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Once-ailing Canton company benefits from tax abatement

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

ProCoil, a Canton company and auto industry steel supplier, has begun a rebound after narrowly surviving an economic tsunami that had forced the firm to slash its workforce from more than 100 employees to just 25, plant engineer David Freeman said.

ProCoil, a joint venture of Worthington Industries and U.S. Steel, has increased its workforce

to 60 employees and anticipates creating another 14 jobs after getting a tax abatement for its laser welding lines, Freeman said.

His optimistic projections came Tuesday as the Canton Township Board of Trustees approved a four-year, 50-percent tax abatement on new personal property ProCoil plans to install in its facility on Haggerty south of Michigan Avenue.

Canton Trustee Pat Williams lauded ProCoil, or Worthington

Specialty Processing, for creating new jobs and having the tenacity to survive an economic downturn. ProCoil has been in Canton since 1988.

Responding to a question from Trustee Greg Demopoulos, Freeman said ProCoil's wages generally range from \$11 to \$24.50 an hour, though he said the company nearly folded amid a downturn that slashed 75 percent of its workforce.

ProCoil's turnaround drew ac-

lades from township officials.

"It's a testament to your management skills to be able to hold on," Trustee John Anthony said.

ProCoil sought the tax abatement to bolster its ability to start its laser welding lines and increase its business capabilities.

Canton officials have said they have used tax abatements amid a rough economy to retain and attract businesses.

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Jeff and Tiffany Porter, a Canton couple who made the 2012 London Summer Olympics, accept congratulations and a framed resolution in their honor Tuesday night from township Supervisor Phil LaJoy.

Fast track

Hurdlers honored for Olympic efforts

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

They met as University of Michigan track and field athletes, fell in love, married 17 months ago and competed in the 2012 London Summer Olympics.

It's no wonder Jeff and Tiffany Porter smile easily. Through hard work both on and off the track, this Canton couple earned accolades as college champions, received

top-notch educations, started their careers and found time to compete as Olympians.

It has been a whirlwind six years since Jeff, 26, and Tiffany, 24, met on a U-M track when he was in his junior year and she was a freshman. Jeff recalls Tiffany as being reserved, a little mysterious. She remembers him as somewhat loud and boisterous, yet appealingly so.

Jeff placed his arm around Tiffany as the couple earned yet another honor Tuesday

night, when the Canton Township Board of Trustees honored them by adopting a resolution recognizing them as role models, NCAA champions and Olympians who made their community proud.

"It was a tremendous honor going to the Olympics to represent something so much greater than myself," said Tiffany, who grew up in Ypsilanti. "It was great."

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Auditors give district clean report

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Considering Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administrators operate with one of the lowest per-pupil foundation grants in Wayne County, district officials are doing a solid job of managing their finances.

That's the opinion of auditors at Plante & Moran, the consulting firm hired by the district to conduct its annual audit. Plante & Moran members presented the audit of the 2011-12 school year at Tuesday's Board of Education meeting, and gave the district a clean financial bill of health.

Despite a complete changeover in the district's financial leadership, Plante & Moran gave PCS an "unqualified" opinion, the highest level of assurance the firm hands out.

"This was a transition year for the finance department, with turnover in two key positions," said Diane Wells, a Plante & Moran partner who presented the audit. "They didn't miss a beat. They were well prepared."

Auditors noted no significant deficiencies in the way Plymouth-Canton reports and manages its financial reports. Wells noted the \$470 out in foundation grant funding the district absorbed last year, while also pointing out the district's position at the lower end of the scale (neighboring Northville gets \$8,019, for instance).

Wells pointed out the district has

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Deb Laferty-Asbill (from left), director of marketing and communications at Music for All and the contest director at the 2012 Pontiac Regional, with Plymouth-Canton band members Drum Major Sarah Wohl, Arden Giacuch, Drum Major Shelby Torok, Krista Arrasmith and Drum Major Katie Nymborg.



BANDS OF AMERICA

Band marches to regional title

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band was named the regional champion at the 2012 Bands of America Pontiac Regional Championship at the Silverdome in Pontiac Saturday.

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Barnabei: Rebuilding state starts with economy

Republican Joe Barnabei of Belleville is challenging incumbent state Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, for the 21st District seat in the Michigan House. He took the time to answer a few questions from the *Canton Observer*.

Observer: What made you decide to run for State Representative?

Barnabei: I love this state and I want my kids to share the same passion for Michigan as me. Rebuilding Michigan starts with our economy and that is my area of expertise. There is not a magic bullet that will fix our problems and we must look at past experiences, our present situation, and our path for the future and make decisions based on all three variables. My ideas are practical and non-partisan and were created by my personal experiences on the assembly line and as an employment profes-

THE BARNABEI FILE

Name: Joe Barnabei
Hometown: Belleville
Family: Wife Wendy, daughter Jacey, 4, and son A.J., 2.
Profession: Recruiting Manager for Beacon Hill Technologies (Michigan Operations)
Education: Dual MBAs with one focused in management and the other focused in health care management
Previous public-sector experience: All of my work has been in the private sector
Community involvement: Active volunteer for Angels of Hope Foundation and am consistently the person who stops to help when someone has a flat tire, a dead battery, or is stuck in a ditch. I also take every opportunity to step up to the plate and help others when I can.
Website: www.electjoe2012.com

Observer: What are the three biggest issues facing Michigan, and how would you address them?

Barnabei: 1. Lack of skilled labor: Michigan has the talent to attract new businesses and we need legislators with the industry knowledge to recognize opportunities. The skills in our manufacturing workforce translate nicely into areas

such as information technology. Those who have the knowledge to rebuild a car engine, repair a home furnace, or frame a house can use the same technical abilities in the information technology field with little training which currently has a shortage of workers.

2. Education: I want to offer solutions that ensure our kids are taught the importance of fiscal responsibility and lifestyle choices so things like social security and retirement, the foreclosures crisis, health care, and jobs will not be issues for them later in their life and not require the "band-aid approach" we currently take. The only thing that is discussed in regards to education is money or lack thereof and I get to experience the shortcomings of our young generation on a daily basis.

3. Industrial Diversification: Our economy is



Joe Barnabei of Belleville, with wife Wendy and son A.J., is challenging Democrat Dian Slavens for the 21st House seat.

completely at the mercy of the automotive industry and competition is only getting more intense with overseas companies. Our landscape, along with our local talent, truly makes us unique and the sooner we can rebrand Detroit as "not just the Motor City", the better off we will all be.

Observer: What strengths would you bring to the House of Representatives that set you apart from the current representative?

Barnabei: My knowledge of the local economy and the job market clearly differentiate Representative Slavens and me. My ideas are not rhetoric. I worked on the assembly line for almost a decade and consistently lived with the fear of impending doom. I chose not to put my future in the hands of an industry I am not 100-percent confident in and applied my skills in another indus-

try and ultimately turned what I considered to be a grim scenario into a six-figure salary and a career that I enjoy.

Observer: Education is always an issue in this race. Has the state handled funding, curriculum and other education issues the right way? What would you do differently?

Barnabei: There is not any part of the government that is or should be exempt from sacrifice. When I have had tough times in my life, I survived by turning my heat down, driving less, cutting back on leisurely expenses, and whatever else was necessary. With that said, I believe restoring funding should be a priority now that the state has a surplus. The real issue in our system is practicality. Our kids need to leave school with skills that can be applied in their lives on a daily basis. Further, curriculum needs to be more career-driven in order for our kids to have a chance at competing in our market today and in the future.

Observer: Every politician who runs for office says they can "work with anyone across the aisle," yet it never seems to happen. What can be done to get the parties to work better together?

Barnabei: I would love to see a system where legislation only passes with a supermajority. I also believe lobbying and special interest are a key factor in the legis-

lators' inability to cross the aisle. They are owned before they even arrive in Lansing yet all of them seem to campaign on principals that indicate otherwise. I do not think our elected officials should be able to accept money from anyone other than the people. Instead, our system allows groups to contribute 10x the amount of an individual. This is insane.

Observer: What makes you the best choice for the job?

Barnabei: 1. My area of expertise is the job market. 2. My financial contributors are split between Democrats, Independents, and Republicans because I bring common sense and integrity to the table, not party affiliation. 3. I've kept my campaign positive and factual and focused on integrity, not fundraising and the same old rhetoric that makes nothing better. 4. My campaign is funded by the people and I urge everyone to compare Representative Slavens campaign finance report and mine and determine what is real and what is rhetoric (this is available on the Secretary of State's website) 5. Last election cycle, Representative Slavens spent around \$20 per vote which was twice the amount of any other representative. I will not exceed 35 cents per vote and I am happy with what I have accomplished and proud to say I did not sell out.

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Canton Leisure Services Director Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz shows the celebratory cake to Tiffany and Jeff Porter, a Canton couple who participated in the 2012 London Summer Olympics.

HURDLERS

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Jeff, originally from Newark, N.J., agreed: "It was a dream come true. Representing the U.S.A. has been a lifetime dream of mine."

They didn't win medals in London, but they still train most days and hope to compete again in four years.

"God willing, that's the plan," Tiffany said.

Jeff finished fifth in London in the 110-meter hurdle semifinals, after capturing a 2006 NCAA indoor championship in 60-meter hurdles, winning three Big Ten individual crowns and competing internationally in the Adidas Grand Prix track and field competition and the Pan American Games.

Tiffany placed fourth in London in the 100-meter hurdles semifinal. Tiffany, who has dual citizenship in the United States and Great Britain, represented the latter country

where her mother, Lillian Ofili, grew up.

Tiffany's Olympic outing came after she was a five-time NCAA champion in the 60-meter and 100-meter hurdles and clinched medals at several international competitions, such as this year's World Indoor Championships in Istanbul, Turkey.

Yes, the Porters have reason to smile easily, much as they did Tuesday when Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy gave them a framed resolution honoring their accomplishments.

"We couldn't be prouder," LaJoy said.

Canton residents since October 2010, LaJoy earned her doctorate degree in pharmacy in May and has started a job with Target. Jeff received his U-M bachelor's degree in sports management in 2007 and then earned his master's degree in higher education from Eastern Michigan University. He works as an assistant director of alumni engagement for U-M.

Though the Porters still train rigorously, they didn't keep them from indulging Tuesday night in a piece of township-provided, congratulatory cake decorated with miniature U.S. and British flags. They also find spare time for their hobbies—Tiffany is a movie buff, Jeff likes to engage her in a little miniature golf or bowling competition.

Far from the London spotlight, the Porters still have fond memories after settling back in their Canton home. Tiffany said she will never forget all the Olympic athletes she met from all over the world—an opportunity that gave her a real appreciation for what the event means. Jeff recalls walking alongside other Olympians.

"That was a dream come true," he said.

They're still enjoying the dream. By all accounts, they've got more to come.

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AUDITORS

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had to make some difficult choices while administering its budget.

"There are challenges in nearly every component of the state foundation grant," she said. "You've made some tough decisions, but I continue to encourage you to use prudent considerations in your financial planning."

Moving parts

Brodie Killian, the district's executive director for finance, said a good audit provides the district with a "professional opinion" as to the fiscal health of the district.

"With the size of our budget, there are a lot of moving parts," Killian said. "What you want to hear is, 'You have a clean audit, and all of your financials are in order.'"

We had a nice, clean audit."

Some highlights of the presentation: • The district had \$150.6 million in revenue and \$151.5 million in expenditures, and ended the year with some \$12.7 million in its fund balance.

• Some 95 percent of its funding comes from the foundation grant. That included the \$100 per-pupil the district got from the state for meeting four of five "best practices" items set forth by Gov. Rick Snyder. This year, Wells pointed out, the district will get just \$52 per student for meeting seven of eight standards.

"You're going to get less money, and you're going to have to do more to get it," Wells said.

Clean report

• Some 88 percent of the district's expenditures came in the form of teach-

er salaries and benefits.

• At \$7,134, Plymouth-Canton is wedged between Huron Valley (\$6,948) and Wayne-Westland (\$7,250) in per-pupil funding. "We want to commend the district for being so sound fiscally," said Nevra Kreger, who presented the audit alongside Wells.

• Student population has dropped from a high of 19,028 in 2009 to 18,674 last year. Some 18,272 students have been budgeted for 2012-13. Plymouth-Canton remains the state's fourth-largest district, behind Detroit, Utica and Grand Rapids.

The unqualified finding left board members pleased with the audit. "The unqualified opinion is one we've had for many years, but we don't take it for granted," said Judy Mardigan, the board's longest-serving member.

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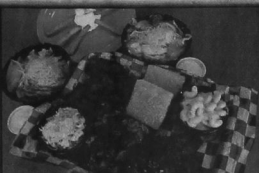
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Lawyer: Slasher suspect 'defending himself'

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A defense attorney has rejected accusations a Canton man was the aggressor when he allegedly slashed another man's arm with a knife during an incident outside the Sam's Club store on Ford Road east of Lotz.

Marc Lakin, a Birmingham defense attorney, said defendant Harry Robinson Jr., was defending himself when the incident occurred shortly before 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30.

"Mr. Robinson was victimized, harassed, spit on, name-



Robinson

called and then threatened by the victim prior to defending himself from a much larger man who is twice his size," Lakin said Monday.

His remarks came after Robinson, 44, was arraigned in 35th District Court on charges of assault with intent to do great bodily harm (less than murder), felonious assault and being a fourth-degree habitual offender.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office approved charges

against Robinson after reviewing the case.

Lakin described Robinson as 5-foot-6, 150 pounds. Lakin's version of events differs sharply from accounts given by Canton police as the Sam's Club incident was under investigation.

Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner has said the suspect was accused of spitting on a 41-year-old Saline man and cutting him on the arm with a knife — before being captured across the street near the Home Depot store.

"We are investigating the incident including an allegation of the suspect having spit on

the victim prior to the cutting incident occurring," Schreiner has said.

Robinson was arraigned Monday by 35th District Judge James Plakas, who set a \$30,000/10 percent cash bond. According to the court, Robinson was released after the required \$3,000 was posted.

A not-guilty plea was entered for Robinson, who was ordered to return to court Oct. 19 for a preliminary examination to determine whether he should face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

The most serious charge against Robinson — assault with intent to do great bodily

harm — carries a 10-year prison term upon conviction. However, due to charges that he is a habitual offender, the defendant could potentially face a sentence of up to life in prison — if he is found guilty.

Schreiner has said the man who was cut sought medical attention but didn't suffer a life-threatening injury to the top of his forearm. He has said the dispute escalated following a verbal confrontation between the two men.

Lakin declined to comment further until he can review the case.

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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Tax issue

Canton police went to a residence on Brookline, southeast of Ford and Sheldon, after a woman reported that a tax return had been filed fraudulently under her name, a police report said.

Police talked with the woman last Thursday morning.

The woman hadn't received her 2011 tax return from the Internal Revenue Service and called to inquire about it. She was told the tax return already had been processed, though apparently for someone who had stolen her identity in what appeared to be a case of fraud, the police report said.

The woman told police she had taken steps to protect her credit and wasn't aware of any other fraudulent transactions in her name.

Domestic dispute

Canton police took a man and woman into custody following a loud domestic dispute that occurred shortly after 9 p.m. Sunday in the Sherwood Village mobile home community, south of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty.

A police report said the incident marked the third time officers had been dispatched to the place for similar complaints.

Police had received a

phone call about a disturbance and arrested both suspects for disorderly conduct, the report said. Police found a large pocket knife in the man's pocket, and the suspect told authorities he carried it for work.

Both suspects appeared intoxicated and smelled of alcohol, the report said. Police also learned the man was in violation of a conditional bond in which he was earlier charged with domestic violence and ordered not to be at the residence.

Dodge stolen

A woman who lives in the Village Squire Apartments, northwest of Lotz and Ford roads, contact-

ed police after her 2002 Dodge Intrepid was stolen, a police report said.

The woman told police the vehicle was stolen sometime between 5:30 p.m. Oct. 2 and when she left to go to work at 7:15 a.m. Oct. 3.

The woman told police she had locked the car. She indicated the only belonging she had in the vehicle was a black suitcase.

Drug confiscated

Police confiscated Oxy-codone pills from a man who claimed he was having a problem with the prescription medication as he was trying to shake an addiction to Vicodin. Police stopped the man

as he was driving a 2006 Saturn Vue and ignored a red light when he turned from westbound Ford Road to southbound Haggerty — billed by local officials as the most accident-prone intersection in Michigan.

Fortunately, the latest incident didn't result in an accident when the man was stopped shortly before 9 p.m. last Thursday. The suspect was turned over to western Wayne County narcotics authorities.

Police learned the driver also had a suspended driver's license out of Plymouth. The suspect's vehicle was towed for possible seizure under drug forfeiture laws.

Extradition sought

Canton police were taking steps to extradite a woman to Colorado after investigating an unrelated incident about 6:40 p.m. Sunday in the 1600 block of Canton Center, near Palmer, a police report said.

Police learned the woman was wanted in Colorado for failing to appear in court for a property damage incident.

The woman was taken into custody and held without incident pending extradition.

Felony warrant

Police took a man into custody for a felony warrant out of Wayne after responding to a call of an elderly sick man in the Royal Holiday Park mobile home community, northeast of Warren Road and I-275.

A police report indicated that the suspect was not cooperative when police went to check on the sick man. Police ran a background check and learned that he was wanted for a felony warrant by Wayne police.

Canton police arranged to turn over the man to Wayne police at Michigan Avenue and Lotz Road.

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Darrell Clem from Canton
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Chili fest heats up downtown Plymouth

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth's 17th annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff is from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday in Kellogg Park. The Gathering and on nearby downtown streets.

The event, a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County and the Penickton Center for Blind Children, features a motorcycle show, vendors booths and free entertainment, plus chili from cooks across the country.

There will be a judged, International Chili Society-sanctioned contest in the red chili, chili verde and salsa categories, plus a People's Choice contest and the Restaurant Chili Challenge, in which 19 area restaurants are participating, the most in the festival's history. Altogether, 100 or more chili cooks are expected to serve up chili.

Chili will be available to the public on the following



Jerry and Maureen Makled of Plymouth prepped the ingredients for their chili at last year's Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff. This year's event returns to Plymouth Sunday.

schedule: Restaurant Chili Challenge, beginning at 11 a.m.; People's Choice, noon; chili verde (green chili), 1:30 p.m.; and red chili, 3 p.m. Chili is \$1 for a sample, \$4 for a bowl, and chili tickets will be available at booths in locations around the festival. Local rock favorites Steve King and the Ditties will be performing between noon and 5 p.m., and a variety of dance troupes will show off their moves during the same time. Motorcyclists will be arriving en masse in two "chili rides" from two local dealerships, and a motorcycle show will take place on Ann Arbor Trail between Main and Union/Deer streets.

For details on the chili cookoff, visit the website greatlakeschili.com.

Church hosts 'Music for Malawi'

First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth is hosting an evening of music, silent auction and raffle to benefit educational projects in Malawi, Africa.

The performance, which takes place Oct. 12 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton, is a classic acoustic rock concert by The Dale Hickey Band (featured regularly at Karl's Cabin in Plymouth), complimentary appetizers and cash bar.

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. for this limited-seating

event. Tickets are \$25 per person and all profits from this night out will help fund educational materials and facilities for over 350 high school-age children in Malawi.

First Presbyterian committed to a 10-year Covenant Partnership with Mtenkwa Church of Central Africa Presbyterian in Malawi, Africa in 2010. Through donations and fundraisers, the church provide support for a water well and supply system, local hand-dug wells, over 700 Bibles and hymnals in

their native Chichewa language, and funding for HIV and AIDS education programs. Church officials said they "hope to build foundations for brighter futures on both continents."

To purchase tickets, contact Kathy Bernard at bernardfamily2@gmail.com, call (248) 305-8614 or go to First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church in Plymouth, Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Friday 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Sunday mornings 10 a.m. to noon.

BAND

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David Armbruster and Associate Band Director Jonathan Thomson, received the highest overall score and captured two caption awards including Outstanding Visual Performance and Outstanding General Effect.

Earlier in the day, PCMB was named Class AAAA Champion during the preliminary competition, and captured Outstanding Music and Outstanding Visual Performance caption awards. Three other Michigan bands were included in the top five finishing bands.

The 2012 PCMB show is entitled "The Last Dance" and features all 175 stu-

ON THE FIELD

What: Great Lakes Invitational band competition

Where: Canton High School

When: Saturday, Oct. 13, 5 p.m.

Tickets: \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens

Local band: Plymouth-Canton Marching Band performs an exhibition at 7 p.m.

dents in the nearly eight-minute program.

Plymouth-Canton's 78.00 score left them ahead of second-place Lake Orion (75.70) and third-place Walled Lake Central (75.60).

Bands of America is an operating division of Music for All, one of the

largest and most influential national music education organizations in support of active music making. The BOA Regional Championship at Pontiac is one of more than 30 events across the nation that Music for All produces annually. The Bands of America Grand National Championships will be held Nov. 7-10 in the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Ind.

PCMB is a high school marching band composed of students from Plymouth, Canton and Salem High Schools in Canton, Mich. PCMB has won over 500 awards in 20 years, with 20 years earning the State Championship from the MCBA-Michigan Competing Band Association.

For more information, visit www.pcmmb.net.



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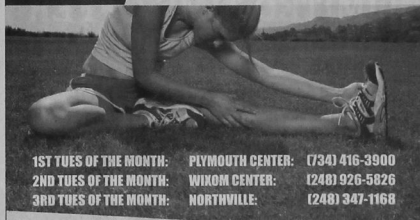
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Catching up on the tech buzz

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist



Tech Savvy
Jon Gunnells

There are two types of technology news people need to know about from the last month. They can be separated into two buckets: news that's not about the iPhone 5 and news that is about the iPhone 5. We will start with the latter.

iPhone 5 Hits Shelves: It was hard to miss this one, but in case you did, here's what you need to know. The iPhone 5 is as impressive as a phone can get - but it still doesn't have anything that should make you rush out and dump your earlier version.

I've still held on to my iPhone 4s but Verizon allowed me to test out the iPhone 5 on their 4G LTE Network. On both versions, Siri finally works as advertised.

Meanwhile, the maps interface is much improved and easier to follow although many users have expressed concerns about some functionality. To date, I haven't had any issues with the maps feature, but one thing that did irk me about the new iPhone is the new cord.

While every other phone manufacturer has moved to a common charging system, the folks at Apple decided to change things up. The new adapter is easier to plug in and charges your phone faster, but it makes

the device incompatible with docking systems, radios, alarm clocks and car chargers. Additionally, the cord is still way too short.

Other improvements include a thinner device with a larger and brighter screen with "retina display" and a home row with room for more apps. There's also panoramic photo feature which is a cool concept, except it works about as well as my first computer - which is to say - not very well at all.

Lastly, the new earbuds, which you may have seen commercials about, are a great idea because they actually fit in your ears. I like this to when Wendy's started making Vanilla Frosty's - a tremendous thought that should have been executed much earlier.

The new earbuds will allegedly stay in your ear better which means many ignorant drivers will be using them while driving (this is illegal by the way).

Facebook Hits One Billionth User: No surprise here. One of the most popular destinations on the web is hitting McDonald's-esque numbers. The good news is, the site hasn't announced

any sweeping changes in a while so you don't have to fear about your privacy. Unless of course you are one of the unlucky few who have had private messages show up on your timeline.

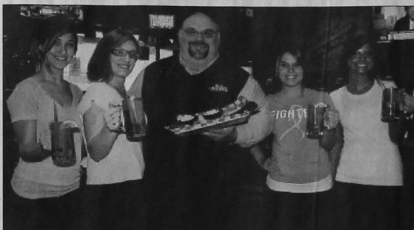
To be safe, I encourage all users to go back to 2009 and 2010 and ensure no private data has been public. If it has, you can remove it by clicking the little "x" to the right of the post.

LinkedIn Adds Endorsements: If you are searching for work, LinkedIn just made it easier for co-workers and former colleagues to recommend you. Instead of writing a post for recruiters to see, your connections can now endorse particular skills that you have listed in your profiles. With the addition, hiring managers can see where you really excel.

New Smart Thermostat: Winter is coming and if you want to save on your energy costs there is no cooler device than the Learning Thermostat from Nest Labs. We've talked about it before, but now the second edition is out meaning the first version has dropped in price. You can learn more at Nestlabs.com.

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CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS



Staff at Real BarBQ of Canton will be decked out in pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month while conducting a fundraiser Oct. 15-31 for Gilda's Club Metro Detroit.

Gilda's fundraiser

Real BarBQ of Canton located at 42452 Ford Road at Lilley is going pink to support National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Wait staff will be adorned in specially ordered pink T-shirts, while \$1 from entrees, deluxe sandwiches that include fries, coleslaw and a drink and salad entrees will go directly to support Gilda's Club Metro Detroit beginning Monday, Oct. 15, through Wednesday, Oct. 31.

This applies to all orders, whether you're dining at the restaurant, carrying out or have placed a free delivery order. "Many of our customers or their families have been touched by breast cancer, so we are proud to be able to support such a worthwhile cause," said RealBarBQ manager Jim Pinion.

Gilda's Club metro Detroit provides a no-cost program for men, women, teens and young children living with all types of cancer, as well as their families and friends. The environment is very welcoming and is a home-like setting.

For more information, call (734) 667-3996 or visit www.realbarbq.com

Showroom event

The Showroom of Elegance hosts a film-inspired charity event at their store, located at 6018 Canton Center in Canton.

A scene in the 2003 film "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days," starring Kate Hud-

son and Matthew McConaughey, featured a charity event based around guests adorning themselves with jewelry pieces owned by a diamond merchant for the evening.

On Friday, Oct. 19, from 7-9 p.m., Showroom will bring the success of the popular movie to life with "Frost Yourself: Diamonds and Champagne Charity Event." This event will benefit Make-A-Wish Michigan, which grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

For a donation of \$5 per person, guests will get to stroll down the red carpet, enjoy hors d'oeuvre provided by Roses Catering, sip on delicious champagne, bid on items in the silent auction, and most importantly "Frost" themselves in gorgeous diamond jewelry courtesy of the Showroom of Elegance. Guests will also receive one guest ticket which allows you to guess how many frosted pretzels are in the Frosted Jar.

If the exact number of pretzels is guessed, that person will win a 3/4-carat diamond courtesy of Showroom of Elegance. "Our goal is to raise \$1,500 throughout the evening for Make-A-Wish Michigan," said Linda Robin, owner of Showroom of Elegance. "We anticipate a big turnout for this one of a kind event."

RSVP for this event by contacting us at (734) 207-1906 or at info@mpgenterprises.com by Oct. 15.

CANTON CHAMBER CHAT



Canton Chamber President Thomas Paden with Ambassador of the Year Amy Miller (left) and Business Person of the Year Kim Scartelli at last week's chamber luncheon. Earlier in the day, Paden accepted a proclamation from Canton Township Supervisor Phil Laloy making October Chamber of Commerce Month.

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.

Business workshop

The chamber sponsors Business Education Workshop Series 85, "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 Davey and Glenn LeFeve, Creative Data. Sponsor is Yazaki North America. Call the chamber office, (734) 453-4040 or email admin@cantonchamber.com to reserve a spot.

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.

Pumpkin giveaway

Remerica Hometown III hosts the pumpkin giveaway 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, at the Remerica Hometown location at 6231 N. Canton Center.

The event features free pumpkins, cider and donuts, and serves as Remerica's way of thanking neighbors and customers for a "great year." Participants are encouraged to dress up in their favorite costumes. Admission is free.

Relay for Life

Schoolcraft College hosts Relay for Life 6-11:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty in Livonia.

The event, which benefits cancer research, features live entertainment, food, games, guest speakers, survivor walk, online & onsite donations, team and individual awards given for most distinguished participation.

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CROP Walkers brave cold, rain to help feed the hungry

By Julie Brown
Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth corps Salvation Army Maj. Colette Bailey and her husband, Maj. Keith Bailey, were grateful for the Plymouth-Canton CROP walkers Sunday.

"We are running out of stuff," Colette Bailey said of the local food pantry. "We can use all of the food we can get."

The Baileys have been at the Plymouth corps, which also serves Canton, Northville and Belleville, three-and-a-half months. They did a similar CROP Walk in May at their previous Owosso post.

Dawn Christenson of Canton, a member of Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton, is chairman for the CROP Walk, held Oct. 7 for the 22nd year in Plymouth-Canton. Walkers began and ended at St. John's Episcopal Church of Plymouth, on Sheldon.

"People go through really hard things to get enough food and clean water," said Christenson. The slogan of the event, also held in other communities, is "We walk because they walk."

The CROP Walks emphasize self-help projects worldwide to provide sufficient food and clean water. As of Sunday, the local walk had generated \$3,700 with donations still welcome by visiting www.cropwalk.org and navigating to Plymouth-Canton.

Faith traditions

This year's congregations included Geneva, the Salvation Army, St. John's Episcopal, the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth and Living Peace Church. Also invited through the Interfaith Community Outreach were those of other faith traditions, such as the Muslim Community of Western Sub-



The Plymouth-Canton CROP Walk Oct. 7 drew 59 walkers who began and ended at St. John's Episcopal Church of Plymouth.

urbs in Canton and the Sikh Gurdwara of Plymouth.

Kulwinder Singh of Northville was among seven people walking with the Sikh Gurdwara group. "We want to help people," said Singh, who agreed such efforts are helpful in the wake of the tragic shooting earlier this year at a Sikh congregation in Wisconsin.

"It's a way to know each

other, better to understand each other's cultures," Singh said.

Generally, with CROP Walks 25 percent goes to the Salvation Army and the remainder to Church World Service. Christenson noted individual walkers can designate a number of other approved groups for their portion.

Shorter walk

Most walkers chose the

shorter 2.1-mile route over the 4.1-mile one due to Sundays cold and rain. Colette Bailey joked about the rain that day.

"I guess we didn't pray hard enough, did we?" she said with a smile as the skies opened and rain fell.

Sandy Kollinger, Salvation Army volunteer coordinator, said the Army canteen was at the school board office

on Harvey in downtown Plymouth, the midpoint. Coffee, hot chocolate, water and snacks, "nourishments to get you through the second half," were offered.

Their congregation is mostly older so the Baileys and Kollinger did the walking and representing that day.

The Rev. Beth Librande of Canton is associate pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, and prayed for the walkers before they set out.

"I love the CROP Walk," Librande said. "We're very concerned about those who don't have enough food."

She admires the work of Church World Service.

"I think today I'm going to do the short" walk with others from the Methodist church, due to weather, Librande said.

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LEGO KidsFest this weekend

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Fans of those mind-blowing LEGO creations -- and that includes kids AND adults alike -- will not want to miss the LEGO KidsFest Michigan taking place at the Suburban Collection Showplace on Oct. 12-14.

LEGO KidsFest is a three-day show filled with hands-on, interactive and educational activities for the whole family. Get creative in the construction zones, meet LEGO master builders, help build Creation Games, and see dozens of life-sized models made entirely from LEGO bricks.

"This will be the very first time that the LEGO KidsFest national tour will be making a stop in the state of Michigan," said Brian Bowman, owner of the Novi exposition venue. "The LEGO KidsFest has already made stops in various states such as Texas, Ohio and Colorado, just to name a few."

And if you miss the upcoming Novi show, you'll have to travel all the way to Pittsburgh (Nov. 30-Dec. 2) because that's the only show left this year.

There are multiple ses-

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Session I: 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Session II: 3-7:30 p.m.

Each session offers the same exhibits and activities. For more details, visit www.legokidsfest.com/detroit.

sions over the weekend, and each offers the same interactive activities and play areas. Attendees may arrive and leave anytime within their ticketed session. However, their ticket will only allow entrance during the hours of the specified session. After the first sessions on Saturday and Sunday, the show floor will be closed and reset for the afternoon sessions. If you decide to leave LEGO KidsFest, you will be allowed to re-enter but only during your ticketed session.

If you have already purchased tickets to LEGO KidsFest online, you will not have to wait in line at the box office to purchase



Sculptures like this giant Batman -- made entirely of LEGO bricks -- will be featured at the KidsFest at the Suburban Collection Showplace this weekend.

tickets. The doors to the exhibit hall will open at the beginning of the session so if you and your family arrive before the start of the session you will wait until the doors open.

Baby strollers are allowed at the fest, and families are encouraged to bring cameras and video cameras to the event in order to capture their experience. Of course, The Showplace's concession stands will be open for food and refreshments.

LEGO KidsFest offers an assortment of interactive activities that reach all learning styles and levels of interest, including those in wheelchairs and those with special needs. Also, licensed guide dogs for the blind and service dogs for people with disabilities are welcome. But, for everyone's safety, children and youth under the age of 18 must be supervised by an accompanying adult at all times during their visit.

Although there are no LEGO Club meetings held at LEGO KidsFest, there will be an activity area called the LEGO Master Builder Academy (MBA) that features live demos and workshops by LEGO Master Model Builders. These sessions are 30-40 minutes long and run throughout each session.

Because there will be more than enough LEGO bricks to build with at the event, organizers ask that homemade creations not be brought to KidsFest. Likewise,

The creations made at the LEGO KidsFest need to be left at the event. Once a session is over, the bricks are taken apart so that they can be reused for the next group of attendees.

"The LEGO KidsFest Michigan will be packed with fun hands-on activities that the entire family will enjoy," said Bowman.

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McCotter faces subpoena in election fraud case

By David Veselenak
Observer Staff Writer

Two former staff members working to elect former Congressman Thaddeus McCotter could be reunited with the Livonia Republican Thursday morning in 16th District Court.

A preliminary examination for Livonia resident Paul Seewald and Farmington Hills resident Don Yowchuang is set to begin at about 9:30 a.m. Thursday in Judge Sean Kavanagh's courtroom in Livonia.

The pair is charged with several counts regarding McCotter's failed re-election campaign after the Secretary of State found problems with nominating petitions.

Defense attorneys told Kavanagh they have subpoenaed McCotter, saying he would be able to provide insight in the case. McCotter is expected to attend and possibly testify Thursday.

Yowchuang is charged with 10 counts of election law forgery, one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner and nine counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator. She is scheduled to be sentenced Oct. 26.

a nominating petition as circulator.

Both men entered "not guilty" pleas during their arraignment Aug. 10. If convicted on the counts, the pair could see more than five years in prison.

McCotter once planned to run as a write-in to try and secure a fifth term in Congress representing parts of Wayne and Oakland counties after the Secretary of State invalidated the signatures, but dropped his campaign and resigned July 6.

McCotter has not been charged with any crime.

The men are two of four people arrested and charged after the Secretary of State discovered many of the signatures on the filing petition turned in this past summer were either forged or outdated. Attorney General Bill Schuette filed charges against the four earlier this summer. Former staffer Lorraine O'Brady, 32 of Livonia, pleaded no contest last month to five counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator. She is scheduled to be sentenced Oct. 26.

Mary Melissa Turnbull of Howell also faces one count of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, as well as one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner.

Marketing a piece of history: Building with ties to Henry Ford for sale

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

A historic building at Northville Road and Mill Street in Northville Township, which has ties to auto pioneer Henry Ford, is currently on the market.

"He always sort of had farming and agriculture in his heart," Bill Sivy, a Northville Township Historic District Commission member who has researched the building, said of Ford.

The auto pioneer acquired land beginning as early as 1919, Sivy said, with 10 parcels. The largest now houses the Waterford Mill Pond.

Several years ago, Sivy did a presentation on the local village of Waterford, which grew up here in the mid-1800s. It was also known as Meads Mill, for several Mead brothers who had built a flour mill.

Ford's plant, part of his Village Industries, opened at Northville Road and Mill Street in 1925. The building, which has been modified and is up for sale



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A new tenant for Northville Township's Waterford Mill plant is being sought. The building, located along Northville Road south of Six Mile, was once part of Henry Ford's Village Industries factories placed along the Rouge River system.

or lease, was one of Ford's 19 Village Industries plants. The first, Sivy said, was the one with a current waterwheel in downtown Northville, which opened in 1920.

"He still believed in the values of the farmer who lived in the country," Sivy

said. Plants were water-powered, often on the Rouge River.

There was a Cherry Hill plant in Canton that employed disabled veterans. Other plants hired only single and widowed women.

The plant at North-

ville Road and Mill Street made precision gauges for manufacturing. The building has had several additions and was operated by Ford until 1957, when it was sold to the Haller Co.

Sivy is unsure of detailed history after that.

"We'd like to see it put to

some use," he said, noting the wood floors and early industrial architecture of the original northeast portion at 16580 Northville Road.

The gauge blocks made there during the Ford years were the design of a Swedish man known as the "Edison of Sweden," Sivy said. That man had many talents, but not a great head for business.

Northville native Brad Smith said his grandfather Dan Boland, who daily walked the streets of downtown Northville. "He's the reason why I moved to Northville," Boland recently died.

The building has some 78,000 square feet, Smith said, and could be divided a number of ways.

"The opportunities are kind of endless," Smith said.

Residential use is possible, but would require

rezoning. There's activity nearby, Smith noted, such as the coming University of Michigan Health System development, retail use on Seven Mile and parks and recreation.

"I think residential would fit well," Smith said. A cool art gallery or wine shop could be there, he said.

"It'd be nice to keep the historic presence of the building," Smith said.

Industrial use isn't out of the question either, he added. The site has a Motor Cities "You Auto Know" plaque on its history.

Smith, 29 and single, noted the coming Garage restaurant in Northville, along with such enterprises as Poole's and Brick's and workout facilities. "Activities," he said of what Northville needs for young professionals. "I think it's the type of activities."

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Look at trends to make informed decisions

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

September's unemployment numbers were released last week and they were somewhat of a head scratcher. The economy created a little over 110,000 jobs in September but at the same time, unemployment went down three-tenths of a percent. The general consensus by economists is that for the unemployment rate to stay as is, the economy needs to create about 150,000 jobs per month. The question is, how can the unemployment rate go down when the U.S. economy only created 114,000 new jobs?

There are some people who think that because of

the election the books were cooked. In fact, I saw a tweet by Jack Welch the former CEO of GE who basically espoused this theory. I'm not one who generally believes in conspiracy theories and I don't believe that in this particular situation the books were cooked. I believe the answer lies more in how government numbers are computed. With regard to unemployment, two surveys are used. The Labor Department surveys businesses and uses the information

to determine how many new jobs were created.

Another survey contacts households and uses that information to determine the unemployment rate. Because the government uses two different surveys, there are some anomalies every so often. That is why you never just look at government numbers. To make an investment decision, you need more reliable information. To get a more accurate reading, you need to look at trends, as well as other economic numbers computed by outside entities.

Looking at trends and other economic numbers over a period of time will give you a better picture of what is happening so you can make an

informed decision. This is true not just for the employment numbers, but it also true for other government numbers, such as inflation.

Because this is a presidential election year, both parties will put their spin on the latest unemployment report. Like most government numbers, there is good and bad and each party will exploit the numbers to their benefit. As far as I'm concerned, neither party cares much about the truth but rather, how to make the other party look bad.

When I take a step back and look at the trend in the employment numbers it is clear to me that job growth continues to be weak. Unfortunately, one of the reasons unemploy-

ment has been reduced in the last couple months is not because more people are working but because more people have become frustrated and have given up their search for employment. Those people, while still out of work, are not considered unemployed when the government computes the unemployment rate. Job growth remains weak and anyone who tells you otherwise is not being honest.

I am always skeptical of the government's numbers, not because I think they cooked the books but because of the methodology used in computing things does not seem to match with the real world. It's not just unemployment numbers, but it is also other government

numbers such as inflation. For example, the way the government computes inflation is a lot different than what you and I, the consumer, actually experience.

We are flooded every week with new government numbers. They're interesting but I wouldn't make an investment decision solely based on the numbers. I think I would say the same thing about government numbers and how I decide to vote. Good luck!

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Attorney who grew up here runs benefit race in memory of mom

Alameda, Calif., resident Elizabeth R. Bain is on a quest to raise \$25,000 for the American Cancer Society — and she has already raised \$20,851.

"Today is my birthday, and to celebrate, all I want to do is help others enjoy more birthdays too," she said. Bain, who teaches yoga at the Harbor Bay Club and practices law in downtown Oakland, joined the ACS Determination program in June to honor her mother, Elaine R. Bain, who was diagnosed with

colon cancer in 2008.

"I chose the Detroit International Half Marathon in the hopes that Mom could see me cross the finish line," said Bain, also the daughter of Don Bain of Plymouth Township. Unfortunately, her mother died on July 24, 2012. Bain will run the event with her father; her high school best friend Michelle Halgren (also from Michigan); her mother's cousin Jaime Thomas, and his girlfriend Lori Kalani, who is also an attorney.

"My slacker little brothers waited too long to sign up, and the race was full."

"Originally I set a goal of \$10,000," Bain explained, "on the grounds that I must know 1,000 people, and if each of them donated \$10 I would easily be there. I didn't expect so much support from my community. My co-workers have been very generous!" Bain is an attorney at Foley & Mansfield, a Minneapolis-based law firm with California offices in Oakland and Los Angeles.

The Foley & Mansfield Charitable Foundation is matching employee contributions up to \$10,000. The Detroit office of Foley & Mansfield also put together a five-person relay team to run the full marathon.

Donations can be made online at www.determinationacevents.org or by mail to American Cancer Society, Attention: Detroit Marathon, 20450 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076; please identify participant Elizabeth R. Bain, ID#29740315.



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LaJoy picked for MERS board

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Canton will have a voice on public employee pensions and other legacy-cost issues after Supervisor Phil LaJoy's election as one of nine members to the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) board, which oversees a pension system serving nearly 800 Michigan communities with nearly 100,000 employees and retirees.

Pension issues right now are huge," LaJoy said Tuesday, after his election last week by the MERS membership during its annual meeting in Grand Rapids.

MERS has \$6.8 billion

in assets under management and offers defined benefit, defined contribution and hybrid retirement plans, along with other programs.

MERS operated under state government from 1945 until 1996, when it became an independent, nonprofit, public organization with the fiduciary responsibility of overseeing the retirement system, said Lisa Bond Brewer, MERS communications director.

Brewer said LaJoy is one of six elected officers to the nine-member board. Three others are appointed. LaJoy, chosen to serve as an officer of a municipality, was elected to a three-year term.

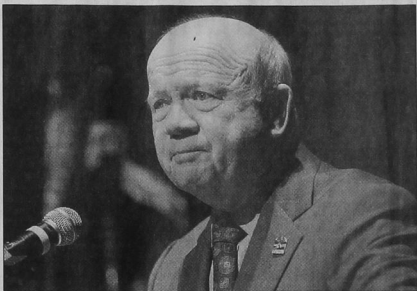
LaJoy said he perceives

his part-time role as a MERS officer as monitoring the retirement system and helping to make decisions to keep it viable. He cited pensions and other post-employment benefits as large issues facing Canton and other communities.

"These are big expense items for communities," he said.

LaJoy's role in MERS places him in a state-wide position to have input into the MERS system. He said issues facing Canton are being faced by communities all across Michigan.

MERS not only serves municipalities, but also other entities such as hospitals, libraries, medical-care facilities and



Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy was elected as one of nine members to the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) board, which oversees a pension system serving nearly 800 Michigan communities with nearly 100,000 employees and retirees.

road commissions. Its stated mission is to provide quality retirement and related services with cost-effective plan administration for members and beneficiaries.

Three of the retirement board's members, like LaJoy, are officers of participating municipalities. Three employee members do not hold such officer positions. Two members are appointed by the retirement board, and one is a retiree of the system.

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Police officer running to fight cancer

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

A couple years ago Northville Township police officer James Beamish decided to start running again just to get back into shape.

At the upcoming Detroit Free Press Marathon on Saturday, Oct. 21, he will be running for something he feels is more important — the fight against cancer.

Beamish, who has been a member of the township's police department for more than two decades (first as a dispatcher), is using the race to raise both awareness and proceeds for the American Cancer Society's Determina-

tion program, in which athletes participate in endurance events all over the nation.

DeterminaTion (formerly known as Charity Runner) began in Chicago in 1996, and was expanded nationwide in 2007. It now includes a variety of races across the country and is continuing to grow.

In his mid-40s at the time he began to run again in 2010, Beamish admits he had let himself go a bit.

"I hadn't run since high school. Here I was 45 years old, and I was definitely out of shape," he said.

It didn't go too well at first, he said. He pushed himself too hard, and

ended up with stress fractures in both fibulas, which forced him to take time off work.

"My body wasn't ready for how hard I was pushing it," he said.

But the setback didn't stop him. After heeding his doctor's advice to take it a little slower, Beamish has gradually worked himself back into shape. He has run a couple 5K and 10K races.

Earlier this year he learned about the DeterminaTion program, and he looked into it. You see, Beamish, like many others, has been impacted by cancer. His sister, Katherine Zisek, has gone through two bouts of cancer — she's in remission thank good-

ness. More distant relatives, however, have passed away after losing their battles to cancer.

Now, Beamish is determined to run his first marathon — and fighting this terrible disease is his catalyst.

"I've never run a marathon before. I've done 20 miles a couple times," he said. "I'm confident I'll be able to finish. I just think this is a worthwhile cause. It's a real motivator."

If you would like to help Beamish out, you can attend a fundraiser he is having Monday, Oct. 15 at Aubree's Pizzeria & Grill, located at 20420 Haggerty Road in Northville (8 Mile and Haggerty). From 5-8 p.m., Aubree's will donate \$5 from every \$15 all-you-can-eat buffet, which includes pizza, salad, bread sticks and drinks, to the American Cancer Society. The cost is \$10 for children (10 and under), of which Aubree's will donate \$3 to the ACS.

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Northville Township police officer James Beamish trains for the Detroit Free Press Marathon, which will take place Saturday, Oct. 21. He is using the event to raise money for the American Cancer Society's DeterminaTion program.

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Five Detroit suspects were arrested Oct. 4 after police interrupted a smash-and-grab larceny at a Livonia gun shop.

Suspects caught stealing 34 guns from Livonia shop

By David Veselenak
Observer Staff Writer

Five Detroit suspects were arrested Oct. 4 after police interrupted a smash-and-grab larceny at a Livonia gun shop.

A stolen minivan crashed through the window of Shooter's Service gun store at 29502 Six Mile, west of Middlebelt, in the early morning hours, but police got to the scene before the suspects could escape.

Arrested and charged were: 18-year-old Joseph Leon Woodson, 21-year-old Terrence William Hargrove, 17-year-old Stephen Wesley Parson, 20-year-old Devan Trevon Cannon and 17-year-old Terrell Deran Jones. All reside in Detroit.

The suspects each face 28 counts as a result of

the robbery, including 23 counts of firearm larceny, one count of breaking and entering, one count of stealing a motor vehicle, one count of felony firearm and one count of larceny in a building. They were arraigned and a \$1 million bond was set last weekend in 35th District Court in front of Judge Michael Gerou. A pre-exam is scheduled for 9 a.m. Wednesday in the 16th District Court in Livonia.

After crashing through the window, the suspects began rifling through the store and picking up guns. A total of 34 firearms were stolen from the store, police said.

Livonia police arrested one suspect as he left the store, and others were arrested with the help of the department's K-9 unit.

Other suspects were found in a wooded area near the store.

"One of our officers did a great job and interrupted the robbery," Livonia police Lt. Thomas Goralinski said. "Through our investigation, we were able to corral all six of them."

Another suspect, who was not charged as an adult, was placed in the Wayne County Youth Home awaiting juvenile proceedings.

Police recovered the stolen minivan near the store shortly after the suspects fled. All firearms taken during the break-in were accounted for by police.

Police are checking to see if the same suspects may have been involved in similar break-ins at jewelry stores in Dearborn Heights and Westland.

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Country band highlights arts fundraiser

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

With a slew of local appearances that included Detroit's country "Hoedown" and a performance at Canton's Liberty Festival, not to mention a trip to Asheville, N.C., for a private event and a concert to benefit diabetes research, the local country band Annabelle Road has been in high demand.

That demand continues Saturday, when Canton's Partnership for the Arts and Humanities presents Annabelle Road for its semi-annual fundraiser at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Jill Engel, the partnership's executive director, hopes to parlay the Detroit area's support of country music — Detroit station WYCD was recently named the Marconi Station of the Year — into a successful fundraiser.

"That was one of the reasons we chose Annabelle Road," Engel said. "Country (music) is big in Detroit. Country is a



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Country band Annabelle Road, which wowed the crowd during Canton's Liberty Fest earlier this year, headlines the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities fundraiser Saturday at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

super big deal around here."

The partnership promotes the arts through financial support, advocacy and education. Engel believes the fundraiser — and its sister event in the spring — help bring attention not only to the Village Theater, but to the arts in general.

After seeing Annabelle Road cover the classic Charlie Daniels tune "The Devil Went Down to Georgia" at Liberty Fest,

Engel was sure the band was a great choice.

"They rocked that out," Engel said. "The people at Liberty Fest went nuts."

The fundraiser starts at 7 p.m. with a welcome reception that will include appetizer samples from Real BarBQ and Sean O'Callaghan's Pub, dessert from KP Sweets, a special gifts and services from Showroom of Elegance, Ribbar Florist and Indigo Salon & Day Spa.

The two-hour concert by Annabelle Road will start at 8 p.m.

Annabelle Road is fronted by lead singer Amanda Bailey, who together with Jeremy Temple on guitar, Donovan Tarjeft on drums and Mike Zahler on bass, all Belleville-area residents, fuse rock and country into a sound they describe as "Carrie Underwood-meets-Johnny Cash-by-way-of-Sky-nyrd."

The group identifies a lengthy list of musical influences—from Rascal Flatts to Sheryl Crow—on its Facebook page. Its CD, Annabelle Road, was released in 2010 and is available from www.annabelleroad.com.

"We do it all," said Bailey, in an e-mail to the Observer. "Our show is always family-friendly."

Engel calls the Annabelle Road show in Canton is a perfect date night. The orchestra pit will make way for a small dance floor so that ticket-holders can show off their foot-stompin' moves. She encourages "country chic" attire for

the evening.

MSA Delivery Service is sponsoring the entertainment for the show, enabling all ticket proceeds to benefit the Partnership. Engel said the organization will earn more than \$10,000 if the concert sells out.

Tickets for the evening are \$30 and are available

on-line at www.cantonvillage-theater.org or by calling (734) 394-5460.

An after-glow will be held from 10 p.m.-midnight at Haydens Grill & Bar, in Canton. Couples will receive one complimentary appetizer.

Sharon Dargay contributed to this report.

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Only household generated products from Wayne County residents will be accepted. Items that will

not be accepted include commercial waste, industrial waste, radioactive materials, explosives, ammunition, shock sensitive materials, household trash, 55-gallon drums, refrigerators, microwaves or other appliances, tires, yard waste and concrete.

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OUR VIEWS

Government by initiative is no way to govern: Say No to Props 2-6

There is a lot more than a pack of candidates and a string of ballot proposals at stake in the Nov. 6 general election. The decisions made that day will be reflected in the kind of government under which everyone in Michigan ultimately will live.

While we proudly say that we live in a democracy, in Michigan, we live in a republic, that form of government through which we say, likewise proudly, is elected "by the people." That requires some clarification. Candidates may say that they represent "the people," but they are elected only by those people who actually vote for them. Once elected, the "people" to whom a particular candidate — now an elected official — refers can take on new meaning.

It takes a lot of votes to win an election and, these days, a lot of money is involved. For some candidates, that means "the people" includes political action committees representing special interest groups. That compromises the essence of a republic, having an impact on the voting public and, likely, on the votes that elected officials cast in the Legislature on issues involving those special interest groups.

Special interest

When special interest groups don't get their way, the result is seen in the ballot proposals in this November's election.

SEEK OUT INFORMATION

While we have taken a position on the proposals discussed above, democracy works best when voters are informed and make independent decisions.

We urge voters to seek out many opinions before making their decision on all of the state proposals. Visit the Citizens Research Council at www.crcmi.org for detailed information on the proposals. The Citizens Research Council is a privately funded, not-for-profit public affairs research organization noted for the accuracy and objectivity of its research. The CRC does not lobby, support or oppose candidates for public office, or take positions on ballot issues.

Voters can also read pro and con positions on each proposal offered by the League of Women Voters of Michigan, a nonpartisan organization, at www.lwvmi.org. In addition, voters can visit the Center for Michigan, (www.TheCenterforMichigan.net) a think tank based on Ann Arbor which offers a "truth squad" analyzing information used in the 2012 political campaign.

That result comes at an extraordinary cost, both in terms of dollars and in terms of a potentially disastrous shift in Michigan's form of government.

If these proposals were to pass, Michigan would move from a republic, in which voters elect officials to represent them, to a form of government by referendum. The result would be paralysis of the legislative process, with officials unable to act without real or potential fear of the next move by special interest groups.

For instance, one report places at \$30 million the amount of money that has entered the campaigns to pass six ballot proposals in this November's election. While all six are the work of special interest groups, proposals 2 through 6 would change the Michigan constitution.

Many of this year's

ballot proposals are the result of initiatives in which signatures were collected on petitions. While many of those petition drives were orchestrated by special interest groups seeking to serve their supporters or causes or organizations, the proposals also are a by-product of an electorate frustrated with the state Legislature and its inability to address many issues.

Lawmakers should take heed of the rush to initiative and listen to what has become an increasingly frustrated electorate. Drafting legislation would allow debate and input. Instead of voters needing to decide an "all or nothing" ballot proposal.

Government by initiative is no way to govern. Voters should reject attempts to strong-arm the changes and amend the state constitution by voting "NO" on Proposals 2-6.

BALLOT ISSUES

The following proposals are initiatives that would amend the Michigan Constitution

- **Proposal 12-2:**
To create a new right to collective bargaining.
- **Proposal 12-3:**
To establish a standard for renewable energy.
- **Proposal 12-4:**
To establish the Michigan Quality Home Care Council and provide collective bargaining for in-home workers.
- **Proposal 12-5:**
To limit new taxes by state government.
- **Proposal 12-6:**
To require a vote of the people before the State of Michigan can construct or finance new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles.

Concerns

There are a number of problems with these proposals.

First, their passage would open the door to a dizzying array of potential changes in the Michigan constitution, creating a patchwork quilt of legislation that would eventually fray and lay in tatters.

Second, their passage binds the hands of the governor and legislators to do what we, in a republic, elect them to do — namely, lead. An up or down vote negates any dialogue or discussion of the issues. If the issues involved in these proposals are sufficiently serious, they should be taken up with elected officials who are duty bound to act. And if they don't, then find candidates who will.

One pundit has remarked that the problem is not with the model car we have bought in Michigan. It is with

who is in the driver's seat.

Third, changes to the constitution cannot be readily altered or undone, if the original change brings with it other problems.

Some changes in the proposals just don't belong in the constitution, and a lot of the hype that goes with them plays fast and loose with the facts — and the sensibilities of the public.

Proposal 2 forgets that workers already have the right to bargain, and it would strangle the role of government.

Proposal 3 would require that utilities get 25 percent of their energy from renewable sources by 2025. There is precious little talk about how realistic this is, not to mention that renewable sources are specifically listed and could mean that new resources would be prohibited.

Proposal 4 is the perfect example of

a special interest group pushing for something that is a legislative function that does not belong in the constitution. It would create a Michigan Quality Home Care Council and would ensure that in-home care workers could collectively bargain. We all want the best care for our parents and loved ones, but this is one for the Legislature.

Proposal 5 is a curiosity. It would require a vote of the people to approve new taxes, something we already have with the Headlee Tax Limitation Amendment. What's more, approval would further shift Michigan government into a new direction, from a republic to a direct democracy under which voters would have to approve every change. That would mean no need for legislators, and the result would be chaos.

Finally, **Proposal 6** is clearly directed at the controversy over a new bridge plan that would link Michigan and Canada. It calls for a statewide vote of the people for any international bridge or tunnel that is proposed to be built.

These proposals are largely the work of special interest groups and, while offering some merit, they do not overall serve the best interest of voters, who should firmly check the "NO" box for each one Nov. 6.

LETTERS

Bentivolio best choice

I was deeply disheartened to read the editorial endorsement "Taj for Congress," as much for mischaracterizing the candidate as the American dream itself.

The editorial declares "quintessentially American" that "Taj" is an immigrant who worked hard to achieve success and has passed the desire to obtain an education onto his children."

It's nice that Taj is a hard-working immigrant with a family, but to me, the quintessential American story involves serving the country and the community. It involves multiple professions — teaching, farming, owning a business.

That's Kerry Bentivolio's story — the man Taj is running against. Kerry served in the infantry in Vietnam and was permanently injured in a rocket attack in Iraq in 2007.

As a Highland firefighter, EMT and substance abuse technician at Doctor's Hospital, I was dismayed to see mention of Taj's plan to expand "Obamacare" even further. The bureaucratization of medicine not only raises costs and reduces consumer choices, it displaces private care. Taj has publicly stated that the government can deliver care better than competitive private enterprise, which is absurd.

But what is most distressing about Taj is that he has no solution for the worst problem in our nation: a \$16 trillion national debt. Taxing business owners and cutting defense spending is not an answer.

As a grandfather, Kerry is deeply concerned about ending the debt crisis, which is the immoral transfer

of one generation's debt on to the next. He is determined to reign in the spending and borrowing.

We need a hometown patriot with a real vision to represent our district in Washington. That man is Kerry Bentivolio.

Joseph Jozwiak
Highland

Nowhere Bentivolio

I attended the League of Women Voters election forum for the candidates for the 11th Congressional District last week in Plymouth. Noticeably absent was Kerry Bentivolio. I had been advised in advance that it was almost certain that he would not be present. I find it quite disturbing that this candidate chooses not to engage in debates, appear at town hall meetings, public forums or other open events. It appears his strategy is to stay off the radar, and out of the public and just hope all the Republicans will go fill in the box and vote for him.

We only need to take our short memory to recall the embarrassment and cost to the citizens or the 11th district caused by our last Republican representative, Thaddeus McCotter. He as well as known as an official who was remote, distant, aloof, and detached from his constituents; who rarely held office hours, appeared in public or made himself available to the citizens who elected him. He was clearly more interested in playing his guitar and appearing on TV talk shows than performing the most basic fundamental of getting sufficient signatures to get on the ballot.

The congressional seat for the 11th District is probably the most important

position on the local ballots. Whoever is elected will represent 700,000 citizens in Congress. America has complex problems. An economy that is not growing fast enough or creating enough jobs; massive trade and budget deficits; decreasing tax revenues while the cost of health care and entitlements are skyrocketing; falling educational achievement with rising threats of terrorism. One would think that under these circumstances we would want the most educated, most experienced, most accomplished, most competent individual to represent us.

I personally know Dr. Syed Taj. As a physician practicing internal medicine and then as the medical director of Oakwood Hospital, he relates that for over 30 years he was daily presented with complex problems and illnesses; did examinations and tests to lead to a diagnosis, then developed a plan to resolve and cure the problems. He advanced to the position of overseeing 400 doctors. As a politician, he served successfully and compatibly as the only Democrat on the Canton Board of Trustees. We should be honored and blessed to have such a candidate for the House.

On the other hand we have Bentivolio. His positions and views are so extreme and radical that his own party rejected him and ran a write-in to try to keep him off the final ballot and regularly called him "Krazy Kerry." Maybe just once, we should forget about being a Republican or Democrat, and just vote for the best candidate: Dr. Taj.

Tom Hess
Northville

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you think the presidential debates will affect how you plan to vote on Nov. 6?



"No, I have my mind made up."
Barb Dombrowski
Canton



"No, because I've already made up my mind."
Sarika Deshmukh
Canton



"Yes, because I'm undecided, and if I see them I may have a different view."
Virginia Barzyk
Canton



"Sure. It gives me more information for the election."
Brandon Gauvin
Royal Oak

Prop 1: Referendum on emergency manager law

PRO: It's about accountability, leadership, results

By Al Pscholka
Guest Columnist

"Our members would rather have these schools and municipalities file for bankruptcy than deal with this bill." That came from a leader of a public sector union in my office in February 2011 as debate was going on regarding the Local Government and School District Fiscal Accountability Act that I sponsored and was later signed into law as Public Act 4 of 2011.

It was clear that for some this was about politics and not fiscal accountability and good public policy. Those who stand to gain from preserving the status quo of financial mismanagement have spent nearly two years inciting fears about oppression, authoritarian control and an assortment of outcomes they claim the Fiscal Accountability Act intends to accomplish. While the sensationalism has succeeded in getting widespread attention, the arguments against the law were either factually inaccurate or untrue.

Almost all of the law's detractors like to gloss over the primary effect of the act: the vital addition of proactive, preventative steps designed to save municipalities and school districts from plummeting toward financial insolvency. Following a set of specifically defined triggers, the state now starts an early dialogue with local units that show signs of financial instability.

Prior to the passage of this initiative, an early state response was nonexistent and intervention came only when unsolved problems had escalated to a degree that demanded extreme solutions with very few good options. In many cases the financial records were a mess, years of overspending and financial irregularities had left communities and schools on the brink of

bankruptcy and bailout. The appointment of an emergency manager is now the last resort, rather than the only option in trying to curb a financial collapse that would pass the burden on to all Michigan taxpayers and threaten the credit rating of the entire state. In short, this law protects taxpayers.

Let's look at the dire predictions made by detractors and the rants of cable television extremists. They claimed that dozens of communities would be taken over by corporate interests across Michigan. That has not happened. They claimed the governor had new and unchecked powers that would lead to appointed "dictators" across the state. That is a claim leveraged against the new law that was actually a symptom of the old PA 72 law. The governor's ability is now a matter of procedure, not personal preference.

And let's look at the results. Ecorse now has a budget surplus, Benton Harbor has seen new economic development projects and growth and is close to balancing its budget, and reforms in Flint, Pontiac and the Detroit Public Schools have saved taxpayers \$100 million. The law has led local officials to start discussions on fixing debt and taking care of unfunded liabilities.

In the end, accountability, responsibility and results are the foundations of successful communities. Despite the forces that continually attempt to mislead the public in order to further their own agenda or protect the status quo, the record is bearing out the truth of the law's success. It's why Michigan voters and taxpayers need to vote yes to accountability Nov. 6.

State Rep. **Al Pscholka**, R-Stevensville, represents Michigan's 79th District in the House of Representatives. He sponsored the legislation that became Public Act 4. His district includes Benton Harbor, which has been in receivership since 2010. He can be reached by email at AlPscholka@house.mi.gov.

CON: Law creates a democracy emergency in Michigan

By John C. Philo
Guest Columnist

Public Act 4 of 2011 creates a gaping deficit in democracy between Michigan communities, while doing little to alleviate financial difficulties faced by cities. On Nov. 6, Michigan citizens will have the opportunity to eliminate the democracy deficit by voting no on Proposal One.

Public Act 4 is founded upon an assumption that democracy is incompatible with financial stability. Under Public Act 4, an emergency manager becomes the government of the community. The power of all elected officials is concentrated in the emergency manager. They can pass local laws, cut departments, and sell city property from their desk — no public notice, no hearings, no vote. Under Public Act 4, Michigan is experimenting with a form of local government with no checks and balances and it is precisely the type of government that James Madison warned against writing: "The accumulation of all powers, legislative, executive ... in the same hands ... may justly be pronounced the very definition of tyranny."

The law resurrects old bigotries against the poor and against racial and ethnic minorities, who were forbidden from voting in many places during the early days of our nation. By barring Michigan citizens from their right to vote for local officials, Public Act 4 assumes that these officials caused the crisis and residents acquiesced. History has taught us that income rarely reflects one's wisdom in the voting booth and we have laws to remove corrupt officials. To the extent such laws are lacking, they should be strengthened and culpable officials held accountable. Public Act 4 forgoes this. Rather, it punishes local residents by silencing their voice in local government and on how a financial crisis will be resolved.

Public Act 4 finds economically poor communities solely to blame for their financial difficulties. There is no escaping that such communities are all-too-often

composed of racial and ethnic minorities shut out from economic opportunities. They are communities where property and income tax revenue plummeted following the national recession and are ones with spiraling home foreclosure and unemployment rates. Their revenue declines have been compounded by years of cuts in state revenue sharing. In short, they are the victims of failed regulatory and economic policies felt by all in the Michigan, but they are the ones who have been hit the hardest. Yet, the law provides no stabilization revenue to local communities — not one penny. Rather, the law adds the costs of the state's emergency manager, their staff, and their consultants to the distressed community's budget.

At the time it was passed, Public Act 4 was publicly justified by a need to adopt an early warning or intervention system to alert state officials to impending financial stress within local communities. However, it is not an early warning system that has been employed most zealously. Instead, it is those provisions allowing emergency managers to cut and privatize services and to break union contracts. These actions have been taken despite the increased need for services and despite deep concessions from public unions. Yet, fiscal deficits remain and, in many communities with an emergency manager, have worsened. They will likely continue to do so until bondholders and private contractors are also brought to the table and asked to sacrifice along with local residents and public employees.

Michigan has faced difficult economic times in the past and likely will again in the future. However, in the past we were able to work our way through such events without sacrificing our principles. We should do so now and recognize that in these times, more democracy is needed, not less. Vote No on Proposal One.

John C. Philo is legal director of the Sugar Law Center for Economic & Social Justice, which filed suit on behalf of various council members in Benton Harbor, Flint and Pontiac believing they should have been allowed to resume their duties when PA 4 was suspended. He can be reached at jphilo@sugarlaw.org.

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Rocks claim conference crown

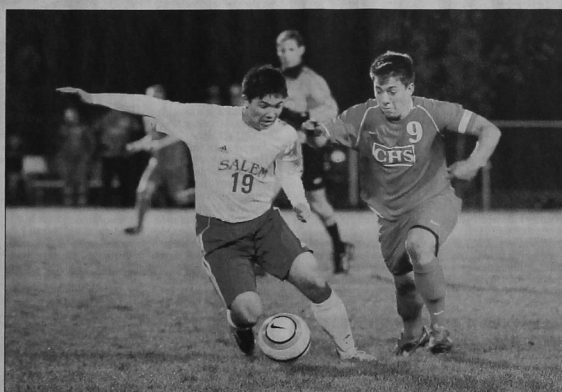
By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

An early goal by Salem senior forward Chris Dierker held up for the final 72 minutes Monday night, largely because of stellar defense and the goalkeeping of junior Col-in Hewett.

And that was all the Rocks required to edge campus rival Canton 1-0 in the championship game for the KLAA Kensington Conference. State-ranked Salem (13-2-4) moved on to face Brighton (13-0-4) in Wednesday night's association title match at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity turf field. Results were not available as of press time.

"The early goal by Dierker was very important and we tried to weather the storm," Salem varsity boys soccer coach Ed McCarthy said. "We were fortunate to get out of here with the win."

"Canton was very dangerous on the counter-attack all night and in the second half we were a little bit better defensively and that was very impor-



Vying for a 50-50 ball Monday night are Salem's Grant McKinney (No. 19) and Canton's Dan Ovesea (No. 9).

tant."

McCarthy stressed the play of Hewett in holding the Chiefs at bay, particularly during a ramped-up final 15 minutes of play

when KLAA South Division champion Canton (14-3-2) pushed the pace in hopes of scoring an equalizer.

"The goalkeeping

tonight was excellent," he said. "A couple balls Canton really drilled at him on this very difficult surface he was very clean at picking that stuff up. So

he was the player of the match today." One of those stops was on a free kick by Can-

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Dillard an FBU All-Star

Canton senior offensive lineman Cameron Dillard, who is verbally committed to play college football at Florida, has been named to play in the inaugural 2013 Football University International All-Star Games set for Jan. 1-5 in San Antonio, Texas. The FBU games will feature more than 160 U-19 football athletes composing the rosters for five teams: Europe, Canada/Montreal, Canada/BC, Mexico and the U.S.

Chiefs head coach Tim Beachler lauded the selection. "It is a great honor for Cameron Dillard or for any player to be selected to play in an All-Star game. We are very proud of him."

MU volleyball falls to 21-5

Brianna Strette collected 18 kills and setter Lauren Crump added 61 assist-to-kills as No. 18-ranked Indiana University-East (25-2) defeated No. 17 Madonna University (21-5) in five sets, 22-25, 25-22, 22-25, 25-18, 15-12, at the Liz Luskowski Memorial women's volleyball tournament Saturday hosted by Indiana Tech.

The Crusaders had four players notch double figures in kills observing Samantha Geile (19), all-tournament pick Nastja Baranovska (16), Lutheran High Westland's Emilie Freeman (14) and Taylor Dzielwit (13).

Setter Evia Prieditis finished with 65 assists, while Breanna Geile paced the defense with 29 digs.

Samantha Geile and Prieditis added 14 and 12 digs, respectively. Earlier in the day, Baranovska and Freeman had 12 and 11 kills, respectively, in a 25-19, 25-15, 25-16 victory over Ashford (Iowa).

Prieditis chipped in with 42 assists, while Breanna Geile and Ashley Hulbert added 17 and 12 digs, respectively.

Liz Gbur had 19 assists and Karrah Tobys 14 digs for Ashford (14-12).



Sticking together during the county meet are Salem's Emily Bizon (No. 102) and Alejandra Beltran (No. 100).

Salem girls finish 3rd

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Mission accomplished as far as Salem varsity girls cross country coach Dave Gerlach is concerned.

The Rocks again showed their outstanding talent and team depth at Saturday's Wayne County Championship Meet at Willow Metropark in New Boston, finishing third out of 26 teams with 71 points. The only teams

ahead of them were top-ranked Grosse Pointe South and Northville, with 39 and 66 points, respectively.

"Our goal coming in was to be top three in the county and we made that accomplishment," Gerlach said. "The two teams that were in front of us, Northville is ranked third in the state and Grosse Pointe South is ranked first."

"So we're real excited going into the postseason here. Today is a big

step toward that."

Pacing the race-host Rocks, who came away with a team trophy for third place, was junior Kayla Kavulich. She was fourth overall (18:33.64), only surpassed by three Grosse Pointe South runners.

"Kayla ran real well," Gerlach said. "The problem with her is she was stuck in no man's land as we call it. She had no one to really compete

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'Cats, Rocks in Top 5

WAYNE COUNTY MEET

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

If there is a better proving ground for cross country than the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, give Salem varsity boys cross country coach Steve Aspinall a call.

On a cool, crisp morning at Willow Metropark in New Boston, Aspinall's team finished fourth out of 28 teams at Saturday's Wayne County Championship Meet with 138 points. And Salem had plenty of company from the KLAA in the top five.

Northville won the meet with 109 points, followed by Plymouth (134) and Livonia Stevenson (137). In fifth place, with 146 points was Livonia Churchill.

"It's really a testament to how good the area is," Aspinall said. "I think the top five schools are in our conference, Northville, Plymouth, Stevenson, and Churchill."



Plymouth senior Brandon Dalton finishes strong to place eighth at Saturday's Wayne County meet.

"For the top five schools in Wayne County to be from our region is a pretty cool thing. The Observersland area is strong, that's good."

Northville junior Dan Sims was the overall medalist, with a time of 15:48.11. Garden City's Jhaira Johnson isn't in the KLAA, but he finished third (16:08.48).

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Big night for Plymouth senior spikers

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Who knows whether Plymouth's varsity girls volleyball team will win a title this season.

But the Wildcats enjoyed a banner night Tuesday, on Senior Recognition Night prior to their 26-24, 25-12, 25-19 victory over visiting Wayne Memorial.

Plymouth head coach Sarah Marody toasted the seven seniors, led by co-captains Zoe Irvin, Emilie Beyer, Taylor Rieckhoff and unofficial leader Madelyn Betts. Also honored were Caterina Soli (a foreign exchange student from Italy), Jessica Bihn and Kyra Neumann.

"They're an incredible group of young women on the court, off the court," Marody said. "They're involved in their communities, their churches, their schools."

"I couldn't ask for a nicer group of girls and a better representation of what we strive for here at Plymouth."

According to Betts, a middle hitter who recently signed her national letter of intent to play Division I volleyball at Robert Morris University, having the senior night "means a lot to this group because this group is so close, we're all family on and off the court."

"We're always together," Betts said. "So every one going off is really sad. But we're really happy to have such a good group of friends, we're so blessed to be with each other."

The Wildcats, now 19-5-2 overall and 7-3 in the KLAA South Division (third place) have had a bit of a season sweep.

Tourney streak

But some of the high points have included their

first-ever conference win over Canton and first-place finishes at three consecutive tournaments (Carleton-Airport, Trenton, University of Michigan-Dearborn).

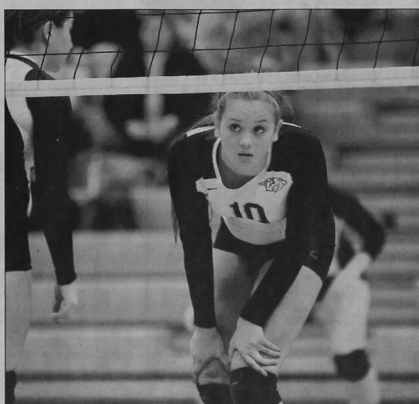
"It's been a very emotional experience, a lot of ups, a lot of downs," Beyer noted. "Overall successful. We've won the most tournaments in a row, three so far, so we're hoping to continue our winning streak this weekend."

On Saturday, Plymouth will try to make it four tournament wins in a row, taking part in the "Beast of the East" tournament hosted by Warren-based club team Michigan Elite.

As for Tuesday against the Zebras, the Wildcats managed to win a hard-fought opening game before taking control.

"The second game we came out fired up," Mar-

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Sheer concentration is etched on the face of Plymouth senior Taylor Rieckhoff (No. 10) during Tuesday night's match against Wayne Memorial.

JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



Plymouth's volleyball seniors (front row) were honored before Tuesday's KLAAS South Division match against Wayne Memorial.

SPIKERS

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oday said, "I think our seniors might have been a little emotional that first game.

"Then they finally kicked it into gear in the second game. Our offense

started flowing, we started running a faster pace, we seemed a little bit more relaxed and ready to play."

Betts led Plymouth with 19 kills and 19 digs, while Soli tallied 20 assists.

Chipping in with five kills and four blocks was sophomore Olivia Beyer.

Emilee Beyer tallied four kills, 14 digs and three aces while Rieckhoff (three kills) and Irvin (nine digs) also made contributions.

Freshman Daniella Barile also played well, registering nine assists.

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The Salem varsity girls volleyball team recently enjoyed Senior Night. Honored players included (from left) Bree Beaver, Lexi Epley, Abigail Dworzanin, Emily Lipa, Nancy Krutty, Erika Hatcher and Juliana DiMichele.

Rocks solid at tourney

Salem lost to 14-25, 18-25 to Fenton in the quarterfinals of Saturday's Northville Invitational, but Rocks head coach Amanda Nies described it as a "good day" for her squad.

"We are still working as a team to really work on our enthusiasm and making big plays at big momentum turns in the game," Nies said.

"We really are working on eliminating unforced errors."

Salem did go 6-2 in pool play, finishing first and reaching the gold playoff bracket.

"We have not made the gold bracket yet in a big tournament and that was a good step for us," Nies said.

Solid showings were

turned in by Bree Beaver (21 kills, five blocks), Abigail Dworzanin (27 kills, 45 digs, 10 aces), Erika Hatcher (17 kills, three aces), Emily Lipa (30 digs), Nicole Jablonski (31 digs, three aces), Nancy Krutty (79 assists, 12 digs), Tess Ganich (13 kills, six aces) and Kelly Whalen (14 kills, 10 blocks).

Homecoming sweep for PC Steelers

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers junior football league teams sent their homecoming fans home happy Saturday by sweeping the visiting Redford Rangers at Plymouth's Central Middle School.

The varsity Steelers improved to 5-0 after blanking the Rangers, 21-0. Dylan Stackhouse opened the scoring with a 76-yard touchdown run. Isaac Emminger made it 14-0 with a dazzling 57-yard TD scamper.

The winners' final TD came on a 48-yard Emminger-to-Matt Poet connection. Offensive linemen Ben Kandah, Blake Priksorn, Spencer Zwarka, David Dart and Scott Gregor all blocked well. Defensively, Nick Saker, Jared Gollis, Jacob Miller and Luke Davis excelled. Victor Reese and Luke Walkley picked off passes for the Steelers.

The junior-varsity Steelers upped their record to 5-0 with a 37-4 triumph over Redford. Mason Phillips ignited the rout with a game-opening 91-yard touchdown sprint, following the blocks of AJ Neal, Billy Flohr and Danny Lanava. Lou Baechler bulled in from five yards out on the Steelers' next possession behind blocks from Seth Trozak and Chase Willis.

Ryan Young (15-yard run), Ben Wright (25-yard run) and Connor Engel (35-yard QB keeper) tacked on TDs for the Steelers, who received stellar blocking from Bryce Lynn, Thomas Noble, Aaron Garbar-



JON VESPAZIANI

Plymouth-Canton Steelers freshmen football player Zach Kubacki chases down a Redford ball carrier during Saturday's 20-0 Steelers victory.

ino, Charlie Shreve, Nick Downs and Chris Savage. Defensively, Calvin Vos, Chase Cunningham, Liam Radomski and Ben Bennett shone for P-C. Joseph Vespaziani and Jake Cain picked off passes for the Steelers.

The freshmen Steelers conquered the Rangers, 20-0, in a battle of 3-1 teams. Standouts for the winners were Ethan Rotell (3-for-3 passing, 59 yards), Zach Kubacki (10 carries for 75 yards and a TD), Nate Cain (two TDs) and Logan Walkley, who added two rushing extra points. The blocking of Mason Hackney, Zach Sweet, Andrew Uhlman, Ben Zwarka, Cenzi DeFelle, Brenden Janowski, Keagan Witczak, Justin Tafelski and Tanner Wyatt opened up ample running lanes for the backs.

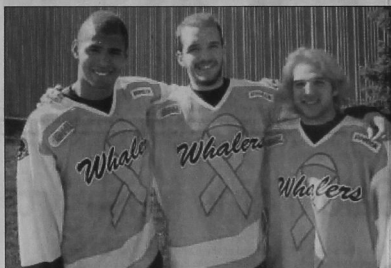
Defensively, Tyler Overatits, Kubacki, Cooper Donlin, Jason Perko, Adam Janack, Cain and Garrett Geyer turned in

tenacious efforts for the Steelers, while Jonathan Simpson, Nicholas Savage and Cole Moyer excelled on special teams.

The junior-freshmen Steelers dominated their Redford counterparts, picking up 18 first downs to the Rangers' three, thanks in large part to the in-the-trenches efforts of Lucas Tafelski, Ryan Fisher, Adam Nicholas, Charlie Tamms and Garard Noel. The steel-curtain defense of Brayden Willis, Brendan Church, Spencer Vos, Barret Barker and Baechler Houser was relentless.

Luke Janik, Brady Blakita, Nicholas, Houser and Andrew Iaquaneli found paydirt for the Steelers. The Steelers' freshmen, JV and varsity squads will travel to Dearborn Heights on Saturday for pivotal match-ups against the host Redskins.

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Pink Out!

Plymouth Whalers (from left) Austin Levi, Colin MacDonald and Alex Aleardi sport pink hair and pink jerseys in preparation for last year's annual Pink Out! For Breast Cancer Awareness contest. MacDonald and Aleardi (Farmington Hills) have the chance to do it all over again. This year's event is slated for 7 p.m. Saturday at Computware Arena, when the Whalers host Sault Ste. Marie. When the Whalers host the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds at 7:05 p.m. at Computware Arena. Meanwhile, from 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday at C's Brewing Company (the restaurant inside Computware), Whalers players will work as waiters with all tips going to the Karmanos Cancer Institute. For more information, go to www.plymouthwhalers.com.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Sign up for Saints

The Washington 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.

CO 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 smart5959@bcglobal.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 own 13 rosters. Go to www.oaklandreds.com for more information.

Whalers' Vellucci wins 400th game

The Plymouth Whalers broke a 1-1 tie with four goals in the second period and the Whalers went on to defeat the Niagara Ice Dogs, 6-3, in an Ontario Hockey League game

played Saturday night at Computware Arena. Plymouth improves to 2-1-1 on the season; Niagara is 5-2-0-0.

The win was the 400th in the career of Plym-

outh head coach Mike Vellucci. He is the winningest coach in Whalers franchise history and ranks third among active OHL coaches behind Belleville's George Burnett (519) and Brampton's Stan Butler (506).

Plymouth rookie goaltender Riley Corbin made his OHL debut a success as the game's third star. Corbin stopped 27-of-30 shots for his first OHL victory.

While Stefan Noesen scored twice (4-5 on the season), the game's first star was Plymouth's Cody Payne, who scored his fourth goal of the year and assisted on linemate Matt Misteel's second of the year — both in the second period — to give the Whalers a 3-1 lead.

Also scoring for the Whalers were Farmington Hills native Alex Aleardi and Garrett Meurs.



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PREP GRID PICKS

Week 8 Friday, Oct. 12	Wright	Smith	O'Meara	Emons
Canton (4-3, 3-2) at Salem (5-2, 3-2), 7 p.m.	Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton
Garden City (4-3, 3-2) at Belleville (3-4, 2-3), 7 p.m.	Garden City	Garden City	Belleville	Belleville
Redford Union (2-5, 1-4) at Romulus (1-6, 0-5), 7 p.m.	Union	Union	Union	Dearborn
Thurston (5-2, 4-1) at Dearborn (4-3, 4-1), 7 p.m.	Thurston	Thurston	Dearborn	Plymouth
Plymouth (6-1, 4-1) at Stevenson (6-1, 4-1), 7 p.m.	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
Franklin (2-5, 2-3) at South Lyon East (3-4, 2-3), 7 p.m.	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin
John Glenn (1-6, 1-4) at Novi (1-6, 1-4), 7 p.m.	John Glenn	Novi	Novi	Novi
Wayne (0-7, 0-5) at South Lyon (3-4, 1-4), 7 p.m.	South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon
Notre Dame Prep (7-0) at Garenecville (5-2), 7 p.m.	Prep	Prep	Prep	Prep
S.H. Parkway (3-4, 1-3) at Luthi Westland (4-3, 2-2), 7 p.m.	Parlway	Westland	Westland	Churchill
Churchill (7-0, 5-0) at Northville (5-2, 4-1), 7 p.m.	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill
Harrison (4-3, 3-3) at Farmington (6-1, 5-1), 7 p.m.	Harrison	Farmington	Farmington	Harrison
North Farmington (2-5, 1-5) at Roch. Adams (2-5, 2-4), 7 p.m.	Adams	Adams	Adams	Adams
Last week	6-4	10-0	8-2	10-0
Overall	54-31	63-22	63-22	66-19



Eagles soar

Plymouth Christian enjoyed success at the Sept. 29 Taylor Quad meet, with four medal winners. Those included (from left) freshman Andrew Kwang (first, No. 3 singles), senior Alex Huber (first, No. 2 singles), senior Matt Sumner (first, No. 1 singles) and junior Josh Fitzpatrick (second, No. 4 singles). The Eagles finished in third, just two points shy of first-place Taylor Kennedy.

Double duty for Canton-Salem rivalry

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

The schedule makers are throwing a monkey wrench into hopes of all three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park football teams qualifying for the 2012 playoffs for the first time.

That's because Canton and Salem face each other the next two weeks beginning 7 p.m. Friday in a KLAAs Kensington Conference crossover. The Chiefs are 4-3

while Salem is 5-2 entering Week 8. Both teams meet again in Week 9 in the regular season finale (Oct. 19).

Canton must win both games to reach the magic win total (six) needed to snag a postseason berth. If that happens, the Rocks will miss the cut.

Likewise, a Salem win might put the Rocks in the playoffs but Canton would be knocked out.

"It is what it is," Salem head coach Kurt Britnell said. "I don't think you

ever want to play teams back-to-back but that's where we are."

Britnell added that "it's been a long time since Salem and Canton have played in a meaningful game. And these next two obviously have significant importance."

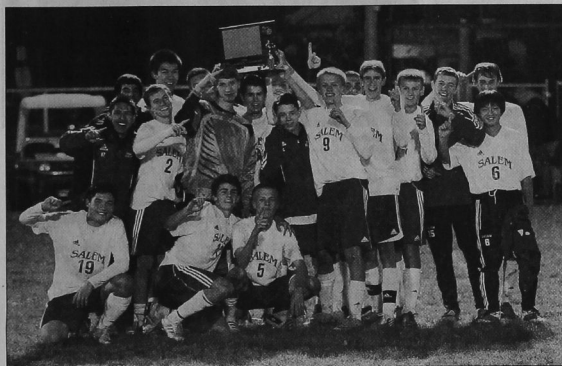
Canton head coach Tim Baechler said it will be unusual to have the back-to-back meetings with Salem. Ultimately, however, it will be up to the team to perform.

"It will be a unique situation and one that I

have not been through before," Baechler said. "We are looking forward to the challenge. But as always, it's about us executing consistently. So we will ultimately decide our own fate."

The third PCEP team, Plymouth, already is in the playoffs with a 6-1 record entering Friday's contest at Livonia Stevenston.

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The Salem varsity boys soccer team celebrates after winning the KLAAs Kensington Conference title on Monday night.

SOCCER

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ton senior forward Dan Ovesea, a laser right at Hewett.

Also playing strong in goal was Canton senior Ian Wingate, who was only beaten by the Dierker drive from just inside the top of the 18-yard box (on an assist from junior midfielder Connor Cole).

Good feeling

"I just got the ball and turned to shoot it the other side," Dierker said. "...It felt good to get the first goal."

Dierker then smiled and said it also felt good for the Rocks to defeat Canton for the third time this season — including the match played at the Gary Balconi Invitational in August.

"Apparently, Salem has our number," Canton



Salem's Connor Cole (No. 9) tries to maneuver around Canton's Brian Galm (No. 23) during Monday's conference title match.

JOHN KEMSKI
EXPRESS PHOTO

ton head coach George Tomasso said. "Hopefully, we can do something to change it."

Tomasso said the rivals could meet again next week in the districts, to be held at PCEP.

About Dierker's goal, Tomasso said it was the result of a turnover and letting the Salem player get too much space to make his kick.

"I think it was our failure to maintain possession in the middle third of the field," Tomasso said. "We got caught up dribbling too much and that forced a turnover."

"And then they had a quick two-pass counter into their target player in the box and we were a little loose in defending him."

The Chiefs nearly

evened things up with about 13 minutes left in the first half, but officials ruled that Ovesea was offside and waved off the goal.

Down the stretch, Canton put more pressure on the Salem defense.

Hewett was ready for whatever came his way, and teammates such as junior midfielder Andriy Pelekh and senior midfielder Tyler Bashaw expertly shadowed Canton players to keep them from breaking loose.

"I thought they (Rocks) defended well as a team," Tomasso said. "I thought we had quite good opportunities that could have been goals."

"The good news is we're creating opportunities and the boys fought hard, they didn't quit. It's just unfortunate we couldn't put one in."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Lacrosse club tryouts

The Westside Women's Lacrosse Club, a premier girl's lax club, is holding tryouts the month of October for all girls U14-U17 who have lacrosse experience and are interested on playing on the 2013 club team.

Tryouts will be 2-4 p.m. Oct. 14, 21 and 28 at ITC Community Sports Park in Novi (Eight Mile and Napier roads).

Only one date is needed for the tryout and recruiting will continue throughout the year. To register, visit www.MIW-WLC.com and complete the RSVP form. Also, interested players must print and complete the 2013 Tryout Registration form found on the web-

site and bring that with the tryout fee of \$25 with them on the day of their selection.

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.

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The Salem varsity girls cross country team earned a team trophy for finishing third at Saturday's Wayne County meet.

GIRLS XC

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against.

"The top three from Grosse Pointe South really took the pace out hard and then there was a group behind her. So she was stuck in a spot where she couldn't latch on to someone."

Kavulich said it was great that the Rockets were right on the heels of Northville—a team in their sights for the Oct. 18 KLAAs Kensington Conference meet. But she added her own performance was disappointing "because I wish I would have been closer" to the Grosse Pointe South runners in places 1-3.

The medalist was Hannah Meier, with a time of 17:45.24.

"I wasn't totally gassed, I had more in me," said Kavulich, one of seven Salem medalists. "But I just couldn't turn over and start kicking."

"My legs wouldn't turn over, I kept trying to go faster and faster, but I couldn't get them up to full speed."

Coming on strong

Other Salem medalists were second-teamer Lauren Arquette (ninth, 19:04.0), third-teamer Anya Cho (15th, 19:22.59) and Alejandra Beltran (21st, 19:40.39) and honorable mention winners Emily Bizon (22nd, 19:40.90), Natasha Stevenson (26th, 19:52.70) and Shannon Flynn (31st, 20:11.02).

"Lauren Arquette and Anya Cho, my teammates, are just runners, are just running tremendous at this time," Gerlach said. "Our top seven are really coming on right now."

The other Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams finished in the top 10 and featured several excellent perfor-



Canton freshman Mary Galm, showing competing at the county meet, finished 14th with a second-team all-county medal.

mances.

Plymouth placed seventh with 218 points, while Canton took ninth with 242 points.

Each team boasted a runner who made second team all-county (places 8-14). For the Wildcats, junior Mariana DeBiasi came in 13th (19:13.29), followed by Canton freshman Mary Galm, 14th with a time of 19:19.08.

Among honorable mention medal winners (places 22-35) were Plymouth junior Brianna Lax (32nd, 20:13.25) and Canton junior Jessica Siegler (20:13.88).

Livonians sparkle

Three Livonia squads cracked the top 10. In fourth with 120 points was Livonia Churchill, taking sixth was Livonia Stevenson (204), while Livonia Franklin came in eighth with 233 points.

The Chargers had three medal winners. Earning spots on the second team were seniors Sydney Anderson (eighth, 19:03.61) and Kerigan Riley (10th, 19:04.59). Senior Michelle Azar was an honorable mention recipient, finishing 23rd (19:42.36).

Stevenson sophomore Lindsay Gallagher made the second team, finishing 20th with a time of 19:36.26. Senior teammate Karlie Gallagher was 28th (19:56.52).

Franklin freshman Natalie Douglas was the lone Patriot to win a medal. She placed 25th with a time of 19:51.50, good for honorable mention.

Other Observerland teams did not fare as well. Westland John Glenn placed 14th with 459 points. Also in the top 20 were Livonia Ladywood (11th, 521) and Westland Westland (20th, 577).

In 22nd place was Garden City (584), followed by Redford Union (23rd, 657) and Wayne Memorial (26th, 745).

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Canton junior Jessica Siegler keeps working toward an honorable mention finish (33rd) at Saturday's county meet.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

WAYNE COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY MEET
Oct. 6 at Willow Metropark
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Grosse Pointe South, 39 points; 2. Northville, 66; 3. Salem, 71; 4. Livonia Churchill, 120; 5. Dearborn Divine Child, 187; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 204; 7. Plymouth, 218; 8. Livonia Franklin, 233; 9. Canton, 242; 10. Allen Park Cabrini, 335; 14. Westland John Glenn, 459; 18. Livonia Ladywood, 521; 20. Lutheran High Westland, 577; 26. Wayne Memorial, 745.
Individual winner: Hannah Meier (G.P. South), 17 minutes, 45:24 seconds (5,000 meters).
All-County (1st team): 1. Meier (G.P. South), 17:45.24; 2. Kellie Schwartz (G.P. South), 17:53.78; 3. Enola Farrow (G.P. South), 18:27.21; 4. Kayla Kavulich (Salem), 18:33.64; 5. Taleyah Shahringer (Nville), 18:43.66; 6. Rachel Coleman (Nville), 18:54.03; 7. Lindsey Breives (Divine Child), 18:57.41.
All-County (2nd team): 1. Sydney Anderson (Churchill), 19:03.61; 2. Lauren Arquette (Churchill), 19:04.59; 3. Kerigan Riley (Churchill), 19:04.59; 4. Anya Cho (Salem), 19:22.59; 5. Christina Fri (G.P. South), 19:24.92; 7. Megan Sklarski (G.P. South), 19:27.87; 18. Mary Spencer (G.P. South), 19:28.75; 19. Erin Zimmer (Nville), 19:31.41; 20. Lindsey Gallagher (Stevenson), 19:36.26; 21. Alejandra Beltran (Salem), 19:40.39.
All-County (honorable mention): 22. Emily Bizon (Salem), 19:40.90; 23. Michelle Azar (Churchill), 19:42.36; 24. Haley Harris (Nville), 19:50.45; 25. Natalie Douglas (Franklin), 19:51.50; 26. Natasha Stevenson (Salem), 19:52.70; 27. Emma Herrmann (Nville), 19:55.99; 28. Karlie Gallagher (Stevenson), 19:56.52; 29. Nicole Motellier (G.P. South), 19:57.33; 30. Haley Davis (Divine Child), 19:57.94; 31. Shannon Flynn (Salem), 20:01.32; 32. Brianna Lax (Ply.), 20:13.25; 33. Jessica Siegler (Canton), 20:13.88; 34. Zoe VanAaken (Trenton), 20:14.86; 35. Lillian Hill (Riv.), 20:18.30.
Other area finishers: 39. Megan McFarlane (Churchill), 20:40.02; 40. Vivien Oleschuk (Churchill), 20:25.17; 44. Natalie Martinez (Frank-

lin), 20:47.67; 45. Barbara Scuphion (Stevenson), 20:49.34; 49. Annaliese Reid (Franklin), 20:53.29; 51. Emily Kwank (Stevenson), 20:55.36; 52. Shekiah Johnson (Glenn), 20:56.30; 53. Katelyn Kovach (Franklin), 20:56.77; 55. Alexis Lombardo (Churchill), 20:57.93; 60. Natalie Moore (Stevenson), 21:03.21; 62. CC Shoemaker (Franklin), 21:06.65; 64. Jenna Hickler (Churchill), 21:12.68; 69. Colleen Fitzgerald (Stevenson), 21:21.22; 75. Emily Chapski (Stevenson), 21:46.26; 76. Michelle Greening (Luth. Westland), 21:49.63; 78. Barb Messia (Glenn), 21:52.43; 81. Sarah Wilson (Ladywood), 21:55.33; 80. Jennifer Jaynes (Franklin), 22:12.75; 93. Hannah Mitchell (Glenn), 22:25.70; 96. Tina Otter (Franklin), 22:27.78; 99. Alana Hill (Luth. Westland), 22:30.30; 104. Courtney MacQuarrie (Glenn), 22:37.26; 105. Hannah Pereira (Ladywood), 22:40.68; 109. Sinead Cox (Ladywood), 22:46.39; 121. Carlee Barber (Ladywood), 23:04.82; 122. Katarina Galka (Ladywood), 23:06.45; 125. Erica Mucci (Ladywood), 23:19.71; 128. Kendelle How (Wayne), 23:24.14; 131. Katherine Taylor (Churchill), 23:30.93; 134. Rachel Wiggins (Luth. Westland), 23:40.85; 141. Megan Kacik (Wayne), 24:10.72; 143. Megan Heil (Luth. Westland), 24:28.31; 144. Casey Butler (Glenn), 24:30.95; 147. Allison Johnson (Luth. Westland), 24:37.32; 169. Kayla How (Wayne), 26:22.09; 172. Kaseerin Macarain (Wayne), 27:33.83; 173. Bailey Paddock (Glenn), 27:41.45; 176. Victoria Boyd (Wayne), 28:05.51; 186. Arzooyan Alexandra (Wayne), 30:53.38; 188. Madysyn Gehr (Glenn), 33:07.26.

DUAL MEET RESULTS

SALEM 21, NOV 40

Oct. 9 at Willow Metropark
Overall medalist: Kayla Kavulich (S), 19:20.
Other Salem finishers: 3. Alexis Foley, 20:18; 4. Shannon Flynn, 20:36; 6. Karl Binsfeld, 20:59; 7. Rebecca Lopez, 21:02; 8. Anya Cho, 21:05; 9. Natasha Stevenson, 21:05; 10. Lauren Arquette, 21:05; 11. Kayla Hughes, 21:42; 12. Emily Marcero, 21:53; 13. Elizabeth Trapp, 22:29; 14. Madison Goodpasture, 22:35.
Dual meet records: Salem, 4-1.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

WAYNE COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY MEET
Oct. 6 at Willow Metropark
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 109 points; 2. Plymouth, 134; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 137; 4. Salem, 138; 5. Livonia Churchill, 146; 6. Riverview, 187; 7. University of Detroit-Jesuit, 203; 8. Dearborn Divine Child, 238; 9. Grosse Pointe South, 255; 10. Trenton, 282; 17. Livonia Franklin, 428; 19. Lutheran High Westland, 570; 26. Westland John Glenn, 730 (28 schools).
Individual winner: Dan Sims (Northville), 15 minutes, 48:11 seconds (5,000 meters).
All-County (1st team): 1. Sims (Nville), 15:48.11; 2. Griffin Miller (Divine Child), 16:04.36; 3. Haiera Johnson (Garden City), 16:08.48; 4. Steve McEvilly (Salem), 16:18.68; 5. Daniel Garza (Dearborn Divine Child), 16:22.86; 6. Stephen Fenech (Stevenson), 16:25.39; 7. Zane Nass (Edinboro), 16:29.32.
All-County (2nd team): 8. Brandon Dalton (Ply.), 16:31.46; 9. Ben Yates (Churchill), 16:34.03; 10. Zane Berlanga (Ply.), 16:34.42; 11. Drew Kanya (Nville), 16:37.04; 12. Jeremy Ratner (Allen Park), 16:37.59; 13. Keenan Jones (Franklin), 16:39.98; 14. Daniel Malcolm (Wayne), 16:39.48.
All-County (3rd team): 15. Liam Cardenas (Ply.), 16:40.24; 16. Jack Dolan (U.D. Jesuit), 16:40.82; 17. Jonathan Houdek (Riv.), 16:41.36; 18. Nick Salomon (U.D.), 16:43.20; 19. Chaz Jeffress (Salem), 16:43.71; 20. George Bowles (Churchill), 16:45.44; 21. Ryan Pickell (Riv.), 16:48.60.
All-County (honorable mention): 22. Jason Ferraro (Nville), 16:49.65; 23. Daniel Clavirino (G.P. South), 16:50.25; 24. Erik Davis (Riv.), 16:51.73; 25. Jacob Collier (Stevenson), 16:52.24; 26. Sean Karizat (Trenton), 16:52.78; 27. Michael Karizat (Trenton), 16:52.78; 28. Michael Karizat (Trenton), 16:52.78; 29. Michael Karizat (Trenton), 16:52.78; 30. Michael Karizat (Trenton), 16:52.78; 31. Michael Karizat (Trenton), 16:52.78; 32. Michael Karizat (Trenton), 16:52.78; 33. Michael Karizat (Trenton), 16:52.78; 34. Michael Karizat (Trenton), 16:52.78; 35. Michael Karizat (Trenton), 16:52.78; 36. Michael Karizat (Trenton), 16:52.78; 37. Michael Karizat (Trenton), 16:52.78; 38. Michael Karizat (Trenton), 16:52.78; 39. Michael Karizat (Trenton), 16:52.78; 40. Michael Karizat (Trenton), 16:52.78; 41. Michael Karizat (Trenton), 16:52.78; 42. Michael Karizat (Trenton), 16:52.78; 43. Michael Karizat (Trenton), 16:52.78; 44. Michael Karizat (Trenton), 16:52.78; 45. 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Milestone: Basilica marks 40 years in Livonia

Parishioners at the Basilica of St. Mary in Livonia will observe the 40th anniversary of their church and its leadership, the Rev. George H. Shalhoub, with a "Weekend of Gratitude" activities, Friday-Sunday, Oct. 12-14.

The celebration will start with a welcome reception and awards presentation honoring founders and volunteers at 6:30 p.m. Friday, a "Dare to Dream" banquet, is set for 5:30 p.m. Saturday, His Eminence, the Most Rev. Metropolitan Archbishop Philip Saliba, Primate of the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America, will lead bishops, priests, dignitaries and other faithful in prayers and devotions all weekend, culminating with Hier-

archical Divine Liturgy, at 10:30 a.m., Sunday. A brunch will follow the Mass. Shalhoub also marks the 40th anniversary of his ordination this year. Born in Hama, Syria, he was sent to the Balamand Monastery in Lebanon at age 12 and later ordained a deacon. He arrived in the United States in 1971 to serve the growing number of American Orthodox Christians. That same year he married Nouhad Ghareeb, with whom he has raised four children. Shalhoub was assigned to the Mission of St. Mary in Livonia immediately after his ordination on Feb. 6, 1972. At that time there were few parishioners and no building to call their own.

In the years that followed, the group of immigrant Christians from across the Middle East and non-immigrants from throughout the United States, forged a family-like bond that helped the church to grow. Under Shalhoub's leadership, the congregation saw the construction and dedication of its current home in 1977 at 18100 Merriman. In 1991, the St. Mary's Cultural Center was completed and helped further solidify fellowship among the parishioners of St. Mary.

"Fellowship and faith are vital to a thriving parish; and, we have been blessed to build a congregation in Christ over our 40 years with more

than 600 hundred families who call St. Mary Basilica their house of worship," stated Shalhoub in a press release. "Because of the freedom of worship we have in America, we have been able to honor celebrate our faith for 40 years and grow it like a tree."

St. Mary Church was elevated to the stature of a basilica in 2002. The church has assumed a growing leadership role in educating Michiganders about the Eastern Orthodox faith. Saliba proclaimed it "a new church for a new century."

For more information about the 40th anniversary celebration, visit www.saintmarylivonia.com or call (734) 422-0010.

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

October

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 21
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: All-you-can-eat French toast and pancakes breakfast also includes scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, apple juice, coffee, tea, juice, milk. Cost is \$3 for adults, and \$1.50 for children, 2-10. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club

Contact: (734) 425-4421

CAPUCHIN MINISTRIES

Time/Date: 9 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 19
Location: Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center, in downtown Detroit

Details: The 5th Annual Second Helping Afterglow costs \$50 per person and includes two free drink tickets, parking, desserts, coffee, tea, entertainment. Proceeds benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Contact: Get tickets at www.secondhelping.org or call (313) 579-2100. Ext. 153

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy Road, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton

Details: Free clothing
Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

CONCERT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13
Location: Universal Unitar-



The Detroit Lutheran Singers will perform Sunday, Oct. 21, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia.

ian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills

Details: Folk musicians Joe Jencks, Terry Gonda and Kirsti Reeve perform. Admission is \$12 at the door; age 18 and under pay \$8
Contact: (248) 478-7272

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: The Detroit Lutheran Singers' 48th season with Bach's "Singet den Herrn" and many other songs. Tickets are \$10, \$7 for seniors and students 12 and over

Contact: www.detroitlutheransingers.com

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14

Location: First Baptist Church of Detroit, 21200 Southfield Road, just north of Eight Mile, Southfield

Details: Pianist Calvin Taylor will perform beloved hymns, well-known spirituals and classical sacred music. Light

refreshments will be served
Contact: (248) 569-2972

CONTEMPORARY PRAISE SERVICE

Time/Date: 4:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20
Location: Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Live Christian pop/rock music, a special drama and message, communion and refreshments are planned. Free will offering with proceeds to feeding people in need in local communities through Cleaners Food Bank and Deacons of the church

Contact: Mark Adams at smadams_2@hotmail.com

DIVORCED CATHOLICS

Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel School, Junior High School Commons, 1062 Church, Plymouth

Details: New Beginnings is a support group for divorced Catholics that features guest speakers who will address topics central to the experience of divorced Catholics.

The evening will begin with a talk by Pam Haase, MS, LPC, followed by a Q&A session providing attendees the opportunity to discuss issues related to divorce and faith in a safe, confidential, and prayerful environment. Pre-registration for this event is recommended and free of charge

Contact: newbeginning-solo@gmail.com

FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shawwassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal
Contact: (248) 477-1153, Ext. 12

FILM SERIES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Oct. 17

Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield

Details: The film "Precious Knowledge" will screen. Admission is free. Other upcoming films are "Domestic Violence," Nov. 14, "Freedom Riders," Jan. 16, 2013, "Traces of the Trade," Feb. 20, 2013, "Economic Happiness," March 20, 2013, and "Race is the Place," April 17, 2013
Contact: (734) 271-0070

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon, Wednesday, Oct. 17

Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shawwassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Forgotten Harvest will be on site to give free food to anyone who needs it. Bring a grocery bag
Contact: (248) 477-1153, Ext. 12

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MOLL, ROBERT DAVID

October 5, 2012, age 84 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of the late Eva Elizabeth. Loving father of Lyndi Moll, Janna (Jeff Benson) Moll, and Cindi (Kale Kimball) Moll. Dear grandfather of Hollie (Steve) Selleck, Chelsea and Duncan Moll, and great grandfather of Elizabeth, Hayden, Addison, Joseph, and Jonathan. Dear brother of Al, Carl, John, Jim, Amelia, Pat and the late Paul, Richard, Helen and Ruth. Mr. Moll retired as an electronics engineer from the automotive and aerospace industries. He was a talented pianist, games inventor and tinkerer. He and his wife pursued many adventures together, having truly lived their dreams. Their lifelong romance was evident to all. Mr. Moll was witty, playful, and charming. He was our hero. Visitation Friday 2-9 PM and Funeral Service Saturday 11am at Verneuil Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (Btwn. Sheldon & Beck). Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. To leave a message of condolence or share a memory with the family, please visit verneuilfuneralhome.com

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Livonia, Dearborn Heights thespians share local stage

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Zombies are taking over the Grantland Street Playhouse in Livonia — zombies from Dearborn Heights.

The Dearborn Heights Civic Theatre will stage *Night of the Living Dead* the weekends before and after Halloween, at Motor City Youth Theatre's (MCYT) home.

"We love them and they love us and it's working out nicely," said Nancy Florkowski, MCYT director and founder. "I like to promote adult theater, too. They were in a situation and this looked like theatre heaven to them."

Ron Williams of Redford, a Dearborn Heights Civic theatre board member who is producing the zombie-filled play, said his group is pleased to "try something different" by staging the show in Livonia. "We are renting the space for the show, but they've (MCYT) been very cordial with us."

Williams said his group has used space in the Berwyn Senior Center in Dearborn Heights, but that the site, "in the round on a gym floor," isn't the most conducive to theatre.

"Our goal is to be our own community theatre," he said. "We're in the process of trying to see where we go from here."

Williams isn't sure if his group eventually will leave Dearborn Heights, but also noted that "right now Livonia seems to be supportive of the arts."

He said the Dearborn Heights theater had staged two adult plays each year, along with a youth program during the summer. The group won't continue its youth theater at the Grantland, where Florkowski produces youth classes and plays year-round.

"We're not sure if we're going to try to still run a children's program out there (in Dearborn Heights) during the summer. We're flying by the seat of our pants right now," Williams said.

"The biggest challenge for us is to get people to see us ... people aren't looking for a show in Livonia. It's tapping a new audience for us."

Mutual interests

He hopes the Dearborn Heights Civic Theatre will build a solid relationship with Florkowski's group. Williams agreed to leave the *Living Dead* set on stage for use by MCYT in an upcoming production. He plans to meet with a Grantland crew member to talk about other ways his group can assist MCYT.

The Dearborn Heights Civic Theatre drew actors from Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Livonia, Garden City and Dearborn for its *Night of the Living Dead* cast.

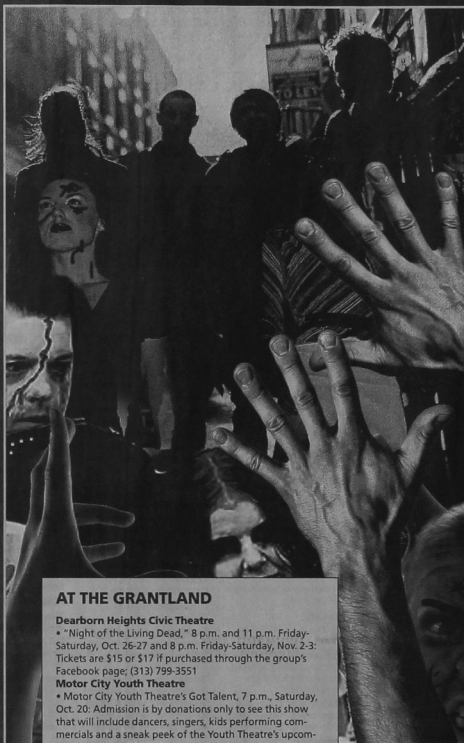
Williams describes the show as "scary but cheesy." "It's not a children's show. It's like the (1960s) movie. It's a great show."

Anyone interested in portraying a zombie in the show should contact the troupe as soon as possible.

"At this point we have enough, but if people are interested in being a zombie we need to hear from them. We never turn people away."

"The hardest part is finding people to help who don't want to be in a play. It's more difficult to find someone who wants to come and help backstage."

Contact Williams at verbalbink7@aol.com. Visit www.dhctstage.org or call (313) 799-3551.



AT THE GRANTLAND

Dearborn Heights Civic Theatre

• "Night of the Living Dead," 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 26-27 and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 2-3: Tickets are \$15 or \$17 if purchased through the group's Facebook page; (313) 799-3551

Motor City Youth Theatre

• Motor City Youth Theatre's Got Talent, 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 20: Admission is by donations only to see this show that will include dancers, singers, kids performing commercials and a sneak peek of the Youth Theatre's upcoming show; (313) 535-8962

• "A Little Princess," 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 9-10 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11: Tickets are \$8 for children and senior citizens over 65 and \$10 for adults. "A Little Princess" tea for girls will be at 2 p.m. Nov. 10 and will include a ticket to the show. Cost is \$10; (313) 535-8962. The Grantland Street Playhouse is located at 27555 Grantland, Livonia



FILE PHOTO

Country lovin' concert

Annabelle Road gets toes tapping at the Canton Liberty Fest in June. The group will make a return visit to the community Saturday, Oct. 13 for a benefit concert to aid the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities. Doors open at 7 p.m. for a welcome reception with samples and specials from local establishments, followed by the two-hour country concert, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Tickets are \$30 and include the reception. Get tickets at www.cantonmagnetheater.org or call (734) 394-5460. For more about the Partnership, visit www.partnershipforarts.org

Farmington Hills seeks art for City Hall

The City of Farmington Hills invites professional artists in all media to submit work for its Public Art Program.

The program gives independent artist a chance to show their work to the public on a daily basis at Farmington Hills City Hall, located on 11 Mile and Orchard Lake Road.

The City seeks both outdoor and indoor sculpture, two-dimensional work and relief. Artists may submit up to eight pieces, in the form of jpgs or CDs. Applications are due no later than Nov. 2, and are available 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, at the Cstick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills; via e-mail at cpowers@fhgov.com; or online at www.fhgov.com.

fhgov.com, under "Community/Cultural Arts/Art Exhibits." This opportunity is open to all artists; applicants do not have to be residents of Farmington Hills.

Works chosen will be presented to the public at an artists' reception in December prior to a Farmington Hills City Council meeting. Artwork will also be featured in news releases, on the City website, and in a printed price guide. Art will remain on exhibit for approximately two years. Special arrangements to substitute other artwork during this period also will be allowed, upon sale of a piece.

For more information, call Nancy Coumoudouras, cultural arts supervisor, at (248) 473-1856.

Chili Cook-off roars into Plymouth

Jeff Scott can't begin to count all the motorcycles that visitors will see Sunday, Oct. 14, at the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off in downtown Plymouth.

"Literally we're talking about hundreds and hundreds of bikes there. There are hundreds of bikes if not thousands," he said.

Scott, of Dick Scott's Classic Motorcycles, figures his dealership's "Chili Ride" will draw at least 60 or 70 of those riders for a 75-minute tour throughout Livonia. The ride will begin at 10 a.m. at the dealership, 36534 Plymouth Road and end in downtown Plymouth.

Meanwhile, Motor City Harley-Davidson of Farmington Hills, also will offer a Chili Ride that will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the dealership, located at 34900 Grand River Avenue, and will end in downtown Plymouth. Registration for the two rides will begin at 8:30 a.m. at both sites. Cost is \$10 per person and include a police-escorted tour along with VIP parking at the Cook-off. Proceeds will benefit the Penrickton Center for Blind Children.

Motor City Harley-



Motorcycles line the streets during the annual Great Lakes Chili Cook-off in downtown Plymouth.

Davidson will sponsor a motorcycle show on Ann Arbor Trail at Kelllogg Park in conjunction with the Chili Cook-off. Registration for the Great Lakes Regional Chili Bike Show will start at 10 a.m. and awards will be announced at 4:45 p.m. Cost to participate in the show is \$10.

Trophies will be given for the Peoples Choice and in all classes, along with "Best of Show."

Nine Harley Davidson categories will be available. Open categories include street, custom, touring, trike, antique, chopper and rat bike. For

more information call (248) 473-7433.

Live entertainment, including a performance by Steve King and the Ditties, and children's activities will run noon to 5 p.m. at the Cook-off.

The public will get a chance to sample chili made by local restaurants beginning at 11 a.m. Chili competing in the "People's Choice" category will be available at noon, green chili at 1:30 p.m. and red chili at 3 p.m.

For more information visit www.greatlakechili.com.

By Sharon Dargay

Art

BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

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) 644-0866; BBArt-Center.org

CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Nov. 11

Location: City Gallery, located at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild shows elaborate decorative pieces, jewelry, and variations of other items that cel-

brate the use of beads in their creation

Contact: (248) 473-1856

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

Friday Night: Concerts include: Trio Voronezh, Oct. 12; Crime and the City Solution with American Mars, Oct. 19; Aerial Angels Ghost Circus, Oct. 26 and Shuffle Concert, Nov. 2. Aerial Angels, 7 p.m.; all others at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

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

den Treasures: An Experiment, Oct. 31-Mar. 3, 2013

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

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Oct. 27

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Vote for Mel 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

VAAL

Time/Date: Nov. 5-17; artist reception is 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9

Location: Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: The Visual Arts Association of Livonia fall exhibit will include original art work done by VAAL members in watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel and mixed media. The art work will be for sale. Ellen M. Moulouilis of Schoolcraft College is the show jury

Affordable Art Sale: The 14th annual sale is 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. Show will consist of unframed and small framed paintings, note cards and small art objects

Contact: (734) 838-1204; www.vaalart.org

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 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

Film

MJR DIGITAL THEATRE

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

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Olive, vinegar sales benefit cancer patients

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Old World Olive Press customers will see red, white and pink this month when they shop the store's Plymouth and Birmingham locations.

The store is selling a pack of three products — its traditional balsamic vinegar that's aged 18 years, Tuscan herb-flavored olive oil and Arbosona olive oil — in 2-ounce bottles for \$17. A portion of the proceeds will benefit The Pink Fund in observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The store also recently began selling red and white wine.

"We have 10 varieties of wine now in Plymouth and Birmingham," said Kristin Holmes, manager of the two locations. "Five white and five red. They are chosen with the oil and vinegar in mind. We can suggest an oil and vinegar to go with them.

Pair the chianti with the Tuscan herb oil, for example, and "you get a burst of black olive flavor on the back of your palate that you don't get if you taste them separately."

"You can do an easy pasta dish using the Tuscan herb," Holmes said, adding that it also works well as a dipping oil.

Customers can taste oils, vinegars and wine when they visit the store. Holmes encourages shoppers to bring along the oils they normally buy at the supermarket and compare them to Old World Olive Press oils.

She said the two-ounce gift sets, such as the trio of oils and vinegar that benefit The Pink Fund, are "a nice introduction" to the store.

"It's perfect because these are three of our best selling oils and vin-



Old World Olive Press in Plymouth and Birmingham is selling this three-pack of oils and vinegar. A portion of the proceeds benefits The Pink Fund.

egars."

The store generally pairs the two-ounce bottles with a recipe of the month, but will offer them as a part of the cancer awareness campaign through October.

"We wanted to go ahead and donate to this cause," she said, adding "A lot of our focus here is on the health benefits (of olive oil).

The Pink Fund distributes short-term financial aid in the form of direct bill payment for breast cancer patients during active treatment or recovery for breast cancer. The organization assists patients with such bills as car payments, house or rent payments, medical or auto insurance and utility costs.

Visit the Plymouth store at 467 Forest; (734) 667-2755. The Birmingham location is 282 W. Maple; (248) 792-2192.

For more information, visit www.oldworldolivepress.com; www.thepinkfund.org.



GETTY IMAGES

School lunches get a makeover

As schools introduce lunch menus in line with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) new school lunch regulations, chocolate milk has already undergone a makeover that schools, parents and kids can all feel good about.

Keith Ayoub, a nationally-recognized child nutrition expert, highlights the biggest changes under the new regulations:

- Nutrient-rich milk is emphasized. Along with lowfat and fat free white milk, now all the chocolate milk served for school lunch will be fat free.

- More colorful fruits and vegetables. Both fruits and vegetables must be served every day of the week, and there is now a weekly requirement for specific colors of vegetables. Previously schools only had to offer either fruit or vegetables.

- Whole grains will be required. While encouraged in the past, schools now must offer whole-grain rich foods. Schools are really looking at how to ensure foods are nutritious, but also appealing to kids. It's a challenge, but one that schools across the nation are focused on.

- Schools are paying attention to portions. Calorie limits will be enforced based on the

age of children being served to ensure proper portion size. New menus will be increasingly focused on reducing saturated fat, trans fats and sodium.

While the requirements for school lunch menu has only recently changed, school chocolate milk has been undergoing changes for the past five years. The nation's milk processors have been hard at work to lower the calories and sugar in school flavored milk, while continuing to deliver a nutritious and delicious drink kids love. School flavored milk now has 40 percent less added sugar than just five years ago and on average, just 132 calories per serving, according to a new nationwide survey of milk at schools during the 2011-2012 school year.

Flavored milk is the most popular choice in school lunch rooms, and kids drink less milk and get fewer nutrients when it's taken away. Whether flavored or white, milk has nine essential nutrients, including calcium, vitamin D and potassium, which are all "nutrients of concern" that most kids fail to get enough of. Many kids are falling short of the recommended milk each day, and when they skip milk at lunch, they're not likely to make up

for it the rest of their day.

Ayoub has some tips to help parents and kids make the most of school lunches:

- It's equally important that school meals are appealing, as they are nutritious. Along with good nutrition, food choices need to be practical, so they don't end up in the trash. Many children are overfed but undernourished, so focusing on our kids' nutrient intake is essential now more than ever. Studies show flavored milk contributes just 3 percent of added sugars to kids' diets, compared to sodas and fruit drinks, which account for close to half of the added sugar and deliver much less, if any, nutritional value.

- Help kids learn healthy choices. Research has found that if you offer kids carrots and celery, they'll eat just more carrots than if you just provide carrots alone. Offering nutritious choices in schools helps kids learn food and nutrition lessons and research suggests the ability to choose between two or more options helps boost kids' overall intake of nutritious foods.

Learn more at www.milkatschools.com.

Courtesy of Family Features

Party with pork in entrees, desserts

Looking to impress your guests at dinner? Treat their taste buds to a pork loin dish that is as versatile as it is delicious.

This Simply Saucy Bacon-Wrapped Pork Loin is sure to be a crowd pleaser because, after all, everything is better when wrapped in bacon. This delectable dish offers a new and memorable approach to standard party food with four different accompanying sauces to suit any party goer's palate. Add a fruity twist with crushed pineapple sauce, or spice things up with a kick of jalapeño chilies. Go savory with a touch of Dijon, or smoky with chipotle chilies in adobo sauce.

Or try something a little out-of-the box by preparing Coconut-Crusted Pork Tenderloin Lollipops.

Top off dinner with a dessert that combines bacon and peanut butter.

Whatever type of event you are planning, your guests will leave with mouthwatering memories.

For more seasonal inspiration and pork recipes, visit the National Pork Board at www.PorkBeInspired.com, www.Facebook.com/PorkBeInspired and www.Pinterest.com/PorkBeInspired. Also, be sure to follow @allaboutpork on Twitter for timely recipes and tips.

Simply Saucy Bacon-Wrapped Pork Loin

Serves 10 (6-ounce portions)

4 pound boneless center-cut pork loin roast (unleaded, fat and skin trimmed)
1 ½ teaspoons kosher salt
1 teaspoon black pepper, freshly ground
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
8-9 slices bacon
1 cup barbecue sauce, purchased



Simply Saucy Bacon-Wrapped Pork Loin

Preheat oven to 450°F. Sprinkle pork with salt and pepper.

Heat oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add pork and brown on all sides, about 6 minutes. Transfer to plate and cool for 10 minutes.

Wrap bacon slices vertically around pork roast; do not overlap bacon. Tie lengthwise and crosswise with kitchen string to hold bacon in place; tuck loose ends of bacon under string. Place on a rack in a roasting pan, tucked-back side down.

Roast on rack for 15 minutes. Turn pork over and reduce temperature to 350°F and roast for 15 minutes. Remove rack and return pork to pan, tucked-end side up. Refast, turning occasionally until bacon is browned and an instant-read thermometer inserted in the center of the roast reads 145°F,

about 50 minutes. Remove from oven and let stand for 10 minutes.

Slice pork from pan juices, leaving browned juices in pan. Add barbecue sauce and preferred savory, spicy, fruity or smoky ingredient and bring to simmer over medium heat, stirring to loosen browned bits in pan; simmer 2 minutes. Remove strings, carve pork, and serve with sauce.

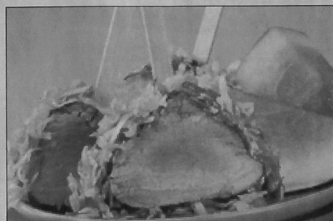
Preferred Ingredients:

- Savory: Whisk 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard into the sauce.

- Spicy: Stir in 2 tablespoons pickled jalapeño chilies (nacho sliced), drained and finely chopped, into the sauce.

- Fruity: Stir one 8.25-ounce can crushed pineapple, drained, into the sauce.
- Smoky: Stir in 1 or 2 minced canned chipotle chilies in adobo into the sauce.

Coconut-Crusted Pork



Coconut-Crusted Pork Tenderloin Lollipops

Tenderloin Lollipops

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 25 minutes

1 pork tenderloin (about 1 pound)
1 cup sweetened coconut, shredded
¼ cup honey
¼ cup apricot jam
1 tablespoon fresh ginger root, grated
2 cloves garlic, peeled
1 tablespoon olive oil
Salt
Ground black pepper
12 6-inch wooden skewers

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Spread coconut on baking sheet. Place in heated oven and bake for 6-8 minutes or until lightly toasted, stirring halfway through baking.

Meanwhile, place honey, jam, ginger and garlic in blender container. Cover and blend until well mixed.

Rub tenderloin with oil; season with salt and pepper. Prepare a medium-hot fire in covered grill. Grill tenderloin, over direct heat for 5 minutes or just until entire surface is brown,

turning occasionally. Adjust grill to indirect heat; generously brush entire tenderloin with honey-apricot mixture. Cover and grill over indirect heat for 20 minutes or until internal temperature reaches 145 degrees F, brushing generously with additional honey-apricot mixture halfway through grilling. Transfer pork to cutting board. Loosely cover with foil; let rest for 10 minutes.

Brush tenderloin again with honey-apricot mixture. Coat tenderloin in coconut, firmly pressing coconut on pork. Skewer with lollipop sticks or bamboo skewers, from the top straight through to the bottom, at ½-inch intervals. Slice between sticks into lollipop-shaped pieces. Pat edges of "lollipops" with remaining coconut, if necessary.

Makes 6 appetizer servings.

Courtesy of Family Features

Firefighting groups take aim at false alarm problem

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) released the Fire Service Guide to Reducing Unwanted Fire Alarms, a free 17-page downloadable PDF document that offers guidance to members of the fire service to reduce unwanted fire alarms.

It is available through NFPA's catalog at www.nfpacatalog.org/redgd. Fire departments are often faced with challenges presented by unwanted alarms as they strive to allocate limited resources to fulfill their core mission of protecting lives and property and deal with these types of notifications which do not require emergency services. An unwanted alarm is defined by NFPA 720, National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code, as any alarm that occurs that is not the result of a potentially hazardous condition. A recent NFPA study found that in 2009, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 2.1 million false alarms, which included 979,500 responses due to unintentional activations and 698,000 due to system malfunctions.

"Unintentional fire alarm activations that clearly do not require an emergency response are happening at a rate that challenges the fire service and this guide was developed to offer guidance to fire departments seeking out information on how they can take action to reduce the amount of unwanted alarms in their commu-

nity," said Ken Willette, NFPA's division manager of Public Fire Protection and a former fire chief.

This new guide offers fire service personnel basic knowledge on how fire alarm systems and detection devices operate and how to assess the cause of alarms where no emergency condition is apparent. The guide can assist authorities having jurisdiction in developing strategies to manage response to unwanted alarms through practices reflective of risk assessment, resources management, and current code recommendations. It addresses commercial and residential building fire alarm systems, as well as single-family dwellings and single- or multiple-station smoke alarms within dwelling units.

"Unwanted alarms are a drain on fire department resources and pose a significant safety hazard to both responders and the public," said Chief Hank Clemmens, IAFC president and chairman of the board. "IAFC was pleased to work in collaboration with other fire service organizations, the federal government and industry to address this issue at the national level; but our work can't have true meaning if we don't provide tools and resources for our fire departments to make a difference in local communities."

This guide is the outcome of a summit that addressed the challenges of unwanted fire alarms that was hosted by NFPA, IAFC and

the United States Fire Administration in 2011. NFPA and IAFC developed this document in collaboration.

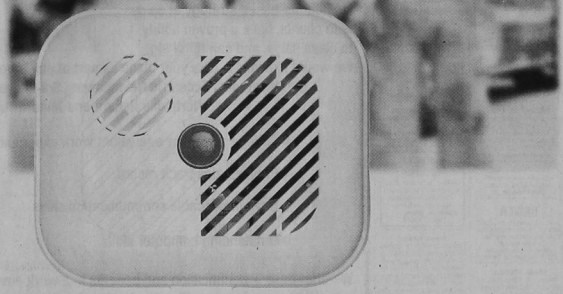
The IAFC represents the leadership of firefighters and emergency responders worldwide. IAFC members are the

world's leading experts in firefighting, emergency medical services, terrorism response, hazardous materials spills, natural disasters, search and rescue, and public safety legislation. Since 1873, the IAFC has provided a forum for its

members to exchange ideas, develop professionally and uncover the latest products and services available to first responders.

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the inter-

national nonprofit organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education.



HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 26, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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BEVERLY HILLS

16286 Buckingham Ave \$125,000
32000 Evergreen Rd \$630,000
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