Commerce Township. Elder Care Construction will lead a Home Depot team of volunteers in building an extensive ramp for a 6-year-old girl living in Highland Park who has cerebral palsy and is blind. Gordy Oliva Remodeling/Gordy Oliva Free led a second team of volunteers from The Home Depot to build a ramp for a Southfield teenager who has cerebral palsy.

The Home Depot volunteers also built a ramp for a woman with multiple sclerosis in West Bloomfield. On Sept. 27, these ramps were delivered to the homes and installed by the volunteers, under the supervision of the professional builder and



Karol Koenig from Home Depot with Gordy Oliva from Gordy Oliva Remodeling.

remodeler volunteers. "Project Build! is now beginning to make a larger community impact. Due to the lack of available resources for individuals with physical disabilities who are in need of ramps, home modifications and repairs, other non-profit organizations in metro Detroit are starting to come to Project Build! for help. With the help of Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, The Home Depot, The Jewish Fund and other great partners,

Jewish Family Service feels that at this point, Project Build! should try to help where it can," said Michelle Malamis, Jewish Family Service development associate.

In January, Jewish Family Service won \$25,000 from The Home Depot Foundation through its Aprons in Action Facebook contest. These funds are used to purchase supplies for Project Build! programs, including this wheelchair ramp project, when the supplies are not donated.



Tim Saling from Elder Living Construction and Erin Lederman with Jewish Family Service Project Build!

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 25-29, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

45769 Bryn Mawr Rd	\$220,000
39875 Edmund St	\$109,000
45795 Fountain View Dr	\$345,000
50193 Grant St	\$234,000
41555 Heritage Ct	\$125,000
47880 Lindenhurst Blvd # 15	\$350,000
1681 Morrison Blvd	\$173,000
135 N Willard Rd	\$122,000

1754 Orchard Dr	\$35,000
1876 Paddock Ln	\$192,000
44226 Postmill Ct	\$176,000
47831 Royal Pointe Dr	\$294,000
45562 S Stonewood Rd	\$167,000
21176 Sylvania Dr	\$112,000
748 Sorel Dr	\$150,000
701 Stonehenge Dr	\$149,000
402 Sylvan Dr	\$395,000
6390 Willow Creek Dr	\$150,000
47005 Yarmouth Dr	\$296,000

30118 Dawson St	\$62,000
30620 Florence St	\$96,000
5662 Gilman St	\$55,000
30425 Hennepin St	\$120,000
221 Hubbard St	\$35,000
31901 James St	\$30,000
1681 Morrison Blvd	\$173,000
28685 Krueger St	\$50,000

33560 Marquette St	\$44,000
1655 Moeller St	\$38,000
31947 Pierce St	\$55,000
961 Radcliff St	\$64,000

LIVONIA

14772 Auburndale St	\$80,000
35356 Banbury Rd	\$242,000
18830 Comstock St	\$201,000
8915 Deering St	\$64,000
19467 Fitzgerald St	\$305,000
9126 Frederick St	\$120,000
20405 Gill Rd	\$162,000
16480 Golfview St	\$204,000
31680 Grenada St	\$149,000
19483 Ingram St	\$128,000
17500 Laethers St	\$115,000
18960 Laurel Dr	\$235,000
15614 Loveland St	\$90,000
20388 Maplewood St	\$70,000
32711 Ohio St	\$135,000

20265 Renssler St	\$110,000
36502 Vargo St	\$220,000
11365 W Clements Cir	\$65,000
15308 Williams St	\$107,000
32449 Wilcoxin St	\$123,000

NORTHVILLE

19283 Surrey Ln	\$69,000
1061 Palmer St	\$45,000
1102 Pinehurst Rd	\$260,000
370 Red Ryder Dr	\$215,000
11848 Russell Ave	\$50,000
11200 Terry St	\$110,000
9362 Village Manor Dr	\$250,000

REDFORD

14135 Breakfast Dr	\$133,000
14257 Breakfast Dr	\$125,000
9001 Dale	\$47,000
15501 Fox	\$50,000
15504 Kinloch	\$38,000

14264 Lenore	\$60,000
19741 Macarthur	\$25,000
14177 Marshall Dr	\$154,000
17322 Olympia	\$33,000

WESTLAND

35806 Booth St	\$32,000
30735 Cooley Blvd	\$54,000
6481 Dillon St	\$127,000
32350 Glen St	\$69,000
39132 Hidden Creek Dr	\$170,000
33249 Mill Race Cir	\$70,000
1630 Riegne St	\$35,000
888 S Wayne Rd	\$76,000
1459 Shoemaker Dr	\$32,000
30511 Steinhauer St	\$58,000
36048 Traditions Dr	\$130,000
1145 Windham St	\$36,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 11-15, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

17241 Buckingham Ave	\$260,000
22847 Highland Ave	\$345,000
31745 Sheridan Dr	\$290,000

BINGHAM FARMS

2928 Oak Orchard Trl	\$510,000
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BIRMINGHAM

2260 Attard	\$350,000
1680 Bennaville Ave	\$400,000
516 Bloomfield Ct	\$140,000
508 Catalpa Dr	\$210,000
1524 Emmons Ave	\$152,000
1577 Stanley Blvd	\$276,000
1156 Suffolk Ave	\$490,000
268 W Brown St	\$390,000
281 W Lincoln St	\$24,000
35300 Woodward Ave # 203	\$85,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

4142 Chymney Point Dr	\$221,000
3921 Kirkland Ct	\$678,000

1475 Epping Ln	\$2,900,000
4303 Lahser Rd	\$2,748,000
42 Vaughan Ridge Rd	\$356,000
545 Varboro Dr	\$450,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

5420 Lauren Ct	\$327,000
3852 Oakhills Dr	\$340,000
3839 Oakland Dr	\$243,000
6060 Old Orchard Dr	\$235,000
3709 Quantan Rd	\$235,000
423 S Cranford Cross Rd	\$825,000
2765 W Hickory Grove Rd	\$211,000

COMMERCIE TOWNSHIP

1873 Applebrook Dr	\$50,000
8034 Eastmoor Rd	\$121,000
1936 Cheshire Ln	\$430,000
650 Coloma	\$95,000
5430 Mill Race Way	\$280,000
5053 Parkgate Dr	\$392,000
3269 Twinleaf St	\$130,000
5233 Weston Ct	\$168,000

FARMINGTON

21718 Farmington Rd	\$90,000
32718 Grand River Ave Unit C	\$19,000
22983 Hayden	\$117,000
31553 Maplehead Rd	\$32,000
23550 Wesley Dr	\$105,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

33629 Cadillac St	\$152,000
31224 Carriage Hill Rd	\$206,000
21442 Hamilton Ave	\$55,000
33720 Harlowshire St	\$47,000
28015 Hawberry Rd	\$80,000
33594 Longwood Dr	\$40,000
25381 Lynford St	\$183,000
28741 Oak Point Dr	\$272,000
36101 Paddieford Rd	\$188,000
21886 S Brandon St	\$87,000
35058 Valley Forge Dr	\$135,000
29420 Woodfield Ct	\$196,000

FRANKLIN

30725 Hickory Ln	\$500,000
Lathrup Village	\$133,000
18330 Saratoga Blvd	\$133,000

MILFORD

979 Deep Valley Dr	\$275,000
2692 E Maple Rd	\$147,000
3081 Exeter Dr	\$450,000
1102 Hunter Ct	\$287,000
850 N Main St	\$30,000
2868 S Hickory Ridge Rd	\$140,000

NOVI

28452 Carlton Way Dr	\$142,000
23676 Danberry Ln	\$46,000
26414 Fieldstone Dr	\$240,000
24275 Hampton Hill St	\$158,000
22323 Heatherwood St	\$190,000

28079 Herxes Ln	\$161,000
24690 Jamestowne Rd	\$238,000
23538 Meadowbrook Rd	\$115,000
41652 Monterey Dr	\$150,000
40494 Paine Dr	\$268,000
39613 Village Wood Ln	\$43,000
1951 West Lake Dr	\$193,000
28238 Wolcott Dr	\$350,000

SOUTHLYNCH

52037 Copperwood Dr N	\$266,000
23762 Copperwood Dr W	\$50,000
184 Eagle Crest Dr	\$195,000
341 Lyon Blvd	\$81,000
53984 Springwood Dr	\$25,000
23506 Spy Glass Hi N	\$329,000
52527 Trailwood Dr	\$123,000
52582 Trailwood Dr	\$127,000

SOUTHFIELD

27070 Harvard Rd	\$135,000
18499 Kesh St	\$40,000
28950 Monterey Dr	\$134,000
15960 Mount Vernon St	\$44,000
21670 S Tuller Ct	\$49,000
20311 Westover Ave	\$110,000
30065 Wildbrook Dr	\$37,000

WHITE LAKE

1386 Union Lake Rd	\$188,000
9050 White Lake Rd	\$255,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

If you have more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures and what it takes to get started. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved. Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon. Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at (248) 782-7130 or e-mail jane.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail Georgia@add-edvalrealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

Seminar on Tuesdays

A Free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6-30 p.m. each Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry

Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Participants will discuss what they have learned. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. each first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate. Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. Any questions or concerns, call Wayne Koehler at (313) 277-4168.

Homes For Rent

LIVONIA 2 bdrm, 1 bath, gar. new carpet, new baseboards, granite, stainless steel. Lowest price in town. Close to schools, shopping, Oakland Central location. 248-647-2786, 248-647-6130.

LIVONIA 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath, new garage, 2nd floor laundry, new kitchen, new carpet, new vinyl floors. \$150,000. 248-268-4571.

LIVONIA State St. 4500 sq. ft. 3 bdrm, 1 bath, finished basement, new vinyl floors, new kitchen, new carpet. 248-268-4571.

WYME 4602 Midland 4 bdrm, finished bath, garage, new appliances, 2700 sq. ft. Area, wood, stone, new vinyl floors. Call (313) 920-9996.

WESTLAND 2 bdrm, quality brick, granite, hardwood floors, stainless bathroom, 10 car garage. 248-268-4571.

WESTLAND 2 bdrm, duplex, good, 800 sq. ft. 3 bdrm, duplex, 1000 sq. ft. 3 bdrm, duplex, 1200 sq. ft. 248-268-4571.

PLYMOUTH TWP 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath, 1200 sq. ft. 2nd garage, full kitchen, new vinyl floors, 12 car garage. Close to downtown Plymouth. 248-609-6119.

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Database Administrator III
Responsible for performance, integrity and security of data. Manage Oracle database, writing, planning, development. 248-268-4571.

Landscaping
Clean up/trimming. Or. 248-268-4571.

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