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**Zangle lessons**

The Canton Public Library and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools are teaming up to help parents learn how to use MiStar, formerly called Zangle, to track your student's school progress, absences, assignments and grades.

The Canton Public Library hosts two seminars — 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, and 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24.

Maria Panek, an IT expert from PCCS, guides parents through a hands-on class where they'll learn how to log in and use all the features available so they can help their students stay on track.

These sessions take place in the Canton Public Library's Internet Lab. Space is limited.

Register online with your library card or by calling Laurie Golden at (734) 397-0999, ext. 1078.

**Police: Accident 'a tragedy'**

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Canton police have identified Franco Didomenico, 61, of Dearborn Heights, as the contractor who was killed Friday morning when he was struck and run over by an 81-year-old man backing out of his garage in the Pheasant Glen condominiums off Cherry Hill east of Canton Center.

Police hadn't released the driver's name due to the potential for charges, although authorities said an investigation has indicated Didomenico's death was an accident.

"It's a tragedy all around," Canton Special Services Sgt. Pat Sullivan said.

The driver was backing his 2006 Ford Five Hundred sedan out of his garage when the accident occurred, Sullivan said.

Canton Detective Tim Wright has said the contractor was trying to help guide the 81-year-old man out of his driveway when the incident occurred near Edgerton and Essex.

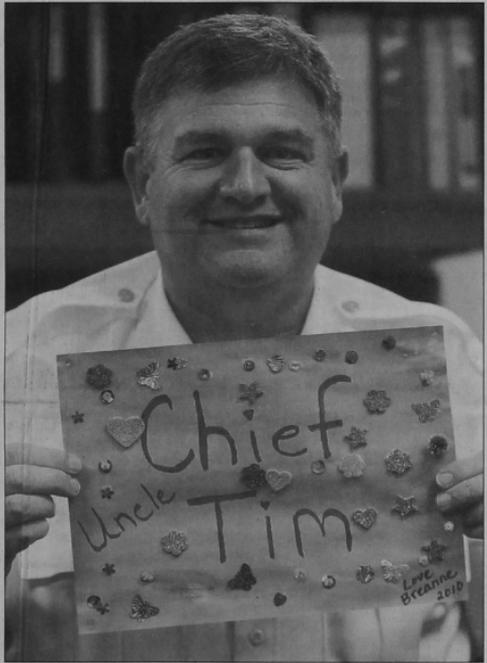
Canton police and firefighter paramedics rushed to the scene shortly after 10:30 a.m. Friday after receiving a 9-1-1 call that the contractor, doing concrete work, had been run over by the car.

Paramedics took the victim to a hospital where he was later pronounced dead.

Police said the 81-year-old driver also had initially been taken to an area hospital for what was described as non-life-threatening injuries.

Police have said alcohol does not appear to have been a factor in the accident.

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Fire Chief Tim Dunn received this poster from his niece, Breanne Dandy. Dunn is retiring after 27 years of service.

**All Dunn**

Fire chief calls it a career after 27 years

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Tim Dunn still remembers Dec. 22, 1990, as the most horrific day of his career as a Canton firefighter.

That's when a Christmas tree fire swept through Martin Dell'Orco's house, killing him and six of his children, ages 4 to 12, and leaving behind his wife, Debbie, and three surviving children.

"That will stand out forever," Dunn said.

Almost 22 years later, he still looks somber as he reflects on the Dell'Orco family's loss. "I can't imagine it."

Not nearly as tragic, though certainly nerve-racking, Dunn recalls rushing to a Canton apartment complex, The

Crossings, where a pregnant woman had gone into labor.

"She was laying between two parked cars when we got there," he said.

That was one of two babies Dunn delivered during his 27-year Canton Fire Department career. It all comes to a close Nov. 2, when he retires as fire chief in a community where he has spent most of his life.

A 1981 graduate of Salem High School, Dunn has lived what many youngsters could only dream: He grew up to become fire chief in his hometown community and earned awards such as Firefighter of the Year along the way.

"I think it has meant so much to him,"

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**Campaign aims to make a difference**

Join the Canton Observer, part of O&E Media, on Saturday, Oct. 27, in support of Make A Difference Day — the largest day of volunteering in the U.S.A.

For more than 20 years, Gannett Inc. has mobilized millions across the country for this national day of doing good.

"As part of our commitment to the communities we serve, O&E Media is partnering with several local groups, including the Canton Goodfellows," Susan Rosiek, publisher and executive editor, said in urging Canton



residents to join "Pennies from Heaven" campaign in honor of Nancy Spencer, the Canton Goodfellows leader who died last week. Spencer, along with her husband, John, was a stalwart supporter for the Goodfellows.

According to John Spencer, the campaign drew its inspiration

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John and Nancy Spencer on their wedding day, Oct. 14, 1967, with her parents, Eleanor and Clarence Conat, and his parents, Ted and Joan Spencer. The reception was held at the Henry Ford Dearborn Inn.

**Services set for Canton Hall of Famer**

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

John and Nancy Spencer would have celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary Sunday.

Instead, John was trying to cope with Nancy's death on Friday by reflecting on his wife and best friend's accomplishments, prepar-

ing for her funeral and sharing his thoughts on how she should be remembered.

"She was a caring person," John said. "She always looked out for people who were in need."

Nancy, 65, is most remembered for serving as the Canton Good-

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fellows president for over 20 years, helping to raise money for Christmas gifts for children who might otherwise have wondered why Santa Claus forgot them.

Yet, the couple's volunteer work has extended far beyond Canton Goodfellows. They used to bring Super Bowl parties and cakes to the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Ann Arbor.

"That was a fun event," John said. While she was in the hospital in May, Nancy was named to the Canton Hall of Fame for over 26 years of volunteer work. She left her mark on the Canton Community Foundation and the Stonegate Homeowners Association. She helped the Canton Lions Club plan parties for blind and disabled children, and she was long active with Friends of the Canton Public Library. Always with help from

John, Nancy led the Bunny Bag project at St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church, handing out bags during Lent and asking parishioners to fill them and return them with gifts for needy children in Detroit. Nancy also helped Canton firefighters with their charity golf outing.

On a more personal level, John remembers trips he and Nancy made to visit Nancy's mother when she was in a nursing home.

"It's part of our Christian duty to take care of people," John said.

When Nancy was inducted as Canton's 41st Hall of Famer, John read a statement she wrote: "If I have learned one thing," she said, "it is that no matter how much you give, it is always possible to do a little more. Like love, charity never runs dry — it is self-generating."

During the Hall of Fame ceremony, township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said it was Nancy Goodfellows that was "Nancy's heart and soul."

John has a lifetime of memories of his late wife. Their wedding reception pictures included Nancy with her late parents, Clarence and Eleanor Conat, and John with his, Ted and Joan Spencer.

Of that group, John said, "I'm the only one left. There's nothing I can change. That's just the way things go."

Nancy was also a mother to Julie (David) Witt; grand-mother of Justin; and sister of Susan (Robert) Stencil.

Visitation will be 5-9 p.m. Thursday and 2-8 p.m. Friday at McCabe Funeral Home, Canton Chapel, at 851 N. Canton Center. A rosary is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday.

Nancy will lie in state at 9:30 a.m. Saturday until a 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilley.

Memorial contributions may be made to Canton Goodfellows, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton MI, 48188.

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from Nancy Spencer's father, who would find pennies everywhere he went. After his death in 1975, Nancy Spencer noticed she was finding pennies everywhere, and she would say her father was sending them to her to let her know he was looking down on her from heaven.

Last year, the campaign raised \$814.43, mostly pennies.

"The main focus of this drive is to publicize the 'No Canton Child Without a Christmas' project," John Spencer said. "The money is not a lot but it reminds the community that we are doing this for the children in need in the Canton community."

The Make a Difference Day Campaign hopes to collect one million pennies for the Canton Goodfellows.

"The Canton Observer, on behalf of the Goodfellows, invites all local residents to help the Goodfellows and remember Nancy in the best way possible — to help kids have a Christmas," Ros-

iek said. "Pennies might not seem like a lot but they quickly add up. Whether it's one penny or one hundred pennies, every donation makes a difference."

Bring your pennies — or any spare change — to the lobby of the Canton Summit (Community Center) from 10 a.m. to noon and meet other Goodfellows and O&E Media staff. Enjoy a glass of cider and a doughnut. Your change can make a change for the Canton Goodfellows this year.

"Across the country, in big and small ways, millions of volunteers will make a difference in their community," Rosiek said. "Join us in celebrating all the good things going on in our communities on Oct. 27."

Held every year on the fourth Saturday in October, Make A Difference Day is sponsored by Gannett Co. Inc.'s USA WEEKEND Magazine in partnership with the HandsOn Network.

Businesses, schools and other group interested in helping can contact Maureen Frye at frye.bynite@wowway.com. Or simply bring your pennies to the Summit on Oct. 27.



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Teri Daniels credits her dog Grady with alerting her to the fire that began in a bathroom exhaust fan.

## Dog saves owner in house fire

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

A dog is a woman's best friend. Just ask Teri Daniels, who says Grady, her 4-year-old Yorkshire terrier, may have saved her and her two other dogs, cocker spaniel Madison and rottweiler Abby, when their house caught fire.

"If it wasn't for Grady, I don't think I'd be here," Daniels said. Grady had been barking, whimpering and running up and down the stairs of Daniels' quad-level house on Holmes, southwest of Warren and Canton Center, while Daniels had been putting laundry away and watching television downstairs on the evening of Oct. 10. Her 19-year-old son, Christopher Sitar, wasn't yet home.

Daniels ignored Grady until about 9:30 p.m., a time when she said she normally would have been in her bed and starting to fall asleep. She didn't pay attention to the slight smell of smoke in her house. She thought it was coming from a fire

she had started in her fireplace downstairs. Daniels didn't realize an upstairs ceiling vent fan in the bathroom had smoldered and finally caused a fire that Canton fire officials said spread to her attic. Daniels said Grady had been trying to get her attention for 45 minutes or longer.

"He started acting up and running up and down the stairs and barking," she said.

By the time Daniels realized she had a problem, she opened the back door of her home and saw her yard engulfed in smoke. She said she normally would have been in bed, and she believes the ceiling above her bed would have crashed in on her.

Canton firefighters rushed to the house and doused the flames. Daniels said her house will have to undergo repairs. The attic area sustained the most fire damage, but other areas had some smoke and water damage.

As for Grady? Well, he's being treated like a woman's best friend.

### Vandals strike

Canton residents in the Cherry Hill Orchards subdivision, southwest of Cherry Hill and Lilley, are keeping an eye out after vandals struck in their neighborhood Monday night.

The incidents included spray-painting of at least 10 vehicles, a garage door and signs, and residents also reported mailboxes being knocked down and pumpkins smashed. Some of the damage occurred on Kings Way. Police are asking anyone with information to call Canton police at (734) 394-5400 or Crime Stoppers, anonymously, at (800) SPEAK-UP.

### Near miss

A Canton police officer narrowly avoided being hit by a car when the driver, after being stopped, sped off while the officer had his hand on the vehicle's window, a police report said.

The incident happened about 1:30 a.m. Monday when an officer on patrol saw a green Pontiac fail to use a turn signal while changing lanes on Michigan Avenue near Haggerty, the report said. The vehicle then turned into a gas station, again without signaling.

The officer initiated a traffic stop near the gas pumps. The driver got out but was ordered back into the car by the officer, the police report said.

The officer approached the driver to talk with him and was told that the turn signal wasn't working. The driver said he had just gotten out of work from Walmart.

The driver told police he had a temporary license but couldn't locate it. He said he had earlier been arrested in Westland on Sept. 28 for not having his license with him.

The driver, a Belleville resident, told police he didn't intend to return to jail, the report said, and he started his vehicle. The officer tried to open the door but the driver locked in and drove off while the officer was still holding onto the window, the report said.

The driver accelerated quickly and nearly hit a vehicle in front of him, the report said, and the officer backed away to avoid being hit.

The officer tried to trail the driver, but it is believed he made his way to I-275, where he got away.

### Parking dispute

A dispute over a Walmart parking space led to a suspect rushing racial slurs at two black males and facing misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, a Canton police report said.

Police received a call about the incident around 6:10 p.m. Saturday from the Walmart on Ford Road east of Lotz. Police arrived and saw people yelling in the parking lot.

A witness had told police that a suspect was yelling and using racial slurs. The suspect's mother, however, said the incident started when the black male driver, accompanied by a passenger, took a parking space that she was waiting to occupy.

The mother told police her son became angry when the parking space was taken and after one of the black males called a "b-h," the police report said.

According to the report, police took the suspect to a

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patrol car and leaned him against a trunk to search him. The report said the suspect pushed back and tried to kick an officer, resulting in charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

### Windows smashed

Vandals smashed out glass on the front of two businesses in a shopping center on Joy Road east of I-275, a police report said.

Police received a call about the incident shortly after 9 a.m. Monday.

A police report indicated that one business, Styling Gallery, had the front door glass broken out by one or more intruders who entered the business. Windows also had been smashed out of another business, Ni Ni Nails, the report said.

### Blower, mower

A woman contacted police shortly before noon Monday to report that a Toro snow blower and a Honda lawn mower had been stolen from her garage in the 7000 block of Willow Creek, southeast of Morton Taylor and Warren.

The woman told police the door of her unattached garage hadn't closed for some time, apparently due to needed repairs. She said she learned the snow blower and lawn mower — each valued at \$400 — had been taken sometime prior to Monday morning.

She said the lawn mower had last been seen two days earlier when her husband moved the lawn.

### Retail fraud

Canton police arrested a man for retail fraud after he returned merchandise he had just taken from the Walmart store on Michigan Avenue west of Belleville Road, a police report said.

The incident happened about 3:20 p.m. Sunday. According to the police report, the man had picked up a pair of shoes and what was described as an arcade children's basketball game. He allegedly went to the customer service area to try to return the items without a receipt.

The report said a clerk gave the man an in-store gift card that he tried to use to buy a bottle of liquor. He was detained while leaving the store and arrested when police arrived.

### Drugs found

Canton police found heroin on a man after arresting him for on an unrelated warrant, a police report said.

Local police took the man into custody about 6 p.m. Oct. 9 after arranging to meet at the White Castle at Telegraph Road and I-96 with Highland Park authorities, who had picked him up on a warrant out of Canton.

While searching the suspect at the Canton police station, police found what appeared to be a small bag of heroin. The man denied knowing her had the heroin, the report said.

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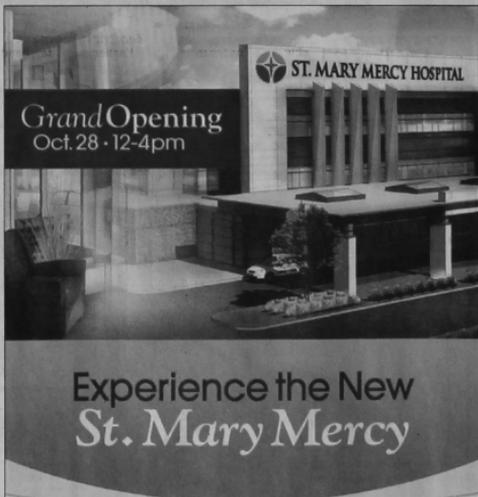
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# Rain can't dampen spirits at band invite

By Peggy Fenwick  
Correspondent

The rain started early Saturday, and didn't really stop until about 7 p.m., which was about the same time the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band took the field to perform in the 2012 Great Lakes Invitational on the Canton High School varsity field.

The band competition, hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters, featured six additional high school marching bands, all earning scores that will move them a step closer to the desired finalist positions at the Michigan Competing Bands Association State Championship held Nov. 3 at Ford Field in Detroit.

GLI chairperson and booster, Helen Rebandt, felt the day's activities went just fine.

"The event went very smoothly despite the rain," Rebandt said.

The rain started early in the day while the volunteer boosters were setting up the concession area where they grilled burgers, hot dogs, and kielbasa and sold snacks, pop and candy. Turns out, it was the hot chicken noodle soup, chili, and hot chocolate that seemed to be the big sellers throughout the damp day.

"Attitudes are high and everyone is smiling," booster president Erin Babcock said. "The kids from Grant High School (located north of Grand Rapids) traveled three hours in buses then performed their 10-minute band routine in pouring rain, yet they all had great attitudes."

### High scores

Other bands performing included Hazel Park, Dearborn Crestwood, Southgate Anderson, Farmington Harrison and Walled Lake Central. Flight IV champion was Grant with a score of 65.6. Flight III went to Hazel Park with a 56.85. Farmington Harrison won the Flight II division with a 71.25 along with best music and general effect captions. Southgate Anderson won best visual performance in Flight II.



Canton High School sophomore Jackie Wine performs in front-line ensemble during the Great Lakes Invitational Saturday night.



Collin Richter (from left), a rehearsal at Canton High School, seniors with seventh-graders Tristen Shao of East Middle School and Olivia Pahl of West Middle School.



The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band wowed the crowd with their annual Great Lakes Invitational exhibition Saturday night.



Percussion director Sean McElroy works with middle school percussionists during PerCEption weekend.

to play pep songs with the high school students and experience the fun under the Friday night lights.

Reporting to the Canton orchestra room at three o'clock Saturday afternoon, nearly 100 seventh and eighth graders received a bright yellow T-shirt and personalized instruction in clinics for percussionists, brass and woodwind players, and even future color guard members. The entire group then packed into one large band room with the entire Plymouth-Canton Marching Band to rehearse the Star Spangled Banner.

The entire group of nearly 300 kids, wearing protective rain gear, walked to the center of

the football field where together with the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corp. they played our National Anthem for the crowd. After the performance, which was the start of the marching band competition, the younger kids were treated to lunch at the concession area.

For most, the rain was not a problem. "It was really fun," said Maya Malouin, seventh-grader and flutist from East Middle School. "We never get to play our instruments in the rain in middle school."

Elizabeth Walter, another East seventh grader summed up the day, "It's like a flash forward of what it's like to be in high school," she said.

music from Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World" and Jim Croce's "Time in a Bottle."

"Our kids looked and sounded fabulous," said senior parent Jeff Saenz, who serves as the equipment crew chief, in charge of helping students transport the equipment, large props and instruments. Saenz and his wife, Terri, participated in the annual tradition where parents of senior class band members release yellow and black balloons at the start of the Plymouth performance.

### Teaching moment

Earlier in the day band directors David Armbruster and Jonathan Thomann helped coordinate a wonderful day of education for the middle school students of the district who are interested in the band and col-

or guard programs at the three-high school Educational Park.

With the help of booster parents and the middle school teachers, over 100 seventh- and eighth-graders participated in what is now an annual tradition known as PerCEption. The experience started at Friday night's football game between Park rivals Canton and Salem High Schools. The middle school kids were able

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Booster parents of senior band members release balloons prior to the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band taking the field.



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Tech Savvy  
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So many smartphone apps, so little time. Cut through the clutter of the Android market place and iTunes and read this quick guide to the must-have apps this fall.

**Bad Piggies** – The Angry Birds take a backseat to the pigs in this new addicting game. Bad Piggies follows a similar structure as the cult-favorite Angry Birds series. The familiar game was created by Rovio – the Angry Birds creator – and in just a few weeks has leaptfrogged into the iTunes Top-10. It might not even be the best version of the Angry Birds series coming out this fall. Angry Birds Star Wars edition will be released in November.

**Viggle** – If you watch a lot of TV this application is for you. Viggle is much like GetGlue where users can use their smartphones to check in to television shows. Unlike GetGlue however, Viggle allows users to collect points which can be redeemed for gift cards to retailers, book stores and restaurants. I've used Viggle to check-in to football games and after a few weeks, I am already nearing a \$10 gift card to a pizza chain. Not an amazing benefit, but earning free pizza by watching football isn't a

bad way to spend a Sunday.

**PicStitch** – This application is a great toy for those amateur photographers. PicStitch users can take multiple photos and build them into a collage. The application allows users to add effects to the photo to much like Instagram or Facebook camera. The application is free, or users can spring for the enhanced application which has more features and no ads. The enhanced version is 99 cents.

**Passbook** – This gem is only available to iPhone users but it won't be long before other developers and smartphone manufacturers follow suit. Passbook organizes a user's documents from boarding passes to movie tickets. It even allows consumers to organize coupons, loyalty cards and gift cards. If you don't own an iPhone and still want to keep your loyalty cards in one place, try KeyRing which is a free application supported by many devices.

**ESPN Scorecenter** – This isn't a new application but during the MLB playoffs, ESPN Scorecenter

can push updates to your phone to keep informed about the Tigers games. This application also has scores for other major sports although with more detailed information like box scores, game summaries and more.

**Doodlecast** – Here's one just for the kids. For \$1.99 Doodlecast allows users to draw pictures and make storybooks. The application also supports voice commands so kids can narrate their books before uploading to YouTube to share with family members. Users must have a YouTube account to share videos, but if you don't have one – the account takes about three which makes to create.

**Monopoly Millionaire** – This app for iPhones allows players to compete for \$1 million in a digital version of the classic board game.

**Updated apps** – A number of other popular apps have also released recent updates. Google+, Twitter for BlackBerry are a few top apps that have recently redesigned their mobile presence.

Are you using a great app that you want others to know about? Email me at the address below.

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Shop manager/technician Justin Schroeder and technician Patrick Rodriguez stand in front of the new Top Notch Garage with the Outlaw Super late model Schroeder built and raced on the weekends in the main event racing series.

## Top Notch Garage offers customers efficient service

Earlier this year, Top Notch Garage renovated and moved into the building at 1555 N. Wayne Road, Westland, and opened an auto service repair shop.

"At Top Notch Garage, we want to be known as the friendly and honest neighborhood shop," Manager Justin Schroeder said. "We want everyone to feel welcome."

Owner Tracy Wolf had a goal of creating a welcoming environment for men and women. She created an auto repair shop that is honest, neighborly and very competitive priced.

Schroeder grew up around cars. He has

gained invaluable real-life experience by surrounding himself by cars both at work and play. As a race car driver, he knows the importance of a safe and reliable car, and he uses this passion to ensure every car that leaves Top Notch Garage has received the best care.

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## CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Security chief

Custom software development IT firm GalaxE Solutions, Inc., has hired Canton resident Dave Trader as its Chief Security Officer.

In his role, Trader is responsible for overseeing all areas of infrastructure, technology, and corporate security for the company, including monitoring physical and network security, privacy, compliance, regulation and security policies and procedures, and emergency management.

Prior to joining GalaxE, Trader served as Senior Security Analyst with Troy-based Molina Health Care. Previously, he was Director of Corporate Security for Sirius/XM Satellite Radio in New York.

Trader is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, in which he served for eight years as a communications and intelligence expert. Trader is a member of the FBI's Detroit InfraCard team. He is a graduate of Bob Jones University, in Greenville, S.C., where he earned a degree in Business Administration and Information Technology.

### 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 Hudson and Matthew McConaughey, featured a charity event based around guests forming the perfect diamond 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 evening is 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 guess 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 34-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@mgpenterprises.com by Oct. 15.

### 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 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 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 needs assessment 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 in a home-like setting.

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

### Winner's Circle

Canton resident Neil Weissman, Managing Director of Investments, Weissman Eppler Showch Investment Group, Wells Fargo Advisors, attended the eighth-annual Barron's Winner's Circle Top 100 program for men, women, teens and children living with all types of cancer, as well as their families and friends. The environment is very welcoming and is in a home-like setting.

Nearly 60 of the Top 100 Financial Advisors in the U.S., as ranked and published in Barron's April 16, 2012 issue, were in attendance. This annual ranking is the basis for the Top Advisor's Summit and the advisors are chosen based on the volume of assets overseen by the advisors and their teams, revenue generated for the firms and the quality of the advisors' practices. The top 100 are comprised of advisors from major security firms and independent organizations.

"Because the Summit brings together key leaders and top decision makers from around the country, it is recognized by the financial advisor community as the industry's leading event," said Ed Finn, editor and president of Barron's. "The ideas and discussions generated here equip attendees to provide the best investment and financial advice to their clients, which is vital given the challenging economic and market conditions of today."

Neil Weissman was one of approximately 40 financial advisors who was selected by their firm to attend and participate in the conference.

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Credit union members enjoy the benefits of doing business with a financial institution they own — a cooperative focused on service to its members, not profits for its stockholders. That means value, service, respect, and the opportunity to be part of a financially sound and socially responsible institution.

Credit unions are not-for-profit cooperatives that are owned by their members and governed by a volunteer board of directors, which means that you won't be gouged with high-interest rates and service fees. Last year, Michigan credit union members saved more than \$397 million through lower fees and rates, and members have access to 25,000 free ATMs nationwide through the CO-OP Network.

Even in a troubled economy, credit unions are well-capitalized

and have almost \$190 billion for consumers to borrow while many other lenders are tightening their lines of credit. Credit unions offer great rates on auto loans, mortgage loans and more, and haven't engaged in the types of dangerous lending practices that have resulted in many other financial institutions requiring bailouts at taxpayers' expense. You also know that your deposits are safe, as the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund, administered by the National Credit Union Administration, insures deposits of all credit union members up to \$250,000.

It's easier than ever to join a credit union. There are 327 federal and state-chartered credit unions across Michigan, and while some credit unions serve groups that share a profession or a specific place they live or worship, many credit unions now are open to all local consumers through a community charter.

Credit unions are also embedded in the communities they serve and have a social mission of improving their members' quality of life. Through financial education and a wide variety of charity work, credit unions are active in supporting and starting community initia-



tives to bring assistance to those in need, while helping people learn to support themselves financially.

Credit unions do these things not because they are mandated to do so by law, but because it's the right thing to do — an inherent part of their existence. Community involvement is a perfect fit with the credit union philosophy of "People Helping People."

The credit union community is also working to push the Michigan and national economies forward through programs like "Invest in America," which offers discounts for credit union members on American-made products. "Invest

in America" has been rolled out nationwide and helped facilitate the sale of more than 250,000 vehicles produced by GM and Chrysler.

Visit [www.lovemycreditunion.org](http://www.lovemycreditunion.org) to find a credit union in your area and learn more about what credit unions are doing to help consumers, as well as the "Invest in America" program. Credit union members enjoy better value and superior service, as well as the opportunity to participate in the governance of the credit union as a member-owner, and do business with a socially and fiscally responsible institution that is embedded in its community.

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## Credit Unions Offer Members Financial Education Resources

financial topics.

Michigan credit unions also have more than 350 student-run branches at the elementary, middle and high school level that give youth and young adults hands-on experience with financial transactions. Students are able to open savings accounts and manage the branch's operations themselves, not only learning good money management habits, but also putting their own skills to practice. Giving young people this experience can instill lifelong financial values and a basic understanding of how banking works.

Credit unions take part in financial education outreach year-round, but also celebrate April as Financial Literacy Month. Working closely with the Federal Reserve initiative "Money Smart Week," credit unions offer a flurry of classes, seminars and classroom presentations during the third full week in April, and work to raise awareness of the importance of financial literacy to lawmakers and the public.

Through seminars and one-on-one counseling, credit unions work closely with adults on a number of important topics vital for financial well-being. Credit

unions often partner with other nonprofit organizations to offer expertise and assistance to as many consumers as possible — including unbanked populations in underserved areas. Most recently, the Michigan Credit Union League and several partners created [www.RightAtHomeAnswers.org](http://www.RightAtHomeAnswers.org) so that credit unions can work with members on the home buying process and how to avoid foreclosure when times are tight.

Financial education goes hand-in-hand with the credit union philosophy of "People Helping People." Credit unions exist not only to provide a trustworthy depository institution that is member-owned, but also to help consumers avoid the financial pitfalls that have many Americans deep in debt or facing the potential loss of their home or vehicle.

By working to educate their members and other Michigan residents, credit unions are helping to arm consumers with the money management skills they need in a tough economy, from college to a first home to retirement. For financial education resources, visit [www.lovemycreditunion.org](http://www.lovemycreditunion.org).

## New Small Business Laws

In a landmark move for the credit union industry, the Michigan Commissioner of Financial and Insurance Regulation has signed an order authorizing credit union service organizations (CUSOs) to provide small business equity investments to Michigan credit unions and their members.

"This is an unprecedented step forward for credit unions," David Adams, CEO of the Michigan Credit Union League & Affiliates said. "Business investing authority has tremendous potential benefits to credit unions and to the small business community at large. It is further proof that there is nothing small about the credit union commitment to supporting small businesses. MCUL and CUcorp plan to work aggressively with our credit union community on a structure and business plan that will take advantage of this new opportunity. CUcorp is well positioned to facilitate this."

In his ruling, Commissioner R. Kevin Clinton noted that based on a review of applicable laws, and with all consideration of safety and soundness, "It is necessary and proper for CUSOs to offer small business equity and venture capital investment administration and related services to its member credit unions and their respective members."

The new authority allows state chartered credit union investment in CUSOs that provide investment administration and other services related to small business equity or venture capital funding.



Sound money management skills are a big part of a safe and successful financial future. Part of the credit union mission is to educate people of all ages on the basics of saving, budgeting and borrowing, so that consumers are well-prepared for each stage of their lives.

There is no better time to learn these lessons than during early development, which is why credit unions have made a large investment in classroom outreach. According to data from the National Youth Involvement Board, Michigan credit unions reached more than 48,000 students with 1,800 financial education presentations over the past year, capping a complete decade that Michigan has led the country in school involvement. Some of these were cooperative efforts through the Michigan Credit Union League's "Financial Literacy Legislative Challenge," in which lawmakers partnered with credit unions to teach students about important

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# Theater hosts 20th fine arts exhibit

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill exhibiting artwork from the 20th Annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition, bringing together works of some of the best artists throughout southeast Michigan.

The exhibit, which runs through Oct. 29, contains works in a variety of media, including: paintings, sculptures, mixed media, charcoal drawings, pastels, ceramics and photography.

This year's Best of Show honor went to Christina Czaja for "My Friend Kate." The winning pencil drawing was of Czaja's friend Kate Paul, who was recovering from chemo therapy and is cancer free now. Paul has an entry in the show, as well, an oil-and-ink painting entitled "Windmill Wishing Chair."

Other winners included Kyle Culps, who collaborated with Scot Ferguson for "Andre," to take second place, and third place honors went to Dennis W. Montville for "Fault Line." Honorable mention honors went to: John McLaughlin for "Door Wall," and Ken Taylor for "Blue Umbrella." Merit Awards went to J. Susan Aitken for "Boat on Spider Lake," Allen Brooks for "Waiting for Moses," Jan Brown for "Between Scylla and Charybdis," and WanChuan Kesler for "Window View."

"Twenty years is a reason to celebrate," Canton Arts Coordinator Jennifer Tobin said. "Many thanks go out to the volunteers who developed and nurtured this annual exhibition, the wonderful jurors who have served



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Best in Show winner Christina Czaja with the show arts juror, Richard Rubinfeld, professor of Art History at Eastern Michigan University.

over the years, and hundreds of artists who have shared their talent. We are grateful to our sponsor, Canton Waste Management, whose support allows us to offer cash prizes to the winning artists. Come see the work, and you will be inspired."

The Canton Fine Arts Exhibition began in 1993 as an activity of Canton Project ARTS, a cultural programming body which provided various arts-related events and activities to the community. In 2004, Canton Proj-

ect ARTS was absorbed by Canton Leisure Services and is currently guided by the Canton Cultural Commission.

This latest art exhibit at the Gallery@VT will run until October 29. The public is encouraged to view this free exhibit Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., during public performances at the theater; and by appointment by calling (734) 394-5308. The gallery, located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton, is closed on holidays.



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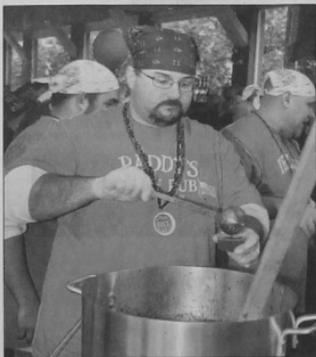
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# Hot time at the chili festival



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Sean Skinner, of Westland, Paul Perlongo, of Plymouth, and  
Christ Thompson, of Westland, serving up Irish Fire chili.



Chili cooks line up with their entries in the red chili competition.



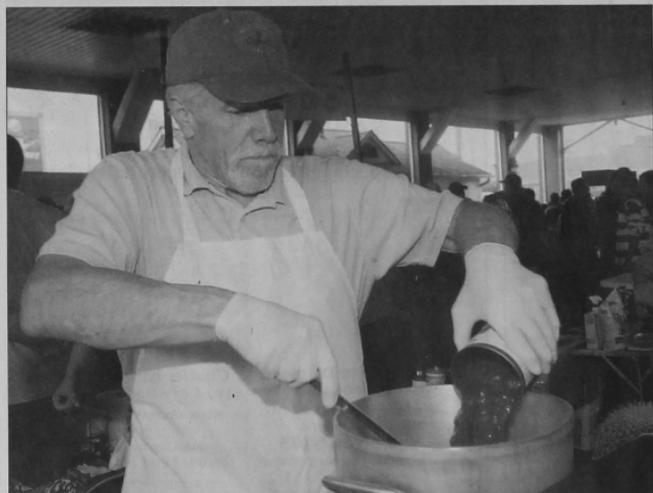
Carl John Stawicki, of Cleveland, working on his Head Banger Red Chili.



Ken Horn, Plymouth's foremost chili aficionado, instructs the judges before red chili judging begins.



Paul Karr of West Bloomfield and Patty Itskovitz of Bloomfield Hills enjoy their samples of chili. Their favorite? MGM Grand's recipe, which won a People's Choice Award in the Restaurant Challenge.



Keith Matherly, of Livonia, adds crushed tomatoes to his chili.



Pete Skwiwers of Livonia has been perfecting his Haunted Chili since 2003.



Mark Beyer, known as Peevee to listeners of WQXI, is competing in his third chili cookoff in a week. He lives in Novi.



Chili wasn't the only dish on the menu. Omar Mitchell, of RUB BBQ, finishes some of their smoky creations.



Angelo and Delise Matthews dance to the music of Steve King and the Dittilies.

These photos and others in photo galleries at hometownlife.com are available for purchase, contact Web Editor Larry Ruehlen at lruehlen@hometownlife.com for more information.

# Choose wisely when selecting Medicare D plan

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

It's that time of year, when senior citizens have to make a decision regarding a prescription drug plan, also known as Medicare D. Most seniors have already been getting notices about Medicare D and now the open enrollment period (Oct. 15 to Dec. 7) has started. What this means is that if seniors are going to make a change in coverage, now is the time to do it. Unlike other types of insurance that you may have, this is the only time of the year that you can change your plan. All policies begin Jan. 1 and end Dec. 31.

In understanding Medicare Prescription D, it is important to know just because the plan you had this year met your needs does not mean that

you automatically re-up. After all, plans do change from year to year. A medication that you are receiving under your current plan may no longer be covered by that same plan next year.

In addition, your health situation may have changed. Last year at this time, when you went through the process, you may have been on different prescriptions than you are on now. In addition, the dosage and the frequency of the prescription may change. Therefore, it is important to take the time to press fresh to decide what plan best suits your needs.

In looking for plans, husband and wife need to do it separately. You can't assume that just because a plan is good for one means it's good for the other. Therefore, husband and wife need to independently look at their situation to make the right decision.

### Review medications

When you begin your search, it is important to review the list of medications that you currently are on. Not only should you check the medication, but the dosage. It is also helpful to prioritize these medications. After all, depending upon your situation, you may not find a plan that covers all your medications. On top of the list should be the most expensive prescription, followed by all other

ers in order of expense. Therefore, when you do your search, you obviously are looking for the plan that will best cover your prescriptions at the lowest price.

Another factor to consider in reviewing plans is the restrictions that some have. Some plans will require prior approval before you can fill or refill certain prescriptions. In addition, some plans will have limits on the quantity of a drug that you can order. Obviously, if you're taking a medication that has certain restrictions, that can be an issue in selecting a plan.

One of the best ways to begin your search is to visit Medicare's website at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov). The site is an easy tool to use and can help you narrow your options.

To begin your search, just click on Medicare Plan Finder.

Just like investing, I know lots of people will be paralyzed by analysis. They will be pulling their hair out trying to find the perfect plan. Keep in mind that there probably is no perfect plan. However, there are a handful of plans that fit your needs and the goal is to find them.

### Consider convenience

In doing your search, remember convenience is an important factor. Having a plan that requires you to drive across town to pick up your prescription is probably not the way to go. In addition, for the snowbirds who spend half the year outside the

state of Michigan, consider that before you select your plan.

Deciding on a Medicare Prescription D drug plan is not easy. However, there is no alternative. Don't assume that the plan you had last year will work for you this year. Begin the process of selecting a prescription drug plan now so that you'll have plenty of time to make your decision.

Start now, take your time and, if you have questions, contact Medicare directly for assistance. Good luck!

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## Wine samples, auctions highlight benefit

Some of the finest wines in the world can be sampled during the Wine Tasting Benefit & Auction in Livonia, sponsored by Community Opportunity Center.

More than 100 wines from all over the world, ranging in price from \$10 to \$150 a bottle, can be sampled at the festivity that will benefit Community Opportunity Center, which provides housing and supportive services to people with developmental disabilities in western Wayne County.

The Wine Tasting Benefit & Auction, sponsored by The Fine Wine Source of Livonia on behalf of COC, will be held 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, in the Aspen Room of Laurel Manor on the north service drive west of Newburgh Road in Livonia.

Besides tasting an array of fine wines, attendees also will have a chance to bid in a live auction for such items as: • Party of 4 to spend 4 nights at Napa Valley winery guest house plus VIP visits to 8 Napa Valley wineries

• Week in a vacation home in Frankfort

• Hot air balloon ride for two by Westwind Balloon Co.

• Dinner for six prepared in a private home by Chef Larry James.

• Wine tasting party for 24 people featuring 15 wines from around the world

There will be 10 vendors of fine wine, including several international wines, available for

sampling throughout the event, which also includes a silent auction, live auction, and an elaborate array of hors d'oeuvres in addition to wine tasting. Tickets at \$65 per person or \$120 per couple may be reserved by calling Diane or Larry James at (734) 422-5525.

Community Opportunity Center, based in Livonia, is a non-profit management corporation that provides leadership and oversight to nearly 100 people with developmental disabilities who live among 23 homes and apartment settings in western Wayne County. Homes and apartments are in Plymouth, Livonia, Garden City, Westland and Redford.

In addition to the live auction, many items will be available for inspection and bidding at the silent auction tables including Detroit Pistons and Plymouth Whaler tickets, massage certificates, paintings, a house cleaning service, restaurant certificates, wine baskets, and assorted gift baskets. Live music will be performed during the event.

"Our first wine tasting event was very successful and we are planning to make 2012 an even more exciting event," said Denise King, COC Executive Director. "Our success is possible because of the wonderful support we are receiving from Jim Lufny and the Lufny family who have been major movers in the wine business over the past six decades."

### CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012

Notice is hereby given that a GENERAL ELECTION will be held in the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of selecting persons to fill the following elective offices:

#### PARTISAN SECTION

**PRESIDENTIAL:**  
PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

**CONGRESSIONAL:**

UNITED STATES SENATOR

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 11th DISTRICT

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 11th DISTRICT (Partial Term Ending 01/02/2013)

**LEGISLATIVE:**

REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE 20th DISTRICT

**STATE BOARDS:**

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

TRUSTEE OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

GOVERNOR OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

**COUNTY:**

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

SHERIFF

COUNTY CLERK

COUNTY TREASURER

REGISTER OF DEEDS

COUNTY COMMISSIONER 10th DISTRICT

**NON-PARTISAN SECTION:**

**JUDICIAL:**

JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT

JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS 1st DISTRICT - INCUMBENT

JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT, 3rd CIRCUIT - INCUMBENT

JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT, 3rd - NON-INCUMBENT

JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT, 3rd - INCUMBENT

JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT - INCUMBENT

JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT - INCUMBENT (partial term ending 01-01-2015)

JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT - 35th DISTRICT - INCUMBENT

JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT - INCUMBENT POSITION - Partial Term Ending 01-01-2015

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE:**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE -

Partial Term Ending 12/31/2014

**DISTRICT LIBRARY:**

BOARD MEMBERS PLYMOUTH DISTRICT

**PROPOSAL SECTION:**

STATE PROPOSAL 12-1 A referendum on Public Act 4 of 2011-The Emergency Manager Law.

STATE PROPOSAL 12-2 A proposal to amend the State Constitution regarding collective bargaining.

STATE PROPOSAL 12-3 A proposal to amend the State Constitution to establish a standard for renewal energy.

STATE PROPOSAL 12-4 A proposal to amend the State Constitution to establish the Michigan Quality Home Care Council and provide collective bargaining for In-Home Care Workers.

STATE PROPOSAL 12-5 A proposal to amend the State Constitution to limit the enactment of new taxes by State Government.

STATE PROPOSAL 12-6 A proposal to amend the State Constitution regarding construction of International Bridges and Tunnels.

**COUNTY PROPOSAL:**

FORM OF THE WAYNE COUNTY BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL AUDITOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE WAYNE COUNTY RETIREMENT COMMISSION

REMOVAL OF THE WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE FROM OFFICE BY THE GOVERNOR

THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION'S POWER TO APPROVE COMPENSATION

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964 Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, RAYMOND J. WOJCIWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of September 20, 2012 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

WAYNE COUNTY Wayne County, Michigan				
Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increase Effective	
County of Wayne	November 2, 2010	1 mill	2015	
Wayne County Jail	November 2, 2012	1 mill	2015	
Wayne County Parks	November 2, 2010	0.25 mills	2015	

SCHOOL DISTRICTS				
Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increase Effective	
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	September, 2004	18 mills	2014 (non homestead only)	

The full text of the proposals and a "sample" of the General Election ballot are available at the City of Plymouth Clerk's office and on the website: [www.ci.plymouth.mi.us](http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us)

Applications for Absent Voter Ballots may be requested from the office of the City Clerk, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. The telephone number to call for any questions is 734-453-1234, ext. 234 or 225.

Absent Voter Ballots will be issued to qualified absentee voters in person, after appropriate application at the Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 3, 2012. On Monday, November 5, 2012, voters may be issued their ballots and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:30 p.m. Emergency Absent Voter Ballots can be applied for on Election Day, if the applicant meets the State Law requirements.

All CITY POLLING LOCATIONS are handicapped accessible and the location is as follows:

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## OUR VIEWS

# State House Slavens, Heise deserve support

Canton Democrat **Dian Slavens** is seeking her third — and final — term representing the 21st state House district, while Plymouth Township Republican **Kurt Heise** is seeking his second term as the 20th District representative.

Voters should return them to their respective seats.

### 21st House

Slavens, respected by leaders around the district, has proven she can work well with others, even those with a different party designation after their name.

She reached across the aisle and found bipartisan support for her bill to eliminate lifetime health care for state Legislators. Her bill would have included current members of the Legislature, but Republicans eventually approved a measure that started with "future" leaders.

She has pushed for more transparency in government, her first bill signed into law expanded Michigan's first-in-the-nation incentives for companies that make advanced batteries, an effort that convinced eight companies to invest at least \$4.4 billion in Michigan and create nearly 8,000 jobs.

Slavens is a strong supporter of public education. She has fought hard to protect the school aid fund. Her ethics are also strong. She was one of the voices calling for GOP House Speaker Jase Bolger to resign in the aftermath of an alleged effort to rig a state legislative race by paying a fake Democrat to enter the contest.

Slavens is in touch with the residents in her district, she votes her conscience with the best interests of her district in mind and she's a woman of strong character.

### 20th House

Heise, elected in 2010, has accomplished much in his first two years. He's written legislation that would make it illegal to annex developed townships in Wayne County, effectively ending the threat of annexation to Northville, Plymouth and Canton townships. His House Bill 4112 creates a regional authority to operate the Detroit Water and Sewerage system (although problems are more likely to be solved in court).

He's written legislation that would return half of the Wayne County parks millage back to communities, and has written legislation dealing with, among other things, court reform, judicial reductions, moving school board elections to even-year November, selecting the Robert Scott Prison and freeing up drug forfeiture money for police budgets.

While he supported repeal of the Michigan Business Tax and its surcharge and the emergency manager law, Heise also opposed Snyder's K-12 education budgets, which cut some \$470 per pupil from public school funding.

Heise serves as vice chair of the House Judiciary Committee and is a member of the House Education Committee and the Committee on Children, Families and Seniors.

Democrat challenger Tim Roraback, also of Plymouth, is a viable, worthy candidate in his own right. He has a strong knowledge of issues facing the state. He disagrees with Heise on nearly everything, however, he makes his points in a strong, coherent fashion.

Roraback has worked hard to get his message out, and impressed observers from both parties with his performance in the League of Women Voters candidate forum earlier this month in Canton.

**Dian Slavens** and **Kurt Heise** have both shown leadership skills during their terms in office. That's why we believe voters should send them back to Lansing in the Nov. 6 general election.



Slavens



Heise

## COMMUNITY VOICE

# Should voters be required to show a picture identification when they vote?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I think yes because it just confirms it's the right person."

Jasmine Bailey  
Canton



"Yes — just because you should."

Jackie Horgan  
Canton



"No. If you're already in the system, why would you need a picture ID to make sure you're the person on the list?"

Gerald Meszaros  
Canton



"I believe so. You want to make sure that is the person voting so there is no fraudulent activity committed against the voting process."

Kelly Williams  
Canton

## LETTERS

### Supports Roraback

During this election season, we often hear, "Are you better off today than you were four years ago?"

My answer is a resounding "No" because of the Michigan Pension Tax that went into effect this year. The amount of state income tax withheld from my pension check every month equates to an extra car payment ... without the car. It sickens me to fork over this extra cash to state government when I would have spent every last penny supporting our local economy.

I will not vote for incumbent State Rep. Kurt Heise because he voted for this tax increase. Instead, I will vote for his challenger, Tim Roraback.

John M. Vraniak  
Plymouth Township

### Support Adams, Elkins, Stempion

We strongly encourage you vote for Trustees Doug Adams, John Elkins and Eric Stempion for Schoolcraft College Trustee this November.

The three are outstanding individuals who have the best interests of the college and the community in mind. They currently serve on the Schoolcraft Board and represent our community with integrity, fiscal responsibility and a strong passion to continue to move Schoolcraft in the right direction as the leading community college in the state.

Keep Schoolcraft College strong. Vote Adams, Elkins and Stempion on Nov. 6.

Brian Broderick, chair  
Carol Strom, vice chair  
Jim Fausone, secretary  
Joan Gebhardt, treasurer  
Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees

### Partisanship is harmful

I wanted to write and convey how much I thoroughly enjoyed Kurt Kuban's op-ed "Don't let politicians slice and dice you with their divisive tactics." Like Kuban, I was stunned when I recently was in one

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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

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of the Plymouth-Canton elementary schools, shortly after the start of the school day and saw the little Pledge of Allegiance ceremony in the office area and realized that it was being "broadcast" to all of the classrooms. Those kids, secretaries and principal, all standing, with hands over hearts, made me think back to my elementary school days in the 1950s when the same practice was done faithfully. As a Vietnam veteran, I thought those days were long gone, so to see that practical patriotism was still alive and well in our schools was pretty neat.

As Kuban stated, those who serve in the military don't serve just for their own selfish little "piece of America," but for all of America. I know partisanship is as old as our republic, but so are the warnings against it. Washington was concerned about it, and almost every president since him. It is sad to me, that so many of my fellow citizens judge everyone else, based solely on a partisan basis, causing conflict wherever they work, socialize or even worship. Keep reclaiming the truth, Mr. Kuban. As Lincoln said, "As God gives us to see that truth." And like President Obama says, "let us be able to disagree, in an

agreeable manner." And God bless America.

Stephen Olson  
Canton

### No on Prop. 3

As a former member of the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives, I want to add my voice to those opposing the passage of Proposal 3 on the November ballot.

Clean, abundant, affordable energy is something we all want and, as a state and nation, we should strive for energy independence. But there are serious flaws in this renewable energy proposal that should give us all pause in Michigan, regardless of political affiliation. I refer you to the Public Sector Consultants Report, September 2012.

First and foremost is cost. If passed, Proposal 3 — which would lock a nearly unchangeable policy into the state constitution where it doesn't belong — potentially could cost families, businesses, and senior citizens at least \$12 billion over time. That's an unacceptable burden on Michigan taxpayers even in good times. For that alone it should be defeated.

Furthermore, this well-intentioned but poorly thought-out proposal could easily lead to a loss of local control for our communities as it pertains to wind turbines. Meeting the 25 percent mandate called for in the proposal could require as many as 3,100 turbines, each as tall as the state Capitol, and require nearly a half million acres of land. The odds that some of these turbines will be near people or communities that don't want them are fairly high.

Gov. Rick Snyder has pointed out that no other state has such a mandate in their constitution. There probably is a very good reason for that, and it's probably because there are far smarter ways to go about pursuing energy independence.

Nancy Cassis  
Novi

## OUR VIEWS

# Price for County Commission seat

In the race for the redrawn 10th Wayne County Commission District, we recommend Republican **Shannon Price**.

Price, a former county Republican Party chairman who lost in the Republican primary for the 21st state House seat four years ago, wants a thorough audit of county finances, an online county "checkbook" open for viewing by the public, and a charter amendment that would give the Board of Commissioners the power to impeach the county executive.

Price also favors a lower overall tax rate (hardly an exclusive position in an election year) that could help

pure businesses, rather than targeted tax breaks, and a streamlined, 90-day permitting process for businesses.

Price wants Wayne County Executive Robert Plesano out of office, but thinks such a move could be better accomplished with an impeachment proceeding rather than the recall effort favored by other of Ficano's political foes.

Democrat James Amar, a retired labor mediation supervisor from Plymouth Township, isn't quite as strident about Ficano being gone. He believes Wayne

County must take "difficult steps" to correct its finances while investing in programs and incentives to spur development and job creation. Amar is a worthy candidate as well, with several ideas he says could improve the economy. He's seen union issues from both sides, which could benefit the commission.

But Price, who also has a long history of political consulting, would bring a working knowledge of the system, and could help balance the heavily weighted Democrat commission.

We recommend Republican **Shannon Price** in the Nov. 6 general election for the 10th Wayne County Commission District seat.



Price

# Prop 3: Establish standard for renewable energy

## PRO: Immediate rate cut for DTE's residential customers

## CON: Say no to protect economic progress

By Hugh McDermid Jr.  
Guest Columnist

Proposal 3, the "25 by 2025" plan on the Nov. 6 ballot, would result in an immediate rate reduction for residential customers of DTE Energy, long-term savings on utility bills and a healthier, more resilient system. The immediate savings is because Proposal 3 eliminates an unfair DTE rate structure that assesses homeowners 69 percent of the renewable energy surcharge even though they only use 36 percent of the electricity. This represents a savings of \$16 per year for each of DTE's 1.9 million residential customers.



Hugh McDermid Jr.

Restoring fairness to DTE's residential customers is the most immediate of numerous benefits Proposal 3 will generate. The plan would require that Michigan's utilities generate one-quarter of their electricity from clean renewable sources by the year 2025. It is a path to a more secure energy future that engages and employs thousands of Michiganders, reduces our crippling reliance on expensive out-of-state fuels and protects the environment and public health.

The proposal makes so much sense it has generated broad support from a growing and diverse chorus of important allies. But the utility companies are pouring millions of dollars into Michigan to confuse and scare voters with false and misleading claims.

Do not be bullied. Do not be brainwashed. The utilities have a selfish interest in perpetuating the same dual system that has relied primarily on coal to provide Michigan electricity for more than a century. DTE, the company that owns Detroit Edison, owns nine other companies that make money strictly from moving and processing coal. They own more than 8,500 railroad cars just to move coal. They get federal tax breaks for processing the coal, which allows them to make more than \$60 million a year.

Coal may be good for their bottom line, but it is not good for Michigan families.

Not for our households or businesses that bear the brunt of rising fuel costs. Not for children hospitalized with severe asthma conditions. Not for our inland lakes that have been poisoned by mercury from power plant smokestacks. It is not working for college stu-

dents in the emerging clean energy field who must leave Michigan to find a job.

And it is not working for our economy. Coal — which fuels 70 percent of Detroit Edison's electricity — is expensive and getting more so. The cost of coal delivered to Michigan has doubled since 2005. It is no coincidence that utility rates have soared during the same time period. All told, Michiganders spend \$1.5 billion annually to import coal from other states.

By contrast, renewable energy in Michigan is coming online at a cost cheaper than even the most ardent proponents predicted in 2008, when our current standard — 10 percent by 2015 — was adopted. The Michigan Public Service Commission reports that "the cost of energy generated by renewable sources continues to decline and is cheaper than new coal-fired generation."

Affordable renewable energy is also fueling Michigan's economy. More than 240 Michigan companies are engaged in the wind and solar supply chains alone, according to a report from the Environmental Law and Policy Center. A Michigan State University study showed that tens of thousands of jobs would be created by Proposal 3 in the construction, manufacturing and operations and maintenance of these facilities.

The 25-percent standard would make Michigan competitive with dozens of other states that have renewable standards exceeding ours. And it would position Michigan to become a global leader in renewable energy.

There are other ways it could be done. But our governor and state legislators — many of them firmly under the thumb of the utilities' powerful Lansing lobbying machine — are not interested.

So instead, voters will decide whether to amend the Michigan Constitution. It's a process that has been successfully used more than 30 times since 1963, when we adopted the current version of our constitution. We've established policies including the minimum drinking age, tax policy, stem cell research, casino gambling and the Natural Resources Trust Fund.

As the constitution states, "All political power is inherent in the people." If our elected officials are not going to solve the big problems of today, it is up to us.

Hugh McDermid Jr. is a Farmington resident and communications director with the Michigan Environmental Council.

By Steve Transteth  
Guest Columnist

Only now is Michigan's economy starting to recover from the worst recession America has experienced in decades. This is no time to hit Michigan families and businesses with unnecessary costs, especially for energy from sources that too often are unpredictable and unreliable.

And that's precisely why Proposal 3 is the wrong idea at the wrong time for our state.

You may think amending the state constitution to require

25 percent of the state's electric supply to come from renewable sources such as wind, solar and biomass by 2025 sounds relatively harmless.

Unfortunately, you would be wrong.

Meeting that mandate would cost electric customers an estimated \$12 billion — that's billion with a 'B' — driving up utility bills for years to come. That's a staggering burden for working people, families and retirees and seniors on fixed incomes.

I support the concept of generating more of Michigan's electricity from renewable sources. But the price tag for Proposal 3 simply is too expensive.

One analysis estimates that meeting Proposal 3 would require the addition of 4,000 to 5,000 megawatts of wind power capacity. That's equivalent to roughly 3,100 wind turbines, requiring more than 780 square miles of Michigan land.

The real reason Proposal 3 should be considered: Michigan already has a reasonable, affordable 10-percent renewable energy goal. Consum-

ers Energy (5 percent) and DTE Energy (6 percent) both are on track to meet that mark, in large part because of the six wind farms they are developing separately. Our state should reach the 10-percent standard before reassessing its future energy needs.

The constitution is the wrong place for this mandate. No other state in the country has locked energy policy into its constitution and Michigan shouldn't be the first. Locking energy policy into the constitution would eliminate the flexibility to meet unforeseen challenges in the state's energy market and impede our ability to take advantage of emerging technologies.

Today, local communities set their zoning standards and ordinances to govern the development of wind farms and other renewable energy projects. If Proposal 3 is locked into the state constitution, such zoning laws could be challenged on constitutional grounds and potentially overturned, stripping local officials of their authority.

Energy policy is good for Michigan in the right places and in the right increments. Wind, biomass, solar and other renewables can contribute to a balanced energy portfolio, along with conventional sources, that will ensure our electricity remains affordable and reliable.

But needlessly pouring billions of dollars into a 25-percent renewable energy requirement that would be locked in our constitution is a bad investment that won't pay off.

Voters should reject Proposal 3 because this costly constitutional energy mandate is bad for Michigan.

Steve Transteth is a former Michigan Public Service commissioner and senior energy policy adviser to the Clean Affordable Renewable Energy for Michigan Coalition.

# Prop 4: Constitutional amendment for home health care

## PRO: Offers safeguards for home health care

## CON: Forced unionization of home-based caregivers

By John Hoyle  
Guest Columnist

Proposal 4 will strengthen safety, health and independence of persons with disabilities and those who are aging.

Those who are aging or have a disability tell us that they want to stay in their own home instead of going to a nursing home or other institution. If that's their choice, our priority is to ensure that they are safe and healthy in their own homes.

On Election Day, voters across Michigan have an opportunity to help seniors and people with disabilities get safe, quality care in their own homes, by voting yes on Proposal 4.

Also known as Keep Home Care a Safe Choice, Proposal 4 ensures our loved ones can direct their own care, while remaining independent and healthy in their own homes.

Proposal 4 will help persons who need assistance to remain in their home get assistance from screened home care workers who help perform many tasks, from getting dressed to taking their medication. Proposal 4 establishes a registry that requires home care workers on it to undergo strict background checks, an important safeguard to prevent neglect and abuse.

Proposal 4 directly impacts the care and safety of countless Michiganders, especially our most vulnerable citizens. Those of us who work directly with seniors and people with disabilities know first-hand what a real difference quality home care makes. When seniors and people with disabilities choose home care, they are happier and healthier. Home care allows our loved ones to live in familiar, comfortable surroundings near family, friends and their communities. By staying in their own homes, seniors and people with disabilities also avoid costly alternative settings, including nursing homes.

Proposal 4 contains many important safeguards to protect seniors and people with disabilities.

First, it establishes the Michigan Qual-

ity Home Care Council, which would oversee a registry that links home care recipients with pre-screened home care providers in the state.

Second, it requires home care providers on the registry undergo strict criminal background checks to ensure safety for seniors and people with disabilities.

Third, it connects home care providers to critical job training so they can better care for seniors and persons with disabilities.

Furthermore, Proposal 4 will save taxpayer dollars in avoided institutional costs, since home care is significantly less expensive to taxpayers than nursing homes, according to non-partisan studies by the AARP and the conservative Anderson Economic Group.

In addition to promoting quality care, Proposal 4 and the registry it creates will also help keep our loved ones safe. By better screening home care workers, we can prevent abuses as well as exploitation, neglect and abandonment of seniors and people with disabilities. According to estimates by the Michigan Department of Human Services, about 14,000 elder abuse cases are reported on average each year.

That's why a diverse coalition of groups endorses Proposal 4 and urges Michigan citizens to vote yes.

Michigan's leading senior and disability rights groups, such as the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition, the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan, Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Arc Michigan and many more have endorsed Proposal 4. Faith leaders, veterans groups and many others also urge a yes vote on Proposal 4.

And law enforcement leaders, local police chiefs and prosecutors across Michigan agree that Proposal 4 will promote better care and safety for loved ones.

Proposal 4 promotes greater security, it gives those who need assistance more choices and it saves money for them and for taxpayers.

Vote yes on Proposal 4 for the health, safety and peace of mind of those we care about.

Dohn Hoyle is executive director of the Arc Michigan and co-chair of Citizens for Affordable Quality Home Care.

By Derk A. Wilcox  
Guest Columnist

One of the biggest misconceptions about Proposal 4 is that it creates new programs that will assist the elderly and the disabled with independent living. It is on this basis that the proposed amendment to the Michigan Constitution is being sold to voters.

An analysis of the proposal, however, reveals that this claim is untrue and so we have to look deeper to see the true motivation behind the promotion of Proposal 4.

The real reason Proposal 4 was put on the ballot was to protect a scheme to funnel dues and fees from the pay of home-based caregivers to the Service Employees International Union. The amendment seeks to enshrine



Derk Wilcox

in the constitution a dues collection scheme that has already diverted \$32 million away from the caregivers, 75 percent of whom are family members caring for loved ones.

Under the Home Help Program, which began in 1981, in-home caregivers had always been considered employees of the care recipients — up until 2005, that is. The care recipient chose the employee, directed the care and had the ability to replace the caregiver, if desired.

In 2005, under the administration of Gov. Jennifer Granholm, a local government entity called the Michigan Quality Community Care Council was created and colluded with the SEIU to force tens of thousands of residents into a government union. These two entities claimed that the caregivers were public employees because all or part of their pay comes from public funds. (Given this line of reasoning, doctors who accept Medicaid or Medicare payments, or grocers who accept food stamps, could also be forced into such a union.) Michigan law, as well as federal law, had always excluded in-home caregivers from the definition of who is a public employee for the reason

that the true employer was the one to whom the care was given, not the state. Nevertheless, the scheme moved forward with little to no public scrutiny.

When the full extent of what had happened — and the amount of dues and fees that had been skimmed — became widely known, the public was outraged and the Legislature acted to put an end to the dues skim and prevent anything like it from happening in the future. Proposal 4 is an attempt to validate the dues skim and enshrine in the constitution the definition of a public employee that has already been rejected by the courts and the Legislature.

The SEIU has already admitted that it is using the skimmed dues "during the upcoming election" to advocate for its position. Given the millions of dollars involved, the SEIU has a strong incentive to try to keep the skim going.

Proposal 4 would only consider home-based caregivers to be public employees for the limited purpose of being represented by the SEIU or a subsequent union. It would not extend to caregivers the status of public employees in any other regard, including pensions, benefits or civil service protections. Proposal 4 would not grant the union the power to negotiate higher wages or improved work conditions, either. The actual language of the proposed amendment that does not appear on the ballot specifically states that the Legislature, through the appropriate legislative process, determines the caregivers' compensation, and since the work occurs in the care recipients' homes, it cannot affect the working conditions either.

The programs promised by Proposal 4, including a registry and background checks, have already been implemented and require no constitutional amendment to continue. The only facet of Proposal 4 that actually requires altering the constitution is the continuation of the dues skim that the Legislature has tried to stop.

Derk A. Wilcox is senior attorney at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, a research and educational institute headquartered in Midland. Access his policy brief on Proposal 4 at [www.mackinac.org/17637](http://www.mackinac.org/17637).



John Hoyle

## Home Depot hosts vets' job fair

In an effort to assist the Detroit military community as they transition into the civilian workforce, The Home Depot will host a Civilian Career Workshop Saturday, Oct. 27 at the company's regional office in Livonia.

The Home Depot, which employs more than 35,000 veterans and active duty military, recognizes the strong skills the military community has to offer — as well as the challenges that many service men and women face in marketing these abilities to the civilian workforce.

The company's human resources professionals, in collaboration with veteran associates, will con-

duct half-day sessions focused on job search strategies, resume optimization and interview tips that are applicable to a search in most any industry or with most any employer.

The workshops are open to any member of the military or veteran transitioning to any civilian career. They are part of a larger initiative, dubbed Mission: Transition, aimed at arming U.S. service men and women with the knowledge and resources they need to successfully transition into the civilian workforce. The Home Depot will host more than 100 Civil-

ian Career Workshops focused on the country on Saturday, Oct. 27.

Additional information and event registration is available at [careers.home depot.com/military](http://careers.home depot.com/military). Spokespeople available for interviews during the event include The Home Depot Human Resources team members, Home Depot Associates with a military background and Civilian Career Workshop attendees.

The Home Depot Regional Office is located at 17197 Laurel Park Drive, Suite 400, in Livonia. Attendees must register online in advance of the workshops at [careers.home depot.com/military](http://careers.home depot.com/military).



The cast brings 'The Legend of Sleepy Hollow' to life on the Barefoot Productions stage Friday and Saturday.

## 'Headless Horseman' rides at Barefoot

"In the bosom of one of those spacious coves which indent the eastern shore of the Hudson, at that broad expansion of the river denominated by the ancient Dutch navigators..."

This begins the classic short story *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, written by Washington Irving, and also begins Barefoot Productions' narrative reading of the classic tale making it's premiere performances Friday and Saturday.

Artistic director Craig A. Hane has, again, staged a formal narrative reading of yet another classic story, in the tradition of Barefoot Productions' *A Christmas Carol*, a *Narrative* (which makes it's fourth annual performance this December).

Hane has staged an original adaptation, by Barefoot Productions resident artist Nathan Corliss (of Canton), of six

actors reading and performing the original story written by Irving in 1820. The short story contains no actual dialog or conversation but Corliss has managed to break down and adapt the story's prose to sound almost 'conversational' in it's presentation, according to Hane.

Hane remarks, "Our *A Christmas Carol*, a *Narrative* has become such a holiday tradition at our theater, I looked for another classic holiday tale to bring to life on our stage and, of course, *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* was a natural," Hane said.

The six actors will narrate and create a variety of character voices to represent the villagers of Tarry Town, N.Y., or Sleepy Hollow. Jonathon Wennstrom (of Canton) leads the story as Narrator and Mat DeLisle (also of Canton) will personify

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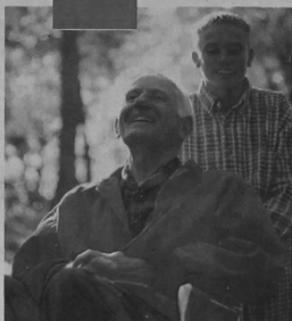
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## Net gain

Tennis continues to spark big-time growth, success for Salem's Scott

By Tim Smith  
Observer/Staff Writer

Consider that Jacob Scott began life as a preemie with myriad health issues — such as respiratory distress syndrome, physical weakness, poor coordination and bones that grinded together when he moved.

But even then, in the neonatal intensive care unit at University of Michigan's Mott Children's Hospital, Jacob (born at 32 weeks gestation, weighing 4.5 pounds) demonstrated plenty of fight.

"He started out with a little Precious Moments doll with his name on the warming tray and they changed it to Animal from the Muppets because he was a fighter," said his mom, Joy Scott of Canton. "He kept trying to pull everything out. So that was a good sign."

That spunk has never wavered in the 18 years since.

In the midst of occupational therapy a few years following his birth, doctors convinced Jacob's parents (Joy and Jason) about the benefits hitting a tennis ball would have on Jacob's physical and mental development.

The ground strokes in tennis would help fire up the neuropathways and enhance communication and brain development



Getting ready to hit the tennis ball during a recent practice is Salem senior and No. 1 singles player Jacob Scott.

(Jacob was born with sensory integration disorder.)

"We started him out at Meadowbrook Country Club (in Northville) and he wasn't strong enough to lift the smallest racket, the lightest racket," Joy recalled. "So they'd set it on a milk crate. They'd throw balls at him and he'd hit one out of 25."

## In the swing

Now fast forward to October 2012, with Jacob Scott celebrating his 18th birthday (on Oct. 16) as the No. 1 singles player for Salem High School.

The senior is still somewhat tiny (5-foot-6, 135 pounds), but is an "animal" on the courts and in the classroom — he finished with a record of 21-7 this fall to earn first-team all-conference honors. He carries a 3.8 grade point average with aspirations of studying neuroscience in college.

Jacob's path during life hasn't exactly been one of the A-to-B variety. And that's how he gets after it during tennis matches, too.

His favorite stroke is

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Jacob Scott, in the neonatal intensive care unit at University of Michigan's Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was born premature, weighing 4.5 pounds.

## Hicklin's goal saves Ocelots

Nate Hicklin's unassisted goal in the 103rd minute gave Schoolcraft College a 3-2 double-overtime men's soccer victory over host Muskegon Community College.

The fifth-ranked Ocelots, who improved to 12-2-1 overall and 4-0 in the Michigan CC Athletic Association, tied it in the 77th minute when Ardit Dushkaj (Livonia Clarenceville) off an assist from Romario Georgis.

Derek Boatright opened the scoring for Schoolcraft in the 37th minute on a play set up by Dushkaj and Georgis, but Muskegon answered on goals by Eric Hilt (52nd minute) and Zach Sutton (77th minute).

Goalkeeper Ryan Tikey (Livonia Franklin) made eight saves as the Ocelots also improved to 10-1-1 in NJCAA Region XII.

Tyler Lane made eight saves for Muskegon, now 8-6-1 overall, 1-3 in the MCCA and 6-5-1 in Region XII.

## MU players earn plaudits

For the third time in the last four weeks Madonna University's Kathryn Krysiak, honored as Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Women's Soccer Player of the Week (ending Oct. 14).

Krysiak, a sophomore striker who hails from Madison Heights (Lamphere), bettered her eight point effort from the previous week with a total of four goals and one assist for nine points in wins over Concordia and Marygrove.

Meanwhile, MU teammate Blaire Schmalenberg (Warren Cousino), a freshman, goalkeeper, earned the WHAC's Defensive Player of the Week for the first time in her career after making seven saves in a come-from-behind 2-1 win over Marygrove along with two stops in a 4-0 shutout victory against Concordia.

## Blazers clip Blue Devils

Sophomore Christina Meyer scored goal goals and added one assist as Livonia Ladywood tuned up for the upcoming state playoffs with a 3-1 girls field hockey win Friday at the game over Grosse Pointe South.

Junior Erin Badge also added a goal off an assist from senior Lauren Kozlowski as the Blazers improved to 6-6-2 overall and 3-5-2 in the division.

Mariel Ward scored for the Blue Devils (1-10-2, 0-8-1).

Ladywood senior goalie Stephanie Mackley made seven saves, while South's Carly Brown had five stops.

"Everyone played great," Ladywood coach Kristine Sanders said. "Our goal for this game was to put two good halves together and we did just that. It was a great way to end our season and it will definitely provide us the momentum we need throughout the playoffs."

## BOYS SOCCER DISTRICT

## Hat trick rallies 'Cats

By Tim Smith  
Observer/Staff Writer

After the first half of Tuesday's Division 1-District 7 first round matchup, which saw Plymouth down 2-0 to host Livonia Churchill, Wildcats senior co-captain Chandler Olah urged his teammates to up the ante.

Olah definitely did just that, scoring twice during the second half to force overtime and then scoring the lone goal of extra time as Plymouth came away with a 3-2 triumph.

The win advanced the Wildcats to Thursday's 7 p.m. contest at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park against Westland John Glenn.

"It felt great to come through but I had a lot of help from my teammates," said Olah, whose second hat trick of the year gives him 18 goals. "We obviously didn't want it

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Plymouth's Chandler Olah (No. 2) demonstrates his playmaking skills earlier this season.



RENA LAVERITY

Watching the action Saturday is Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci, who recently notched the 400th win of his career at the Whalers' helm.

## Whalers' Vellucci stuck on 400

By Tim Smith  
Observer/Staff Writer

Mike Vellucci proudly is the coach with the most wins in Plymouth Whalers history, hitting the 400 milestone Oct. 6 against Niagara.

But nailing down his 401st is becoming problematic, as the Whalers lost 3-2 in overtime Saturday night against Sault Ste. Marie before 2,510 fans who turned out at Compuware Arena for the annual Pink Out game for breast cancer awareness.

The Whalers wore specially designed pink jerseys featuring the familiar ribbon logo and universal symbol for the breast cancer fight.

Scoring at 3:10 of overtime was Andrew Fritch, who nudged the rebound of a Darnell Nurse shot

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behind Plymouth goalkeeper Matt Mahalak, who stopped 30 off 33 shots. Although the Whalers did earn a point, it was their third defeat of the week — falling to 2-3-2-1, while the Greyhounds improved to 6-4-0-0.

"He (Mahalak) just didn't catch it," Vellucci said. "It squibbled out of his glove right to the other guy. But those are the kind of (bad) breaks we've been getting. The only way you're going to change your breaks is on your own."

## Tough road to 400

It took the Whalers five games to get Vellucci his 400th, and it has been a slow go out of the Ontario Hockey League gate for a team expected to be one of the top squads in the West-

ern Conference.

"It was tough to even get to 400 there, too," Vellucci said. "But we played two great games this week on the road, we fell to some unfortunate bounces and tonight we were out of gas."

"We held up and they got the five-on-three (late in the third, extending into OT) and (they) just got an unfortunate goal at the end."

The tail end of that two-man disadvantage was about to expire when Plymouth forward Alex Alear-di (Farmington Hills) came close to winning it for the Whalers. Alear-di, however, was stopped by Greyhounds goalie Matt Murray (31 saves).

Instead, the Greyhounds emerged victorious seconds later on the Fritsch

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# Rocks 'dig in' for cause, competition

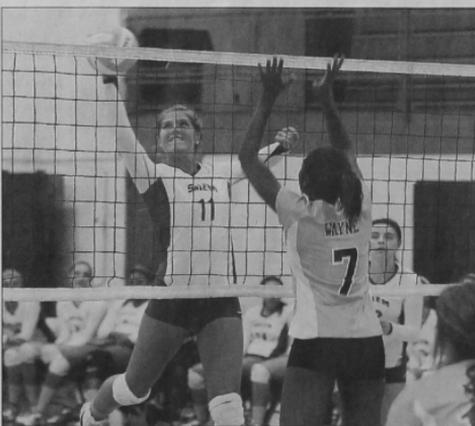
By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

On an emotional night on several levels at Salem, senior Nancy Krutty capped the Rocks' four-game victory over visiting Wayne Memorial in the first annual "Digging for a Cure" game for breast cancer awareness.

"It was our last time in our home gym plus we wanted for this event to really be a success," said Krutty, one of the team's captains whose two-point service string finished Salem's 25-15 win in Game 4 to close out the match (Salem won 25-9, 25-17, 20-25, 25-15).

"And hopefully the younger girls will keep this going next year," Krutty added. Salem head coach Amanda Nies echoed Krutty, applauding how all of the freshman, junior varsity and varsity players pooled their efforts to make and sell pink T-shirts with the "Digging for a Cure" message emblazoned on the front while amping up awareness about the disease.

They also donned pink socks, shoelaces, headbands and used a pink volleyball and — in pre-game festivities — re-energated to spectators what the night was all about. The match between the Rocks dedicated the match to a friend or loved one either fighting breast cancer or having succumbed to it.

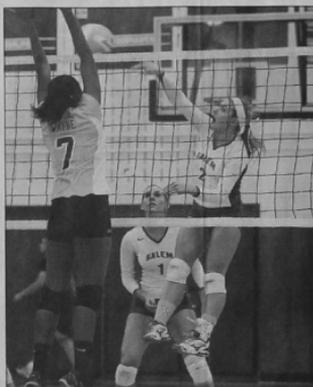


Salem's Kelly Whalen (No. 11) prepares to hit the pink volleyball during Tuesday's KLAAC contest against Wayne Memorial. At right for the Zebras is Deja Tamlin (No. 7).

Among survivors is Lynn Dworzanin (whose daughter, Abby, is a senior player for the Rocks), who is president of Salem's volleyball booster club and helped organize the program. "The girls went out and sold T-shirts to their friends and families," Lynn Dworzanin noted. "Moneys from the T-shirt sales, concessions and donations will be going to a local charity through the Oakwood Health Care

System here in Canton. "It was my wish that the money we raise would help women that are underinsured and have insufficient healthcare coverage to have access to early screening mammogram. We know that early screening mammogram is the only way to detect breast cancer in its earliest stage before a lump is even felt and has the ability to save lives." She said an early screening helped to save

her own life. As for the match itself, a number of players helped knock off the Zebras. Abby Dworzanin contributed 11 kills and nine digs; Krutty chipped in with 36 assists, 10 digs and six kills; libero Emily Lipa tallied 11 digs; Erika Hatcher delivered nine kills and three blocks; Lexie Epley came through with six aces and Tess Ganich had six kills and four aces.



Wayne player Deja Tamlin (No. 7) tries to block this hitting attempt by Salem's Erika Hatcher (No. 2) during Tuesday's "Digging for a Cure" contest. In the background for the Rocks is Abby Dworzanin (No. 11).

STEVENSON 3, PLYMOUTH 1: Inconsistency hurt the Wildcats Tuesday night, losing 13-25, 25-23, 25-19, 25-18 to the Spartans. "We couldn't quite get our offense running and had difficulty putting up a block," Wildcats coach Sarah Marody said. "My girls have a lot to work on before the conference tournament this Saturday, but I know their hearts are in it, and they will push through." Madelyn Betts carried Plymouth with 26 kills, 15 digs and two aces. Others helping the cause were Olivia Beyer (nine kills, nine digs), Emily Beyer (eight kills, 14 digs), Haylee Weber (23 digs), Kyra Neumann (10 digs) and Shayla Smalls (37 blocks).

Meanwhile, the Wildcats came to play at Saturday's Best of the East Invitational tournament held at the Blue Water Sports Center in Warren. Plymouth captured the second-place trophy. "After a slow start to the morning, we regrouped and were able to beat two, top-10 ranked teams on our way to the finals where we lost to (Macomb) Dakota in closely played sets," Marody said. "It was a great team effort with contributions all the way around." Olivia Beyer and Betts were voted by coaches to the Top 12 All-Tournament team. [tsmith@hometownlife.com](http://tsmith@hometownlife.com) (734) 469-4128

## Crusaders roll by Cincy Christian

Nastija Baranovska led a balanced hitting attack with nine kills as the 18th-ranked Madonna University women's volleyball team rolled to a 25-12, 25-15, 25-17 win Saturday over Cincinnati Christian in the Concordia University Tournament.

The Crusaders, who improved to 24-5 overall, also got eight kills from Samantha Gelle, seven from Ashley Hulbert and six from Kayla Vogel. Setter Evia Priedits, a junior, dished out 31 assists and added eight digs, while Amanda Obrycki contributed a team-high 10 digs.

Cara Barkes had 11 digs and Monica Reis six kills from Cincinnati Christian (13-10).

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

#### Ocelots triumph

On Tuesday, host Schoolcraft College took four sets to subdue Macomb Community College, 25-16, 25-23, 19-25, 25-22.

The Lady Ocelots improved to 19-11 overall and 9-2 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association. They are tied with Oakland CC in second only one match behind conference leading Flint Mott CC.

The loss drops the Monarchs to 9-16 overall and 5-6 in the conference.

## VELLUCCI

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tap-in. Despite the tough defeat, Vellucci managed a smile when talking about his milestone. He has the third most victories among active coaches in the OHL. "Obviously, it's great," Vellucci said. "I had one buddy who says either you're a really good coach or you're really old. So take a pick."

"But obviously, it means I've been here a long time and I owe a lot to our owner (Peter Karmanos) and our organization that they've had me for so long."

The 400 says speaks to the durability and quality of the Whalers under Vellucci's watch.

"I think our program gets underrated," he said. "Twenty-one straight years in the playoffs, I think it's the longest record (in the OHL). I just think it's a great thing for our program."

The future looks bright, too, thanks to rookie playmakers such as linemates Zach Bratina and Ryan Hartman,



RENA LAVERTY

Plymouth Whalers defenseman Austin Levi (No. 7) chases after the puck along with Michael Schumacher of Sault Ste. Marie during Saturday's "Pink Out" game for breast cancer awareness. Levi recently rejoined the team.

who buzzed around the Soo end all night. Bratina collected his first OHL point when he set up Garrett Meurs for a second-period goal that put Plymouth up 2-1.

Bratina centered the puck in front to Meurs, who slung it past Murray inside the left post. "I think he (Bratina) had a great game," Vellucci said. "For two peri-

ods he was awesome. He didn't get a lot of ice in the third with all the penalties. But he had a great game, by far his best, and he's getting better every game."

Plymouth got off to a quick start when Alear-di cashed in following a Soo turnover deep in the Greyhounds zone. Alear-di faked a shot to freeze Murray, then veered to

his right before slipping it home.

### Levi's back

Veteran Plymouth defenseman Austin Levi, who has local ties (formerly a Farmington Hills resident) recently returned to the Whalers after being sent down by the American Hockey League farm team of the NHL's Carolina Hurricanes.

Levi, an average player, temporarily gives Vellucci nine defencemen on his roster. Apparently, a trade is brewing to balance out the roster.

"We have nine defencemen, so we're going to have to trade one of them," Vellucci said. "I haven't made my mind up who we're going to move. But we have nine defencemen and we can't carry that many this year and we need some forwards."

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# Steelers nearly pull off sweep

By Ed Wright  
Observer Staff Writer

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers came with-in three yards of registering a sweep of their pivotal three-game set against host Dearborn Heights Saturday afternoon.

The varsity Steelers improved to 6-0 with a decisive 28-6 triumph over the previously unbeaten Redskins, while the junior-varsity Steelers upended the 'Skins, 20-6, in a battle of unbeaten.

The freshmen Steelers were edged, 7-6, when their potential game-winning drive was stopped at the Dearborn Heights 3-yard line when the clock expired.

The varsity Steelers exploded to a quick 16-0 lead thanks to a 43-yard TD run by Dylan Stackhouse and a 24-yard run to pay dirt by Isaac Emminger. After the Redskins closed their deficit to 16-6, Stackhouse and Jacob Miller scored on short scoring runs to cement the victory.

The Steelers' defense was paced by Matt Poet, Jimmy Jack Voss, Nick Sakar, Jared Gollis, Aaron Clark and Luke Davis. Paving the way for the Steelers' running game were Vincent VanDerRoost, Noah Fleming, David Dart, Ben Kandah, Jey Santoro and Spencer Zwarka.

The JV Steelers jumped ahead, 6-0, on a 40-yard scoring dash by Mason Phillips. After the Redskins knotted the game at

6-6, Ben Wright sprinted 30 yards for a TD to give the Steelers the lead for good, 12-6. Lou Baechler closed the scoring with a 2-yard scoring plunge.

The Steelers controlled the trenches thanks to strong blocking from Parker Selby, Dean Kaye, Nick Prev, Ben Vetter and James Hansen. Defensively, Calvin Voss (several tackles), Nick Polydoros (interception and two break-ups) and Danny Lanava (fumble recovery) excelled for the Steelers.

Thanks to a 36-yard run by Nate Cain, the freshmen Steelers drove 77 yards to the Redskins' 3-yard line before time expired in their one-point setback.

The Steelers' lone score came on a 3-yard pass from Ethan Rettoll to Jason Perko. The Steelers' defense was sparked by Perko, Cain, Zach Kubacki, Darian Moore, Andrew Uhlman and Cooper Donlin.

Offensive linemen Mason Hackney, Jimmy McCarthy, Zach Sweet, Aidan Tafelski, Nicholas Savage and Brenden Jankowski opened up holes for the Steelers' running backs: Logan Walkley, Cain and Drew Poet. Jack Vespaziani was a beast on special teams, recovering two on-side kicks — his fourth and fifth of the season.

Tight end Ben Zwartk and offensive tackle Connor Meadows also had big games for the Steelers.

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## PREP GRID PICKS

Week 9	Wright	Smith	O'Meara	Emons	
<b>Friday, Oct. 19</b>	Union Redford Union (3-5) at Waterford Mott (1-7), 7 p.m. Inkster (2-6) at Garden City (4-4), 7 p.m. Hartland (7-1) at Bedford Thornton (5-3), 7 p.m. Salem (5-3) at Canton (5-3), 7 p.m. Clarencville (5-3) at Durand (2-6), 7 p.m. Churchill (8-0) at Stevenson (6-2), 7 p.m. A.A. Pioneer (5-3) at Franklin (2-6), 7 p.m. A.A. Huron (1-1) at Eden Glen (2-6), 7 p.m. Lake Orion (1-7) at Farmington (6-2), 7 p.m. West Bloomfield (2-6) at Harrison (5-3), 7 p.m. Pontiac (1-7) at North Farmington (2-6), 7 p.m. Grand Blanc (4-4) at Plymouth (7-1), 6:30 p.m.	Union Garden City Hartland Canton Clarencville Churchill Pioneer John Glenn Lake Orion Harrison North Plymouth	Union Garden City Hartland Canton Clarencville Churchill Pioneer John Glenn Lake Orion Harrison North Plymouth	Union Garden City Hartland Canton Clarencville Churchill Pioneer John Glenn Lake Orion Harrison North Plymouth	Mott Garden City Hartland Salem Clarencville Churchill Pioneer John Glenn Lake Orion Harrison North Plymouth
<b>Saturday, Oct. 20</b>	Westland Allen Academy (2-5) at Lutheran Westland (5-3), 1 p.m.	Westland	Westland	Westland	
<b>Last week</b>	9-4	8-5	10-3	11-2	
<b>Overall</b>	63-35	71-27	73-25	77-21	

## SCOTT

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the unorthodox inside-out forehand, which he described as "where the ball goes toward the back-end side, you run around and hit it from the forehand. It's been my best shot since I was 11 or 12, everyone who plays me knows it. It's my best shot and my favorite shot."

Hustling after every ball, even those far out of reach, underscores Jacob's determination that mirrors his growth as a young man — it's how you finish, not how you start.

"I'm more focused on playing the best I can, leave all my game out there," said Jacob, in his second year as the Rocks co-captain. "Sometimes, I've had matches where I've won real ugly, where I've never played real well."

"But I get every ball. I run every ball out. When my friends play with me they know they're in for a tough match because I never give up on a ball. I run everything out, even if I know I'm not going to get to it. It's just who I am."

## He loves it

And tennis is a big reason for that.

It was during the summer between second and third grade that Jacob began to get hooked by the sport.

"We overloaded him and I still had to pull him off the court," Joy noted. "He'd be on the court for five, six hours and he didn't want to leave."

Around that time a lot of other things started to improve, too.

"As his coordination came and he started to play more tennis," she said, "all of a sudden things started to click for him. His writing, all his backwards letters went away, his writing got small and concise."

"His math all came together and by the time he was in middle school he was one of the top students at West."

The Scots credit Meadowbrook tennis pro Wayne Jackson for a lot of Jacob's success and never-say-die approach.

"I started hanging out with Wayne Jackson over at Meadowbrook Country Club when I was 6 or



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With sheer focus, Salem senior Jacob Scott volleys a shot during a varsity boys tennis practice. He finished the season going 21-7 (including 1-1 at Division 1 regionals) and earned first-team all-conference honors.

## ALL ABOUT JACOB

**Who:** Jacob Scott, Salem senior on varsity boys tennis team.

**Premise:** Jacob was born at 32 weeks gestation on Oct. 15, 1994, weighing 4.5 pounds. He spent about 10 days in the NICU at UM Mott Children's Hospital.

**Power of tennis:** When a young child, his occupational therapist recommended tennis as an activity to help Jacob improve coordination, speech and strength.

**Preps:** Jacob fell in love with tennis, kept working at it and eventually joined Salem's team as a freshman. He recently finished his senior season, going 21-7 overall (including 1-1 in the Division 1 regionals) and earning first-team all-conference honors.

**Family:** His parents are Joy and Jason. The Scots, including 13-year-old sister Darby, live in Canton.

**Academics:** Jacob carries a 3.8 grade point average. He is a KLASA Scholar in Athlete and student ambassador.

**Future:** He intends to play tennis in college, where he will hopefully pursue the field of neuroscience.

so," Jacob said. "He really made tennis fun."

"Whenever I did something good he was really over the top with exaggerating 'Oh, great shot, Jacob,' stuff like that."

Little compliments came in handy when he began playing tournaments, around age 9.

"The first eight tournaments I played I didn't

win a match. I lost 6-0, 6-0 every match," Jacob said. "He (Jackson) told me that I should just try to count the points I won, not the games. I try to make little goals for myself, like get to 30 each game or see how many times you can get to deuce in a game."

"I was a little behind with people my age (coordination-wise), I still had a lot of fun. I lost, but I put myself back out there because I like competing."

## Winning feeling

Jacob pegged age 11 or 12 as when his tennis breakthrough as a bona fide player began.

"I went to a tournament in Grand Rapids," he said. "I played the 1 seed and I remember my mom dropping me off at the match and letting me know 'Tell me how it goes after it.' I went and I played and my mom was like 'How did it go?' It was like, 'I won, I beat the 1 seed.'"

"It was a different feeling for me and throughout that year I started winning more."

Then came trips to Georgia and Tennessee for junior tournaments, efforts which gave Jacob the confidence to play high school tennis.

Almost from the first day of practice, Salem head coach Bill Nelson called Jacob his "hard-hitting machine," said Joy, smiling.

His prep career might be ending, but he still hammers the ball. He also makes an impact with the team in other ways.

"I think the biggest thing that's come through my high school career is I've improved a lot, but I think I've (also) matured a lot," Jacob went on. "I

remember my freshman year, feeling unsure or having moments where I'd kind of back off if things weren't going my way."

"Now, it's like I'm mature enough to understand things aren't always going to be perfect and I need to stay out there as long as it takes and outwork the guy I'm playing."

Being a captain (a duty he shared this season with Alek Zultowski) "has helped me grow as a leader. My game has grown a lot just by the amount of matches we play in a short period of time. Coach Nelson has done a good job of giving me the best competition at 1 singles that he can."

**Giving back**  
According to Joy, a fantastic byproduct of Jacob's journey is being tuned in to the needs of children with the kind of obstacles he faced as a little boy.

Jacob wants to perhaps pursue a career where he could help them the way he's been helped.

"He's had a lot of life lessons from tennis," Joy emphasized. "He had a rough start, but because of the person he's become, the empathy he has for other people... I wouldn't change any of it."

Joy added that her son's career choice would be a good one for him.

"I think he'd be a wonderful doctor and have a great influence on young people," she said. "Maybe help change some people's lives."

For Jacob Scott to come full circle in that way just seems to fit.

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## BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

**DIVISION 1-REGION 2 BOYS TENNIS RESULTS**  
Oct. 12 at Ann Arbor  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Ann Arbor  
2. Dearborn  
3. Ann Arbor  
4. Farmington  
5. Dearborn  
6. Dearborn  
7. Dearborn  
8. Dearborn  
9. Dearborn  
10. Dearborn

**FINAL RESULTS**  
No. 1 singles: Jack Petersen (Huron) defeated Blake Ahadi (Salem), 6-1; No. 2: Kevin Mei (Huron) d. Fair Najib, 6-3, 6-1; No. 3: Coline Williams (Huron) d. Nate Porter (Pioneer), 6-3, 6-2; No. 4: Jon Seyhun (Huron) def. Nate Porter (Pioneer), 6-3, 6-2.  
No. 1 doubles: Aaron Brodkey-Akshiroo (Huron) d. Nathan Gresh-Kazuo (Huron) (Pioneer), 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Max Teener-Yvan Stark (Huron) d. Jon Clark-Rohan Thandran (Pioneer), 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Mike Bondin-George Lu (Huron) d. Max Albert-Nicholas Figueroa (Pioneer), 6-0, 6-1; No. 4: Will Brenner-Austin Laker (Huron) d. Charlie Lu-Jeff Selevsky (Pioneer), 6-0, 6-4.

**DIVISION 1-REGION 3 BOYS TENNIS RESULTS**  
Oct. 12 at Woodhaven  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Livonia  
2. Livonia  
3. Dearborn  
4. Dearborn  
5. Dearborn  
6. Dearborn  
7. Dearborn  
8. Dearborn  
9. Dearborn  
10. Dearborn

**FINAL RESULTS**  
No. 1 singles: Jordan Martin (C) defeated Chad Northville (LS), 2-6, 6-2, 6-4;  
semifinals: Martin def. Nick Halman (Dn.), 6-1, 6-4;  
Northey def. Alex Gordon

(Woodhaven), 6-3, 6-2.  
No. 2: Sam Tabor (LS) def. Lucas McKersy (DEF), 6-4, 6-3;  
semifinals: Tabor def. Trevor Monaco (Woodhaven), 6-2, 6-1; McIntyre def. Joe Mulka (C), 6-0, 6-1.  
No. 3: Marcus McCahney (LS) def. Andrew Dayfield (Woodhaven), 6-3, 6-3;  
semifinals: McCahney def. David Carlson (Dn.), 6-0, 6-1; Dayfield def. Rishabh Anvikar (C), 6-0, 6-1.

No. 4: Johnson Yang (LS) def. Kihan Trivedi (C), 6-3, 6-4;  
semifinals: Yang def. Eric Morse (DEF), 6-0, 6-1; Trivedi def. Kyle Johnson (Dn.), 6-3, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Aaron Dziozbak-Jeff Frederick (LS) def. Mark DeLoach-Riley Prince (C), 7-5, 6-4;  
semifinals: Dziozbak-Frederick def. Nick Hadley-Jason Sorenson (Dn.), 6-7, 6-2, 7-6; Denstred-Prince def. Matt De-Mike Williams (Woodhaven), 6-3, 6-3.  
No. 2 doubles: Mayuresh Iyer-Steven Van Wormer (C) def. Chase Timhan-Jason Wysocki (LS), 2-6, 6-2, 6-4;  
semifinals: Iyer-VanWormer def. Tyler Katona-Ali Habibab (Dn.), 6-1, 6-4;  
semifinals: Timhan-Wysocki def. Corbin Desjardins-Andrew Michel (Woodhaven), 6-3, 6-2.  
No. 3: Ahmed Hussain-Joe Ozmalowski (LS) def. Tony Garza-Tyler Keagy (Woodhaven), 3-6, 6-1, 6-4;  
semifinals: Hussain-Ozmalowski def. Adam Monroe-Dylan Bowling (LF), 6-1, 6-2; Garza-Keagy def. MIT Patel-Ayidya Vemulapati (C), 1-6, 6-2, 6-1.

No. 4: Chris Haldane-Tom Cwik (LS) def. Austin Watson-Holten Spencer (Dn.), 6-3, 6-0;  
semifinals: Haldane-Cwik def. Daniel Dayfield-Drew Holland (Woodhaven), 6-3, 6-3; Watson-Spencer def. Connor King-Raymond Peters, 6-4, 6-1.

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# MU secures 4th win in row; Lady Ocelots derailed, 6-2

The Madonna University women's soccer team extended its winning streak to four games Monday with a 3-0 victory over visiting Rochester College.

Amanda Ferrick notched her first two goals of the season in the 88th and 89th minutes as MU improved to 7-5 overall with the non-conference victory.

After a scoreless opening half, Madonna's Morgan Himanek tallied her first of the year in the 74th minute on an assist from Liliana Serratos.

Ferrick then scored from Jennifer Jurack and followed with her second on an unassisted effort of a rebound following a penalty kick.

MU freshman goalkeeper Blaie Schmalenberg had to make just two saves to record the shutout.

Cheyenne Daniels had seven saves for Rochester (11-14).

**MONROE (N.Y.) 6, SCHOOLCRAFT 2:** Natalie Rogers had a pair of goals and one assist Sunday as 10th-ranked Monroe Community College (13-1) downed host Schoolcraft College (11-4-2).

Ally Sharpe also chipped in with a goal, three assists, while Ali Campbell, Taylor Wingerden and Jori Semau also tallied goals as Monroe outscored the Lady Ocelots 5-2 in the second half.

"We started out strong and had some good looks at goal," Schoolcraft coach Deepak Shivram said. "I thought it was a case of breaking the cardinal rule about falling asleep on the job. We needed to stay vigilant defensively."

"Half of our goals resulted from poor marking. But it also falls on our offensive players because few realize that a small mistake or turnover on the offensive side has ramifications on our defense. It's collective responsibility." This is one of our team tenets.

Schoolcraft got goals from Samantha Jarrett, her seventh off a penalty kick in the 63rd minute, along with Lauren Badalamenti, who notched her eighth in the 90th minute on an unassisted effort.

Schoolcraft goalkeeper Alexis Smith (Livonia Franklin) gave up two goals in 15 minutes, while Tara Gessler allowed four in 60 minutes before giving way to Danielle Schendel (Canton). **MADONNA 2, MARYGROVE 1:** Freshman goalkeeper Blaie Schmalenberg made several saves as Madonna University (6-5, 3-1) earned the Women's Hoosier Athletic Conference victory Saturday at Marygrove College (6-7, 1-3-1).

After making four saves in the first half, Schmalenberg had to make three stops in the second half, none bigger than in the final minute of play when Cheyenne York sent in a shot that the freshman was able to get a hand on it and prevent the victory.

Marygrove took a 1-0 lead in the fifth minute on Katryn Vopat's six goal of the season, but MU's Ashley Parent scored her eighth of the season in the 17th minute off an assist from Katryn Krysiak.

In the 43rd minute, Krysiak tallied her ninth of the year for the game-winner off an assist from Parent.

Deanna Lintz made two saves for the Mustangs. **SCHOOLCRAFT 3, MUSKOGEE CC 0:** In the rain and on a slick field Saturday, Schoolcraft College (11-3-2, 5-0-1) earned the MCCA win on penalty by Taylor Bunyuk, Emily Behnke and Kayla Szado at Muskegon Community College (5-2, 2-1).

Bunyuk's goal came from close range off a cross from Lauren Badalamenti in the 42nd minute. Behnke scored unassisted in the 54th minute and Bunyuk set up Szado (Livonia Churchill) in the 82nd minute.

Tara Gessler, who made six saves in 70 minutes, and Alexis Smith, who added one in 20 minutes, combined on the shutout.

Schoolcraft also improves 7-12 in NJCAA Region XII, while Muskegon is 5-5-1.



Canton's Griffin Parks (7) was denied by Garden City goal-keeper Matt Wisniewski (6) on this shot, but he later scored a goal in the Chiefs' 7-0 victory.

# Canton firepower too much for Cougars

By Ed Wright  
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Garden City's boys soccer team could have drawn a tougher opponent than the one they squared off against in Tuesday's Division I district opener at Canton — perhaps Manchester United or FC Barcelona.

Unfortunately for the Cougars, they drew the host Chiefs, who kicked-started their defense of their 2011 Division I state championship with a 7-0 triumph.

The Chiefs mounted a precision-passing attack the likes of which the Cougars rarely saw in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference, yet GC battled toe-to-toe with their talent-stocked foes for extended periods.

"For long stretches, I thought we played really good," said first-year GC head coach Jeff Szyplu, whose team finished 6-11-4. "Probably for 25 minutes of the game we didn't stay with them, but the rest of the game we were right."

"They're such a quick-passing team that they move off the ball so well. They get an overlapping runner going and our outside mids didn't recover quick enough."

Canton head coach George Tomasso, whose team will carry a 16-3-2 record into Thursday's district semifinal clash with Plymouth-Canton Educational Park in Salem, was impressed by his team's sharing ways on Tuesday.

"We played more of a team game tonight than we've played throughout the season," said Tomasso. "The guys were so unselfish; it was definitely one of our better performances this season."

"What impressed me the most was the way we combined and moved up

the ball. Then we rewarded ourselves at the end of the build-up by scoring goals."

**Close for a while**

It's doubtful the game would have gone the distance if someone other than senior goal-keeper Matt Wisniewski was protecting the Cougars' net. Wisniewski put the wraps on a stellar career by making several spectacular saves — including two stops on penalty kicks — in his high school swan song.

"I thought their goalkeeper was absolutely fantastic — and that's coming from another goal-keeper," said Tomasso. "He made a couple outrageous saves. He did everything he could to keep his team in the game."

Canton keepers Ian Wingate (the starter) and Brandon Pickett (who relieved Wingate mid-way through the second half) were rarely tested by the Cougars, who had a difficult time penetrating the Chiefs' back wall.

Canton jumped ahead 1-0 in the match's fifth minute when Nick Tomei lashed home a shot from 12 yards out.

Wisniewski kept the game close when he made point-blank saves on Cody Widlak and Griffin Parks with 12:43 and 10:05 left in the half, respectively.

The Chiefs finally took the bull by the horns during a three-minute stretch late in the first half when they banged in three net-finders.

Senior captain Scott Pliwora made it 2-0 with 8:26 left while inter-mission when he ripped a shot past Wisniewski after securing a pass from Parks.

Ninety seconds later, Canton's Bobby Budlong scored after his high, hard riser dented the cross-bar

before finding the back of the net. Pliwora capped the three-goals-in-five-minutes assault with a sizzling no-doubter after chasing down a through ball about 15 yards out.

Sophomore Jack Zemanis made sure the second-half momentum stayed with the Chiefs when he one-timed a pass from Pliwora into the top-right shelf of the netting, upping his team's lead to 5-0.

Three minutes later, Parks finished a thread-the-needle pass from Budlong.

Wisniewski's first scintillating PK save came at the expense of Budlong, whose hard, humming shot was deflected out of harm's way by the Cougars' diving keeper.

Canton's Carter Schenk closed the scoring when he one-timed a pass from Bryan Tolinski into the goal with 18:07 to play.

Wisniewski's second PK save came with 13:32 left when he stuffed a freebie by Brian Gam, then jumped on a rebound attempt.

"I feel bad for our seniors because I know they wanted to go out on a positive note," Szyplu said, "but at least they got a shot at playing against the defending state champs. We have about 12 guys returning next year, so we have a lot going for us."

**SALEM 8, FRANKLIN 0:** Tyler Fosdick and Connor Cole each scored a pair of goals Tuesday as the Cougars (5-2-4) opened Division I district play with a victory at Livonia Franklin (16-12).

The KLAS Association champions also got goals from William Benintende, Brady Cole, Matt Schroeder and Chris Dierker.

Salem will face Canton at 5 p.m. Thursday in a district semifinal.

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## CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

**ANN ARBOR BOYS TEAM STANDINGS**  
Division 1): 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 31 points; 2. Plymouth, 68; 3. Clarkston, 71; 4. Berkley, 121; 5. Wayne Memorial, 141; 6. Walked Lake Western, 154; 7. Grosse Pointe North, 178; 8. Ann Arbor Pioneer (B), 206; 9. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 226; 10. Birmingham Groves, 251; 11. Belleville, 291.  
**Individual winners:** Costa Willets (Pioneer), 15:47.03 (5,000 meters).

Uriel Figueroa, 19:17.74. Kyle Saavedra, 21:19.  
**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (Division 3):** 1. Napoleon, 35; 2. Lutheran Hill Westland, 110; 3. Jackson Christian, 111; 4. Royal Oak Shrine, 116; 5. Plymouth Christian, 121; 6. Waterloo Our Lady of the Lakes, 124; 7. Homer, 186; 8. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 202; 10. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 228; 10. Ottawa Lake Whitford, 248 (13 schools).  
**Individual winner:** Ben Kendall (Shrine), 16:24.13 (5,000 meters).

Masey, 22:09.4.  
**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (Division 3):** 1. Homer, 40 points; 2. Royal Oaks Shrine, 60; 3. Napoleon, 72; 4. Lutheran Westland, 79; 5. Ottawa Lake Whitford, 188; 6. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 219; 7. Wilson St. Catherine deSena, 218; 8. Jackson Christian, 218; 9. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 233; 10. Ipsilanti Arbor Prep, 251; 11. Athens, 252.  
**Individual winner:** Jessica Reagle (Homer), 19:39.92 (5,000 meters).

**Lutheran Westland finishers:** 12. Eric Smith, 17:58.19; 14. Hunter Roedel, 18:00.24; 23. Daniel Bunge, 18:32.37; 30. Peter Sillarska, 18:54.69; 36. Ian O'Banion, 19:18.05; 74. Matthew Parent, 21:29.77. Josiah

**Lutheran Westland finishers:** 10. Jessica Driefe, 21:04.26; 16. Michelle Greening, 21:24.16; 28. Alana Hill, 22:14.18; 32. Angela Morrison, 22:53.73; 39. Megan Hill, 23:34.49; 43. Rachel Wiggins, 23:48.15.

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to end tonight."

According to Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich, it was Olah who "put the team on his back" after a first half where the Chargers kept the Wildcats (9-7-0) from putting too much pressure on Churchill junior goalkeeper Colton Robison.

Churchill (6-10-2) got off to a fast start with an unassisted tally by junior forward Luke Otto (who missed most of the season recovering from a knee injury) with 8:22 left in the opening half. Plymouth goalie Mario Gruszynski came out trying to cut off the play, but the ball slid underneath him into the cage.

About three minutes later, Churchill went up 2-0 when junior Patrick Adegbita-Martins converted a feed from junior Tyler Piotrowski.

But at halftime, Neschich reminded his team they'd have a brisk wind at their back for the second half and to crank up the offense.

The Wildcats picked up the pace, all right. With 24 minutes left in regulation, Plymouth senior Teddy Phillips sent the ball over 15 yards to the top of the 18-yard box.

Olah recalled the pass, spun and drove a shot inside the right post.

Plymouth kept making gains in territorial play and finally got back to even with 4:52 remaining.

Junior Viet Nguyen's through-ball found Olah as the latter dashed inside the box and the resulting boot from about 15 yards to the top of Robison — desperately — coming out to try for a sliding stop — and inside the right post.

At 4:15 of the first 10-minute overtime (two sessions automatically are played), Olah rammied the ball inside the left post this time. Assisting was senior for-

ward DK Kim, who Olah praised (along with Phillips and Nguyen) for their playmaking contributions to his goal surge.

Churchill turned up the heat midway through the second OT and came within inches of sending the game into penalty.

A hard shot by junior Andrew Smutek from the left side of the box was blocked by the sprawling Gruszynski. The ball did dribble off the keeper toward a right side of the goal.

Adegbite-Martins then barely missed depositing the loose ball into the Plymouth goal.

"When you have a 2-0 lead at halftime, that should be enough," Churchill head coach Matthew Grodzicki said. "Give Plymouth credit, though. Olah was unbelievable. Of course, this was a tough way to end it for our seniors. Still, I'm proud of the way we fought."

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# Civil War songs



The Dodworth Saxhorn Band, wearing period costumes and playing music of the 19th century on instruments of the era, will perform 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile, in Novi. Through music, song, audience participation, drama, poetry, dance and theater, the Dodworth Band, based in Ann Arbor, brings America's past to life. The group has performed at the White House, worked with filmmaker Ken Burns and opened the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Salute to America concerts at Greenfield Village. The upcoming concert, kicks off Meadowbrook's 2012-13 Music Series. Admission to the concert is free; suggested donation is \$10 per person and \$25 per family. For more information, call Jeannette Faber, at (248) 348-7157 or e-mail to jeannettefab@gmail.com. Visit the church website at www.mbcc.org.

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Age 84 of Canton Township, formerly of Royal Oak, died October 13, 2012. Beloved wife of the late George. Dear mother of Deborah Drager, Steven, and Scott (Belinda). Proud grandmother of six, and great-grandmother of three. The family will gather with friends on Saturday October 20, 2012 from 10:30 AM until the 11 AM Memorial Service at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church Street (west of Main Street) Plymouth MI 48170. Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, or to Star Presbyterian Church, 1717 W. 13 Mile Rd., Royal Oak MI 48073.  
To share a memory, please visit [vernesfuneralhome.com](http://vernesfuneralhome.com)

**SCOTT, PATRICIA M.**  
Asheville, NC, age 87, died October 13 in Asheville, NC. Born in Detroit, MI. She graduated from Denby High School in 1935. A long-time resident of Plymouth, MI and Blacksburg, VA. Pat served as Exhibits Director of the Plymouth Historical Museum and was active in several community organizations, including the Plymouth Garden Club. She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Robert Bruce Scott, with whom she raised three children: Lana Burns of Asheville, Jeffrey Scott of Lexington, VA, and Chris Scott of Brentwood, TN. She was the proud grandmother of Rachel, Ethan, Lara, and Kira, and was an avid gardener, birdwatcher, and collector. A private interment will be held in Plymouth, MI at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Alzheimer's charity of your choice. Grace Funeral Home at Lake Julian in Arden, NC is assisting the family and a memorial register is available online at [www.gracefuneralhome.com](http://www.gracefuneralhome.com).

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

**DAHLSTROM HELEN JOAN (DIGNO)**  
Of Farmington Hills, MI passed away on October 14, 2012. She was born in Detroit in July 12, 1920 and later moved to Ferndale where she attended Lincoln High School. Helen graduated with the help of scholarships and working several jobs she put herself through college, graduating with a Bachelor of Education degree from Michigan State Normal College (now Eastern Michigan University). She later received her Master's in Education from Wayne State University. Helen met Carl Dahlstrom at MSNC and they were married in Ferndale in 1953. Helen taught in Southfield and Lapeer before coming with Carl to Farmington. They both taught in the Farmington Schools for 37 years, retiring in 1992. During this time they raised three children, Jon, Laurie and Nancy. Helen was involved in many organizations over her lifetime including the Farmington Education Association and later the retired teachers association. She was a longtime member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), various church organizations and the Swedish Club of Farmington. Helen was a kind and generous person who will be sadly missed by family, friends, and all who met her. Helen is preceded in death by her husband Carl, daughter Nancy and brother Richard. Left to cherish her memories are son Jon (Barbara) Dahlstrom, daughter Laurie (Chuck Ulrich) Dahlstrom, grandchildren Jennifer, Kevin, Angela, Christopher, Brian (Molly) and Allison, brother Melvin (Evelyn) Digno and sister-in-law Mary Digno. Also missing her will be many nieces, nephews, cousins and long-time friends. Funeral Saturday 11 a.m. First Presbyterian Church of Farmington 26165 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills 48334. Visitation Friday 2-8 p.m. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home 33601 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington. [www.thayer-rock.com](http://www.thayer-rock.com)

**DEVIC VIRGINIA ANN (MEEK)**  
Virginia went to be with the Lord on Sept. 17, 2012. She was the loving wife of Albert for 63 years and beloved mother of Sandra (Gary) Mills and Judy (Christopher) Nelson. Ginny was the proud grandmother of Christopher and Matthew Ockerman, Timothy, Steven, Andrew and Peter Nelson and Great Grandmother to Seth and Emma Ockerman. Virginia was a member of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville, and a former member of Trinity EPC in Plymouth. Virginia enjoyed gardening and was actively involved with Friends for the Development of Greenmoor in Livonia. During the many years she served on this committee, she helped organize both the Greenmoor Garden Walk and Christmas Walks. Visitation and a Memorial service were attended by many friends and family on Thursday, September 20th at Heeneys-Sandquist Funeral Home. If you wish to remember Virginia, memorial contributions can be made to Friends for the Development of Greenmoor.

**SALSBERRY, DEBRA ANN**  
Born March 1, 1955, passed away October 15, 2012, age 57. Loving wife of Michael Sr. Dear mother of Kimberly ( fiance Jerry Vaughn), Michael Jr. and Crystal (Richard Harding). Grandmother of Tyler Salsberry, Dale Vaughn and Hannah Harding. Daughter of Roy and Margaret Jerril. Sister of Roy (Lisa) Jerril. Jr. Visitation Thursday 5pm-9pm and Friday 12 noon until 9pm at the Schaefer-Howell Funeral Home, 240 South Main Street, Plymouth, where the funeral services will be held on Saturday, 12 noon. Share your special thoughts and memories at [www.schaefer-howell.com](http://www.schaefer-howell.com)

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**MARY ANN (KATZ) BLOVEDY** mother, wife and daughter died peacefully Monday morning after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease at the age of 74. Mary Ann is survived by her husband, Don Perry, who was at her side when she passed away. She is also survived by her three children, David, Daniel and Deanna and her five grandchildren, David, Joe, Ian, Danny and Mac. Mary Ann was born and raised in Negawee, Michigan and did everything at Negawee High School, starting in school plays, cheerleading, serving on the student council and getting straight A's which earned her a full scholarship to Western Michigan University. While there she met and married her first husband, settled in Livonia, Michigan and raised their three children. She was first and foremost a wonderful mom who shielded her kids to hockey and ballet, helped them through school and lifted them up with guidance, love and support. Mary Ann was known for her keen intelligence, wicked sense of humor and her kind heart. She loved to make porcelain dolls, take long motorcycle trips with her husband Don and was a voracious reader. Mary Ann excelled as a purchasing agent, financial planner and business owner but her favorite job was being a grandmother and spoiling her grandkids with toys and laughter. Private family funeral services are Thursday (today) at the St. John's Episcopal Church in Negawee. Mary Ann will be buried beside her sister Katie and her wonderful parents, Donald and Helen MacDonald in the Negawee City Cemetery. After a long and brave struggle, her suffering is over. She is home.

## RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto: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, applesauce, 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 bar, entertainment. Proceeds benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Contact: Get tickets at [www.secondhelping.org](http://www.secondhelping.org) or call (313) 579-2100, Ext. 153  
**CLOTHING BAK**  
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27

**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 4192 Joy Road, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton  
**Details:** Free clothing  
**Contact:** (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480  
**COAT EXCHANGE**  
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27  
**Location:** St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road, Livonia  
**Details:** The kids coat exchange will be held the church's fall festival and "trunk or treat" activities. Participants may take a coat if needed or donate coats for others. Any remaining coats at the end of the day will be donated to Redford Interfaith for distribution to local children in need of a winter coat. Coat donations will be accepted in the church office during regular business hours  
**Contact:** (734) 422-1470

**CONCERT**  
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21  
**Location:** Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 3920 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.detroitluthersingers.com](http://www.detroitluthersingers.com)

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<p><b>ASSEMBLIES OF GOD</b></p> <p><b>OPEN ARMS CHURCH</b> Worship: Sunday 10:30 am Children's Programs Available Kid's Shop Preschool Now Enrolling 248.474.0001 Meet our New Pastor Garry Jensen &amp; Assoc. Pastor Abbe Pizzini</p> <p>33810 W. 7 Mile Rd., Livonia 48152 Worship: Fellowship &amp; Miracles Arrive from 9:30-10:00 248.471.5262</p> <p><b>For Information regarding this Directory, please call Sue Sare at 248-437-2111 ext. 247 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:ssare@hometownlife.com">ssare@hometownlife.com</a></b></p>			

## See Three Cities Art Club works at eatery, mall show

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Marilyn Meredith's acrylic painting, "Mountain Birches" is getting a lot of exhibit time this month, but you won't find it in a traditional gallery.

The colorful piece — along with works by other members of the Three Cities Art Club — has turned the walls of a local restaurant into an exhibit space.

They'll do the same for a shopping mall this weekend.

Meredith, who is president of the Club, and members Sharon Dillenbeck and Allen Brooks began displaying their works at Westland Charhouse restaurant last month. They and 14 other Three Cities members also will show art Friday-Sunday, Oct. 19-21 inside Westland Shopping Center. Meredith credits Brooks for both programs, which are designed to bring more art to Westland, while giving artists an audience for their works. Brooks, a photographer, asked Westland Charhouse owners John and Cindy Dakis if Three Cities Art Club members could show their works at the eatery. They agreed.

"What we'd like to do is rotate (the paintings and photos) and other members will have some of their art up," Meredith said, explaining how Three Cities artists will share the wall space.



PHOTOS BY STEPHEN CANTRELL, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Restaurant owner Cindy Dakis (left) enables artists, such as Sharon Lee Dillenbeck (right) to display their paintings at the Westland Charhouse. Dillenbeck's painting is called "Lirises in the Garden."

Meredith said Brooks also "got the show going" at Westland Shopping Center. "Festival of the Arts" is sponsored by the Westland Rotary Club and will be judged by Michigan Senator Glen Anderson, Westland Mayor Bill Wild, Westland Rotary Club President Antoinette Martin, and the shopping center's General Manager Carol Rutz on Saturday.

"He (Brooks) used to be president of Rotary and decided to bring more art to Westland.

There is no art show in Westland. There is no art club," Meredith said.

**New exhibit site**

Three Cities Art Club previously staged shows at the Canton Public Library, but found it increasingly difficult to book three consecutive days for an exhibit at the venue, Meredith said. Westland Shopping Center became the solution.

Approximately 100 paintings and photos will be on display at



Marilyn Meredith, president of Three Cities Art Club shows her painting, "Mountain Birches," which she removed from Westland Charhouse restaurant this week, to display at the upcoming Festival of the Arts exhibit at Westland Shopping Center.

the Festival of the Arts, which will run from 10:30 a.m. Friday to 5 p.m. Sunday, at the shopping center, located at 35000 Warren Road.

Dillenbeck, who owns D&M Art Studio in Canton, will present an art demonstration specifically for kids from 4-5 p.m. Friday.

Entertainment will include a dance performance from 4-5 p.m. Saturday, music by Livonia Symphony Orchestra mem-

bers from 3-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and songs by Harmony Town Chorus, 5-6 p.m. Saturday and 4-5 p.m. Sunday.

**Hands-on art**

Deana Salhaney and Liz Gulikson will join Meredith and Dillenbeck in a "Paint-Off," from 2-3:30 p.m. Saturday.

"It's more of a demonstration," said Meredith, noting that each artist will employ a different art medium.

She'll demonstrate acrylic painting by working on a piece she started outdoors at a plein air session last weekend.

"Last year I painted for quite a while," Meredith said, describing the Paint-Off. "I sold the painting I was finishing at the show. Someone bought the painting before I was even finished with it."

Club members' art work is for sale at both the Festival of the Arts and at Westland Charhouse, 35613 Warren Road.

Information about membership in the club also will be available at the Festival of the Arts.

The group meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of the month from September-June at Canton Township Hall, located on S. Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill. It draws artists of all skill levels from throughout the Detroit Metro area.

For more information call (313) 231-3939 or visit [www.threecitiesartclub.org](http://www.threecitiesartclub.org).

## Auction benefits Michigan Philharmonic

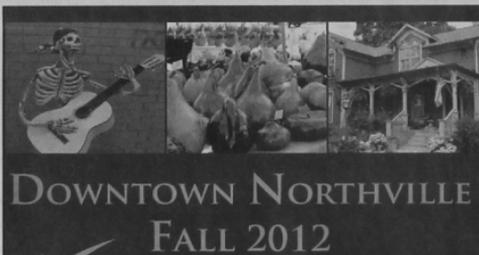
Bid on furniture, toys, electronics, collectibles and more at the Friends of the Michigan Philharmonic charity auction, 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at the Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

A preview and "Buy it Now" sale will start at 6 p.m. and food will be available

for purchase from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Joe Carli will be the auctioneer. For photos of auction items, visit [www.com](http://www.com).

For more information, call Jeanette Sullivan at (734) 455-9674 or (734) 748-3950.

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**DIA Inside/Out Exhibit** — Daily, Now thru October  
[www.downtownnorthville.com](http://www.downtownnorthville.com)

**Maybury Farm Corn Maze** — Daily, Now thru November 4  
Northville Community Foundation (248) 374-0200

**Children's Marketplace in Northville Square** — Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (248) 773-7664

**Farmers Market** — Thursdays, Now thru October 25 (8 a.m.-2 p.m.)  
[www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org)

**First Friday Experience** — First Friday of Each Month (6-9 p.m.)  
[www.downtownnorthville.com](http://www.downtownnorthville.com)

**OCTOBER & NOVEMBER EVENTS:**

**Costume Parade and Trick or Treat Street** — October 27  
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**Girls Night Out** — November 9 — NCBA (248) 347-1642

**Holiday Lighted Parade** — November 16 (6:30 p.m.)  
[www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org)

**Greens Market Weekend** — November 17 & 18  
[www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org)



It's time to don a costume, eat some candy and prepare for a little scary — or merry — fun.

Here's a sampling of seasonal activities:

**Cinema shockers**

• Shock-tober Series at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth features the 1931 version of *Dracula*, starring Bela Lugosi, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, and *Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein*, a 1948 film, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27. The Penn is located at 760 Penniman; (734) 453-0870; [www.penntheatre.com](http://www.penntheatre.com)

• See *The Bride of Frankenstein* and *Frankenstein Meets the Wolf Man*, 8 p.m. Oct. 19 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Oct. 20 at the Redford Theatre, located 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit. *Evil Dead*, written and directed by Michigan native, Sam Raimi, starring Bruce Campbell and Ellen Sandweiss, runs Friday, Oct. 26. Doors open at 11 p.m. and film starts at midnight. \$5. See the silent horror films, *The Haunted House*, with Buster Keaton and *The Cat and the Canary* with Laura La Plante, 8 p.m. Oct. 27. \$12 for adults and \$8 for children. (313) 537-2560

**Corn maze**

Take a wagon ride to and from the maze, 6-10 p.m. Friday, 1-10 p.m. Saturday and 1-7 p.m. Sunday, every weekend through Nov. 4, at Maybury Farm, 50165 Eight Mile, west of Beck, Northville Township. Admission is \$5 per person. Find eight wooden animals hiding in the maze and get a chance to spin a wheel and win a prize. (248) 374-0200.

**Halloween walks**

• Hear tales of Plymouth's ghosts and meet characters from the community's past at the Plymouth Historical Museum's "Plymouth Characters" Cemetery Walk, Saturday, Oct. 27 at River-

side Cemetery, located on Plymouth Road, west of Haggerty. Walks start at 4 p.m. at the Mausoleum, with small groups departing every 15 minutes. The last tour leaves at 7:30 p.m. Bring flashlights for later walk times. Advance tickets are \$10 per person or buy a Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum membership and get up to two tickets free. Tour times will be assigned at the time of ticket purchase. Buy tickets using PayPal at [www.plymouthhistory.org](http://www.plymouthhistory.org) or at the Museum, 155 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. Tickets are \$15 at the cemetery the day of the event.

• Meet "not-so-scary" forest dwellers on a guided night hike Friday, Oct. 19 at Nankin Mills, located on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Children may dress in costume for this event that will conclude with an indoor presentation of live creatures from around the world. Hikes start at 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 per child and \$2 per adult for Wayne County residents. Out-of-county residents pay \$1 more per ticket. Registration is a must at (734) 261-1900.

• Follow a jack-o'-lantern-lined path, meet costumed characters and stop at treat stations, Oct. 19-21 and 26-28 in Greenfield Village at the Henry Ford, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Time slots are available every half hour from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12.75 for members and \$15 for non-members. Parking is \$5. Get tickets at [thehenryford.org](http://thehenryford.org).

• Youngsters can trick-or-treat along a pumpkin-lined trail, watch a live musical, play games, get prizes, and walk through a hay maze at Zoo Boo, 6-8 p.m. Oct. 19-21 and 26-28 at the Detroit Zoo, located on the I-696 service drive at Woodward Ave., in Royal Oak. Tickets are \$7 for ages 2 and up. Chose 6

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p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Additional time slots are 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27. Buy tickets online at [www.detroitzoo.org](http://www.detroitzoo.org) or at Booth One at the front of the Detroit Zoo

### Haunted Horns

Canton Concert Band performs its 8th annual benefit concert, 2 p.m. Oct. 27, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton. Admission is a donation at the door. [www.cantonband.com](http://www.cantonband.com)

### Pardies

Kids can pumpkin bowl, enter a costume contest, chalk on the sidewalk and get candy at Pumpkin Palooza, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, in downtown Plymouth. Other games, live entertainment, and hands-on

art activities round out the fun. For more information visit [www.plymouthmich.org](http://www.plymouthmich.org) or call the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540.

Parade in costume, take a hayride, play in an inflatable and go trick or treating at the free Halloween Festival sponsored by Wayne County Parks, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Nankin Mills picnic area, located on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. (734) 261-1990.

A free movie, face painting, pumpkin painting, Halloween stories and more will get kids into the Halloween spirit during Halloween Fun Day, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, in downtown Farmington; [www.downtownfarmington.org](http://www.downtownfarmington.org).

The Haunted Halloween Family Party at the Arab American National Museum offers "merry

not scary" trick-or-treating, crafts, games and stories, karaoke and a pizza feast, 4-6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Museum, 13624 Michigan Ave., in Dearborn. Tickets for children are \$8 at the door or \$7 in advance at [www.arabamericanmuseum.org](http://www.arabamericanmuseum.org). Admission for adults is free. Adult pizza lunches will be available for \$2.

Adults, 21 and over, can dance, watch the Detroit Circus perform, get their fortunes told, and vie for cash prizes in a costume contest at Haunted in the House, the fourth annual Halloween party and fundraiser for the Michigan Opera Theatre, 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Tickets are \$35 in advance; \$40 the day of the event. Call (313) 237-SING or visit [www.HauntedInTheHouse.com](http://www.HauntedInTheHouse.com).

### Pets in costume

The 4th annual Howl-een Pet Costume Contest runs noon to 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, in The Gathering, across from Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. It's free to enter and will award first, second and third place winners with prizes. Register from 11:45 a.m.-noon. Pets must be current on vaccinations and be both people- and pet-friendly. (734) 455-6620; [www.ci.plymouth.mi.us/recreationspecials/](http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us/recreationspecials/)

Howl-O-Ween Dog Park Party includes costume contests, games and prizes for dogs, 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Wayne County Dog Park, located at Hawthorne Ridge Park on Hines Drive, east of Meridian Road in Westland. The event is free and will include pet-related vendors and light refreshments; (734) 261-1990.

### Pumpkins

Find pumpkins, gourds, corn stalks and take a pony ride 10 a.m.-8 p.m. week days and 11 a.m.-7 p.m. week-ends through Oct. 28 at the Wilson Barn, located at W. Chicago Road and Middlebelt, in Livonia. Get apple cider, coffee, hot chocolate and doughnuts inside the barn. A craft show is open 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Oct. 19-21 and 26-28. Haunted Barn for youngsters, 12 and under is noon to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 20-21 and 27-28. Catch a performance by Uke 'n' sing at 2 p.m., Oct. 21. [www.wilsonbarn.us](http://www.wilsonbarn.us).

Polar bears love pumpkins. They'll smash a fell at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, during Halloween treat enrichment time at the Detroit Zoo, located on the 1-696 service drive at Woodward Ave., in Royal Oak. Vultures, chimps, rhinos, wolver-

ines, bison, snow monkeys, zebra, anteaters and bear-bears will get a chance to rip apart, squash and eat Halloween treats, too. The feeding schedule runs every half hour from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; [www.detroitzoo.org](http://www.detroitzoo.org).

### Spook show

Magician Keith Stickle, also known as Dr. Scream, combines a live magic and illusion show, audience encounters with ghouls and ghosts, along with a cult horror feature film, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 26-27 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton. Dr. Scream's Spook Show is designed for patrons, 12 and over. Tickets are \$15 each and are available online at [www.cantonvillageheater.org](http://www.cantonvillageheater.org) or at the Village Theater Box Office one hour before show time; (734) 394-5300.



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### Creepy Crawly Cakes

Makes 4 dozen or 24 (2 cake pop) servings.  
Prep Time: 45 minutes  
Cook Time: 35 minutes  
Refrigerate: 2 hours

1 package (15 1/2 to 18 1/2 ounces) white cake mix  
1 teaspoon pure orange extract  
1 teaspoon yellow food color  
1 teaspoon red food color  
1 cup marshmallow creme  
White confectionery coating wafers, such as Wilton White Candy Melts  
Black confectionery coating wafers, such as Wilton Black Candy Melts  
Semi-sweet baking chocolate  
Assorted candies for decorating

1. Prepare cake mix as directed on package, adding orange extract and food colors. Bake as directed on package for 13- by 9-inch baking pan. Cool completely on wire rack.
2. Crumble cake into large bowl. Add marshmallow creme; mix until well blended. Shape into 1-inch balls. Refrigerate 2 hours.
3. Melt coating wafers or chocolate as directed on package. Using a fork, dip 1 cake ball at a time into the confectionery coating or melted chocolate. Tap back of fork 2 or 3 times against edge of dish to allow excess to drip off. Place cake balls on wax paper-lined tray.
4. Decorate as desired.  
Decorating tips:
  - Spider — Coat in black coating or melted chocolate. Add black string licorice for legs and red candy-coated pieces for eyes.
  - Ghosts — Coat in white coating to resemble ghosts. Add cut black jelly beans for eyes and mouth.
  - Vampire Bats — Coat in black coating or melted chocolate. Use red candy-coated pieces for eyes, white tips of candy corns for fangs and cut up licorice wheels for wings and ears.

Test Kitchen Tips:

- For 1 batch Cake Truffles, you will need about 1 pound confectionery coating wafers or chocolate.
- Confectionery coating, also known as almond bark, is used for candy making and coating. It is packaged in wafer form and is available in a variety of colors and flavors, including milk and dark chocolate. It is found in the cake decorating aisle of craft and party stores.

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Black Velvet Whoopie Pies



Creepy Crawly Cake Truffles

### Candy Corn Cupcakes

Makes 24 (1 cupcake) servings.  
Prep Time: 30 minutes  
Cook Time: 20 minutes

1 package (18 1/2 ounces) white cake mix  
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract  
Assorted food colors  
1 container (16 ounces) vanilla frosting  
Assorted decorations, such as orange sprinkles and candy corn

1. Prepare cake mix as directed on package, adding vanilla. Divide batter in half. Tint one batch yellow with 1/2 teaspoon yellow food color. Tint second batch orange with 1/2 teaspoon yellow food color and 1/2 teaspoon red food color.
2. Fill each paper-lined muffin cup 3/4 full with yellow batter. Gently add orange batter on top of yellow batter, filling each muffin cup 3/4 full. Bake as directed on package for cupcakes. Cool cupcakes on wire rack.
3. Frost cupcakes. Decorate with sprinkles and candy corn.

Test kitchen tip: For easier measurement, 1/2 teaspoon food color equals 20-25 drops.



Candy Corn Cupcakes

### Orange Hocus Pocus Fizz

Makes 6 servings.  
Prep Time: 5 minutes

1 cup pineapple juice  
1/2 cup rum  
1/2 teaspoon imitation coconut extract  
3 drops red food color  
2 drops yellow food color  
1 bottle (750 ml) sparkling white wine

1. Mix pineapple juice, rum, coconut extract and food colors in measuring cup.
2. For each cocktail, pour 2 ounces pineapple juice mixture into beverage glass. Top with 4 ounces sparkling white wine.

Tips:

- How to Rim Glass with Black-Tinted Sugar: Place 2 tablespoons sugar in small resealable plastic bag. Add 10 drops McCormick Black Food Color. Seal bag. Knead sugar until the color is evenly distributed. Pour out onto shallow plate. Dip rim of beverage glass in water, then into black-tinted sugar to lightly coat.
- Test Kitchen Tips:
  - Beverage may also be prepared in a pitcher. Mix pineapple juice, rum, coconut extract and food colors in 2-quart pitcher. Add sparkling wine just before serving.
  - For a nonalcoholic version, omit rum, increase pineapple juice to 1 1/2 cups and use 1 bottle (750 ml) sparkling white grape juice in place of the sparkling white wine.



Orange Hocus Pocus Fizz

### Harvest Scarecrow Cookies

Prep Time: 30 minutes  
Cook Time: 9 to 10 minutes per batch

1 package (17.5 ounces) sugar cookie mix  
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract  
1 container (16 ounces) vanilla frosting  
54 sugar wafer cookies  
Shredded wheat cereal, broken up  
Assorted decorations, such as candy-coated pieces and red string licorice

1. Prepare cookie mix as directed on package, adding vanilla. Cut out rounds with 2 1/2-

inch round cookie cutter.  
2. Bake and cool cookies as directed on package.  
3. Frost cookies with vanilla frosting. For the scarecrow's hat, break a sugar wafer cookie in half. Press wafer cookie half into the top of the frosted cookie. Place a whole wafer cookie below the cookie half. Press shredded wheat around sides of the face for straw hair. Use candy-coated pieces and string licorice to decorate the face.

### Black Velvet Whoopie Pies

Makes 2 dozen or 24 (1 whoopie pie) servings.  
Prep Time: 30 minutes  
Cook Time: 8 minutes per batch

Cookies:

- 1 package (15 1/2 to 18 1/2 ounces) German chocolate cake mix with pudding
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 3 tablespoons McCormick Black Food Color
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup Pure Vanilla Extract
- Jack-O-Lantern Orange Filling
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened
- 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 jar (7 ounces) marshmallow cream
- 1/2 teaspoon pure orange extract
- 1/2 teaspoon red food color
- 1/2 teaspoon yellow food color

1. For the cookies, preheat

oven to 350°F. Beat cake mix, water, cocoa powder, oil, food color, eggs and vanilla in large bowl with electric mixer on low speed just until moistened, scraping sides of bowl frequently. Beat on medium speed 2 minutes.  
2. Spoon 1 tablespoon of batter, 2 inches apart, onto parchment paper-lined baking sheets. (Cookies will spread so avoid crowding them on baking sheet.)  
3. Bake 8 minutes or until cookies are puffed and spring back when touched, turning baking sheets halfway through baking. Cool on baking sheets 1 minute. Remove to wire racks; cool completely.  
4. For the orange filling, beat all ingredients in medium bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. To assemble the Whoopie Pies, place 1 tablespoon filling on flat side of 1 cookie. Top with a second cookie, pressing gently to spread the filling. Repeat with remaining cookies and filling.

## CITY BITES

### Rough brew

**PLYMOUTH** — Get a taste of beer brewed within the Rouge River Watershed at Friends of the Rouge's Fourth Annual Rouge Brew, 4 p.m. Sunday Nov. 4, at Liberty Street Brewing Company, 149 W. Liberty, Plymouth. The event will include the release of a special Rouge beer brewed with locally-grown hops. Rex Halpin of the Michigan Beer Guide will lead the tasting. Tickets are \$35 in advance at <http://therouge.org/index.php?id=691357> and include the tasting, light refreshments and a Friends of the Rouge pint glass. Any remaining tickets will be \$40 at the door. Proceeds from the event go to support Friends of the Rouge. For more information or to sign up, visit [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org), e-mail [monitoring@therouge.org](mailto:monitoring@therouge.org) or call (313) 792-9621.

### Wine sampling

**LIVONIA** — Community Opportunity Center will sponsor a Wine Tasting Benefit & Auction 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at Laurel Manor, located on the I-96 service drive, west of Newburgh. Ten vendors of fine wine, including several international wines, will be available for sampling. The event also will include a silent auction, live auction, and an elaborate array of hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$65 per person or \$120 per couple and are available by calling Diane or Larry Janes at (734) 422-5525. Community Opportunity Center, based in Livonia, is a non-profit management corporation that provides leadership and oversight to nearly 100 individuals with developmental disabilities who live among 23 homes and apartment settings in western Wayne County.

### Vegetarian holiday

**PLYMOUTH** — Tickets are available now for the 25th annual Vegetarian Holiday Tasting Extravaganza, planned for Sunday, Nov. 11 at the Metropolitan Adventist School Gymnasium, located on Hagerty, just north of Five Mile. The event will feature recipes containing many "super foods," which are defined as foods that can change your life according to academic science and peer-reviewed research clinical trials. Guests will get tips on serving a "green" holiday menu and get a chance to sample more than 60 non-meat dishes. The cooks serving their vegetarian family favorites also will be on hand to answer questions. Cookbooks with recipes of the sample dishes will be available for purchase. CDs with 20 years worth of recipes from the event also will be sold.

Adult tickets are \$14; children, 6-12, pay \$6. Adult tickets are \$14.00, child (6-12) \$6. Order for tickets need to include your choice of first, second or third seating at 11 a.m., 12-45 p.m., or 2:30 p.m. and total tickets you are ordering. Make checks payable to, Metro SDA School and mail to "Holiday Tasting," 695 N. Ridge Road, Canton, MI 48187-4635. Questions? Call the hotline at (248) 446-9176 or visit [www.vegetarianholiday.com](http://www.vegetarianholiday.com). For ticket availability on the day of the event call (734) 420-4044.

### Half-baked pizza

**METRO DETROIT** — You can eat Buddy's Pizza fresh out of the oven at home and celebrate National Pizza Month at the same time. The restaurant sells partially-baked pizza that customers can take home and finish baking in their own ovens. Pizzas can be personalized to reflect any taste or dietary restriction, as well as frozen. Choices include original, gluten free and multigrain crusts, original and tomato basil sauces, and a variety of cheeses including Wisconsin brick cheese, Buddy's Motor City Cheese blend and a casein-free vegan cheese. Place half-baked orders between 2-5 p.m. All half-baked pizzas are priced to match their fully-cooked equivalents. Buddy's is located in Auburn Hills, Dearborn, Detroit, Farmington Hills, Grosse Pointe, Livonia and Warren. Carryout sites are in Bloomfield Hills and Royal Oak. [www.buddyspizza.com](http://www.buddyspizza.com). National Pizza Month runs through Oct. 31.

### Honoring veterans

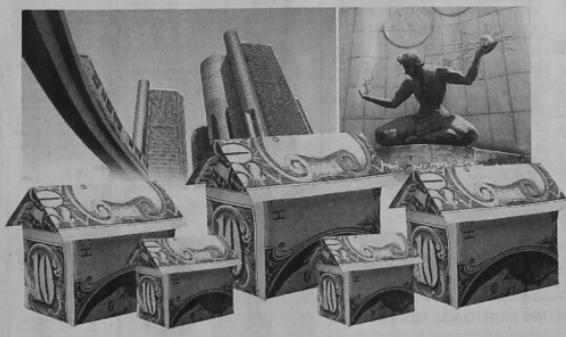
**NATIONWIDE** — Krispy Kreme stores will give veterans and active military personnel a free coffee and doughnut on Nov. 11, Veteran's Day. No purchase will be necessary, but guests must be in uniform or possess valid military identification. [www.krispykreme.com](http://www.krispykreme.com)

## Cooks stir up winning chili recipes

Out-of-state chili cooks took home the first place awards in the 17th annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off and Motorcycle Show, Sunday, Oct. 14, in downtown Plymouth. To top awards went to Ken Kostal of Marblehead, Ohio, for his "Island Heat Salsa" in the salsa category; Jim Stoddard of Coppell, Texas, for his "Alien Chili" in the chili verde category; and Richard Chauvin of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, for "South of the Border Chili" in the red to compete in the International Chili Society's World Championship Chili Cook-off next year. Chris Thompson of Westland took home the People's Choice award for his "Irish Fire Chili." Leo Buk of Trenton won an award for the best booth display for his "Nuclear Chili." Nineteen restaurants competed in the Restaurant Chili Challenge. The public awarded TAP at the MGM Grand Detroit People's Choice honors. Rub Pub BBQ, located in Detroit and Warren, earned an award in the "Best Judged" category.

## Industry report ranks metro Detroit tops in affordable housing

By Julie Brown  
DBE Staff Writer



Detroit tops the list of metro areas with more than one million households that require the least amount of income to buy a typically priced home. Chicago rounded out the top 10.

Metro Detroit was listed as 70.9 percent owner-occupied, according to the National Association of Realtors. While most of the metro areas listed are from the middle of the country, Tampa, Fla., and Riverside, Calif., also made the list.

The metro Detroit qualifying income for a down payment with 10 percent down was \$12,533, and for 20 percent down it was \$11,140. Twenty-three metro areas and divisions covered in NAR's initial review of 149 metro areas met the one million household threshold according to Census 2010 data.

Qualifying income is calculated by limiting the monthly principle and interest payment to 25 percent of income. The mortgage payment is calculated for a median priced home in the metro area assuming the given down payment and a 4 percent mortgage rate on a 30-year fixed rate mortgage.

Realtor Tony Schippa, president of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors, and of Coldwell Banker Preferred in Plymouth, said, "It's definitely good news. I believe the market is turning around. We have a shortage of inventory right now so that's bringing the values up, moving forward."

He agreed some major metro areas such as San Francisco are much more expensive for homebuyers.

Schippa has a friend who lives in San Francisco, where a

small condo was \$249,000 about five years ago. "That was for a 600-square-foot condo," he said. "My first apartment was 700 square feet."

Schippa is pleased with the recent direction of the local market.

"Prices are still at a good level. If you're renting, now is the time to buy. There are some good deals for first-time homebuyers."

Greater Detroit's population has declined, he said. "Homes in Detroit were going for \$10,000." The city is now trying to draw younger professionals, including those in Midtown and downtown Detroit.

"I think there's a good movement within the city itself to bring the city back to what it once was," Schippa said.

"We're getting multiple

offers on property. That's just good, positive signs," he said. People bring cash if there's a difference between what the houses appraise for.

"They'll go forward and go ahead with the deal."

Presidential election will be important in his field, Schippa added. "We're just going to have to wait and see." Jobs are a key component.

"The more jobs you have the more opportunity people have to buy homes," Schippa said. Industry pros also will see if debt forgiveness is extended past Dec. 31 on short sales, he said. "That's another very popular issue at the moment," the Plymouth resident said. He believes extension is likely but not guaranteed.

"I think there's good positive energy in the real estate industry moving forward."

Schippa said. Agreeing is Dale E. Smith, chief executive officer for GMAR. "It's really been a remarkable turnaround. The market throughout the Detroit metro area has rebounded nicely. We're pleased with the statistics," Smith said.

The market isn't back to levels of four-five years ago, Smith said. "But it certainly is encouraging."

"It really is and was what the middle class was all about," Smith said of Detroit's housing stock. There's been a demand for affordable housing. "A lot of people came to bat and demanded that kind of housing."

Cities are playing a bigger role with government agencies, Smith added.

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## Records usually not private

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

Q: Could you be a little more specific whether a co-owner has a right of privacy in regard to his assessments? A: Most cases have indicated that an owner does not have an expectation of privacy with respect to whether he or she is delinquent in payment, or, to put it differently, the association does not have an obligation to treat such records as confidential. So, if financial records of an association contain itemization as to which owners are delinquent, a member has a right to inspect those records.



Robert Meisner

Of course, liens, motions, complaints and judgments are matters of public records and copies in the association's files and/or records would be discoverable by any co-owner. Under no circumstances should the association voluntarily publish the delinquency list, particularly if there is any question about their authenticity or accuracy.

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 9-13, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

4035 CANTON	
2549 Keelley Ave	\$90,000
7244 Burgundy St	\$225,000
1212 Camelia Ct	\$193,000
357 Country Club Ln	\$350,000
46144 Hanford Rd	\$240,000
3156 Hannan Rd	\$27,000
1742 Orchard Dr	\$33,000

48421 Red Run Dr	\$308,000
1525 Rustic Ridge Rd	\$150,000
GARDEN CITY	
151 Belton St	\$48,000
32865 Browne St	\$76,000
6560 Cadillac St	\$76,000
30951 Hennepin St	\$45,000
LIVONIA	
36028 Ann Arbor Trl	\$47,000
14154 Ardren St	\$170,000
15173 Ardren St	\$98,000
3046 Brookview Dr	\$118,000
36291 Clarita St	\$155,000
28650 Fargo St	\$119,000
18623 Hillcrest St	\$85,000
16750 Mayfield St	\$197,000
11030 Melrose St	\$185,000

16303 Pollyanna St	\$139,000
38701 Richland St	\$92,000
36732 Sherwood St	\$135,000
15142 Susanna St	\$149,000
29138 Westfield St	\$79,000
NORTHVILLE	
18016 Cascade Dr	\$493,000
46599 Greenidge Dr	\$71,000
48852 Rainbow Ln S	\$301,000
39408 Springwater Dr	\$124,000
16763 Yellowstone Dr	\$437,000
PLYMOUTH	
46830 Bettyhill St	\$325,000
14621 Huntington Dr	\$172,000
40 Invin St	\$255,000
12925 Portsmouth Xing	\$416,000

101 S Union St Unit 309	\$160,000
11523 Waverly Dr	\$165,000
Redford	
14787 Inkster Rd	\$59,000
12801 Lenore	\$16,000
19473 MacArthur Blvd	\$21,000
12027 Royal Grand	\$28,000
17381 Waukenaun	\$37,000
WESTLAND	
35751 Florence St	\$77,000
34854 Wetheric St	\$94,000
31139 Merritt Dr	\$81,000
34549 Parrott St	\$21,000
8640 Shari Dr	\$83,000
604 Van Lamo St	\$56,000
1216 Woodbourne St	\$90,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

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

BEVERLY HILLS	
16011 Amherst Ave	\$315,000
16950 Locherhe Ave	\$266,000
20245 Rosedale Dr	\$422,000
31475 Sleepy Hollow Ln	\$274,000
22240 Village Pines Dr	\$333,000
BIRMINGHAM FARMS	
23860 Overlook Cir	\$240,000
BIRMINGHAM	
2528 Derby Rd	\$165,000
717 Fairfax St	\$420,000
451 Hazelwood St	\$685,000
819 Lake Park Dr	\$1,400,000
1697 Maryland Blvd	\$790,000
795 Mohegan St	\$417,000
888 S Bates St	\$335,000
1807 Wagon Wheel Dr	\$375,000
1801 Southfield Rd	\$75,000
1857 W Melton Rd	\$158,000
1157 Washington Blvd	\$179,000
644 Watkins St	\$545,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
850 Pemberton Rd	\$175,000
2130 Cayway Ct	\$289,000

2735 Hunters Hill Rd	\$470,000
25 Quanton Ln	\$795,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
2679 Bloomfield Crossing	\$430,000
565 Crabtree Rd	\$181,000
4072 Cranbrook Ct	\$385,000
1085 E Glenangary Cir	\$800,000
1141 Fox Chase Rd	\$280,000
407 Fox Hills Dr N	\$45,000
1578 Hills Dr N #A6	\$157,000
1574 Lone Pine Rd	\$375,000
1354 N Glenangary Rd	\$630,000
16615 S Adams Way	\$252,000
810 Shady Hollow Cir	\$380,000
2997 Woodcreek Way	\$416,000
COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP	
7977 Flagstaff St	\$42,000
2247 Palmetto	\$40,000
5183 Parkgate Dr	\$355,000
1880 Wexport Ln	\$330,000
2833 Windwood Ct	\$423,000
FARMINGTON	
12840 Frederick Ave	\$110,000
36934 Heatherton Dr	\$185,000
3135 Hillcrest Dr	\$190,000
2300 Maple Ave	\$119,000
2351 Prospect Ave	\$105,000
24180 Saint Mary Ct	\$185,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
27071 Ardour Park Cir	\$144,000
22271 Atlantic Pointe	\$40,000
28229 Bayberry Rd	\$125,000
29793 Briarston St	\$170,000

33642 Britany Dr	\$285,000
24658 Creekside Dr	\$179,000
30215 Fiddlers Grn	\$215,000
23033 Glenmore Hts	\$47,000
27039 Hamstead Blvd	\$415,000
31997 Olde Franklin Dr	\$248,000
32482 Olde Franklin Dr	\$226,000
3241 Salvador St	\$146,000
30911 Sudbury Ln	\$159,000
23141 Tulane Ave	\$65,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
18610 San Quentin Dr	\$132,000
18824 San Quentin Dr	\$132,000
MILFORD	
1775 Burns Rd	\$225,000
811 Canal St	\$55,000
915 E Dawson Rd	\$155,000
2900 Hinden Pkne	\$219,000
422 Riverbend St	\$280,000
814 Squire Ln	\$73,000
NOVI	
24729 Apple Crest Dr	\$164,000
45138 Bartlett Dr	\$84,000
27343 Benjamins Way	\$45,000
25178 Birchwoods Dr	\$287,000
2460 Broadmoor Park Ln	\$448,000
40896 Century Dr	\$363,000
25020 Delmont Dr	\$345,000
24597 Fairway Hills Dr	\$320,000
44454 Gwinnett Loop	\$157,000
44452 Gwinnett Loop	\$156,000
9382 Harvest Dr	\$268,000
25643 Mulberry Ln	\$317,000

41801 Primrose Dr	\$108,000
24797 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$451,000
23039 Shilo Ct	\$615,000
25289 Sutton Ct	\$50,000
27111 Victoria Rd	\$272,000
28285 Wolcott Dr	\$84,000
SOUTH LYON	
58619 Carriage Ln	\$40,000
53769 Edgewood Dr	\$218,000
61220 Greenwood Dr	\$65,000
913 Heartside St	\$122,000
24585 King Post Ct	\$78,000
23915 Lyon Ridge Dr	\$61,000
23848 Prescott Ct	\$61,000
24878 Purlin Ct	\$71,000
1072 Sheldahl Dr	\$249,000
1096 Sheldahl Dr	\$240,000
53851 Springwood Dr	\$210,000
357 University Ave	\$110,000
SOUTHFIELD	
22769 Bell Brook St	\$65,000
20990 Constitution St	\$125,000
17101 Edwards Ave	\$92,000
29662 Farmbrook Villa Ct #2	\$43,000
23708 Lahser Dr	\$70,000
21241 McClure Ave	\$73,000
17264 Melrose St	\$40,000
18210 Onyx St	\$93,000
20570 Secluded Ln	\$82,000
WHITE LAKE	
9382 Beechcrest St	\$282,000
204 Decca Dr	\$135,000

### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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