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Canton's top cop turning in his badge

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Hired 25 years ago as a Canton police officer, Patrick Nemecek made history by ranking the first to climb the ranks from that position to earn the township's top law-enforcement job. It's an impressive achievement for Nemecek, whose dream of fighting crime began when he was a young child in Detroit. Yet, he tends to deflect attention from

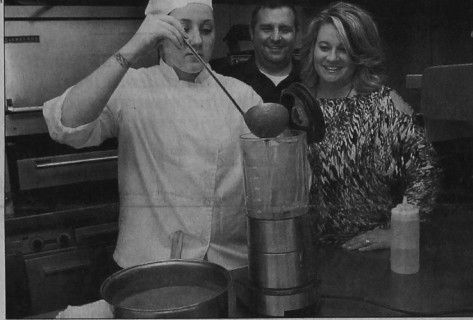
himself to Canton, where he has spent most of his career. "The greatest decision I ever made was coming to Canton," he said. "This community has given me and my family everything." Nemecek, who turns 54 in January, is hanging up his badge Dec. 30, ending a 25-year Canton police career preceded by a four-year stint as a Wayne County sheriff deputy. He ascended to the public safety director's post three years ago, overseeing a quasi-

solidated department of 86 sworn police officers, 62 firefighter paramedics and other employees. **No reservations** Nemecek replaced his retired mentor, John Santomauro, the longtime public safety director who had no reservations as Nemecek took the helm of a department Santomauro largely designed. **Please see TOP COP, A4**



BILL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek talks about his career in Canton Township.

Culinary connection



Shasta Fase and Cory DeLong of Old World Olive Press watch student Emily Koelzer puree a potato-swiss chard soup. **BILL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

Park team, Old World Olive Press team up

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer
Diana Woodward and her culinary arts team at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park are so used to having to go it alone during a competition season, they weren't

sure how to react when the folks at Old World Olive Press in Plymouth came calling with an offer to help sponsor the team. But it didn't take Woodward and the others long **Please see CULINARY, A3**

Cherry Hill braces for housing boom

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Cherry Hill Village is positioned for a new housing spurt by a builder that intends to construct 127 new homes on Canton's west side. Farmington Hills-based Pinnacle Homes also hopes eventually to spur new commercial growth along Cherry Hill Road, the village's main business corridor. Pinnacle Homes plans to construct 97 new single-family homes on a 30-acre site southwest of Cherry Hill and Denton roads. The development, dubbed the Corners at Cherry Hill Village, already has received preliminary site plan approval from Canton's Planning Commission and Board of Trustees. The new development also calls for 10 acres of new commercial growth along the south side of Cherry Hill Road west of Denton. **Market rebound** Moreover, Pinnacle Homes intends to build another 30 homes on the south end of River's Edge, a residential development southwest of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. The new development is called **Please see BOOM, A2**

Success of 'Pennies' drive helps children

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer
Six-year-old Rilee Binko of Canton had a drawer full of pennies she'd been collecting. On Saturday, her aunt, Renee Brandt of Canton, helped her figure out what to do with them. The pair were at the Summit on the Park for the Canton Goodfellows' Pennies from Heaven campaign, one of the Goodfellows fundraisers to help make sure every child has a good Christmas. The donation was part of nearly \$600 collected in a two-hour period in the drive, co-sponsored by O&E Media. **Please see PENNIES, A3**

"(The money) was in a drawer, and we collected some other change, and decided this was a great idea," Brandt said. "We were just glad we could help." People from all over the community paraded through the Summit Saturday to drop off their pennies (and other change, plus some paper money) to benefit the Canton Goodfellows. The Goodfellows dedicated this year's drive to longtime leader Nancy Spencer, who died last month. Her husband, John, was there Saturday and was pleased with the response.



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Lola Nestor brought a basket full of pennies that were rolled by her 52-year-old mother, Lula Rohrff. Lola's mom can't see well anymore, but she was able to do this. "It made her feel good", says Nestor. John Spencer wears the red Goodfellows shirt.

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The Plymouth Canton marching band color guard gets ready to perform "The Last Dance" at the Huron Valley Invitational.



Members brave the cold ground to act out the death scene in the middle of "The Last Dance" marching band show.

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Marchers red hot at cold invitational

By Peggy Fenwick
Correspondent

The cold temperatures didn't stop the student marchers of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band last Saturday night. The band was named grand champions at Saturday's Huron Valley Invitational held at Lakeland High School in White Lake.

With temperatures in the low 40s, the PCMB finished its regular season with a high score of 91.65. The local marchers also won Best Music, Best Visual, and Best General Effect caption awards.

"We are very proud of the kids. It wasn't our

most stellar run," stated PCEP director of bands David Armbruster. "The weather conditions played a factor. It was cold. But in the end, we're still very proud of their accomplishments, and it sets us up well for the next two weeks."

With large wind gusts swirling around the bowlike stadium at Lakeland, the staff decided not to utilize the giant shroud that covers the band at midpoint in the 10-minute performance of "The Last Dance."

"Huron Valley can be a wind bowl. Both (associate director) Mr. Thomann and I went to high school at Lakeland, so we know," Armbruster said.



Senior color guard specialist Lucas Schmidt holds special spotlight role in this year's marching band show.

Ten bands competed in the last qualifying local

competition before the Nov. 3 Michigan Competing Bands Association (MCBA) State Championship Finals at Ford Field. High school marchers from across the state will compete. Only the 12 top scoring bands in each of the four flights will perform next Saturday in Detroit.

Competition is tight at the top of Flight 1 (the largest populated schools based on enrollment). Last Saturday, Lake Orion High came in third with a score of 89.15. Defending Flight 1 state champion Walled Lake Central came in second with a 90.0.

"I think we did awesome," said Julia Trieb-

wasser, a junior color guard member from Canton High School. "We placed first. I knew we'd place in the top three but didn't know we'd take first. Walled Lake is pretty good, too, so I think we had a good run tonight."

There's still plenty to do before Saturday's big match-up at Ford Field. "It's been an exciting year so far, but still more changes, more tweaks, more fixes to come," Armbruster said. "Even since the Super Regional just one week ago, our kids are a different band. Now the fun and final push begins."

Following the MCBA State Finals, the PCMB will travel to Indianapolis

for the Bands of America Grand National Championship beginning Nov. 7. Even the kids are looking forward to prepping for the next two weeks, despite knowing many changes to their show may occur.

When asking Canton sophomore and flute player Eileen Lopez about the band's performance, she responded, "Best run yet, it was absolutely amazing," said Canton sophomore Eileen Lopez, a flute player. "We did pretty good tonight. I was hoping to get over 90. I'm really glad that we did, but it's not good enough yet. We have a far way to go and there is so much more to perfect."

CORRECTION

A story in Sunday's paper should have said Lorianne O'Brady, former scheduler for Republican Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, was sentenced Thursday, Oct. 25.

BOOM

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the Reserve at River's Edge.

Local officials say the company's plans provide another indication that the long-struggling housing market has indeed begun a gradual rebound.

"That's very positive, obviously," Canton Building Official John Weyer said. "Pinnacle Homes is a new builder to our community. We're anxious to work with that company as a developer and also as a builder."

The latest news comes as Canton already has issued 147 permits for new single-family homes through October of this year — a striking increase from 61 permits

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JOHN WEYER
Canton Building Official

during the same period last year.

"We're way up," Weyer said. "We're more than double where we were last year."

Community Planner Jeff Goulet said new construction at the Corners at Cherry Hill Village is expected to start next spring as the market has seen an absorption of existing lots. Pinnacle Homes still

has to receive final site plan approval. That is anticipated early next year, Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said, a move that sets the stage for the new construction.

Eager builder

Howard Fingeroot, a Pinnacle Homes representative, appeared last week before the Canton Township Board of Trustees to secure preliminary site plan approval. He said the company is eager to begin building in Cherry Hill Village — an encouraging sign welcomed by township officials.

"I wish you guys all the success in the world,"

Trustee Pat Williams told company officials.

Fingeroot, responding to a question by Trustee John Anthony, said homes built in the Corners at Cherry Hill development are expected to sell for \$250,000 to \$350,000.

Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin called efforts by Pinnacle Homes "another piece of the puzzle" to helping Cherry Hill Village become a more thriving community.

Village residents have long called for greater efforts to lure businesses, such as a grocery store, that have remained elusive, even though a few new businesses have moved to the main commercial strip.

Supervisor Phil LaJoy and other township officials have said the more rooftops — and families — the village has, the greater its chances of boosting its commercial growth.

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to say "Yes, please" and then "thank you." Owners at OWOP have committed to helping the culinary team through its competition, which comes in March, and starts with a fundraiser at its Plymouth location Nov. 11.

Owner Shasta Fase said it's all about community. "We've been received so well in Plymouth," said Fase, who opened the Plymouth store in June 2010. "We have loyal customers, we've made friends. We feel like we just want to give back."

Woodward called business support like this "critical." "It's something we've needed forever and never have been able to quite find," she said — and really was floored by the fact OWOP approached the team, not the other way around.

She also likes the fact OWOP staffers are going to be around to provide not only monetary support, but moral support and expertise, as well.

"They came to us and said they want to support us in a special way," Woodward said. "They didn't just want to give us money and say, 'Goodbye.' They want to really be a part of it."

Woodward's Year Two program has 53 students who do everything for the program, from marketing and fundraising to meal organization and preparation.

It's not your mom and dad's home economics course. Woodward thinks support like they're getting from OWOP will help raise awareness of the



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Students Taylor Hoener, Paul DiNicole, Ashley Sanders and Chelsea Polydoros work on basic culinary skills. Shasta Fase and Cory DeLong, of Old World Olive Press, will be sponsoring the culinary team.

MONEY PRESS

What: Old World Olive Press fundraiser for the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park culinary arts team
When: Sunday, Nov. 11, noon to 4 p.m.

Where: Old World Olive Press, 467 Forest in Plymouth

Why: To raise money to support the high school park's culinary arts team as it prepares for its competition season in March.

Details: Teacher Diana Woodward and her students will be on hand, preparing dishes using OWOP products, with a portion of the proceeds going to the culinary program. Students will also be selling a cookbook at the event, with all proceeds from the sale of the book going to the program.

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quality of the program.

"The more people who think of us more as a training program and not just a home ec class, the better for our kids," she said.

The students learn every phase of the business and come out on the other side with a quality education. That might help explain why, according to Woodward, some 67 percent of her students end up in the hospitality, food-service, hotel management and other relat-

ed industries.

That placement record is also a big part of the reason OWOP wanted in.

"These kids are going to be (running) our restaurants," Fase said. "They're our future. They take their passion and show it through the art of food. These kids are learning life skills beyond what goes on in the kitchen. It's important we support that."

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Sandy's winds reach into Canton

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Strong winds snapped two utility poles in Canton and knocked out power to hundreds of residents, local officials said Tuesday, as the remnants of Superstorm Sandy howled across Michigan. Canton's largest power outage occurred in the Holiday Park neighborhood southeast of Joy Road and I-275, but Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said Tuesday afternoon that DTE Energy had restored service to the north-end area.

DTE crews worked Tuesday to restore power to the Cherry Hill-Canton Center area after Deputy Fire Chief Joshua Meier said powerful winds broke a utility pole near the intersection about 5:50 a.m. Tuesday.

Meier reported Tuesday morning traffic snarls because the incident blocked one lane of northbound Canton Center.

High winds snapped another utility pole in the Warren-Canton Center area late Monday night, Meier said.

Canton had reported no fires, injuries or other major incidents as winds and rain were spawned by the storm that slammed the East Coast, killing dozens, knocking out power to millions and causing widespread flooding.

"So far I think we've been alright," Meier said Tuesday afternoon.

Faas said Canton was spared the damage sustained by some areas. "The only issue we had was power outages," he said, saying "spotty outages" also occurred on Canton's west side, in some neighborhoods west of Beck Road.

"We didn't have any flooding or anything else," Faas said. Area residents had to reschedule their travel plans as officials canceled numerous flights at airports including Metro Detroit Airport.

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PENNIES

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"The event was a great success," 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."

It was the first year partnering with the Goodfellows for O&E Media, which also collected pennies from various spots throughout the company and the community.

It was part of the commitment of Gannett Inc., O&E Media's parent company, which has mobi-

lized millions across the country over 20 years.

And, while pennies may not seem like much, O&E Executive Editor Susan Rosiek pointed out every little bit helps. Apparently by the community agreed.

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

That's what Lola Nestor of Canton thinks. She brought in a basket of pennies rolled by her 92-year-old mom, Lula Rohraff. While Nestor said her mom "doesn't see well anymore," she was able to handle the pennies.

"It made her feel good," Nestor said. "It just seemed like a good cause to donate to."

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Rylee Pankow, 6, of Canton collected a jar of change for the Canton Goodfellows Pennies for Heaven fundraiser. Rylee and her aunt, Renee Brandt, made the donation Saturday at the Summit.

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Gunshot reported in roadway altercation

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A dispute involving occupants of two vehicles on Michigan avenue near I-275 escalated when they got out of their cars and fought, leading to reports of gunfire though no one was shot, Canton police confirmed.

No arrests have been made following the incident that occurred just before 4 p.m. Saturday along the heavily traveled avenue. Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said anyone who witnessed the dispute is urged to call police at (734) 394-5400.

"Those accounts from

unbiased witnesses are so valuable in helping to determine what exactly took place," Schreiner said.

According to a police report, a 25-year-old female driver called 9-1-1 to report she had heard a gunshot while her fiancé was being assaulted by three people who ultimately fled the scene.

The woman told police she had been driving eastbound on Michigan Avenue when a gold Cadillac began tailgating her car. She said she eased off the gas pedal and the car got closer.

When the two vehicles stopped at a traffic light, some occupants in the Cadillac began yelling racial insults and threats at her and her fiancé, she told police.

The woman and her fiancé are white; a police report indicated the Cadillac's occupants included two black males and two black females.

While stopped at the next traffic light, the woman told police one of the Cadillac's occupants began taking pictures, prompting her fiancé to make an obscene gesture with his hand.

At that point, she told police, the Cadillac's black male driver got out and started punching her fiancé through an open passenger window. The fiancé then got out of the car, the police report said, and the woman told police that two females from the Cadillac joined the fracas.

The woman dialed 9-1-1 and heard a gunshot before she says all the Cadillac's occupants got back in the car and fled the scene. She said she didn't see a gun, but the police report said a shell casing was found near the scene after police halted traffic to conduct an investigation.

A couple of witnesses not involved in the fight returned to the scene and gave police an account of what they said they saw during the fight. They confirmed an assault, but one part of the police report indicated that one of the females in the Cadillac may have been trying to break up the fight.

One of the witnesses not involved in the fight also told police she saw one of the males in the Cadillac with a gun.

Police are hoping that others who saw what happened will come forward to provide information.

"We are investigating the incident including people who came forward as witnesses," Schreiner said.

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"I had all the confidence in the world in him," Santomauro said. "We had hired a great group of people. We developed those people, and Pat Nemecek just stood out. He was very charismatic, and he had a way of taking a problem and working through that problem to inevitably reach a good conclusion. He had an inherent ability for leadership that really fit the transition for this organization. I think Pat took it to the next level."

One of Nemecek's toughest challenges involved thwarting a \$14-million public safety deficit that arose amid plummeting property tax revenues and other financial difficulties. He and other township officials made budget cuts and championed a 1.75-mill tax increase that Canton residents — long supportive of their public safety department — accepted without a public outcry.

"Pat didn't allow a financial crisis to turn into a leadership crisis," Santomauro said.

Humble start

A 1977 graduate of St. Mary of Redford High School in Detroit, Nemecek had humble beginnings as one of six children of a father who worked in a fastener factory and a mother who had part-time jobs in the school system he attended. Nemecek aspired in elementary school to become a police officer.

He earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Detroit Mercy, a liberal studies master's degree from Eastern Michigan University and finished the Northwestern University Police Staff and Command School.

After four years as a sheriff deputy, he saw an advertisement for Canton police officers but wondered if he might lose out because he had to delay his background investigation while involved in a special detail during Pope John Paul II's visit to Detroit.

Nemecek got the Canton job as the township was growing rapidly. He advanced from patrol officer to sergeant in just two years and then to lieutenant in two more years. He became the first command officer honored as Police Officer of the Year, and he eventually became deputy police chief until he was named to the department's top post in late 2009.

"I hired in at the right place at the right time," Nemecek said. "I couldn't have found a better community."

Canton residents have repeatedly given their public safety high marks in surveys. Moreover, Nemecek said he has garnered strong support from elected officials such as Supervisor Phil LaJoy, who conceded Santomauro was hard to replace.

"Pat has been great,"

LaJoy said. "He has a great approach, and obviously he's a seasoned veteran who worked his way through the ranks. The way he made it all the way to the top is terrific. He has great leadership qualities, and he is concerned about the small things as well as the big things. He's respected by all the township staff. He's going to be missed."

Family time

Nemecek's departure will give him more time to spend with his wife of 26 years, Karen. They have two children, Erica, 24, and Jordan, 23.

LaJoy is expected to name Nemecek's successor by mid- to late November.

Nemecek's departure follows the retirement Friday of Fire Chief Tim Dunn, replaced by Deputy Fire Chief Joshua Meier.

Under Nemecek's watch, the public safety department made strides and faced challenges:

- To cut costs, he led efforts to streamline positions, eliminate one of two deputy police chief positions and slash overtime without affecting the number of officers on the street.

- The fire department was restructured, partly by eliminating the fire marshal's post and assigning those duties and others to a new position of deputy fire chief.

- Officials initiated an effort allowing firefighters to file reports electronically, a move intended to save time. Two paramedics also have been assigned to a western Wayne County SWAT team.

- Canton retained its status as the largest law-enforcement agency in Michigan accredited by an outside agency, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, which demands a strict set of standards.

- The department earned a state award for 2011 from the Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission for using location-based crime and traffic crash data to effectively deploy officers.

Meanwhile, Nemecek plans to stay through year's end to help the department during its transition. After that, he is pondering another career in management, though not necessarily in public safety.

He has never had second thoughts about his Canton career.

"Absolutely not," he said. "I have loved it, and I have no regrets."

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Local author's latest book looks at war veterans

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Robert Miller has taken an unlikely path to a writing career that, he now says, is a passion that won't let go.

The Canton Township man is an expert on LED (light-emitting diode) lighting, which is valued for its energy efficiency, and for years has been a consultant to the automobile industry on interior and exterior lighting. He is also a longtime photographer and videographer.

But it was his determination to tell the story of his father, who was captured by the Germans during World War II and force-marched more than 800 miles to a prisoner of war camp, that got him started writing. His second book, *Portraits of Service: Looking into the Faces of Veterans*, has just been published.

"Once I decided to write and really focus myself with my first book — because I had a subject that meant a lot to me — it all came clear," said Miller on Monday.

Miller spoke by phone from Italy, where he was traveling both for his consulting business and his writing projects. He plans speaking engagements in Plymouth and in Canton Township later this month.



Robert Miller of Canton Township has just come out with his second book, "Portraits of Service: Looking into the Faces of Veterans."



The cover of "Portraits of Service," by Robert Miller and Andrew Wakefield, features a photograph of Horst Przybilski (left) and Ike Refice, who fought in Europe on opposite sides during World War II. Refice helped rescue Przybilski, then 17, from the battlefield after he was wounded on Jan. 8, 1945, during the Battle of the Bulge, and Przybilski recovered in a prisoner-of-war camp in the U.S. and returned to Germany in 1946. The two were reunited in 2005.

Personal ties

His first book, *Hidden Hell: The Story of My Father's POW Diary*, was based on the journal Herbert Miller kept after being captured in France in August 1944 during a German counteroffensive against the Allies. Robert Miller also retraced his father's steps in the Normandy region of France and extensively interviewed his mother, Eleanor.

"My mother was able to tie nearly all of the diary together," Miller said.

His father, he said, was deeply affected by his war and POW experiences, and had regular nightmares for his entire postwar life. He was in the U.S. Army's 30th Infantry Division, which protected the town of Mortain, France, despite heavy casualties.

"He went through a of hell," Miller said.

Herbert Miller died in 1994, while Eleanor Miller was killed in a vehicle crash shortly before *Hidden Hell* was published.

Miller's latest book, *Portraits of Service*, is a collaboration with Andrew Wakefield, an English photographer living in Saarbrücken, Germany. The coffee-table-style book is made up of photographic portraits of about 70 veterans, from several different conflicts and different countries, along with short vignettes about them.

"I wanted to do something different and use my photography skills," said Miller. But he was also inspired to tell veterans' stories because of what he learned about his father's experience, he said.

Variety of vets

The veterans depicted in *Portraits of Service* include some better-known personalities, such as longtime local Congressman John Dingell, who served in World War II, and former U.S. Sen. Max Cleland of Georgia, who fought in Vietnam.

But also depicted are disabled and down-on-their-luck veterans from more recent conflicts who are struggling to rebuild their lives.

"They have given so much in a concentrated amount of time," Miller said of the vets, "and a lot of times it has changed their lives significantly going forward."

For the most part, Wakefield interviewed and photographed veterans in Europe and Miller visited those in the U.S. but sometimes they worked together with a single veteran. They collaborated on the book's layout and design, a plan a second volume, the interviews for which are already done.

"It was a very, very tight collaboration, and we're going to continue this collaboration, because it's pretty magical," Miller said.

Portraits of Service is published by Patton Publishing, which is run by Helen Patton, the granddaughter of Gen. George Patton. Miller met her in June of 2009 in Normandy during ceremonies marking the 65th anniversary of D-Day, the Allied invasion of occupied France.

Writing a huge rush

Miller and Wakefield are offering several opportunities for more books in the *Portraits of Service* style, includ-

ing one that would look at AIDS victims in Africa and another that would explore the problem of human sex trafficking.

But Miller said he probably always be particularly attached to military veterans and their stories.

"He'll be hooked on writing, too, which Miller said provides him a huge emotional rush."

"I actually got into a super-happy phase where I feel empowered, I feel like I'm doing something for society," he said.

Miller and his wife, Colleen, have five children.

Robert Miller will be talking about "Portraits of Service" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, at the Plymouth District Library, and again at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, at the Canton Public Library. A display of stories and photographs from the book will be exhibited during both events, which are free.

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Date/Time: Monday, Nov. 12, 6-8:30 p.m.
Location: Canton Coney Island, 8533 N. Lilley in Canton

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Location: Salvation Army store, 43403 Joy Road in Canton

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The entrance to the new wing of St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

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Airbrushed temporary tattoos are not just for kids. Sue Hensel and Martha Kusza are from Westland.



Kathy Dattolo, LMSW, gives an emergency can to Marilyn Stanley, of Livonia. The can contains medical and personal information and is stored in the home refrigerator, available to paramedics when they come to your home.

Public tours 'the new St. Mary Mercy Hospital' for first time

An estimated 2,000 people attended Sunday's grand-opening celebration of St. Mary Mercy Hospital's new three-story addition featuring a state-of-the-art emergency center and 80 private patient rooms.

"The turnout was tremendous," said Jennifer Kennedy, director of marketing and public relations for the Livonia hospital. "We hoped that many would be interested in seeing the newest addition to the hospital and enjoy the activities, and we are certainly pleased with the attendance."

The new South Wing is the first portion of a \$89 million project — funded through a mix of debt financing, cash and philanthropy — that will completely rebuild the 53-year-old hospital from the inside out. The new emergency center is double the size of the old one. Renovation of the North Wing, where the majority of 90 existing rooms will be converted to private rooms, will begin next month and is expected to be completed in about 16 months. The North Entrance will also be renovated.

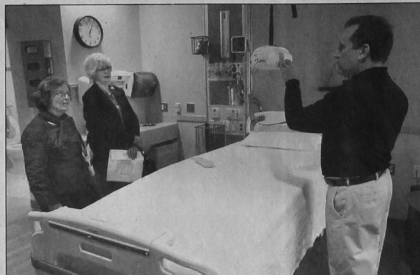
"The grand opening of our new addition was a great way to introduce 'the New St. Mary Mercy Hospital' to the community," Kennedy said. "We wanted to offer a fun, family-friendly event, while showcasing our beautiful new emergency center and new patient rooms. We've been overwhelmed with positive responses from the community about it."



Mike Shockey and 3-year-old daughter Maylee walk the halls of St. Mary Mercy's new wing.



Dale Stanley, of Livonia, meets King, a therapy dog with Doctor Paws. King is partners with Delores Yesh.



Tom Parrin, director of clinical engineering, explains how a patient lift works to Carol Westhaus, of Livonia, and Judy Moore, of Detroit.

She said the new addition allows the hospital to meet contemporary standards of care and provide the necessary space

for advanced technology. "The rooms are also set up to provide a comfortable space for family members and visi-

tors because we know that they are also at the heart of healing," Kennedy said.

The 154,000-square-foot

addition was open for tours Sunday. "There was a large steady stream of traffic through the tours — all were excited to see it," Kennedy said.

The patient rooms will start being used Nov. 5, the new emergency room will open the second week in November.

The 304-bed hospital was established in 1959 by the Felician Sisters and has had four previous significant additions to the original building — in 1959, 1972, 1988 and 1997.

As a member of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, a health care organization serving six counties in south-east Michigan, it maintains a Catholic heritage. Saint Joseph Mercy Health System is a member of Trinity Health, the nation's fourth largest Catholic health care organization.

By Karen Smith



St. Mary's stroke robot has a little less critical duties to perform during the open house.

Laura Bush: 'It's important that we have the ground game that wins'

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Hundreds of voters from all over southeast Michigan packed the One Under Bar & Grill in Livonia Sunday to catch a glimpse of former first lady Laura Bush, get her autograph and hear her stump for Mitt Romney. "Laura, Laura, Laura," they chanted before breaking into an cappella rendition of *God Bless America* just before she entered the room. "Oh, she looks so pretty," said Bev Read of Northville, tearing up. "As always," added Peggy Paulson of Plymouth.

Read said she likes Laura Bush for her "grace, dignity, integrity and class." That sentiment seemed to be shared by most of the people in attendance, who came from as far away as Howell and Grosse Pointe. "I'm excited to be here," said Laura Dilworth of Livonia, who attended with her mother-in-law, Joyce Dilworth of Northville, and sister-in-law, Carolyn Knudsen of Howell. "I've always admired her." Laura Dilworth also admires Mitt Romney. "He seems to be a family man and has values that are important to me," she said.

Laura Bush seemed equally happy to be in Livonia. "I'm thrilled to have the chance to see you all; it's great to be in Detroit," she said, adding "George sends you his very best." She told Romney campaign volunteers they have done a terrific job in Michigan, making the sixth largest number of phone calls in all of the United States. "I encourage you to keep working every day," she said. "Make sure you all turn out to vote. It's important that we have the ground game that wins."

She quoted Ann Romney, saying Americans are smart enough to know there aren't easy answers and not dumb enough to accept there aren't better answers. She updated the crowd on the Bushes' personal lives, including the activities of their two daughters and her in-laws, former President George H. Bush and former first lady Barbara Bush. Of her husband and herself, she said, "We're doing great back home in Texas. 'We're living the after life in the state George calls the Promised Land.'"

Michigan Lt. Gov. Brian Calley said Laura Bush served with honor and grace, calling it a picture of what Americans will have with Mitt and Ann Romney. Michigan GOP Chairman Bobby Schostak said Laura Bush was "so supportive on that horrible day in 2001."

He said she is a strong advocate for women's health and has helped to raise global awareness of AIDS.

Like Laura Bush, he encouraged Romney supporters not to rest, saying the presidential race

was a dead heat. "In a week we are going to make history in America," he said. John Carter of Novi said Laura Bush did a wonderful job. "Her strong endorsement of Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan goes a long way," he said. Romney and Ryan already have the vote of Lauren Beagle-Thomas of Westland, who

came out to see Laura Bush. "She was one of my favorites," she said of America's first ladies. "I grew up watching her on TV." Lori Caid, wife of Livonia Police Chief Curtis Caid, said she enjoyed hearing about how the Bush daughters were doing. She said she appreciated the integrity George W. Bush brought to the presidency and con-

tinues to show to this day. Anna Wheaton of Addison Township was one of the few who got close enough to Laura Bush to get her copy of *Spoken From the Heart* autographed and to say a few words to her. "All I did was thank her and I told her we love her," she said.

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Former First Lady Laura Bush greets an enthusiastic crowd at Livonia's One Under.



Kimberly Prophet, of Plymouth, displays what looks like a campaign button. It's not. The reverse side is a mirror.

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Be realistic about retirement costs and savings

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Whenever I see a survey regarding retirement I scratch my head and say, "what were they thinking?"

I recently saw a new study and one of the questions asked was: What percent of your portfolio can you withdraw on a year-by-year basis in retirement? The majority of responders said they could safely withdraw about 10 percent. As a finan-



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

cial advisor my response was, "are you kidding?" As I've mentioned in this column as well as the talks I give, retirement is a brand new concept in the history of mankind. Retirement is not something that people hundreds of years ago had to deal with. Go back 100

or some odd years ago and you'll see life expectancy was in the 50s. People didn't have to worry about living decades in retirement as they do today.

It's not unusual in today's world for people to be retired for 20 or 30 years. When you go back 50 or 60 years ago when people first started thinking about retirement, they never imagined that they would be retired 20 or 30 years. They looked at retirement as at most, five years.

In addition, the thought

back then was that you could live on a lot less money than when you were working. And since people didn't live long and they didn't do anything in retirement, a 10 percent withdrawal rate was acceptable. Fast forward to today, it's a different world.

In today's world people don't live a few years in retirement, they live decades in retirement. In addition, it's not possible to live on a fixed income or a shrinking income. You must have a rising income the rest of your life.

For example, if someone retired in 1990 they didn't have to worry about cell phone or internet bills. Why? Because those items didn't exist. Think about someone who is retiring today. Who knows what new things will be developed over the next 30 or so years. Five years ago I didn't know what an iPad was and today, I can't live without it. The bottom line is someone who retires today must plan on having a rising income.

Portfolio withdrawals

When you consider withdrawal rates from your portfolio, I recommend no more than 3-4 percent. What that means is that if you have a portfolio of \$500,000 and you retire at normal retirement age, in order to have a rising income throughout your lifetime your yearly withdrawals should be no more than \$20,000.

The problem we all have in retirement is we don't know how long it will last. There's a big difference between saving for a 10-year retirement versus a 30-year retirement. That is why when you retire it is important to have a strategy to limit withdrawals to no more than four percent, particularly in the early years of retirement.

I know that comes as a surprise to many people. However, I would rather you be surprised now, while you have time to make adjustments in your lifestyle, as opposed to finding out about it when you have no options. Whether it is delaying retirement for a few years or reducing living expenses, you need to be realistic as to what you can expect from your portfolio. People with unrealistic expectations as to their withdrawal rate will find that down the road they will have few options. They will either have to get a job, if that is even possible, or move in with their kids.

Either way, the alternatives are not great. That is why it is so important that you are realistic about your retirement and while you have time, you make the appropriate adjustments. Good luck!

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

'Grief' book authors to sign copies

The authors of a book they say has become the "standard resource" for people dealing with grief will be in Northville to sign copies later this month.

Authors Linda Poulit and Cathy Clough, the founder and executive director of the New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville, will be at the Northville Barnes and Noble from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, to sign copies of "Grieving Forward: Death Happened, Now What?"

The book, Clough said, has become the "standard resource for people grieving the death of a close loved one." Readers will learn the five needs of every griever plus how to deal with common grief guilt, normal grief anger, normal grief depression and "the 'dumb' things that people say," Clough said.

Are you grieving? Do you know someone who is grieving? Clough said it's the perfect book to help navigate the path of grief, with all its pitfalls and potholes, twists and turns — all the way to the destination of healing, acceptance and new beginnings.

Also signing his book will be Jim Bloom, author of "A Title of Their Own," the story of a humble couple who was led to Vietnam to minister to soldiers for seven years and found God leading them into a broader ministry.

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Can you recommend a good book for fall reading?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



"George R.R. Martin's Song of Ice and Fire series. ... I'm working on the newest one."
Farhan Ahmad
Canton Township



"Right now I'm reading one called 'Breathing Water.' ... Fiction."
Colleen Berlingieri
Plymouth



"The Shoemaker's Wife." Adriana Trigiani.
Pat Carter
Northville Township



"I've been reading a lot of Kathy Reichs, the Bones series. ... They get pretty gruesome, so they're good for Halloween."
Dianah Stehle
Plymouth Township

Local control

Your analysis of the meaning of representing "the people" and how political action committees affect the voting of our state representatives and senators was, indeed, well thought out and a worthy read. However, your characterization of Proposals 2 through 6 as representing a total change in government from a republic to one "by referendum" overstates their impact significantly and ignores the tremendous control that elected officials still maintain over the direction our government will take. Whether one or all of these proposals pass, the effect on our elected officials' abilities to lead will be minimal and represent the dissatisfaction of the people of Michigan with the inability of our government to legislate effectively, and, in some cases, the disgust with our legislators' too far to the right of center political agenda.

Additionally, your simplistic depiction of Proposal 2 as giving workers something they already have and a proposed change that would "strangle the role of government" is extremely inaccurate. Our recent legislatures have demonstrated many times their de-

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sires to wrest control away from locally elected school boards and city councils and place increasing power in Lansing. These changes have, in effect, negated the people's votes for government representatives at the local level and, instead, placed all of the control in Lansing. A vote for Proposal 2 restores some measure of control at the local level and still maintains our state government's authority over budgets and how they are disbursed.

Sean Senecal
Ferndale

Bentivolio, a candidate for Congress, lashed out at three local, retired teachers in a press release that was riddled with the kind of extreme rhetoric and falsehoods that seem so prevalent today.

First, he claimed that "For years I was forced to pay dues to the teachers union." This is false. For a person who seeks to be a lawmaker, apparently he does not know the law. Since 1947, under Michigan law, no one must pay dues to a public employee union. Our state law takes a moderate position, that if a union and employer both agree, all employees in the unit shall contribute to the cost of bargaining and maintaining the contract, and it is lawful to require payment of a service fee (not dues) as a condi-

tion of employment. Mr. Bentivolio hired into an "agency shop," Fowlerville Schools, and voluntarily paid union dues. He did not opt to pay the service fee. His press release is clear that, in retrospect, feels entitled to pay nothing to the MEA and to be a free rider and benefit from fellow teachers paying his share of bargaining costs.

Secondly, Bentivolio's press release calls the "Teachers for Taj" Facebook page a "front group." It seems to me this is hypocrisy since the Bentivolio for Congress web site lists multiple front groups as supporters of his candidacy.

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Curves owner Kim Scartelli, who accepts her Business-person of the Year award from Tammy Brown at the Canton Chamber of Commerce luncheon last month, has signed a deal with Premier Development Solutions to develop a plan for the business' growth.



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Premier, Curves partner for growth

Business development firm Premier Development Solutions announced the firm has been retained by the Curves regional franchise to design and launch a comprehensive program to grow its revenues and market share.

Kim Scartelli, owner of the Curves fitness club franchise in Canton Township and Plymouth, said she conducted a thorough search for a business development expert to help take her firm to the next level and beyond, and the qualifications and track record of Premier Development Solutions stood out.

Scartelli was just named Business Person of the Year by the Canton

Chamber of Commerce. "He is very good at getting people the results they may not even know they need," Scartelli said of John Lankford, founder and CEO of Plymouth-based Premier Development Solutions. "He understands that helping women achieve their optimum individual health and wellness is personally important to me. Every aspect of John's past successes with clients met or exceeded my expectations."

Formerly a successful senior executive in international businesses in Detroit, Lankford earned honors for superior performance with a global business development consultancy before

founding Premier Development Solutions in Plymouth in 2010.

"Like all of our clients, Kim has set some pretty aggressive goals and objectives for business growth, and I'm confident we can hit those and more," said Lankford. "She already has a successful business platform, and with our development model, we anticipate significant growth in revenues and market share for her in the near term and beyond."

Curves is the largest fitness franchise in the world, with nearly 10,000 locations worldwide. Scartelli's Curves franchise is located at 44258 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.



Laura Gring, Community Liaison, United Home Health Services (from left), Jenny Lynch, assistant branch manager, Community Financial, Mary Jane Swanson, Community Liaison, UHHS, and Penny Rhein, president, UHHS.

CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

Clearly You workshop

The folks at Clearly You want clients to look fabulous in holiday photos, and they're hosting an event to make sure it happens.

The free event, "How to Look Dazzling in Holiday Photos," takes place 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, at Clearly You, 44633 Joy Road (just west of Sheldon) in Canton.

The event features Jill Jordan, Personal Brand Image Coach and Wardrobe Consultant for Carlisle Clothing; photographer Aly Darin; Dr. Rebecca Himm, Himm Family Dentistry; Pam Uller, W.H. Jewell; Sara Blaine, Reice Lauriat, WhipHand Cosmetics; and Christa, Allison and Alisha, your Clearly You skin care professionals.

The free workshop will help with clothing, jewelry and photography tips to make you look better in Christmas card and holiday photos, also tips on makeup and hair styling and free demonstrations on your hands of how microdermabrasion can make your skin look smooth and luminous in photos.

The educational event is free, but organizers are asking guests to please bring a can of tuna fish, peanut butter or clean, used socks to be donated to PB&J OutReach to benefit homeless Detroiters.

Generous donation

United Home Health Services, a not-for-profit home care company in Canton, was recently chosen as a "Summer of Sharing" recipient by Plymouth-based Community Financial. This honor awarded United with a \$1,000 donation which will go toward their Patient Support Fund.

"We are so thrilled and thankful to be chosen to receive this wonderful donation," said Penny Rhein, president of United. "Our Patient Support Fund is used to provide home care services to patients without health insurance or whose needs go beyond insurance coverage. We also use these donations for food, clothing, emergency medications, medical equipment, and transportation for patients in need. All of our staff is extremely grateful to Community Financial for their generosity and community spirit! Donations such as these assist us to fulfill our mission to serve the people of our community."

Community Financial's Christine Schilling, who manages the Plymouth branch, said investing in the communities in which the credit union operates is "one of our core missions."

"To honor that part of our mission, we launched our second annual 'Summer of Sharing' program to recognize and thank those organizations that strive to keep our communities strong and help those in need," Schilling said. "The program, which ran through the summer, totals \$60,000 in donations to not-for-profits and educational groups."

United Home Health Services hopes to bolster their Patient Support Fund even more by hosting their sixth annual charity event Friday, Nov. 2 at Genetti's Hole-in-the-Wall in Northville from 6-10 p.m. Reservations are \$50 and include an all you can eat family style Italian dinner followed by the hilarious audience participation murder mystery: Murder at Party Beach. Please call Mary Jane Swanson at 734-981-8820 for reservations or for more information.

CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

First Friday

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its 1st Friday Club 8:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at the chamber office, 45525 Hanford.

This is an opportunity for small business networking in a small group setting. This networking event is limited to 10 separate businesses plus a sponsor. Participants should bring business cards, flyers, etc., to share with the group. Participation in this networking event is limited to once per quarter.

To make a reservation, call (734) 453-4040 or email admin@cantonchamber.com. The event is sponsored by Showroom of Elegance.

Networking luncheon

The chamber hosts a networking luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway.

Guest speaker is Mike Fezzy, East Michigan president of Huntington Bank. There is a \$25 member fee for advance reservations, and a \$30 cost for non-members and at the door. Sponsors are Huntington Bank and Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center.

Reservations are required; make them by calling (734) 453-4040 or email admin@cantonchamber.com

Quarter auction

Canton Newcomers and Neighbors "Quarter Auction Thursday" takes place 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, at the Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Business workshop

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its Business Education Workshop series continues with "Business Plans to Boost Your Business in 2013" 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, at the Canton Chamber of Commerce, 45525 Hanford in Canton.

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There is no charge for members and first-time guests. Call the chamber office at (734) 453-4040 or email admin@cantonchamber.com to reserve a spot.

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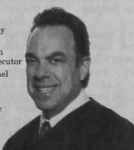
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OUR VIEWS

Be sure to vote on Tuesday

Prop 1: Vote yes on EM provision

If you're bleeding so profusely that you can't stop it, you'd hope that someone would get you to the emergency room so doctors could save your life. Similarly, on a much larger scale, there are cities and school districts losing so much cash that they need an emergency manager to save them from insolvency.

Michigan has a law, the currently-suspended Public Act 4 of 2011, which allows the governor to appoint such a financial expert — and he has in Allen Park, Benton Harbor, Flint, Three Oaks, Stevensville, Detroit, Ecorse and Pontiac. Many of those are returning to local governance.

The law is an unlikable last resort that defies our democratic process, but it's a mechanism that forces correcting problems that local officials can't (or won't). There are now designated red flags in place that start an early dialogue between struggling local units and the state to curtail financial collapse.

Plain and simple — without the law, these troubled school districts and local governments could go bankrupt, causing a ripple effect that would eventually hurt all taxpayers in this state.

Unfortunately, voting no on this proposal will only avoid addressing many of the true causes of these financial woes — unaffordable legacy costs, contracts and unrealistic budgets. Those problems won't go away on their own for those who continue to spend more than they take in.

Vote yes on Proposal 1 on Tuesday to make accountability mandatory.

Reject county ballot proposals

Local voters have a lot to decide on Nov. 6. Adding to the unusually lengthy ballot are five Wayne County charter amendments.

The proposals deal with removal of the county executive, pension board expansion and auditing guidelines. In addition, another proposal would give the commission rather than the executive authority to establish the form of the budget including a line-item veto. Another proposal gives the commission authority to approve all appointee compensation.

While some of the proposals have merit, they were rushed on to ballot in response to the budget scandals in the Ficano administration.

Supporters say the amendments offer increased oversight of county government and are necessary to control spending but opponents question the commission's motivation and whether some could sustain a legal challenge.

For example, one of the proposals calls for removal of the county executive by the governor. Current state law, however, doesn't allow for such a process. We believe that any change in state law should apply to all county executives.

While the commission may need more oversight, chances are that several of these ballot proposals will not stand up to an expected and an extended legal challenge.

The commission needs to refine it requests, hold public hearings and put proposals before voters that have been well researched and well crafted.

Until that occurs, votes should reject the five proposals on the Nov. 6 ballot.

LETTERS

Embrace teachers, unions

As a parent with two children in the public school system, a child of two retired public school teachers, and a teacher myself, I am appalled by the commercials demonizing the teachers and their unions for the purpose of opposing Proposal 2.

For too long, we have been denouncing teachers and teacher unions as the major road block to true education reform. It is time to embrace both as partners in education reform, just as in the countries whose students are outperforming ours. Governments in these countries work with the unions to create the best education systems for their children and their future.

We promote the thinking that teachers are not capable of professional judgment, that they refuse to try to reform education, that they don't work for the success of their students. The teachers that I know all work endlessly and tirelessly to do the best for their students while continuing their own education paid for out of their pockets. They spend countless hours and dollars on their lessons and classrooms. They are the union that these ads try to portray as evil.

They are the union that fights for fair working conditions for teachers that help to keep the students safe. They are the union that puts the students at the forefront. They are the union that strives to help the districts recruit top teachers by paying comparable wages.

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. The Observer will not run letters related to the election this Sunday that raise new issues. Submit letters by the following formats:

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Angela Jenkins
Canton

Sommer Foster
Canton

OUR VIEWS

Retain Schoolcraft incumbents

The Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees has done a good job of managing its budget, expanding programs and keeping tuition at affordable levels.

The board's current makeup includes varied ages, genders and is representative of most areas of the college taxing area which includes the school districts of Garden City, Clarenceville, Livonia, Northville and Plymouth-Canton.

Incumbents Douglas Adams of Canton and Eric Stempion of Livonia are seeking six-year terms while Livonia resident

John Elkins is running for the four-year term.

Adams, Stempion and Elkins are part of a successful board. They have acted responsibly and always in the best interest of the college. They merit election on Nov. 6.

The college has kept pace with the changing marketplace, offering certificate and degrees programs to meet the needs of a global economy. A lot of that progress can be attributed to the vision of Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress. The current board, how-

ever, earns high marks for letting the administration work its plan. The current board does what it was elected to do — set policy and standards, connect with community and act as advocates for the college. They have been a cohesive, thoughtful team always doing what is best for the college.

This is a nonpartisan race, so voters are urged to make sure they locate the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees race on what is a lengthy ballot for western Wayne County residents.

Ramsey, Cox, Morrow best for circuit court

Local voters face a lengthy ballot on Tuesday so many voters will opt to vote a straight party ticket. If you are one of them don't pass up the opportunity to elect three highly qualified candidates to the Wayne County Circuit Court.

Court races often attract the best and the brightest and this race is no exception. Six lawyers are vying for three non-incumbent open seats on the court. Many have strong and varied records of achievement.

However, three who stand out are Kelly Ann Ramsey of Livonia, Kevin Cox of Northville. All three have exceptional life and legal experience, which we believe sets them apart from the other candidates. The new judges will likely be assigned either to the family law or criminal divisions on the circuit bench so experience is important.

Judicial races are often a name game. That's not the way to elect qualified judges to the bench.

The Wayne County Circuit Court needs qualified, experienced and hard-working judges. It is a busy court handling criminal cases, complex civil cases and family issues.

We interviewed the candidates, reviewed their backgrounds and examined their questionnaires and accomplishments. The Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association rated each "well



Ramsey



Cox



Morrow

qualified."

Ramsey, a Livonia resident, is a veteran hearing officer in the Family Division - Juvenile Section in Wayne County. Prior to that she served for five years as an assistant Wayne County Prosecutor with that office's Child Abuse Unit.

Ramsey has championed the causes of children in the juvenile justice system by prosecuting those who have neglected or abused children. A smart,

hard-working attorney, she is also a community leader who will make a strong addition to the circuit court bench.

The daughter of a Detroit police officer, Ramsey has seen how judgments rendered in court impact lives. Cox is currently an assistant attorney in the state attorney general's office. Before that, he worked for more than 25 years handling a variety of civil and criminal trials, including trying 30 cases to verdict. His courtroom experience will serve him well as a trial judge.

A Livonia resident, Cox has a strong work ethic. His varied and extensive experience, along with his temperament, make him an outstanding candidate for the bench.

Morrow, deputy chief of the juvenile division in the Wayne County Prosecutor's office, supervises 20 assistant prosecutors handling juvenile offenders. The Northville resident is one of the founders of the prosecutor's teen court program, in which nonviolent first-time offenders have their cases heard by their peers, under the guidance of an assistant prosecutor.

Morrow has more than 26 years of experience as a practicing attorney and has handled hundreds of cases, both civil and criminal. He has litigated cases involving complex environmental issues and prosecuted capital cases such as murder, rape and armed robbery.

Morrow's commitment to the Wayne County community doesn't stop after work hours. He is a long-time volunteer for Habitat for Humanity in Detroit, created a law library for students at Denby High School and funds a scholarship for inner-city students. He will make an outstanding judge of the Wayne County Circuit Court.

On Nov. 6, make a difference on the Wayne County Circuit Court by casting votes for Kelly Ann Ramsey, Kevin Cox and Brian Morrow.



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Plymouth Township is a well planned community that has carefully mixed the development of High Tech Industrial Parks, beautiful residential neighborhoods, spectacular parks and plenty of open green space. With one of the lowest tax rates in the State Plymouth Township is a great place to live and work. In Fact Money Magazine ranked the Township as #28 on its list of the top 100 places to live in America. Lets keep moving up the Ranking. The Committee for a Better Future recommends

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- Clerk - **Nancy Conzelman**
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CANTON TOWNSHIP

Canton Township is an award winning community. It has been recognized as having one of the best Parks and Recreation departments in the nation. It was 1 of 73 agency's to be accredited by CAPRA . The department was also a Gold Medal winner from NRPR. Canton's Public Safety Department was also recognized as one of the best in the State by the NAPS. Lets keep the awards coming. The Committee for a Better Future recommends

- Supervisor - **Phil LaJoy**
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NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP

Northville Township is bucking all the trends. It leads the county in new home starts and its residents are seeing their homes go up in value. The township is one of only 3 communities in Wayne County where home values are rising. Business growth is rapid and the University of Michigan has just announced plans to open a 100,000 square foot Medical Center. Northville Township is a great place to Live, Work and Play. Lets keep the trends growing. The Committee for a Better Future recommends

- Supervisor - **Robert R. Nix**
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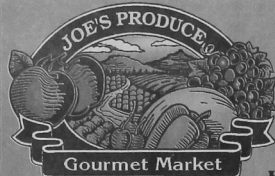


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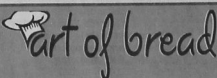
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SPORTS

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL DISTRICTS

Surge ends Chiefs' season

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

The potential match point for Canton against South Lyon in Tuesday's Division 1 district opener landed literally inches out of bounds.

Instead of Canton securing a 15-10 victory, the near miss provided enough of an opening for South Lyon senior outside hitter Chloe Reing — a Miss Volleyball finalist.

She came the Lions to a score-from-behind 16-14 victory in Game 5, thus earning a 3-2 match victory. South Lyon will face Northville 5 p.m. Thursday in a district semifinal at Novi High School.

"There's no stopping Chloe," said Canton first-year head coach Steve Johnson. "I've been watching her play the last three or four years

and my hat's off to her and her team.

"... I was hoping that we would be able to slow her down, get her rotated out of the front row faster than we did. At times we were doing it pretty good. That was our game plan."

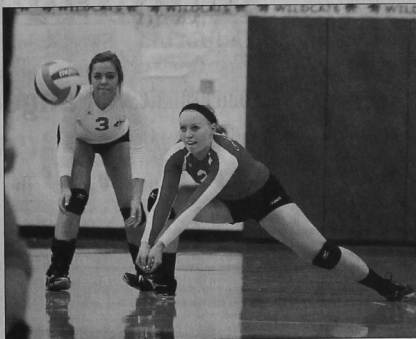
Reing (27 kills, 19 digs) slammed home three consecutive points to put the Lions up by a point and an errant return by the Chiefs finished the game and match.

"She (Reing) didn't beat us, we beat ourselves," Canton senior outside hitter and co-captain Erica den Boer said. "I think we took this game for granted. None of us expected this to be our last game."

The best

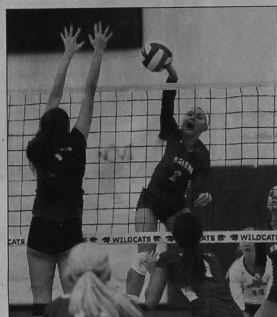
After a postgame chat

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Canton libero Rebecca Middleton (No. 2) bumps the ball up Tuesday against South Lyon, while teammate Lauren Khars (No. 3) watches.

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Salem senior Erika Hatcher (No. 2) spikes the ball during Tuesday's district match against Novi.

Rocks swept away

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

The final nail in the coffin for Salem's varsity girls volleyball season was the very thing that plagued the squad all year — finishing on offense.

Such was the case again Tuesday at Novi High School, as the Rocks lost 3-0 to the Division 1 district-host Wildcats.

Novi won 25-20 in the opener and rallied in Game 2 for a 25-19 triumph (a game the Rocks led 13-6).

In the final game, the Wildcats overcame an early deficit to win 25-17 and earn a spot in Thurs-

day's district semifinal set for 7 p.m. against Plymouth.

"Offensively, we just couldn't finish," Salem head coach Amanda Nies said. "Our defense was great tonight, my libero (senior co-captain Emily Lippa) played picture perfect in my eyes. We just could not put the ball away."

"Even in Game 1, we gave away 10 errors and we only lost by five points. When you're playing a team like Novi, you have to be more consistent."

Concurring was senior outside hitter and co-captain Abigail Dworzancin, who tallied eight kills and

seven digs.

"I think we need to learn how to finish," Dworzancin said. "That was our struggle throughout the whole year. We would start slow and then we'd catch up." "But at the end we could never finish. That's what hurt us."

Not quite

There were numerous times Tuesday where Salem players thought they did just that only to see Novi counterparts somehow keep rallies alive.

For Novi (38-12-1), junior outside hitters Alli-

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY REGIONALS



Getting off to a good start at Saturday's Division 1 cross country regional at Willow Metropark is Salem's varsity girls squad.

State finals on the horizon

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Salem freshman Chaz Jeffress paced the Rocks to a second-place finish at Saturday's Division 1 regional championship at Willow Metropark.

As the second-place team, with 90 points (Dexter won with 51 points), Salem qualified as a unit for Saturday's state championships at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

"Chaz had the performance of the meet and is now one of the top freshmen in the state of Michigan," said Salem head coach Chris Aspinall, who noted that Jeffress placed fourth overall with a time of 16:20.

Taking the fifth spot was Steve McEvilly (16:25) to combine with Jeffress to give Salem a big boost.

"Their 4-5 finish really set us apart from the teams who finished below us and they led us to the state meet," Aspinall noted.

Also coming up strong were Michael Karizat (18th, 16:36) and Riley Dostader (21st, 16:49).

Karizat "had a tremendous kick, moving up from an unranked 30th with 1,000 meters to go to finish 18th," Aspinall said. "He also passed two guys in the last 200 meters."

The coach added that Dostader finished ahead of a cluster of runners, including four from Livonia Stevenson (third place with 105 points).

Other Salem performers included Evan Bruyere (42nd, 17:22), Donov Drouillard (44th, 17:27) and Jeremy Drouillard (51st, 17:39). All our headed for MIS.

Encore for PCA

The Plymouth Christian Acad-

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Salem girls win 1st regional

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Salem junior Kayla Kavulich competes at the Division 1 regional last weekend. She was the overall medalist and set a new Salem record in the process.

Kayla Kavulich set a new Salem record in girls cross country with her first-place time of 18 minutes, 22.4 seconds at Saturday's Division 1 regional at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

But as Rocks head coach Dave Gerlach emphasized, it's a team-first culture and Salem won its first-ever regional championship with 51 points. "This is an amazing and determined group of young ladies that deserves the honors that they earned today," noted Gerlach, following the meet. "They have all worked so hard this season and kept their eyes on their team goals. For them to earn the regional

championship is so deserving and truly incorporates what our organization stands for.

"The regional title is a team award and I am so proud of these ladies and the alumni that have set the foundation."

Salem thus qualified for the D1 state meet as a squad, along with Dexter (second, 66 points) and Livonia Churchill (third, 67 points). The state meet is slated for Saturday at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

"We're looking forward to competing (at MIS) next weekend with a goal of getting in the top-10," Gerlach said.

Placing sixth with 163 points was Plymouth, with Canton's 227 points good for eighth out

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Playoff game streamed live

The Division 1-Region 2-District 2 football playoff game beginning at 7 p.m. Friday between host Livonia Churchill (10-0) and Plymouth (8-2) will be among four games streamed live simultaneously on the Fox Sports Detroit website — foxSports-Detroit.com (click on Prep Zone).

Among the other games playoff games streamed including Traverse City Central at Midland; Constantine at Schoolcraft; and Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse North at Macomb Dakota.

Friday tryout for Penguins

A string of tryouts this week for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins varsity girls hockey team ends 4-5 p.m. Friday at Arctic Edge Arena on Michigan Avenue near Canton Center Road in Canton.

For more information, contact head coach Mary Beth Trainor at smeeb@aol.com.

Bowling fundraiser

Friends and family members of Jordan Bobbish, one of two area teenagers who were ruthlessly killed in Detroit on July 22, are organizing a bowling fundraiser that will be held Friday, Nov. 2, at 7:30 p.m. at Beech Lanes in Redford.

Money raised by the event will go toward charitable efforts that will keep the memory of Jordan Bobbish alive, said his dad, Mike Bobbish.

Jordan Bobbish lived in Redford until he was 15 years old. He would have been a senior at Livonia Churchill this year.

In addition to the money raised by the \$15 bowling entry fee (each participant gets to bowl three games), funds will be raised with basket auctions and raffles.

Beech Lanes is donating the lanes free of charge, Mike Bobbish said.

For more information on the fundraiser, contact Christa Cencer at (734) 634-7420.

MU's Jurcak earns award

Madonna University freshman forward Jennifer Jurcak (Utica Eisenhower) was named Wolverines Hoosier Athletic Conference Women's Soccer Offensive Player of the Week (ending Oct. 28) after scoring five goals and adding one assist in two of three matches.

Jurcak, the third Crusaders to win the award this season, notched a pair of goals in a 4-2 win earlier in the week over Indiana Tech and added her first career hat trick in Sunday's 9-0 shutout of host Purdue-Calumet.

Whalers' Meurs nets OT winner

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Nothing like a road trip and the quick hands of Plymouth Whalers forward Garrett Meurs to jumpstart a season.

The Whalers won just two of their first eight games but then rattled off four road wins in a row — including Friday's 3-2 victory over OHL contender London.

They followed that up with Saturday's 2-1 overtime win over Kitchener in the team's return to Compuware Arena to make it five victories in a row.

Netting the game winners both against the Knights and Rangers was forward Garrett Meurs.

Against Kitchener, Meurs took a pass from Ryan Hartman. He then skated into the Rangers' zone, walked out of the Knights' zone and cut in front of goalkeeper Franky Palazzese (30 saves) before roofing the puck into the top-right corner at 37 seconds of OT.

"Yeah, I guess things are starting to go my

way now," said a smiling Meurs, who also scored Plymouth's first goal Saturday.

Describing the winner, Meurs said he "knew one play could get the win and it happened. I got around him (Kitchener defenseman) and I knew he'd throw out the poke check so I just tried to get through that first and then worry about the second one."

Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci lauded Meurs for the crafty goal.

"He kind of gave him a stutter step, he set the defenseman up a little bit," Vellucci said. "Faked like he was going to come inside and took it outside and came across. It was a great goal."

Meanwhile, the five-game winning streak helped Vellucci finally move beyond 400 in career victories — a mark he has been stuck on for three games before the road trip (which began Oct. 18 with a 2-1 win at Peterborough).

(Plymouth, however, lost 2-1 on Sunday in the



Plymouth Whalers forward Garrett Meurs (No. 16) is congratulated by teammates Rickard Rakell (No. 24) and Cody Payne (No. 8) after scoring in the first period against Kitchener.

rematch with the Rangers at Kitchener, to fall to 7-2-1.)

Road cooking

"When you go on the road you just get to know everybody better," said Meurs, who now has eight goals on the season. "Spending four days at a hotel, you start to learn about guys, what they're like off the ice and that helps on the ice."

About the successful road trip, Vellucci credited "harder work and getting some breaks."

He added that the Whalers received another break in Saturday's second period, when an apparent go-ahead marker by Kitchener's Justin Bailey was disallowed after video review indicated the puck was knocked in with a high stick.

"Tonight one got waded off," Vellucci said. "So we're starting to get some breaks and starting to make our own breaks."

Solid goalkeeping by Matt Mahalak (27 saves) also helped the cause, although the first Kitchener shot of the evening eluded him.

At just 4:39 of the opening stanza, Ben Thomson scored (with assists recorded by Matta Mar-

contuoni and Eric Ming). Plymouth evened things up on an ensuing power play, with 8:27 remaining in the first. Winger Stefan Noesen fired a crisp cross-crease pass to Meurs, cutting in near the left post. Meurs then snapped a wristor over Palazzese's trapper. Earning the other assist was Rickard Rakell.

Both goalies made plenty of strong stops the rest of regulation, to set up Meurs' heroics.

"We just got to keep winning," said Vellucci, whose Whalers are moving up in the conference standings. "We've played less games than everybody else and we just got to keep winning."

Next for the Whalers is a home-and-home this weekend against Sarnia. The series opens 7 p.m. Friday at Sarnia before the teams return to Compuware for a 7 p.m. Saturday tilt.

Plymouth then hosts Saginaw in an election day matinee (2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6).

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son Schulte, Isabelle Glancy (11 kills, 12 digs) and senior outside hitter Kacey Sheldon were the main upliffs.

"There's moments I'd swing and think it was down and they'd get it back up," Dworzancin said. "Props to them, because they did a great job. They're a really scrappy team, I'm glad we stuck with them, but it just didn't turn out in our favor."

Lipa's defensive proficiency was a key reason why the Rocks (22-20 overall) at least made Novi work for the victory. She tallied 10 digs and did not make a single error

in serve-receive out of 25 opportunities.

Senior setter Nancy Krutty also had a strong game in her prep finale with seven kills and 24 assists.

Two other seniors helping the Salem cause included outside hitters Erika Hatcher (seven kills) and Breanne Beaver (five kills).

"We came out a lot better than the last time we played them," Nies said. "I'm bummed out that we didn't at least take a game because I think the effort from my team and their performance overall deserved that."

"My seniors definitely worked hard and they gave it their all tonight."

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Canton varsity girls volleyball players (from left) Jordan Diederick, Rebecca LeChevalier, Dia Jackson, Rebecca Middleton, Erica Boer and Alexis Madis all capped off outstanding prep careers with Tuesday's tough loss to South Lyon in the Division 1 districts.

CHIEFS

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with her teammates, den Boer — who hammered the ball as hard as Reing and tallied 24 kills and 20 digs — lamented not having the chance to continue in the tournament.

"But the season was pretty strong," she noted. "We just had a team meeting in there (locker room) and we all said this was the best team family environment we've ever had. There was just a really good atmosphere."

Canton's attack featured plenty of contributors, despite the end result (which gave the Chiefs a final record of 28-14-2).

Tallying 13 kills and three solo blocks was junior right-side hitter Sasha Cucuz.

Adding 15 kills and five aces was senior outside hitter Jordan Diederick and senior libero Rebecca Middleton chipped in with 29 digs and seven aces.

They were augmented by junior setters Chelsea Janice (38 assists), Madison Kieley (17 assists, two aces), senior middle hitter Alexis Madis (three solo blocks) and junior defensive specialist Lauren Khars (eight digs).

Canton got off to a great start in the contest, winning 25-16 in Game 1.

Big serving runs by senior defensive specialist Dia Jackson (four points, including two

aces) and Middleton (five points) helped build a 21-12 advantage and the Chiefs kept rolling to the game victory.

Bouncing back

The Lions rebounded to take the second game by a 25-21 count, but Canton's 25-17 victory in Game 3 put the Chiefs on the cusp.

A big weapon throughout was the Kieley-to-den Boer combo, which provided plenty of powerful slams.

Two points served up by Madis capped off the win (featuring a Diederick spike for the 25th point).

After taking a lead early in Game 4, the Lions rebounded for the 26-24 win that required the teams go to a fifth and deciding game.

For a while, things looked good for the Chiefs. A four-point serving stint by den Boer (with strong play up front from Cucuz, Madis and Diederick) put Canton up 10-7.

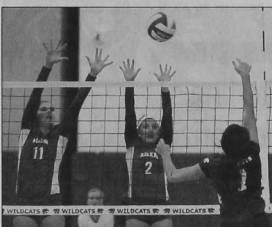
"It was 14-10 with Janice stepping up to the stripe, but that's when the Reing-led surge began."

"We had a great season, one that (exceeded) my expectations as a first-year coach," Johnson said. "I'm very proud of them and the leadership they've shown all year long and the younger kids have followed right along with them."

"It's been a great team. I'm disappointed in the results tonight but I'm very proud of my team."

In addition to Reing, senior setter Abby Sigler was a top performer for the Lions with 35 assists and 19 digs. South Lyon improved to 25-19.

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Putting up a block attempt Tuesday night against Novi are Salem's Kelly Whalen (No. 11) and Erika Hatcher (No. 2).

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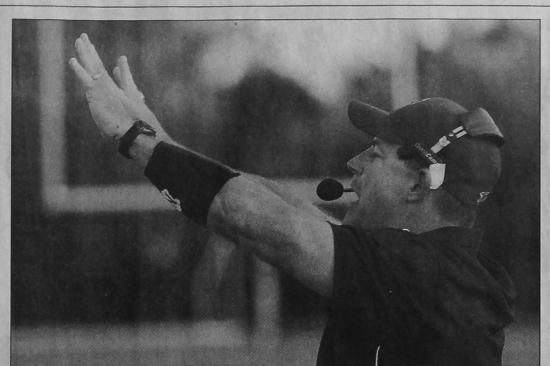
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Steelers again 'Black & Bue' champions

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers junior football program reclaimed the coveted 'Black & Bue' trophy Saturday by capturing two of three games against the cross-town rival Canton Lions.

The trophy is awarded to the program that takes at least two of the three rivalry games.

Powered by the two-way play of Jason Arnold, the Lions' varsity team triumphed, 28-20, in the night's first contest. Canton roared to a 16-0 half-time lead and 22-0 third-quarter advantage before the Steelers battled back to make it close thanks to a 66-yard touchdown run by Dylan Stackhouse and a pair of four-quarter scoring runs by Isaac Emminger.

The Steelers' defense was led by Gabe Teichmann, Julian Thornton, Andrew Davis, Jared Golles, Turner Donlin and Jacob Miller. Scott Greger, Blake Prieskorn, Ben Kandah, Matt Poet, David Dart, Nick Saker and Spencer Zavarca provided solid blocking during the Steelers' second-half rally.

Despite the loss, the 7-1 Steelers locked down the No. 1 seed in the WSJFL playoffs. They will battle the Lions Saturday at 4 p.m. at Saline High School.

The junior-varsity Steelers completed an 8-0 regular season by upending the Lions, 32-12. Mason Phillips opened the scoring for the winners with a 30-yard touchdown run. Following a pair of Ryan Young capped runs, Phillips rapped the scoring

YOUTH FOOTBALL

For the Steelers with a 40-yard TD scamper.

Parker Selby booted four two-point conversions for the Steelers, who received strong blocking from Billy Florh, Selby, Aaron Garbano, Seth Troszak, Chase Willis, Dean Kaye and Jackson King.

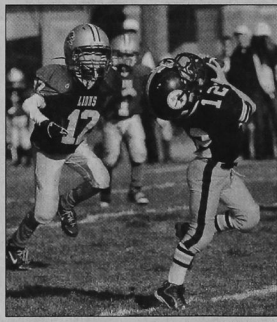
Defensively, the Steelers were paced by Connor Engel, Andrew Neal (fumble recovery), Jake Cain (fumble recovery), Liam Radomski (fumble recovery) and Ryan McAuliffe.

The Steelers will take on Ypsilanti at 2 p.m. in Saline in the opening round of the WSJFL playoffs.

The Steelers freshmen unit registered a convincing 13-0 victory over the Lions in a game that featured a pair of 5-2 teams. Led by Tyler Overattis, Jason Perko and Aidan Tafelski, the Steelers recorded their third shut-out of the season. Zach Sweet recovered a fumble and Spencer Zavarca while Adam Janek picked off a pair of Lions passes.

The Steelers' offense was powered by Nate Cain, who scored the game's only touchdowns. Cain followed the blocking of Andrew Uhlman, Keagan Witczak, Cooper Donlin and Mason Hickey. Quarterback Ethan Rottell completed 4 of 5 passes for 55 yards. He also looked up with Perko for a one-point conversion pass.

The Steelers will take on 7-1 Dearborn Heights in Saturday's opening round of the WSJFL playoffs.



JON VESPAZIANI

Plymouth-Canton Steelers junior freshman football player Brady Blackita makes an over-the-shoulder catch during Saturday's game against the Canton Lions at Central Middle School.

Can they stop Churchill?

Playoff tests don't come any tougher than the one facing Plymouth Friday night. The Wildcats, and head coach Mike Sawchuk (shown from earlier this season), must stop still-unbeaten Livonia Churchill to continue their postseason drive. In a regular season game, the Chargers won 35-31. Friday's kickoff is 7 p.m. at Churchill.

PREP GRID PICKS

Round 2 Friday, Nov. 2	Wright	Smith	O'Meara	Emons
Plymouth (8-2) at Churchill (10-0), 7 p.m.		Churchill	Plymouth	Churchill
Last week	2-4	4-2	5-1	4-2
Overall	74-43	86-31	89-28	92-25

The Plymouth Six lead the way

As the girls' swim season heads into the championship meets, no one understands the importance of these final swims as well as the six Plymouth captains.

The six girls — or "Wildcat Women" as the swimmers prefer to be called — know that this will be their last season together, their last time to compete as a team, their last time to race as a Wildcat.

Seniors Linda Erickson, Lydia Plencner, Lydia Matson, Carolyn Stoddard and Emily Toro have each been captains for the past two years. Senior Emily Weiner has been a captain for the past three seasons.

Together, the six head team of 56 swimmers and divers, the largest in Plymouth swimming history.

Together as varsity swimmers for the past four years, the six captains of their teammates have also been part of the fastest and most talented group of swimmers and divers in school history. The six captains hold over one-third of the school's top 10 record times in each event. Most recently, they sparked Plymouth to Saturday's first-place finish at the KLAAs South Division Finalist meet.

The current group of swimmers holds the school records in nine of 11 swim events. Over the past four years, they have continuously set and reset school records. This year, Toro, Weiner, Stoddard and junior Sarah Dombkowski set a pool record at Canton in



Pictured are the co-captains for Plymouth's varsity girls swimming and diving team, which shared the season's KLAAs South Division championship with Canton. In the front row (from left) are Emily Weiner, Lydia Plencner and Linda Erickson. In the back row (from left) are Emily Toro, Carolyn Stoddard and Lydia Matson.

the 200-meter freestyle relay and last year Toro, Stoddard, Erickson and graduate Stephanie Matsui set a pool record at Wayne Memorial in the 400-free relay.

Part of the whole
For all of their success, the captains have learned that individual achievement is only a part of the overall experience. High school swimming is a team sport with an individual component. Teammates compete against each other in races while competing together as a team.

One of the most significant achievements the Plymouth captains have accomplished is fostering team spirit and team camaraderie among all

of the swimmers and divers. Most notably, the six seniors have developed special friendships with each other and with their teammates.

• Lydia Matson explains that the hardest part about high school ending will be not getting to hang out with her swim buddies every day.

• Emily Weiner says that she has many great memories of the team, but some of her favorites involve sharing a lot of laughs with her teammates who became the sisters she never had.

• Emily Toro and Carolyn Stoddard give a shout out to the six girls who shared a lane together as freshman and remain great friends, the "original

six."

• Linda Erickson recalls preparing for the state meet with Stephanie Matsui when she could swim down one lane and back another, a luxury in a team so large. Lydia Plencner says that the team always knows how to bring a smile to her face and she doesn't know what high school would have been like without it.

While no one knows what the future will bring, one thing is certain. The Wildcat six will lead their team to continued success with a lot of hard work and effort, and they'll have a great time doing it.

(Article submitted to the Observer)

GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

KLAAs SOUTH DIVISION 200-YARD SWIM
Oct. 28-29 at Westland Glenn
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth, 75.5 points; 2. Canton, 721.5; 3. Livonia Churchill, 353; 4. Livonia Franklin, 173; 5. Westland John Glenn, 137; 6. Wayne Memorial, 112.
FINAL EVENT RESULTS
200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Emily Meier, Hannah Jenkins, Delaney Adams, Destinee Barmore-Hicks), 1:54.52; 2. Plymouth, 1:56.15; 3. Canton (B), 2:02.74; Plymouth (B), 2:05.61; 5. Churchill, 2:05.8; 6. Franklin, 2:12.72.
200 freestyle: 1. Sarah Dombkowski (Ply.), 1:56.41; 2. Claire Green (Canton), 2:02.53; 3. Madeline Madison (Canton), 2:03.66; 4. Emily Weiner (Ply.), 2:05.78; 5. Christine Pray (Canton), 2:09.3

Jenkins (Canton), 2:09.3
200 individual medley: 1. Emily Toro (Ply.), 2:11.83; 2. Alexa Earls (Ply.), 2:14.64; 3. Adams (Canton), 2:17.73; 4. Amanda Washko (LC), 2:18.0; 5. Caitlin Orr (Canton), 2:22.35; 6. Mackenzie Dugas (Canton), 2:23.33.
50 freestyle: 1. Barmore-Hicks (Canton), 25.69; 2. Meier (Canton), 25.84; 3. Carolyn Stoddard (Ply.), 26.28; 4. Caylin Waters (Ply.), 26.28; 5. Molly Jarvis (LC), 26.43; 6. Lydia Matson (Ply.), 27.3.
100-meter蝶泳: 1. Melissa Green (Canton), 266.4 points; 2. Nicole Laseki (Canton), 262.35; 3. Megan McKeehan (Ply.), 251.85; 4. Sydney Grenier (LC), 248.35; 5. Yumi Nozawa (LC), 246.00; 6. MacLach Williams (WVJ), 242.70.

100 butterfly: 1. Linda Erickson (Ply.), 59.98; 2. Adams (Canton), 1:03.22; 3. Britany Gates (LC), 1:03.25; 4. Lydia Plencner (Ply.), 1:03.68; 5. Emily Osika (Canton), 1:08.32; 6. Rachel Bartzsch (Canton), 1:08.95.
100 freestyle: 1. Barmore-Hicks (Canton), 55.74; 2. Washko (LC), 55.91; 3. Stoddard (Ply.), 57.72; 4. Madison (Canton), 58.14; 5. Weiner (Ply.), 58.74; 6. Abby Humphries (Ply.), 59.06.
500 freestyle: 1. Dombkowski (Ply.), 5:03.42; 2. C. Green (Canton), 5:24.6; 3. Pray (Canton), 5:33.61; 4. Dugas (Canton), 5:38.72; 5. Dugas (Canton), 5:58.19; 6. Courtney Smith (Canton), 5:58.72.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Toro, Stoddard, Earls, Dombkowski), 1:42.94;

2. Canton, 1:46.34; 3. Plymouth (B), 1:47.61; 4. Churchill, 1:50.23; 5. Canton (B), 1:50.46; 6. Franklin, 1:56.91.
100 backstroke: 1. Erickson (Ply.), 1:02.65; 2. Earls (Ply.), 1:02.89; 3. Meier (Canton), 1:03.49; 4. Orr (Canton), 1:05.38; 5. Gates (LC), 1:07.39; 6. Jenna Michoniewicz (LP), 1:07.51.
100 breaststroke: 1. Jenkins (Canton), 1:11.44; 2. Toro (Ply.), 1:12.0; 3. Matson (Ply.), 1:14.15; 4. Samidha Visal (Ply.), 1:17.84; 5. Madison Ytterrock (LC), 1:19.81; 6. Emily Hagan (Canton), 1:20.36.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Dombkowski, Stoddard, Earls, Toro), 3:48.53; 2. Canton, 3:53.23; 3. Plymouth (B), 3:58.07; 4. Canton (B), 4:01.67; 5. Churchill, 4:01.82; 6. Franklin, 4:08.02.

Lutheran Westland spikers romp

Lutheran High Westland made quick work of its first-round Class D district volleyball opponent Westside with a 25-3, 25-3, 25-5 win over Detroit Westside Christian in a match played at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

The Warriors, now 25-16-5 overall, will face Southfield Christian in the district semifinals beginning at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at HVL. The winner advances to the district championship @ 6:30 p.m. Friday at Huron Valley. Aldreanna Fikes was the Warriors' top attacker with seven kills, while Leah Refenes and Sam Roberts added five and four, respectively.

Refenes and Shannon Abbott also dished out 10 and six assist-kills, respectively.

Abbott and Alissa Flury each served 10 aces, while Julia Yancy contributed eight. The trio combined to miss only one serve in 58 attempts.

"Now that we are into the state tournament we are happy to get a win and move on," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "Our semifinal match Thursday night against Southfield Christian will not be an easy one. We will have to come ready to play and do a good job of controlling the ball if we want to advance to the district final on Friday night."

PCA regional champs

Plymouth Christian Academy's boys cross country team celebrates winning the Division 4 regional Oct. 27 at Hudson High School. Pictured top row (from left) are Gareth Matson, Jimmy Parks (captain), coach Jennifer Lemieux, Trevor Baloga, Steven Zommermaad, Jacob Bailey, Jacob Nichols, Ethan LeVack. Pictured bottom row (from left) are Ian Rose, Terra Crown (captain), Megan McHugh, Rachel Smith, and Nathan Harold (academic captain).



BOYS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY REGIONAL RESULTS
Oct. 29 at Willow Metropark TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 teams qualify for state finals): 1. Dexter, 51 points; 2. Salem, 30; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 105; 4. Plymouth, 106; 5. Livonia Churchill, 111; 6. University of Detroit Jesuit, 188; 7. Ann Arbor Huron, 198; 8. Livonia Franklin, 211; 9. Acazor Shiro, 214; 10. Canton, 229; 11. Garden City, 33; 12. Westland John Glenn, 356; 13. Dearborn Fordson, 382; 14. Dearborn, 387; 15. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 489.
Individual winners: Matt Greve (Dexter), 16:01.12 (5,000 meters).
State finishers: 4. Chaz Jeffrey, 16:19.53; 5. Steve McEvilly, 16:24.42; 18. Michael Karizat, 16:35.86; 21. Riley Dostader, 16:48.74; 42. Evan Bruyer,

17:21.42; 44. Donovan Drouillard, 17:26.43; 51. Jeremy Drouillard, 17:38.51.
Plymouth finishers: 12. Zane Berlanga, 16:29.87 (sq); 15. Brandon Dalton, 16:30.85 (sq); 19. Liam Cardenas, 16:36.88; 26. Max Rogowski, 16:57.48; 34. Jonny Dalton, 17:08.59; 38. Nicholas Williamson, 17:14.94; 48. Matthew Pahl, 17:35.73.
Canton finishers: 21. Evan Dunklee, 17:06.40; 45. Tom Walkinshaw, 17:27.64; 47. Billy Toth, 17:32.43; 52. Andrew Stephens, 17:39.64; 53. Evan Childs, 17:42.76; 54. Josh Joy, 17:46.80; 73. Oveser Ash, 18:28.25.
DIVISION 4
Oct. 29 at Hudson High School TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 teams qualify for state finals): 1. Plymouth Christian Academy, 54; 2. Lutheran Westland, 75; 3. Sand Creek, 95; 4. Hudson, 105;

5. Addison, 111; 6. Morend, 127; 7. Pittsford, 128; 8. Whitford, 215; 9. Taylor Baptist Park, 229; 10. Adrian Lenawee Christian, 263.
Individual winner: Shane Baldwin (Waldron), 17:20.2 (5,000 meters).
PCA finishers (all state qualifiers): 4. Jimmy Parks, 17:44.4; 10. Trevor Baloga, 18:24.7; 13. Ethan LeVack, 18:33.16; Jacob Bailey, 18:40.0; 19. Ian Rose, 18:52.7; 37. Steven Zommermaad, 19:45.2; 41. Gareth Matson, 19:50.0.
Lutheran Westland finishers (all state qualifiers): 7. Eric Smith, 18:20.2; 10. Daniel Bunge, 18:19.9; 17. Hunter Roberts, 18:40.2; 18. Pete Sillanpaa, 18:55.0; 19. Ben O'Banion, 19:32.6; 44. Wesley Warren, 20:11.8; 51. Matthew Paerl, 21:11.9; (sq) additional individual state qualifier.

Salem High School will be sending 14 athletes to the Division 1 state meet Saturday at Michigan Independent Speedway in Brooklyn. The girls team won the D1 regional at Willow Metropark in New Boston while the boys qualified as a team with a second-place finish. State qualifiers include: (front row, from left) Emily Bizon, Alejandra Beltran, Alexis Foley; second row (from left) Lauren Arquette, Natasha Stevenson, Anya Cho, Kayla Kavulich; third row (from left) Chaz Jeffrey, Jeremy Drouillard, Michael Karizat, Riley Dostader; back row, from left) Steve McEvilly, Donovan Drouillard, Evan Bruyer.

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my boys cross country team captured Saturday's Division 4 regional at Hudson High School to qualify for the state meet.

Finishing fourth for the Eagles was Jimmy Parks, with a mark of 17 minutes, 44.4 seconds. Following him for PCA were Trevor Baloga (10h, 18:24.7), Ethan LeVack (13th, 18:33.3), Jacob Bailey (16th,

18:40.0), Ian Rose (19th, 18:52.7), Steven Zommermaad (37th, 19:45.2) and Gareth Matson (41st, 19:50.0).
 "We have been very nina-like this year," PCA head coach Jennifer Lemieux said. "The athletes made a goal of winning a back-to-back regional title at the beginning of the summer."
 "The team is mostly seniors so this was important as it had never been done in PCA history," Lemieux said the team

was riding momentum from strong outings including fourth at Holly, third at the MIAC championship and fourth at Hudson Booster.
 She added that the small squad was huge in dedication, each following individual training plans.
 "I am so proud of these young men who set a long range goal, kept their eye on the goal and kept God in their hearts," she added.

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MSU's dynamic duo sparkles at Big 10s

By Brad Emons
 Observer Staff Writer

Michigan State junior Sara Kroll fell off the energy of the crowd and it led to an individual title in the Big Ten Women's Cross Country Championships Sunday in East Lansing.

The Livonia Churchill High grad covered the 5,000-meter course in a personal best 20 minutes, 13 seconds with Iowa senior Mareike Schurle second in 20:17.

After finishing eighth a year ago and earning a spot on the All-Big Ten, Kroll now the conference's preeminent women's distance runner.

Also earning a spot on the podium as a second-team All-Big Ten honoree was longtime teammate Rachel McFarlane, a red-shirt senior and former walk-on from Churchill who placed 14th for the Spartans in 20:45.

Michigan, meanwhile, captured the team title in 20:44, while MSU was runner-up with 75.
 "I've worked so hard for this," Kroll told MSU's Spartan All Access network. "I've had this goal in mind for over a year now. I came away from last year's Big Tens wanting to win. I know that the team goal was more important. I know that I gave this race everything

I had. To come away with a win today really makes me feel like I gave it my best effort. Being able to race with our girls on our home course is just a blessing."
 Kroll, who captured the Spartan Invitational in September on the same course, certainly felt right at home. The feeling was like being inside the Bresler Center backed by the Izzone.
 "Oh, my gosh, it was so loud, not necessarily from our fans, but everyone so live with me and our course is so spectator friendly," said Kroll, who was also named Big Ten Women's Cross Country Athlete of the Year. "It makes it easier than running through a course that is silent where you can lose focus a little bit easier that way. It was nice to be able to stay engaged."
 Kroll made her move on Schurle with 700 meters to go.

"It was pretty close to where I made the move at Spartan Invite to take the win there," Kroll said. "And I knew that if I was going to win the race, or have a chance of winning, I needed to be to do and needed to be decisive. I went and ran it really hard, and I didn't look back, so I was able to pull away from her a little

bit more than I thought I would in the little amount of course that I had left." Kroll was first into the finish line chute, four seconds ahead of Schurle.
 "That is such an exhilarating feeling," she said. "I actually had this goal of trying to win the Big Ten title as soon as the cross country season ends last fall. To be able to put in a lot of hard months of summer training, and to come away and take this goal off my list, and being able to run on our home course with our fans, our friends and our family, and my teammates, of course, it's just so exciting and I couldn't ask for anything more."
 MSU coach Walt Dreth was pleased with the showing of the two Churchill High grads.
 "We thought Sara had a chance to win and she did a great job," he said. "It's been something she's been planning on and thinking about all summer. It's hard to do and to pull it off, she's quite an athlete."
 McFarlane, meanwhile, landed a spot on the All-Big Ten Sportsmanship team.

"I was really proud of Rachel making all-conference," Dreth said. "That's a hard thing in this conference to be in the top 14. As a team, we didn't hold any cards back, we were all in and it turned out for us, we just got beat today."

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Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for Wayne County, Michigan (All Jurisdictions)

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Farmington Hills man debuts first feature-length movie

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Rob Roth says his first feature-length film, *University Estate*, is a little like *Home Alone* meets *American Pie* meets *Weekend Update*. "I'm a big fan of the *Home Alone* movies and the *American Pie*. You don't see too many comedies out there. It's always suspense and action, horror movies," says Roth, describing the home-grown film scene. "That is what inspired me to make this comedy."

The Farmington Hills resident will show the movie at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4 at the Emagine Theatre in Novi, where he works as a projectionist. He also runs a photo booth business, Roth Productions. Movies have always been his passion.

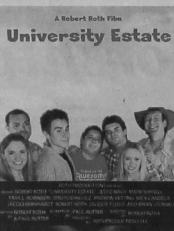
He took a television class when he was a student at North Farmington High School, created short films and then headed to Eastern Michigan University to become a teacher. After graduation in 2004, he continued writing scripts—mostly comedies—and then decided to give film school a try. His film thesis for graduation in 2009, was a 30-minute action suspense comedy called *Roscoe's Redemption*. He also screened it at the Emagine Theatre.

Soon after, a manager at the theater, Paul Rutter, pitched a story idea and asked Roth to write the script and film it. The idea became *University Estate*, telling the story of a college student who reluctantly agrees to house sit for his older brother.

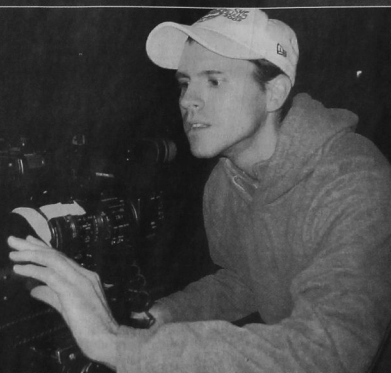
"His brother is a bully and he really don't want to do it. But the brother says, I'll pay you \$1,000 to watch the house. He takes the money and house sits along with his best friend."

With the script set, Roth scouted for shooting locations, eventually convincing his sister to open her house to the production. He pumped his own money, about \$6,000 into the film and found actors on Craig's List.

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Rob Roth behind the camera during the filming of his film, *University Estate*.



Filmmaker seeks supporters for documentary

By Sharon Dargay
O&E staff writer

Jason Zeldes hopes to raise approximately \$10,120 in donations over the next 18 days.

If he does, his documentary film project, *Romeo is Bleeding*, will have enough money to pay production costs through February 2013.

Zeldes, who graduated from North Farmington High School in 2005 and the USC School of the Cinematic Arts in 2009, is appealing for funds through Kickstarter, the Internet site that enables creative artists to launch projects, set a funding goal and deadline and ask for financial help.

The former Farmington Hills resident already has more than \$14,880 in pledges from supporters who want to see his story about creative writing students in an impoverished Northern California community, come to fruition. The additional \$10,880 will enable him to meet his Kickstarter goal of \$25,000.

But there's a catch. Kickstarter is an "all or nothing" funding process. Zeldes must meet his fundraising goal — \$25,000 in pledges by Nov. 18 — to receive funding. Anything less and he'll lose the \$14,880 already pledged.

"If all goes well it will give me all the resources I need to do this properly. Zeldes must meet his fundraising goal," said Zeldes, 25. "I've contacted everyone I've met to get the word out. I know I've got a proud mom running around the streets of Metro Detroit talking to anyone who will listen."



Jason Zeldes, 25, a North Farmington High School graduate who works as a documentary filmmaker in California, is seeking financial support for his current project.

His parents, Jeff and Lisa Zeldes, live in Novi. His cousin, Molly Raynor, is a former Ann Arbor resident who runs RAW Talent, the creative writing program that is the focus of the film. Her students are in the process of writing and staging their first play, an urban twist on *Romeo and Juliet* that will reflect life in Richmond, Calif., a community plagued by crime and teen turf wars.

"She's been in Richmond for five years building this program. We've kept in touch," Zeldes said. "We were both in Michigan in July and she was telling me about the play. The more she told me about it, the more compelling it got."

"I knew I wanted to make a film of my own. I've wanted to tell the

story of RAW Talent. I knew if I didn't do it now, I'd always regret it."

Since graduating from USC, Zeldes has worked primarily as a film editor on several documentaries, including *Twenty Feet From Stardom*, a film about back-up singers. He'll make his director's debut with *Romeo is Bleeding*.

Film underway

Richmond is located in the San Francisco Bay area, outside of Oakland. Zeldes spent 10 days filming in the community — some of the footage is posted on his Kickstarter page — and plans to return in December for a lengthy stay.

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ROB ROTH

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who were willing to volunteer. "I did everything myself. I didn't hire anyone to do producing and scouting."

He filmed from June-November 2010, working around actor and crew schedules, often shooting on weekends.

Viewers may recognize some of the shooting locations, which included Heritage Park in Farmington Hills, Eastern Michigan and Michigan State University.

Low-cost gear

Roth bought a sound mixer, boom mic and other equipment, along with a Canon Rebel T2i to create *University Estate*.

"It's a still camera but it shoots video. It's amazing what you can get out of them," he said. "They shoot better than some \$10,000 cameras and these cameras cost under \$1,000."

He finished shooting in late 2010 and worked nights editing the piece and adding sound effects. Sometimes he took the project to work to scrutinize it on the big screen.

"When you watch it on the big

screen you catch things you don't catch at home," he explained. "I really enjoy being able to see it come together. When you shoot a movie from a script, you shoot out of order. It's amazing to see something that is broken in pieces to be put together."

Comedy, action fan

Roth is a James Bond fan and also enjoys watching films by director Robert Rodriguez, who is known for such films as *Spy Kids*, *Sin City*, and *Machete*.

"I am a big comedy fan and I like action movies, too."

He convinced his fiancée, Stephanie Kauffman, to play a role in *University Estate* and included family and friends in speaking parts and as extras.

"I always throw family in," Roth said. "I've got all my family in it. My mom is an incredible actress. She plays a next door neighbor who gets woken up by the party next door. She is really funny."

Roth plans to submit *University Estate* to film festivals. He hopes it eventually will become an "on demand" selection on cable television.

"It's really hard to get it picked up and distributed to theaters, but that would be my ultimate goal."

JASON ZELDES

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"Everyone around RAW talent — they feel like friends now. We feel a real connection with the people we're following," Zeldes said. "We're working with creative writing students. They probably know themselves better than the average high school student. They are open and articulate. What I found is that when I sat them down and put lights on them and pressed record, they opened up."

Giving back

Zeldes said he's drawn to interesting people and personal stories. He views *Romeo is Bleeding* as his "dream project" because it is "a very personal, intimate story of an interesting character that expands out to impact an

entire community."

"But my dream for a future project would be to find a similar sort of story in Michigan, so I can help to give back to the communities that have allowed me to develop into who I am."

Supporters who pledge \$10 or more for *Romeo is Bleeding* on Kickstarter will receive various rewards, based on the amount they donate. Seventeen different donation categories and corresponding gifts are available. A donation of \$25 nets a thank you in the film credits and on its website, along with "Making Of" featurettes throughout the production. A \$30 donation or more also includes a copy of the DVD.

Watch a film clip of *Romeo is Bleeding* and donate toward its production at <http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/921886202/romeo-is-bleeding>.

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Pan-Toasted Brie with a POM Reduction Sauce

Time to table: 25 minutes prep, 30 TO 45 minutes cooking
Makes 8 servings

POM Raspberry Reduction:
1 cup pomegranate juice
1 cup pomegranate arils
3 cups fresh raspberries
1 cup balsamic vinegar
1 cup granulated sugar

Pan-Toasted Brie:
1 cup pomegranate arils
1 pound brie cheese sliced into 1-1/2" squares

1 box phyllo dough
2 ounces unsalted butter

POM Raspberry Reduction:

Combine pomegranate juice, 1 cup pomegranate arils, raspberries and balsamic vinegar in a small stainless steel (non-reactive) saucepan.

Heat the mixture to a low simmer, and add the sugar. Continue to simmer over low heat until it is thick enough to coat the back of a spoon (20 to 35 minutes). Strain the reduction through a sieve to remove seeds, while pressing firmly with the back of a large spoon to release all the juices. Continue to reduce over low heat if needed. (Unsedimented reduction can be stored in the refrigerator for up to 7 days.)

Pan-Toasted Brie:

Melt butter in saucepan over low heat. Slice phyllo dough lengthwise into 2" wide ribbons. Roll/wrap individual brie squares in one ribbon of phyllo dough. Brush lightly with melted butter to hold closed. Lightly toast the wrapped brie in a pan with 2 teaspoons of butter until light golden brown. Remove the wrapped brie from the pan, and place it on individual plates. Drizzle with warm pomegranate balsamic reduction. Garnish with fresh pomegranate arils, if desired.

Nutrients per serving (2 ounces brie): 312 calories (193 calories from fat), 12g protein, 22g total fat (13g saturated), 18g carbohydrates, 1g dietary fiber, 71mg cholesterol, 13g total sugars, 145mcg vitamin A RE, 376mg sodium, 152mg potassium, 6mg vitamin C.

Pomegranate Autumn Fruit Salad

Time to table: 20 minutes prep
Makes 4 servings

Vinaigrette:
4 tablespoons orange marmalade
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1/2 cup walnut oil
Salt to taste

1 banana, peeled and diced
2 tablespoons granulated sugar
Fruit Salad:
1 cup pomegranate arils
4 rings fresh pineapple, 1/2-inch thick, cut into chunks

2 persimmons, sliced
1 orange, sliced into segments
1 grapefruit, sliced into segments
1 pound seedless green grapes, cut in half
4 tablespoons ricotta cheese (optional)
1 tablespoon sour cream (optional)

Whisk together marmalade, lemon juice and walnut oil. Salt to taste. Add the banana and sugar, then set the mixture aside.



Pomegranate Autumn Fruit Salad



Pan-Toasted Brie with a POM Reduction Sauce



POM Pumpkin Risotto

ing added), or 1 1/2 cups cooked mashed squash

1 1/2 cups Italian Arborio rice or substitute one package of quick-cooking risotto mix for the Arborio rice, following package directions for amount of broth to add and cooking time.

1 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
Garnish (optional)
3 tablespoons pomegranate arils
Freshly grated Parmesan cheese

In a medium saucepan, combine the pomegranate juice, cheesecloth bag and chicken broth. Bring to a boil, and simmer for 5 minutes, covered. Remove cheesecloth bag and discard. Turn heat to low to keep the mixture hot. Place oil in a large saucepan, and heat until hot. Sauté onion, carrots and herbs for 5 minutes. Stir in pumpkin and rice. Add 1 cup of the broth mixture and cook until the liquid cooks away stirring constantly (about 5 minutes). Stir in remaining broth mixture and cook for 25-30 minutes, stirring very frequently, until rice is thick, creamy, and tender. Stir in Parmesan cheese until melted. Garnish the risotto with reserved arils and additional cheese.

Nutrients per main dish serving (24.7 ounces): 977 calories, 26g protein, 57g carbohydrate, 27g total fat (9g saturated), 30mg cholesterol, 2038mg sodium, 3346 RE vitamin A, 16mg vitamin C, 423mg calcium, 320mg phosphorus.

Sage-Roasted Turkey Breast with POM Butter and Manchego Cheese

Time to table: 45 minutes prep, 1 HOUR 15 minutes cooking
Makes 4 servings

POM Butter:
2 cups pomegranate juice
1 cup white wine
2 tablespoons shallots, minced
6 ounces salted butter, cold, diced
Fried Sage Leaves:

2 tablespoons pomegranate arils
12 fresh sage leaves
1 cup canola oil
1 teaspoon sea salt
Turkey Breast:
2 pounds turkey breast
6 ounces thin-sliced manchego cheese
20 fresh sage leaves
1 tablespoon salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1 cup all-purpose flour
4 tablespoons olive oil
POM Butter:

In a small pot, reduce the pomegranate juice, white wine and minced shallots to 1/2 cup. Whisk in cold butter, small bits at a time.

Fried Sage Leaves: In a small sauté pan, heat oil to 325°F. Fry sage leaves until crisp (approximately 30 seconds). Season lightly with sea salt.

Turkey Breast: Preheat oven to 350°F. Gently butterfly fillet the turkey breast open so that it is 1/2" to 3/4" thick. Place the manchego cheese and fresh sage on one half of the open breast, then begin to roll it up, keeping it tight. Use toothpicks to hold it together, if needed. Season lightly with salt and pepper.

Lightly dust roulettes in flour. In a large sauté pan, heat olive oil and pan sauté the turkey roulettes on all sides until golden. Transfer them to the preheated oven for 30 to 40 minutes until the turkey is cooked through. Slice them into 8 equal portions, presenting 2 slices per plate with the POM butter. Garnish with fried sage and fresh pomegranate arils.

Nutrients per serving (8 ounces turkey breast): 362 calories (161 calories from fat), 43g protein, 18g total fat (6g saturated), 4g carbohydrates, less than 1g dietary fiber, 134mg cholesterol, 2g total sugars, 24mcg vitamin A RE, 347mg sodium, 525mg potassium, less than 1mg vitamin C.

Recipes courtesy of the Pomegranate Council



Pomegranate Crepes with Roasted Vegetables



Sage-Roasted Turkey Breast with POM Butter and Manchego Cheese

Arrange fruit slices on individual plates, and sprinkle them with arils. Spoon the banana vinaigrette on top of the fruit. If desired, mix together ricotta cheese and sour cream, and dollop the mixture on each plate.

Nutrients per serving (1-1/2 cups): 410 calories (29 percent calories from fat, 68 percent calories from carbs), 3g protein, 75g carbohydrates, 14g total fat (1g saturated), 0mg cholesterol, 28mg sodium, 5g dietary fiber, 108mcg vitamin A RE, 110mg vitamin C.

Pomegranate Crepes with Roasted Vegetables

Time to table: 1 hour prep, 20 minutes cooking
Makes 8 servings

Crepes:
1 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cups milk
2 large eggs
1 tablespoon olive oil
1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
Roasted Vegetables:
1 cup pomegranate arils
1 Japanese eggplant, sliced lengthwise

2 inches long, 1/2-inch thick
1 zucchini, sliced lengthwise 2 inches long, 1/2-inch thick
1 yellow squash, sliced lengthwise 2 inches long, 1/2-inch thick
1 red or yellow bell pepper, sliced lengthwise 1/2-inch thick
1 red onion, sliced 1/2-inch thick
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon black pepper
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons basil, shredded
Walnut Sauce:
1 cup pomegranate arils
1 cup toasted walnuts, chopped
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon coarse ground black pepper
1 cup heavy cream
2 tablespoons basil, shredded (garnish)

Crepes: In a bowl or food processor, combine flour, milk, eggs, olive oil and beat until well combined. Stir in Parmesan cheese. Heat a small 6-inch skillet or crepe pan, and grease it lightly. Add 3 tablespoons of batter, and tilt the pan to spread. Brown on one side only, and remove it to a towel-covered sheet pan. Set aside

(can be made and refrigerated a day ahead).

Roasted Vegetables: Pre-heat oven to 400°F.

Prepare walnut sauce according to instructions below. Set aside. On a foil-covered sheet pan, mix all vegetables with oil, salt, and black pepper. Bake for 30 to 45 minutes. Remove from the oven, and cool in the pan. Sprinkle with fresh basil and 1 cup arils, toss together, and set aside.

To fill crepes, place crepes on a flat surface, and divide the roasted vegetables amongst the crepes. Fold crepes over, and roll to close. Place seam-side down in a 9- by 13-inch casserole dish. Cover each with a teaspoon of walnut sauce. Bake for 20 minutes, then remove from the oven. Sprinkle with remaining arils before serving.

Walnut Sauce: Heat a skillet, and toast walnuts. Cook and stir until fragrant. Add salt, pepper, and heavy cream, and cook until hot. When ready to serve, spoon the sauce over the crepes, and sprinkle them with 1/2 cup arils and basil.

Nutrients per serving (2 crepes): 372 calories (59 percent calories from fat, 31 percent calories from carbs), 9g protein, 30g carbohydrates, 25g total fat (10g saturated), 100mg cholesterol, 684mg sodium, 4g dietary fiber, 222mcg vitamin A RE, 36mg vitamin C.

POM Pumpkin Risotto

Time to Table: 25 minutes prep, 40-45 minutes cooking
Makes 4 main dish or 8-10 side dishes servings

1 cup pomegranate juice
1 cup pomegranate arils
1 1/4- by 4-inch double-thick piece of cheesecloth and kitchen string
5 cups chicken broth
1 cup olive oil
1 cup finely chopped onion
1 cup finely chopped carrots
1 cup finely chopped fresh basil, or 2 teaspoons crushed dried basil
2 teaspoons fresh chopped thyme leaves, or 1 teaspoon crushed dried thyme
1 15-ounce can pumpkin for pie (not-

Getting to know you: Realtors mix business, pleasure



Tony Schippa, Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors president, and Doug Whitehouse, a GMAR member, visit at the event.

Realtors were out in full force at an Oct. 16 "BBQ and Brew" at Lockhart's BBQ in Royal Oak.

The event was among those in which Realtor Tony Schippa of Coldwell Banker Preferred of Plymouth, current president of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors, is meeting new members.

"This was another one of those events," said Dale E. Smith, chief executive officer of GMAR, which was formed through the merger of the Western Wayne Oakland Coun-



Aidan Cristbrook is the son of James Cristbrook, one of GMAR's members. Motorcycles were part of the fun at the Aidan event.

ty Association of Realtors and Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors. The new association has over 3,000 new members, Smith said.

"We've been putting on a series of breakfasts," Smith said, along with the Oct. 16 barbecue, also a fundraiser for the Realtor Political Action Committee.

"It was really a nice venue," Smith said of Lockhart's BBQ. About 50 members attended

Oct. 16.

The event was sponsored by the RPAC Riders Club, which raises money both for charity and the PAC.

"Motorcycles were present. The kids there had a good time having their pictures taken on the motorcycles," he said.

The local PAC's goals that relate to the public are allowing homeowners underwrite a mortgage to keep or transfer a home. The Realtors

are also focused on extending times allowed to file for property tax relief, now twice yearly.

"For each person affected, it's saved them thousands of dollars in taxes," Smith said.

The region's Realtors are also working with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority on Neighborhood Stabilization Programs efforts, he added.

By Julie Brown

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Guest Columnist



Robert Meisner

Q: The question we have for our association is whether a member can inspect another member's assessment records. Do you have a specific answer?

A: No. I think the situation depends upon the status of the delinquency. Obviously, if the matter is in litigation or a lien has been filed, these are a matter of public record and there would be no undue invasion of privacy. On the other hand, there would have to be a proper

purpose for any owner to know who is delinquent and for how much. Some may argue that each association member has the right to know who has paid assessments and who owes monies, and how much, similar to public property tax records. To the extent that members are entitled to review association books and records under the Condominium and Non-Profit Corporation Act, they would have a right to inspect those records. This is an issue which may be up in the air and your attorney must advise you on the best course of action.

Q: I am selling a house and my agent, who also represented the buyer, is making it a profitable resell without disclosure to me on the same house. Does that violate his fiduciary duty?

A: I most certainly think it would, and based on a recent case out of Delaware, the Supreme Court agreed finding that a breach of fiduciary duty by the agent elevating his own interests above those of his principal and failing to disclose that conflict created by the resell arrangement was a breach of fiduciary duty. Moreover, the fact that the agent had gotten a waiver did not shield the agent because he did not act as a dual agent representing the buyer and seller in the same transaction. Instead, in that case, he represented two sellers in two different sales earning a second, higher commission on the second sale which likely caused him to subordinate the first seller's interests to his own. Moreover, the court said that if the owner knew of the intended resell, she could have set a higher price for the house.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 23-27, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON
2424 Barkhill Rd \$77,000
49157 Castleford Dr \$325,000
1795 Dunston Rd \$215,000
43821 Ford Rd \$24,000
6716 Foxthorn Rd \$77,000
50024 Grant St \$224,000
45719 Hanford Rd \$242,000

39765 Lynn St \$85,000
649 Pinehurst Dr \$310,000
754 S Sheldon Rd \$330,000
41938 Saratoga Cir \$131,000
1636 Tradition Dr \$435,000
31474 Sheridan St \$93,000
15377 Alpine Dr \$180,000
36755 Angeline Cir \$107,000
14152 Bainbridge St \$123,000
15363 Fairlane Dr \$177,000
9135 Lathers St \$101,000
15646 Levian Rd \$212,000
9825 Mayfield St \$125,000
29505 Minton St \$80,000
31199 Minton St \$84,000

15132 Nola St \$150,000
34189 Orchard St \$103,000
14122 Schoolcraft Rd \$80,000
18680 Southampton St \$220,000
2673 Anchor Ct \$62,000
44481 Broadmoor Blvd Unit 17 \$324,000
39683 Dun Rovin Dr \$230,000
19065 Stonewater Blvd \$466,000
PLYMOUTH
48079 Colony Farms Cir \$110,000
44562 Erik Pass \$165,000
40691 Firwood Dr \$154,000
41339 Greenbriar Ln \$150,000
40530 Newport Dr \$60,000
12540 Pinecrest Dr \$150,000

9326 Rocker Ave \$194,000
655 Ross St \$177,000
1436 Sheridan St \$330,000
11717 Sycamore Ave \$60,000
12843 Beech Day Rd \$27,000
9101 Fenton \$54,000
18859 Fox \$40,000
18722 Sumner \$40,000
WESTLAND
31528 Ann Arbor Trl \$97,000
35858 Florane St \$90,000
33623 Glen St \$43,000
34448 Hazelwood St \$93,000
33655 Hivewley St \$74,000
5716 N Walton St \$42,000
1721 S Walton St \$25,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

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

BIRMINGHAM
771 Bird Ave \$97,000
875 Hazel St \$575,000
1707 Hazel St \$229,000
1135 Maryland Blvd \$508,000
1005 Northlawn Blvd \$348,000
187 Hilgrim Ave \$603,000
691 W Frank St \$605,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS
1570 Forest Ln \$275,000
2483 Hickory Glen Dr \$235,000
173 Lone Pine Rd \$850,000
542 Whitehall Rd \$530,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
1370 Fieldway Dr \$437,000
330 N Cranbrook Cross Rd \$365,000
5145 Nob Hill Ct \$363,000
831 Shady Hollow Cir \$430,000
4424 Stony River Dr \$370,000
COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP
3226 Brookneal St \$95,000
FARMINGTON HILLS
27400 E Skye Dr \$150,000
30290 Essex Dr \$192,000
37542 Legends Trail Dr \$155,000
29723 Monterey Cir \$143,000

35376 Naples \$75,000
32515 Nottingham Knls \$131,000
21500 Orchard Lake Rd \$174,000
31523 W 13 Mile Rd \$50,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE
17640 Glenwood Blvd \$60,000
MILFORD
266 S Canyon Dr \$226,000
1145 Geneaira Way \$362,000
324 Hickory St \$173,000
955 Hill Hollow Ln \$475,000
844 Old Millford Farms \$330,000
727 Panorama Dr \$83,000
2824 Twilight Tree \$372,000
NOVI
25761 Cheyenne Dr \$370,000
25527 Dogwood Ln \$415,000
21740 Meridian Ln \$245,000

27954 Stockton Dr \$84,000
43243 W 13 Mile Rd \$74,000
SOUTH LYON
20983 Oak Tree Dr \$232,000
25265 Stanley Ln \$40,000
54643 Villageswood Dr \$46,000
SOUTHFIELD
20111 Alhambra St \$68,000
30116 Brentwood St \$113,000
21465 Constitution St \$145,000
21415 Lathrup St \$72,000
29256 Rock Creek Dr \$55,000
28415 Stuart Ave \$45,000
20845 Winchester St \$125,000
WHITE LAKE
8866 Susses St \$190,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

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

com for your reservation or additional information.

Free foreclosure tours

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

Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Learn about reverse mort-

gages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

Investors

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

Investors

"Find Buyers Before You Buy the House to Flip" presented by Louis Brown, in the field since 1977. The session is sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, at Club Venetian, John R. St. just north of 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members, \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742 (www.REIAOfOakland.com) e-mail: reinevans@aol.com. (Brown is also giving a Friday, Nov. 9, 9 a.m. seminar on "How To Improve Your Flipping Program.").

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