

ELECTION NIGHT RESULTS

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FALL BACK

Daylight saving time ended 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 4

Election guide

With Tuesday's general election nearing, the *Canton Observer* is providing voters with information on local races via the newspaper's website.

Beginning today, voters can go to the *Canton Observer's* page at www.hometownlife.com and find our 2012 election guide. It will contain information on, among others, races for the Canton Township Board of Trustees, the 20th and 21st state House districts and the 10th Wayne County Commission district.

The guide also contains information about the various state and Wayne County ballot proposals.

Search meeting

Officials from Ray & Associates, the low-bidder firm conducting the search for a new superintendent for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, are looking for public input.

To get it, the firm will conduct a public meeting 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12, at the Canton Public Library. The team hopes to get opinions on the kinds of characteristics local residents are looking for in a new superintendent.

Members of the public can also provide input by taking a survey on the district's website at www.pccs.k12.mi.us

"The hiring of a good superintendent can help lead us in a rapidly changing world of public education, and it's a high priority for the board," Board of Education President John Barrett said. "We're anxious to get community input to find out what their thoughts are, and what they'd like to see in a new superintendent."

Vets' ceremony

Canton will honor area service men and women who have served and who are currently serving in the armed forces in a special "Salute to Service" ceremony Sunday, Nov. 11, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill.

This special Veterans Day celebration will recognize military personnel currently in active duty as well as veterans of the armed services.

Doors will open at 2 p.m. for audience members to enjoy exhibited military memorabilia displays prior to the start of the formal stage presentation at 3 p.m.

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AV ballots lagging as election nears

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

As political candidates barnstormed Canton for votes in the waning days of a long campaign season, it appears large numbers of absentee voters either hadn't made their choices or lacked a sense of urgency to return their ballots.

As of Thursday afternoon, Clerk Terry Bennett said 33 per-

cent of the 13,125 absentee ballots that had been requested by voters still hadn't been returned to her office.

"That's a little slow," Bennett said, speculating that "people still haven't made up their minds."

To be sure, the absentee ballot return rate was certain to improve as Election Day nears Tuesday, forcing voters to make decisions or sit it out. The lat-

ter scenario seemed unlikely, as Bennett has predicted overall turnout could approach the 84-percent mark.

Jerry Ghannam, owner of Jerry's Barber Shop on Joy Road in Canton, said he counts himself as a Republican, but he said he believes some voters, including some of his customers, simply haven't made up their minds.

"They still don't know who they are going to vote for," he said

Thursday afternoon. "They are undecided."

Website research

Voters who trek to polling places 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday should be prepared if they want to ease what Bennett has said could be long waiting lines. They can view or print a sample ballot for their precinct by going

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Hearing adjourned in baby boy's death

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

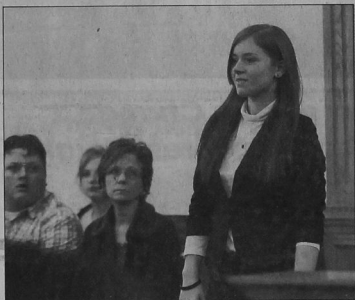
Charged in an 18-month-old boy's deadly overdose after he ingested a medication used to treat drug addiction, a former Canton mother and her then-husband have been ordered not to have unsupervised contact with minors as they await a court hearing on charges of involuntary manslaughter and second-degree child abuse.

The order came from 35th District Judge Michael Gerou as defendants Andrea Nicole Rodgers, 20, and Ryan Keith Moody, 25, appeared in court Friday for a preliminary examination that has been delayed until Nov. 29.

Rodgers, who now lives in LaSalle Township, and Moody, a Monroe resident, could face up to 15 years in prison if convicted of the June 9 death of Rodgers' son, Silas. Authorities say Moody isn't the father but lived with Rodgers on Mahan, near Canton Center and Ford roads, when the child ingested a prescription drug that had been carelessly stored.

Rodgers and Moody, free after posting \$1,000 toward a \$10,000/10 percent bond, sat on opposite sides of Gerou's courtroom with relatives and friends before they approached the judge with defense attorneys who sought the adjournment.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Keisha Glenn asked Gerou to order Rodgers and Moody not to have unsupervised contact with minors, including their own



Andrea Nicole Rodgers approaches 35th District Judge Michael Gerou during her court appearance.



Andrea Nicole Rodgers and Ryan Keith Moody stand before 35th District Court Judge Michael Gerou on charges they caused the death of Rodgers' 18-month-old son.

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Library pushes diaper drive

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

After launching an ambitious campaign to collect 200,000 disposable diapers by Thanksgiving, Canton volunteer Marybeth Levine for a fourth season is drawing strong support for the Detroit Area Diaper Bank from one of her most ardent supporters, the Canton Public Library.

The library, 1200 S. Canton Center, has issued an appeal for donors to drop off diapers 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 14-15, during what is billed as Michigan's biggest diaper drive.

Levine and her helpers have distributed nearly 1.5 million diapers to scores of social service and nonprofit agencies across southeast Michigan since April 2009, when she began helping struggling families by meeting a need not covered by government safety-net programs.

Borrowing a catering truck from Canton-based Fat Chef in a Little Coat, the library alone collected over 75,000 diapers during a three-year span, and

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Local plays chosen for One Acts festival

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Maureen Paraventi has done a little community theater in her life, so whenever she thought about writing a play herself, one nagging thought kept coming to her.

Could she write characters that other actors would be willing to play?

Apparently, the TLC Productions committee picking the plays for its annual One Act Festival believe she has. Paraventi's play — *Who Goes to Russia?* — was one of three chosen to be staged during the festival Jan. 18-20 on the main stage at

Canton's Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

"I think I was a bit intimidated by the prospect of writing a play," said Paraventi, a Redford Township resident. "I really wanted to create the kind of rich characters actors enjoy bringing to life."

Other plays chosen by TLC Productions include *Saving JFK* by Canton playwright Brion Scheidel, and *The Replacement*, written by Jacob Zinke of Canton. Zinke is a returning author; he also wrote a script and directed a second play in the inaugural 2011 festival.

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Still in it

The Plymouth Wildcats celebrate after winning the district championship, beating the previously undefeated Livonia Churchill Chargers 20-14. See the game story and more photos on page B1.

CHARGES

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relatives, for purposes such as baby-sitting. Gerou granted the request, calling it "a very reasonable condition" of bond.

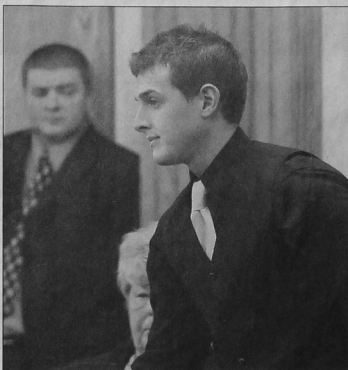
Rodgers' defense attorney, Michael Rataj, an attorney involved in former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's public corruption trial, objected to Glenn's request but didn't believe the issue.

"I don't want to sit here and argue this all morning," Rataj said Friday.

Rataj and Moody's defense attorney, Jeffrey Osment, declined to discuss the case. They sought a delay in Friday's hearing to review documents related to the charges.

Even though Rodgers' child died in June, the defendants weren't charged until October as Canton police and the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office conducted what they called a thorough investigation of the incident.

Rodgers and Moody are due back in court on Nov. 29 for a preliminary examination that will determine whether they should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.



RYAN KEITH MOODY APPEARS IN COURT ON CHARGES HE CAUSED THE DEATH OF AN 18-MONTH-OLD CHILD. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

BALLOTS

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to the township's website, www.canton-mi.org, and deciding their candidates and ballot proposals.

"The more people who do that," Bennett said, "the shorter the lines will be." In all, Canton has 63,482 registered voters in 42 precincts. They face a two-page, double-sided ballot in Tuesday's election.

Some area voters have waited hours at polling places during presidential elections. This year's ballot is unusually lengthy with federal, state, county and local races — and state and county ballot proposals.

Canton has four different ballots. Some voters will help decide Wayne-Westland and Van Buren school board races and a one-mill, 10-year Wayne County Community College District tax proposal.

Up for grabs

A majority of Canton voters will help decide the 21st District state House race between Democratic incumbent Dian Slavens and GOP challenger Joe

Barnabei, while those who live in the 20th District will choose either Republican incumbent Kurt Heise or Democrat Tim Rora-back.

Canton voters will decide a five-way race for four part-time township trustees. The lone Democrat, former Plymouth-Canton school board President Steven Sneideman, hopes to claim one seat as he faces four Republicans — elected incumbents

John Anthony and Pat Williams, appointed incumbent Greg Demopoulos and former Supervisor Tom Yack.

Bennett, Supervisor Phil LaJoy and Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin have no formal opposition on the ballot.

In the Wayne County Commission's newly redrawn 10th District, voters face a decision between Democrat James Amar and Republican Shannon Price.

Canton library board director posts also are on the ballot, but there is no contest because six candidates are seeking six seats.

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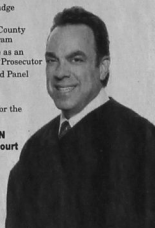
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Dollar day

Canton auto shop gives car for \$1

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A Canton auto repair shop intends to make one needy family's Christmas unforgettable this year by giving a reconditioned 2005 Chrysler PT Cruiser for just \$1.

It marks the second year Auto-lab of Canton South has given a vehicle as a gift to a recipient who needs transportation to help others. Last year, a war veteran injured in Afghanistan received a 1999 GMC Jimmy to drive other veterans to medical appointments and other destinations.

"It's a good thing to do," said Joe Alli, who owns the auto repair shop on Michigan Avenue and Sheldon. "It does something good in the community."

Alli's business has started accepting nominations from the Canton, Plymouth, Westland and Belleville area that includes its customer base. Forms are available at www.cantonautolab.com or on the company's Facebook page, and they should be post-marked by Dec. 14 and mailed to Auto-lab of Canton South Cares, 44744 Michigan Ave., Canton, MI, 48188.

A committee of people from outside the company will choose a winner who will be announced Friday, Dec. 21.

Last year, Auto-lab received 45 nominations. "I'd like to get 200 this year," Alli said.

The PT Cruiser, a dark red metallic color, was donated by Canton resi-



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Auto-lab of Canton owner Joe Alli is looking for someone who needs a car to help others.

dent and business owner Bill Springer of the Conrad Insurance Agency. With help of Advance Auto Parts of Canton, Auto-lab reconditioned the four-door, standard-transmission car, fully loaded with options, to look and run like new.

"There's not a speck of rust on it," Alli said.

He estimated the car would sell for \$6,000 to \$7,000 on the market — a nice ride for someone who needs transportation to help others.

Alli said area people have been hard hurt by tough economic times, and he said Auto-lab of Canton South hopes to

make a positive change by giving a deserving driver the keys to the PT Cruiser.

All nominations should include the nominating person's name, address and phone number, why they believe their nominee needs and deserves the \$1 car, and the nominee's name, address and phone number.

The PT Cruiser is on display at Alli's business until it is sold. Company hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

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ONE ACTS

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TLC Productions' Christopher Tremblay said the One Act Festival was born out of a desire to extend the same privilege of being produced at the Village Theater as TLC's own founders had felt. The One Acts Festival was initiated in 2011 largely funded by a grant from the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities.

Tremblay said the group got 100 submissions and used a panel of judges to review. Each script is read three times, he said, looking for an excellent plot, flow and interesting characterization.

"We looked for diversity in the chosen shows, not all drama or all comedy," Tremblay said. "They were chosen because of how the dramatic reading audience responded when performed. We also strive to include local actors when possible."

Paraventi's play, *Who Goes to Russia?*, is about two couples who find their longtime friendship and their marriages tested by infidelity. "It's a dramedy that explores how boredom and frustration can bubble up to the surface of seemingly good relationships and put everything at risk," said Paraventi, who will direct her own show. "Even though the play is only 15 minutes long, Liz, Steve, Marie and Mark go through significant changes by the end of it."

Like Paraventi, Savin *JKF* will be the first of Canton resident Scheidel's writings to be produced. It's about a ruined United States sent back in time on a desperate mission to change that future by preventing the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

"It's an idea Scheidel said he's been 'kicking around in my head' for about 15 years. He got a bit of a scare last summer, he said, when he found out Stephen King was publishing a book called *11/22/63* about a man going back in time to prevent the Kennedy assassination.

"I thought, 'I've waited too long,'" Scheidel said. "I read (King's) book, which was excellent, and



Palaventi



Scheidel

ONE ACT AT A TIME

What: TLC Productions' One Act Festival
When: Jan. 18-20
Where: Main Stage, Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton
Who: Productions include plays written by local authors Maureen Paraventi of Redford, Jacob Zinke of Canton and Brian Scheidel of Canton
Details: A total of eight productions will be staged over the three-day festival, the brain-child of TLC Productions, a resident theater group of the Village Theater. It was founded by Christopher Tremblay, Tim Chanko and Linda Pohl.

was relieved to find it was nothing at all like my story."

When he read about the One Act Festival at the Canton Public Library, he decided to condense the climax of his story into a one-act play and enter it. While it was chosen for the festival, Scheidel won't direct it — this time.

"Since this is my first foray into theatre, apart from performing in a few plays and musicals in high school and college, I decided to stick to directing this time," Scheidel said. "I may try directing next time, or maybe even acting."

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DIAPER

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it hopes to surpass the 100,000 mark during this fall's Stuff the Truck diaper drive.

The library accepts all brands of diapers for sizes fitting newborns to adults who struggle with incontinence.

"Many of our patrons are young families and the elderly, and we are sensitive to their needs," library Director Eva Davis said. "A lack of diapers impacts the lives of babies and toddlers and their parents, people with disabilities and the elderly."

Without a supply of diapers, she said, those in need are homebound, unable to work or attend school and can face health issues from rashes to staph infections. They typically can't afford the amenities needed to wash reusable diapers.

Levine said her fall campaign has collected 115,000 diapers, and she has drawn new support from sources such as 105.1 WMGC-FM, a Detroit area station that is running public service announcements. Yet, she still needs to collect some 85,000 diapers to reach her goal, and the library's Stuff the Truck campaign is vital.

"It is our big anchor event," Levine said. "We have to do a big push during the next few weeks. The library's support is absolutely key. It's some-



Diaper Bank founder Marybeth Levine, State Rep. Dian Slavens and Canton Library Director Eva Davis at the 2011 Stuff the Truck drive.

thing we've come to rely on. We would not have made our goal the last three years without the library diaper drive."

Levine also has drawn support from groups such as Eriksson Elementary School Girl Scout Troop 640, which distributed 1,000 fliers in Canton to promote Stuff the Truck. Levine lauded the use of Fat Chef in a Little Coat's truck as "an amazing example of a local business supporting charitable efforts to make a real difference in their community."

Donors visiting the library Nov. 14-15 will see the truck in the park-

ing lot. Levine hopes the library campaign brings in as many as 35,000 diapers.

"And they'll go out to partner agencies as fast as I get them in," she said.

More ways to donate and help the diaper bank can be found at www.detroitreadipaperbank.org.

Here's but a small sampling of agencies the diaper bank has helped, and how many diapers they have received:

- Hope Clinic, with locations in Wayne and Ypsilanti, 41,203 diapers since October 2010.
- St. Mary Communi-

ty Outreach Center of Wayne, 70,757 diapers since June 2009.

- The Senior Alliance (Area Agency on Aging 1-C), 41,700 diapers since May 2009.

- YWCA of Western Wayne County, 40,008 since May 2010.

- Downriver Fish and Loaves Community Food Bank of Taylor, 68,285 since June 2009.

- First Step of Plymouth and Wayne, 20,282 diapers since July 2009.

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The most common arthritis is osteoarthritis of the hands. The hand joints are enlarged, but unlike rheumatoid arthritis of the hands, the knuckles are not swollen. The enlargement comes from the irregular ring of calcium that forms around the edges of the finger joints.

A hand with changes of osteoarthritis can function well as to grasping, doing fine work such as typing, buttoning shirts or working with the hands in daily work. The medical profession looks on osteoarthritis of the hands as a benign condition, and labels it as non-inflammatory requiring little medical attention. If discomfort or aching occurs, the physician's recommendation is to take acetaminophen or heat in the form of paraffin wax baths.

In life, osteoarthritis of the hands does not behave in such a mild manner. Attacks of pain in one or more knuckles can begin spontaneously and linger. Physicians cannot fully explain why these flares occur, but irritation to surrounding tissues by the buildup of calcium around the joint likely plays a role.

The problem is how to treat? The pain is unlikely to be relieved with heat, acetaminophen or ibuprofen. Dosing with steroids will bring relief, but that resolution lasts only as long as a daily dose of steroids continues. Injections of cortisone may bring relief, but finger joints are small and accurate injection by the physician is a difficult achievement.

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Chili cookoff benefits food pantries

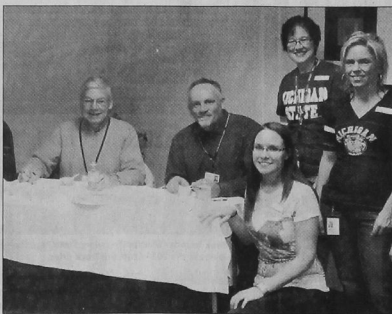
The chili was cooking early with Community Financial Credit Union team members decked out in Michigan State University and University of Michigan gear recently, but it wasn't for a football game.

Instead, it was to raise money and food donations. The annual Community Financial chili cook off raised almost \$2,000, which will be donated, along with the collected canned goods, to local food pantries.

Nine different batches of chili were served up by team members and judged by co-workers and local community leaders. Team members also showed off their preference for the Spartans or Wolverines prior to the big rivalry game scheduled.

Community Financial team members brought in non-perishable food items for the opportunity to "dress down" and donated money for the opportunity to taste and vote in the chili cook off.

"This is a chance to have



Guest judges from Plymouth-Canton Schools, Dr. Jeremy Hughes and Kurt Tyszkiewicz, along with Community Financial team members Amy Dodge, Natalie McLaughlin and Amy Adam.

some fun while helping those in need," said Sarah Cousineau, Community Financial marketing manager. "The weather was great, the chili was delicious, and our team members really supported this great cause — it turned out to be a perfect day."

The food pantries that will receive funding from the donation are located in the communities Community Financial serves, including Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Novi, as well as Otsego, Montmorency and Alpena counties. To keep connected and

up-to-date on financial news, information, and community involvement, text "CFCU1" to "70 000," like Community Financial Credit Union on Facebook at Facebook.com/CommunityFinancial or Twitter at Twitter.com/CFCreditUnion.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Honors choir

East Middle School students participated in the Regional Honors Choir competition recently in Monroe. During their participation in the Regional Honors Choir, they also auditioned for a position in the State Honors Choir that will perform in Grand Rapids in January.

The 13 East Middle School Students who qualified for the Honors Choir are Sophie Giovannelli, Elizabeth Maglow, Sarah McCann, Sophia Barkoff, Vishrud Vasudevan, Avery Ralston, Spencer Wong, Krishangi Kaushik, Kaylee Rahill, Jan Schneider, Scott Green, Katherine Greene and Ethan Wolf.

Energy stars

Pioneer and West Middle Schools and Workman and Tonda Elementary Schools have received the nationally recognized Energy Star Award for 2012 in recognition of their superior performance.

This is the highest recognition available and buildings that earn the EPA's Energy Star Award use 35 percent less energy and generate 35 percent fewer greenhouse gas emissions than similar buildings across the nation.

The awards were given for performance during the 2011-2012 school year.

Artist visits

Story artist Jennifer Strauss visits West Middle School Monday morning.

Sixth-grade students from West Middle School will be learning about story telling from a professional story teller. Strauss is a "story artist" and she will present her program, "Let the Story be Told." The purpose of this special assembly is to support students as they work on personal narratives as part of the English Language Arts curriculum.

Vets' day

Pioneer Middle School hosts a Veteran's Day assembly Friday, Nov. 9.

Teachers, students and staff at Pioneer Middle School will be celebrating Veteran's Day in a big way this year. Dozens of vets will be attending from the local American Legion and VFW chapters, there will be performances by the Plymouth Fire and Drum Corps, the Pioneer Middle School Band and Choir will be presenting a medley of patriotic music and there will be a special dedication of the Veteran's Day Memorial Flag Pole.

The highlight of the day will be a Veteran's Day address from Sgt. Lyle Black from Seltridge Air National Guard base in Macomb County.

Parent group honors Sen. Patrick Colbeck

Parent members of the Michigan Chapter of Public School Options.org presented Sen. Patrick Colbeck with the group's Golden Apple Award for "legislative courage in fighting to provide Michigan students with the opportunity for a great education."

"Education reform is always something politicians talk about at election time," said Brian Kevelin, a member of the board for the Michigan Chapter from Warren. "When it comes to Sen. Colbeck, his commitment to education reform and supporting parents wasn't talk. He backed up his words with actions, votes and leadership, and, as parents, we are grateful."

In recognizing the work of Sen. Colbeck, who sponsored key legislation expanding options for online learning, Michigan parent leaders of Public School Options.org cited efforts to:

- Increase funding to local schools through best practice incentives;
 - Empower parents with more choices;
 - Reform state spending on education; and,
 - Ensure effective teachers are in the classroom through ground-breaking tenure reform legislation.
- "I am truly honored to receive the Golden Apple Award," Colbeck said.

"The education reforms that we have passed in Michigan have already resulted in more focus on educational excellence than preservation of the status quo. As more educational options open up for our kids, the resulting competition is driving higher quality education for all students — those who pursue the new choices as well as those who don't. I am proud to be a voice for parents and their kids in the State Senate."

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- ✓ State Proposal 12-1: Emergency Manager Law..... Vote NO
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County Proposals

- ✓ Wayne County Proposal 1: Form of the Wayne County Budget and Appropriation Ordinance..... Vote YES
- ✓ Wayne County Proposal 2: Independent External Auditor..... Neutral
- ✓ Wayne County Proposal 3: Membership on the Wayne County Retirement Commission..... Vote NO
- ✓ Wayne County Proposal 4: Removal of the Wayne County Executive from Office by the Governor..... Neutral
- ✓ Wayne County Proposal 5: The Wayne County Commission's Power to Approve Compensation..... Vote YES

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Canton hosts 10th annual Turkey trot

Canton residents can work up an appetite for a good cause Thanksgiving morning by running or walking in Canton Leisure Services' 10th annual Turkey Trot for a Cause Thursday, Nov. 22.

All ages are encouraged to join in the fight against epilepsy by taking part in this 5K chip-timed event that will benefit the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan, an organization dedicated to empowering individuals with seizure disorders.

The race is set to start at the Summit on the Park, located at 4600 Summit Parkway, and will cover a picturesque, flat course that winds through beautiful Heritage Park and Pheasant Run Golf Course ending with raffles and awards.

Pre-registration is available online at csc.canton-mi.org or at the Canton Sports Center, located at 46555 W. Michigan Avenue in Canton. Registration fees are \$25 (adults), \$10 (ages 4-12). Register by Nov. 9 to receive a commemorative Turkey Trot T-Shirt. Pre-event T-Shirt and chip pick-up takes place 3-4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21, in the Summit Banquet and Conference Center.

Event day registration begins at 8 a.m. in the Summit Banquet Room. The Kids' Race will start at 9 a.m. with the 5K Run & Walk following at 9:30 a.m. Race awards, raffle and refreshments will be available post run.

For race/walk event information, including course map, please visit csc.canton-mi.org or call (734) 483-5600.



Quilting comfort

Members of the quilting group at NorthRidge Church in Plymouth display some of the 30 colorful, handmade quilts created for Arbor Hospice patients as part of an ongoing project. The quilts add comfort and bring warmth to the patients Arbor Hospice serves throughout the community during a difficult time. Group members include (back, from left) Marti Farrough of Westland; Laura Tomassi, Annual Giving Specialist at The Arbor Hospice Foundation; Heidi Grix, Executive Director of The Arbor Hospice Foundation; and Carole Garrison of Taylor and (front, from left) Diane Rose of Northville and Denise Ignas of Livonia.

AROUND CANTON

"Around Canton" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

WOMEN WANTED

Date/Time: Monday, Nov. 12, 6-8:30 p.m.

Location: Canton Coney Island, 8533 N. Lilley in Canton

Details: Canton Women's Connection is a social group dedicated to giving back to the community through charitable works and empowering women through human interest guest speakers and networking connections. Guest speaker will be Daryl Justus, tax expert with H&B Block.

Contact: Call June Nicholas, (313) 610-2561 or email junicholas@comcast.net

HOME PARTY

Date/Time: Friday, Nov. 16, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial in Plymouth

Details: Our Lady of Good Counsel welcomes you to our annual Home Party

and Craft Show. Admission is \$2, and there will be a raffle for gifts donated by the vendors and crafters. Event sponsored by The Women of Our Lady.

Contact: For information call Sandy at 248-344-7995

WCGH REUNION

Date/Time: 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11

Location: Café Marquette in the William D. Ford Technical Center, 36455 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Wayne County General Hospital employees will gather for their 28th annual holiday reunion. A luncheon buffet will be served starting at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$16 and includes beverage, dessert and tip. You can pay at the door.

Contact: For more information contact Kay Shafi at (734) 427-3437 or e-mail ckhnlit@wideopenwest.com, Dennis Abraham at (734) 721-2917 or e-mail fightingirish316@globalnetor Pat Ibbotson at (734) 331-9291 or e-mail pibbotso@aol.com.

Farmers Market hosts special harvest

The Canton Farmers Market returns for a special Harvest Market Sunday, Nov. 18, to ensure that market-goers can enjoy local, harvest-fresh food on their Thanksgiving tables. A variety of locally produced items will be available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine, in and around the historic Cady-Boyer Barn, located in Preservation Park at 500 N. Ridge.

The market will feature an assortment of Michigan-harvested produce in addition to specialty products made by local vendors, who will be onsite both indoors and outside. Buyers can pick up items for the Thanksgiving meal along with all market favorites including: honey, farm eggs, jam, pies, pasties, pierogi, grass fed & antibiotic-free meats, hand cut jerky, smoked fish, baked goods (including vegan & sugar free), jam, blended tea, granola, cinnamon honey baked almonds, gluten free baking mixes (including cornbread), artisan cheese, locally roasted coffee, popcorn kernels for popping, sauces, dressings, marinades, sauerkraut, kettle corn, soup and pasta starter packets, flavored butters, apple pie seasoning, salsa starter packets, salad dressing seasoning packets and more.

Local produce may also include spinach, lettuce, onions, brussels sprouts, kale, celeriac, pie pumpkins, garlic, mixed greens, collard greens, carrots, radishes,

beets, cabbage, parsley, turnip, cilantro, Winter squash, potatoes, frozen fruits and more.

Advanced orders are being accepted for turkey orders. To place an order, contact Boyer Meat Processing at (734) 495-1342, or if you're looking for free range turkeys that are chemical free and non-injected, contact Natural Local Food Express at (734) 927-6951 for 12-30 pound turkeys at \$3.49/lb from a local farm in Blissfield.

Pre-order to guarantee size. Get a free bag of organic potatoes, sweet or regular, with pre-orders from Natural Local Food Express.

The Daisy Troop from Miller Elementary will also be on site collecting personal care items for Open Door Ministry, a local non-profit organization that distributes nutritious food and job information to families in need in Canton, as well as in 20 neighboring communities.

Items that will be accepted during the Harvest Market, include toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, dental floss, soap, deodorant, lotion, and other new personal care items.

Chef Paul Penney will also be on site cooking a tasty holiday recipe at the Market from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

For additional information, contact the Market Manager at (734) 394-5375 or via email at cantonthefarmersmarket@canton-mi.org.

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It's wise to hire a pro when facing an IRS audit



By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I just received a notice from the IRS that my tax return for 2010 is being audited. I assume I'm being audited because 2010 was an unusual year for me. My employer went out of business and I never received a W-2 from them. Because of that I showed very little income

that year. At the time my friends told me that since I didn't get a W-2 I didn't have to report the income. Also that year, after my employer went out of business I got another job but they considered me self-employed. I did report the income, however, I was a little aggressive with my deductions. Do I have anything to worry about, particularly by not reporting my W-2 income?

In addition, my wife thinks that we should hire someone to help us with the audit. I think I can do it on my own. What's your opinion?
A: In reviewing your situation, I believe you have some issues. Just because you did not get a W-2 does not relieve you of the obligation to report the income. The IRS has a methodology

that taxpayers are supposed to follow if their employer does not provide them with a W-2. Since it appears that you did not follow that process, there are issues you must deal with. That being said, there's also a silver lining to this. Although you did not report the income, you also

did not claim the federal withholding tax that you're employer took out of your check. Therefore, most of your tax liability should be offset by the withholdings you did not claim. There is, however, a possibility that you are due. You will have to pay a tax and the IRS will also assess interest and possibly a

penalty. The IRS generally has no discretion on interest. It does have discretion regarding penalties. The IRS has a variety of penalties it can assess. In certain situations, the IRS can assess upwards of a 50 percent penalty. What that means is that if you owe \$10,000 in taxes, the IRS can assess you a \$5,000 penalty.

You also have issues with regards to your deductions. If you cannot substantiate those deductions, the IRS can deny them.

Unfortunately, with these deductions you have a double whammy. Not only would the denial of those deductions cause your income tax to increase but also your self-employment tax. The self-employment tax in 2010 was 15.3 percent. This tax is similar to the Social Security tax that you and I pay as employees. As employees we pay our Social Security tax but then our employer matches it. When you're self-employed, you end up paying both parts.

Therefore, the denial of the deductions can result in a substantial increase in your taxes.

I agree with your wife on hiring a professional. It would be a mistake for you to go into the IRS alone. 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.

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Plymouth's Sandy Marulis (Daisy) with Rosedale Community Players actors Calvin Carson and David Fedewa rehearse a scene from Barefoot Productions' "Driving Miss Daisy."



Former business owner dons yet another costume

During her 40 years of living in Plymouth, and her extensive involvement in downtown Plymouth and Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce events, Sandy Marulis has dressed up in a lot of costumes.

She's been Dolly Parton, Mrs. Potato Head, Yoda, Cat in the Hat and the Scarecrow from the Wizard of Oz. And she's probably most famous for her most well-known character: The Statue of Liberty, which she has portrayed in the annual Fourth of July parade for years.

Now Marulis, with her husband the former owner of Michigan Made and More in downtown Plymouth, is tackling a new role: Miss Daisy. She takes on the title role in Barefoot Productions' presentation of the Alfred Uhry play beginning next weekend.

"I've always enjoyed dressing up, but now I'm really learning the craft," Marulis said. "I am having so much fun working with the members of Barefoot Productions. I'm just thankful I have the opportunity to be a part of such a worthwhile event."

ON STAGE

What: Barefoot Productions' presentation of "Driving Miss Daisy"
When: Nov. 9-10 and Nov. 16-18, 8 p.m.; Nov. 11 and Nov. 18, 2 p.m.
Where: Barefoot Theater, 240 N. Main in Plymouth.
Tickets: \$16 for general admission and \$14 for students and seniors and may be purchased by calling (734) 560-1493 or at www.justgobarefoot.com.

Marulis, in her first Barefoot Productions creation, is working with Calvin Carson and David Fedewa, actors from the Rosedale Community Players, a community theatre that has been performing in surrounding neighborhoods for the past 43 years.

"We're happy to have them working with us to help bring about the highest standard of local theatre to our audiences," said Brian Cahalan, president of Barefoot Productions. "It's very important for organizations to work together in an effort to promote culture and an appre-

ciation for the arts and provide an outlet for the community to participate."

Marulis owned Michigan Made & More for 10 years and earned a reputation for her community involvement, including her dedication to the preservation and development of the community through her work on the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce as past President and the Chair of the Retail Committee, the Director of the Plymouth Downtown Development Board, a member of the Downtown Business Association as well as continuing to serve on the board of Friends of the Penn Theatre.

Her new venture simply continues that trend. "I'm hoping everyone will come out for this show, but also support our very own community theater's future offerings and make the performances a part of their cultural experience within our community," Marulis said. "I haven't been on stage since high school and I absolutely love it. I'm having so much fun and the show is going very well."

CRIME WATCH

Storage break-in

An employee of the Sam's Club on Ford Road east of LZD notified police Thursday, Oct. 25, of an earlier incident involving a break-in that occurred at a storage unit behind the store, a police report said.

The employee told police that a lock to the storage unit had been broken and a snow blower was stolen. Around the same time, intruders took five damaged tires from the location and broke into a cage to take as many as 50 car batteries.

Market intruder

Police were notified of an attempted break-in that occurred between 1:45 a.m. and 2:25 a.m. Monday at Maria's Marketplace on Haggerty just north of Cherry Hill.

It appears that an intruder walked to the front door and used tools to try to break in. However, entry to the business was not made.

Intruder alert

A 69-year-old man who lives in the 41600 block of Glade, southwest of Ford and Haggerty, told police that someone broke into his house sometime prior to 10 a.m. Monday. He told police he noticed damage had been done to the front door of his residence.

The man told police the door had been forced open. He has been in the process of moving into the residence, and he said it appeared nothing had been taken.

Domestic dispute

A woman who lives on Trails Court, south of Joy between Canton Center and Sheldon, contacted police following a dispute she had with the father of her 2-year-old daughter, a police report said.

The incident happened last Sunday.

The woman told police the man was in her bedroom and was upset that he couldn't go to sleep. She said he threw some items and became upset, then pushed her down the hallway and caused her to strike her elbow on the floor before he landed on top of her.

The woman told police she ripped his T-shirt and he scratched her on the neck. She said he frequently stays at her apartment. She filed the police report to have a record of the incident.

Fraud warrant

Canton police went to The Crossings, an apartment complex southeast of Joy Road and I-275, to arrest a 57-year-old woman wanted in Riverview for a felony fraud warrant. Police took her into custody around 3:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, and made arrangements to turn her over to Riverview authorities at Eureka and I-275.



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- Canton Observer, 10-14-2012

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Pictured: The Demopoulos Family

"Canton Township residents can't lose by casting ballots for Tom Yack, Pat Williams, John Anthony and Greg Demopoulos."
- Canton Observer, 10-14-2012

Phil LoJoy: "Greg is part of a team that is balancing our budget, cutting costs, maintaining fund balance reserves, reducing water and sewer rates and maintaining Canton's quality of life."



Pictured: Trustee Demopoulos

Trustee Demopoulos: "I have brought much to the table since my appointment to the Board of Trustees 13 months ago. I want to continue pushing for state and federal dollars to alleviate traffic congestion at Ford Road and I-275 and a water tower which can reduce water rates up to \$3 million per year for our Township."

Trustee Anthony: "Trustee Demopoulos has been an effective force on the Board, makes positive suggestions and works as a team member to keep Canton a model community."
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Pictured: Treasurer McLaughlin, Trustee Demopoulos & Clerk Bennett



Pictured: Trustee Demopoulos & Supervisor LoJoy

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Pictured: Trustees Anthony, Demopoulos & Williams

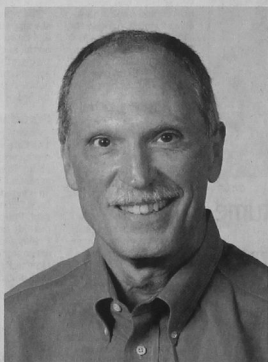
Melissa McLaughlin: "Communities thrive because people like Greg work for all of us. Greg has 20 years plus of making Canton a priority."

Terry Bennett: "Greg knows Canton, as a soccer club director, a volunteer, planning commissioner, prosecutor and now as Canton's newest Trustee. Greg is good for Canton."

PROTECTING OUR SCHOOLS

Tim Roraback

for state representative
in the 20th Michigan House District



Scott Craig, Northville School Board Trustee:
"Tim Roraback will make sure our children receive all of the funds intended for our K-12 schools."

Steven Sneideman, Former Plymouth-Canton School Board President:
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Western Wayne residents dominate circuit court race

On Nov. 6 voters will elect three new judges to the Wayne County Third Circuit Court. Five of the six candidates running for office live in western Wayne County. The position pays \$138,272 salary and offers benefits. Circuit Court judges serve six-year terms. Voters will find the race on the nonpartisan section of Tuesday's ballot.

The candidates are **Karen Braxton of Canton Township, Kevin Cox of Livonia, Dana Hathaway of Grosse Pointe Farms, Brian Morrow of Northville, Kelly Ann Ramsey of Livonia and John J. Sullivan of Northville.**

Here's a review of candidates for the non-incumbent positions for circuit court. Voters can select three names on the nonpartisan ballot.

The challenge for all judicial candidates is to make sure voters take the time to review the nonpartisan ballot. "If a judicial candidate, it is an uphill battle to get your message to voters, especially when overshadowed by many contested congressional races and a presidential race," said Braxton.

"The best strategy for me in this race is continue what I have been doing which is to meet as many people as I can. I believe that people are more likely to vote for you if they have met and connected with you in some way."

"Additionally, it is important to me to inform voters of how a judge can affect people's everyday lives. Many people want to vote in a presidential or congressional election because they believe that they have a vested interest in the outcome and it will directly affect their standard of living. However, some people do not understand how a judicial election will affect them. The key is to make judicial election and the role of a judge relevant to a voter's life."

Karen Braxton, Canton

Braxton holds a bachelor's in economics and a doctoral science from the University of Rochester and a juris doctor from Case Western Reserve University Law School. Her professional affiliations include Board of Trustees ReTOOL, Wayne County Criminal Defense Bar Association, Black Women Lawyers Association and the NAACP. ReTOOL is a program that

Public meeting on I-96 project set for Nov. 13

A public meeting on the I-96 reconstruction project is scheduled for 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, at Thurston High School, 26255 Schoolcraft Road, Redford.

The Michigan Department of Transportation is holding the meeting to gather public input on corridor aesthetics (landscaping, colors and more) and reviewing potential construction staging and detour alternatives.

The \$170 million project includes

reconstruction of I-96 from Newburgh to Telegraph, rehabilitation and reconstruction of 37 bridges from Newburgh to Telegraph and replacement of freeway median lighting from Levan to Telegraph. Construction could begin in late 2013.

Those who are unable to attend but have questions may call the MDOT Taylor Transportation Service Center at (313) 375-2400 or send an email to MDOT-96ix@michigan.gov.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

AW Technical Engineering USA, Inc. (AWTEC) proposes to file an application with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for designating as a Corporate Citizen (C3) in accordance with R324.1508 of the Michigan Administrative Code.

Clean Corporate Citizenship is a voluntary program that provides the opportunity for companies to be publicly recognized by the state of Michigan for demonstrating environmental stewardship and strong environmental ethics through their operations. Designation of Clean Corporate Citizenship requires a facility to demonstrate implementation of an Environmental Management System (EMS), compliance to all Federal and State Requirements, and implementation of a Pollution Prevention Policy and Program. AWTEC was certified to ISO-14001 in July of 2003.

Documentation related to the C3 application will be available for a 30 day public review beginning **November 1st, 2012, until December 1st, 2012** at the:

Plymouth District Library
523 South Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170

Any comments, questions and/or concerns may be directed to and will be accepted until **December 1st 2012.**

AWTEC
Attn: Dave Tueppe, AWTEC Environmental Management Representative
14920 Keel St. Plymouth, MI 48170
Plymouth, MI 48170

Any such communications may also be submitted to:

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Environmental Assistance
Clean Corporate Citizen Program
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Lansing, MI 48909-7957

serves the needs of young people that are in the juvenile justice system or homeless. Braxton works directly with female youth in the program offering tutoring, mentoring and professional and personal guidance.

She is married to Thomas Braxton. The couple has two children, Aaron and Maya, who attend Plymouth-Canton Schools. The family attends El Bethel Baptist Church in Redford.

Braxton is currently a trial attorney in a solo practice handling a wide variety of cases, including criminal, probate, juvenile, landlord-tenant and family law.

"I want to be judge of the Wayne County Circuit Court because I am confident that I can bring equality, efficiency and effectiveness to the court," said Braxton.

How does she expect to make a difference on the court? "I intend to use my role as a judge to help others, specifically underprivileged youths, in the county," said Braxton, adding "I am appreciative of every opportunity that I have been afforded and I wish to share my knowledge and experiences with others."

"In addition, by focusing on the youth in Wayne County, I am able to target an impressionable group and possibly give them an alternative to a life of crime," said Braxton adding that she is "ready and eager to serve."

Kevin Cox, Livonia

Cox holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Michigan and a juris doctor from the Wayne State University Law School. He is married to Elizabeth Cox. The couple has four children: Daniel, Kiefer, 23, Casey, 20, Jack, 17, and Brian, 14. His community activities include St. Edith Parent Association, St. Edith CVO Athletics Board of Directors and coach, Catholic Center Dad's Club, fundraiser for the Salvation Army, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries and the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

As an assistant attorney general in the labor division of the Office of Attorney General, Cox represents the state of Michigan in state courts and administrative hearings.

"I have extensive experience as a trial attorney for over 27 years and have had the benefit of watching and learning the qualities that make judges effective and efficient," said Cox, who prior to this assignment was in private practice for 25 years.

"My practice was comprised of complex injury litigation throughout the state. I owned and managed a law firm of 12 attorneys and over 20 employees for several years. "I have had extensive experience trying cases in front of juries for over 25 years," said Cox who received a "Well Qualified" rating (highest offered) by the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association. "I am the candidate with the most courtroom and trial experience and thus most capable of running an effective and efficient court," said Cox.

Dana Hathaway, Grosse Pointe Farms

Hathaway is a Wayne County prosecutor handling felonies and misdemeanors.

"I work hard daily to ensure that justice is done on behalf of crime victims," she said. "I know how to efficiently move a court's docket because that is what I do every day."

Before joining the prosecutor's office, she worked for a national trial law firm specializing in high-stakes litigation — defending product liability and personal injury actions and litigated commercial actions across the country.

Hathaway comes from a long line attorneys and judges. Her mother, Elizabeth Hathaway, is a Wayne County Circuit Court Judge. Her mother, Diane, sits on the Michigan Supreme Court.

Being a judge is something that Hathaway, a highly-awarded attorney (she was named a Michigan Super Lawyer — Rising Star for her litigation experience), says she has prepared for since college.

She holds a degree in chemistry from the College of Charleston, and juris doctorate from the University of Detroit Law School where she was associate editor of the Law Review. She is a member of State Bar of Michigan, Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers, Illinois State Bar Association.

Hathaway is married and the mother of two daughters, Riley

and Mackenzie. She is a member of St. Paul Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Brian Morrow, Northville

Morrow, holds a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and a juris doctorate from Wayne State University Law School. The married father of two adult children, Morrow is deputy chief of the Juvenile Division of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

His job involves prosecuting cases that range from home and school truancy to armed robbery, criminal sexual conduct, carjacking and homicide.

"In addition to my other duties, I demonstrated to myself that I have the judicial temperament, compassion and reasonableness to be a highly effective jurist." Morrow has some 26 years of experience as an attorney, 11 of those years spent as supervisor of other lawyers.

Morrow and his wife, Mary, established the Brian and Mary Morrow Community Service Scholarship to reward the initiative of graduating Detroit Public Schools students who have been actively involved in community service projects. He also has organized volunteers from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office to participate as a group in Habitat for Humanity-Detroit worksites.

"Confidence in the judicial system can only be achieved when citizens believe that, regardless of outcome, they have been afforded a full and fair opportunity to be heard by an impartial judge of the facts and the law," said Morrow.

Kelly Ann Ramsey, Livonia

Ramsey holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and a juris doctorate from Wayne State University Law School.

A Detroit native, she works as a referee in the Family Division-Juvenile Section of Wayne

Circuit Court. The court has jurisdiction over delinquency, abuse/neglect and adoption cases.

A lifelong resident of Wayne County, Ramsey is the daughter of a Detroit police officer and department of social services caseworker. Her daughter is a teacher in the United Nations International School.

Ramsey serves on the boards of Vista Maria, Child's Hope, Save Our Children Coalition and Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association Foundation. She supports the Innocence Lost National Initiative and is a visionary of the "For The Seventh Generation" program.

"I have more than 20 years of judicial experience as a referee, and more than five years as an assistant prosecutor. During my tenure, I have adjudicated thousands of cases," said Ramsey

"As demonstrated for over 25 years, I understand and respect the responsibility that I have to the people who appear before me and to the community that I serve," she said.

John Sullivan, Northville

Sullivan holds a bachelor's degree and a juris doctorate from the University of Michigan. The married father of three children, he has practiced law for 16 years and has been running his own law practice in Wayne County for the past 14 years.

His current practice includes probate work, personal injury, contracts, family law, criminal law, real estate and general consumer law.

"I have a deep desire to help serve and protect my community and to help people," said Sullivan. "I have spent a great deal of time serving Wayne County in many capacities and I have served on numerous boards and agencies including both the Michigan Association of Counties and Wayne County's Judiciary and Public Safety Committees.

"I have run my own small business and I have experience as an elected law maker in Wayne County and serving as an Administrative Law Judge for the State of Michigan.

"I have a reputation for being very patient and having a great judicial temperament. I will make smart decisions that will be beneficial to the parties in court and to our community," said Sullivan.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS ENGINEERING SERVICES Community Development Block Grant

In compliance with Federal requirements, the Charter Township of Plymouth is seeking proposals for Engineering Services to assist in the implementation of projects funded through the Community Development Block Grant program. The Scope of Services shall include coordination and assistance of engineering matters and projects for the Charter Township of Plymouth's Community Development Block Grant program, exclusive of road and large pavement projects, such as pedestrian bridge design, pathway location cross section and grading, design, field inspections and administration of sidewalk ramps, etc. All services shall conform to the laws and regulations of the United States Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant program including all required ADA regulations. The term of contract shall be for a period of three (3) years.

Any firm desiring to be considered for this project and having the capabilities for this work shall submit three (3) copies of proposals containing information on the qualifications and experience of the firm. Proposals received will be reviewed against the following criteria:

1. Understanding and interpretation of project requirements and familiarity with federal rules and regulations of the Community Development Block Grant Program.
2. The firm's prior experience with the Community Development Block Grant Program.
3. Professional experience of principal personnel which will be assigned to the Charter Township of Plymouth specific project.
4. Availability of adequate staffing levels, staff resources and present work load to complete the project as staged.
5. Geographical proximity of the main office or the active branch to the Charter Township of Plymouth.
6. Pricing information.

All proposals shall be submitted to the Division of Public Services to the attention of Patrick Pellistr, Township Engineer, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 prior to 4:00 pm on Monday November 19, 2012 and clearly marked "CDBG PROJECT ENGINEERING".

Award of this project shall be based solely on evaluation of these initial proposals. Proposals shall contain pricing information. Costs for these Engineering Services will be negotiated with the selected firm.

The Charter Township of Plymouth will not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, sex, religion, age, national origin, marital status or handicap. The Charter Township of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject in whole or in part, any and all proposals, to waive irregularities and to alter the best offer as determined by the Plymouth Township Board. This announcement is being made for the purpose of conforming to the United States Housing and Urban Development Procurement Regulation 40 CFR Part 85.36.

ENDORSEMENTS

On Tuesday: The Observer recommends

Besides voting for president, Canton Township voters will decide several local races Tuesday. Over the last two months we have provided information and have offered our opinion on candidates. Here is a recap of our endorsements:

Township Trustee

In the race for the Canton Township Board of Trustees, we recommend incumbent trustees **John Anthony**, **Pat Williams** and **Greg Demopoulos** and former township Supervisor **Tom Yack**.

Steven Sneiderman, former Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education president, would offer a solid Democratic presence on the all-Republican board so voters should also consider him.

Yack was the top vote-getter in the primary. He is well versed in how things run, dealing with issues ranging from public safety to roads and everything in between. He knows the players when dealing with regional issues, and he knows how the system works. He has spent the intervening years heavily involved in promoting the arts, maintaining his devotion to the community.

A former FBI special agent, **Anthony** brings an analytical mind to the board. He's intelligent, thoughtful and is willing to look at ideas from all sides. He's been part of a board that fought its way out of a \$14 million budget deficit two years ago, using a combination of cost-cutting and department realignment, reduction of salaries and other measures to bring it back to balance.

As an account manager for a Tier 1 automotive supplier and a partner in a pet cleaning products manufacturer, **Williams** has a unique set of experiences from which to draw as he considers issues facing the board. **Williams** also backs the



Williams



Anthony



Yack



Demopoulos

arts effort in Canton as part of the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities and civic groups such as the Canton Lions and Rotary clubs.

Demopoulos was appointed last year to fill the remaining portion of **Todd Caecamo's** term, and he has been a solid addition. The thing to like about **Demopoulos** is the road he took to get there. **Demopoulos** has served on the township's Zoning Board of Appeals, the Merit Commission and the Planning Commission. That's a municipal background few trustees ever get.

21st State House

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

She reached across the aisle and found bipartisan support for her bill to eliminate lifetime health care for state Legislators. Her bill would have included current members of the Legislature, but Republicans eventually approved a measure for "future" leaders. **Slavens** is a strong supporter of public education. She has fought hard to protect the school aid fund. Her ethics are also strong. She was one of the voices calling for GOP House Speaker **Jase Bolger** to resign in the aftermath of an alleged effort to rig a state legislative race by paying a fake Democrat to enter the contest.



Slavens

20th State House

Voters should give Republican **Kurt Heise** a second term representing the 20th State House District. **Heise**, elected in 2010, has accomplished much in his first two years.

He's written legislation that would return half of the Wayne County parks millage back to communities, and has written legislation dealing with, among other things, court reform, judicial reductions, moving school board elections to even-year Novembers, selling the Robert Scott Prison and free-



Heise

ing drug forfeiture money for police budgets.

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

10th Wayne County Commission

In the race for the redrawn 10th Wayne County Commission District, Republican **Shannon Price** is a solid choice.

Price, a former county Republican Party chairman, wants a thorough audit of county finances, an online county "checkbook" open for viewing by the public, and a charter amendment that would give the Board of Commissioners the power to impeach the county executive.

Price favors a lower overall tax rate that could help lure businesses, rather than targeted tax breaks, and a streamlined, 90-day permitting process for businesses.

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



Price

Schoolcraft College

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

Incumbents **Douglas Adams**, **Eric Stempien** and **John Elkins** are part of a successful board that has acted responsibly and in the best interest of the college. They have been a cohesive, thoughtful team setting policy and standards, connecting with the community and advocating for the college. The board earns high marks for letting the administration work its plan to keep pace with the changing marketplace, offering certificate and degrees programs to meet the needs of a global economy.

Wayne County Circuit Court

Judicial races are often a name game, but that's not the way to elect qualified judges to the bench. **Kelly Ann Ramsey**, **Kevin Cox** and

Brian Morrow all have exceptional life and legal experience, which we believe sets them apart. All have been rated "well qualified" by the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association. 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.

Ramsey 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.

Cox is 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 trial. His strong work ethic, 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. He is one of the founders of the prosecutor's teen court program, in which non-violent 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 is a longtime 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.



Ramsey



Cox



Morrow

Elect Taj to Congress in the 11th District

Canton residents will vote in two races Tuesday to fill the 11th District congressional seat, adding to an already long ballot.

One is for a full two-year term; the other is for a partial term ending Jan. 2, 2013, to elect a successor to **Thaddeus McCotter**, who resigned in July amidst a petition signature scandal.

We did not endorse in the partial term.

For the full two-year term, we recommend **Dr. Syed Taj**, a medical doctor and a member of the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

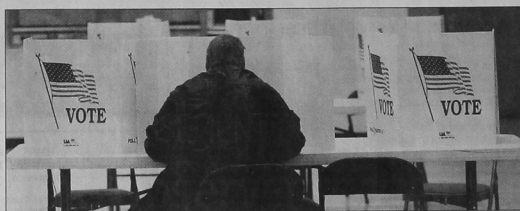
Taj is smart, moderate and represents the views of many voters in the recently redrawn 11th District, which includes many western Wayne County communities.

As the only Democrat on the Canton board, **Taj** works cooperatively with the six other Republican members despite their political differences to reach good decisions for the entire community.

Congress needs lawmakers like **Taj** who are good listeners and are willing to reach across the aisle to find compromise.

Reducing hyperpartisanship is one of his priorities, as are aiding the economic recovery, supporting growing industries in Michigan, improving the health care system and the Affordable Care Act, and supporting veterans.

Taj supports increased border patrols to stop illegal immigration, but he wants to improve the immigration process so that those who want to work professionally in this country can get here, just like he did.



Clerks are predicting a large turnout for Tuesday's general election and recommend residents allow plenty of time to fill out the lengthy ballots.

Yes on Prop 1, no on other state, county issues

State Proposal 1: Emergency Manager

Michigan's currently-suspended Public Act 4 of 2011, which allows the governor to appoint such a financial expert, is an unlikely 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.

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

Statewide Proposals 2-6

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

Special interest groups are behind the ballot proposals. While some of the proposals have merit, they should not be part of the state constitution. Lawmakers should take heed of the rush to initiative and listen to what has become an increasingly frustrated electorate. Drafting legislation would allow debate and input, instead of voters needing to decide on "all or nothing" ballot proposals.

County ballot proposals

County charter amendments deal with removal of the county executive, pension board expansion and auditing guidelines. In addition, another proposal would give the commission rath-

er 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 appointive compensation.

While some of the proposals have merit, they were rushed on to the 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.

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, voters should reject the five proposals on Tuesday's ballot.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Protect freedom

In the past week, I have heard several people say they are so confused by all of the political ads. They don't know what to think about the candidates and they just don't know what to believe about the proposals.

My answer to them — just read. Read anything you can get your hands on. If you don't have access to the Internet or subscribe to a newspaper, go to your local library. If someone is telling you that they can create 12 million jobs, find out how they plan on doing it. If someone says they are a regular guy who just represents you, check their background to make sure they do indeed represent who you are. If someone tells you a person or proposal is dangerous without giving you a reason, do your own research and find the facts.

I don't find freedom in possessing a gun. I find freedom in holding a newspaper. The joy in the Internet is having access to hundreds of newspapers from around the country. Don't always look for the people who agree with you and your ideas; challenge yourself and challenge the candidates. We are blessed to have three libraries in Livonia and a staff who will assist you if you do not know where to go. Utilize them. This is such an important election and a 30- or 60-second commercial can't give you all of the information you need. Be free! Read a newspaper or magazine! Discuss the issues with your friends and neighbors. Finally, most important, vote!

Angela Woods
Livonia

Support Prop 4

Since 1951, The Arc Detroit has provided advocacy and support to individuals with cognitive impairments and other developmental disabilities and their families that reside in the cities of Detroit, Hamtramck and Highland Park.

As a nonprofit organization The Arc Detroit does not support partisan candidates for elected offices, however, sometimes we find it necessary to endorse or oppose legislative and constitutional initiatives that have significant impact on our constituents and the community at large.

This year, The Arc Detroit, is encouraging a "Yes" vote on Proposition Four, "Keep Home Care A Safe Choice."

As "Yes" vote would:
• Allow seniors and persons with disabilities the choice to direct their own care while remaining healthy and independent in their own homes, instead of forcing them into expensive nursing homes or other institutions.

• Revive a registry of home care workers that allowed for screening, training and compensation for caretakers. Defunded by the state Legislature earlier this year, the registry is woefully inadequate.

• Set up a state-funded agency — the Michigan Quality Home Care Council — that would maintain the registry, allowing background checks and training of home-care workers. It would provide financial management help for patients. The registry had cost about \$500,000 year to maintain, but that was offset by \$1.1 million in savings over four years in reduced jobless benefits.

The Arc Detroit joins other disability rights and senior organizations in supporting proposal four, and encourages our members, allies, and Michiganders to join us. It is very important to ensure quality home care, with properly screened and trained staff, to some of Michigan's most vulnerable citizens. Vote "Yes" on proposal four.

Henry M. Johnson
Executive Director
The Arc Detroit

Prop 6 is poor public policy

Aside from any position regarding the bridge, Proposal 6 is objectionable because it would establish a Constitutional requirement for "approval of a majority ... in each municipality" where a bridge or tunnel would be located.

So, in the future, no matter what voters statewide decide, each of those municipalities would have veto power. Opponents to a bridge or tunnel could focus their efforts on those units, while proponents would have to campaign statewide as well as in each unit.

Howard Young
Livonia

Reaume should have known better in 'signgate'

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

When Richard Reaume ran for Plymouth Township Supervisor eight years ago, he was, politically speaking, a novice.

But, as a two-term supervisor now seeking re-election, Reaume has been around long enough to understand two of the biggest political adages: Politics is perception, and perception is reality.



Brad Kadrich

That's why getting caught red-handed removing the yard signs of another candidate was such a silly thing to do. Actually, removing the signs was the silly thing; getting caught was inevitable. In this day and age of hyperpartisanship and YouTube, with political enemies suspicious of his every move and drooling over any chance to catch him up to something, it was bound to get out.

Reaume dove headfirst into the hot water last week when he took down two campaign signs belonging to treasurer candidate Rita White, a Democrat challenging four-term incumbent Ron Edwards. He also removed a "Vote No" sign about Proposal 2 from in front of the Red Olive restaurant on Ann Arbor Road.

Reaume said he noticed the signs while running errands Friday morning, which he had taken off of work. He said he had spoken with the property owner — the Red Olive's landlord — last summer about campaign signs, and knew the owner would not have given permission for the White or Proposal 2 signs.

Reaume said he tried to reach the owner before taking up the signs, but couldn't. When he later spoke with the owner, a Livonia developer, the man approved of his actions, he said.

Reaume said he put the signs in a Dumpster then, less than 60 minutes later, thought better of it, grabbed the signs out of the Dumpster and put them back, albeit in the right of way on an adjacent property. Lost in the resulting brouhaha was the fact White admitted she hadn't sought permission to put the signs up in the first place, as required by the Michigan Department of Transportation. White told the Observer Saturday she'd been tipped off to Reaume's actions, but wasn't satisfied

with the outcome. On Tuesday, though, she wasn't saying much of anything, citing a "pending investigation."

It's only part of the sign story. As happens in every election cycle, reports of stolen signs have been plentiful this campaign season. Democrat Joanne Lamar, a candidate for trustee, said Wednesday nearly all of the signs belonging to her and fellow Democrat Alanna Maguire had been taken, prompting Lamar to wonder what it was about these township jobs that prompted such childish behavior.

The removal of signs is, of course, childish, not to mention potentially illegal. A few years ago, the son of a 35th District Court candidate confessed to stealing signs belonging to his mom's opponent. In Oakland County just last week, a teenager admitted to taking down signs and then driving away — in a car driven by his mother.

I don't believe campaign signs are all that effective in the first place, except as examples of littering. But all candidates put them up, and they should be left up.

In this case, Reaume wasn't even protecting his own campaign; he's being challenged by independent Richard Sharland. But White is challenging Reaume's running buddy, Edwards, so his actions were bound to be perceived as politically motivated, a claim he denies. And, of course, his critics immediately jumped on the fact the incident happened on what most would consider "company time."

"What was he doing taking down signs while he was supposed to be conducting the business of the township?" his critics screamed. But that's a specious accusation; there's no real such time. Or put another way, you could consider "township time" as being 24/7.

The real question is, why bother? Reaume should have known such action was only going to make him look bad. He's not the ordinance officer, he's not an agent of MDT. He had no business taking down the signs.

Said Reaume: "We probably both did something wrong here." He's right about that. The problem is, he's the one who got caught.

And he's the one who should have known better.

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Governor talks ballot proposals in local stop

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Bob Kenyon, a tax consultant from Northville, didn't know what way he was going to vote on the bridge proposal until he met Gov. Rick Snyder Thursday morning while eating break-

fast at George's Senate Coney Island Restaurant in Livonia.

"I was undecided, and he changed my mind," said Kenyon, who now plans to vote on Tuesday on Proposal 6, which would amend the state constitution to require a statewide vote on new bridges or tunnels.

Snyder visited George's Senate Coney Island as part of his four-day statewide bus tour to discuss the six ballot proposals with citizens. Snyder is encouraging residents to vote "Yes on 1, No on the Rest."

Snyder told Kenyon that Michigan taxpayers won't pay any portion of the proposed New International Trade Crossing bridge because the bill will be paid entirely by Canada. "They're paying for the whole project. They want it that badly," Snyder said.

Snyder went from table to table saying hello and talking with customers at George's Senate Coney Island. Some, like Kenyon, had heard the governor would be there and made plans to attend.



Gov. Rick Snyder stops for a photo with Nick Netschke, a fifth grader at Cooper Elementary.

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Livonia resident Jim Hinkle meets Gov. Rick Snyder and State Rep. John Walsh at the Senate Coney Island.

Kenyon is a regular customer at George's Senate Coney Island in Northville.

Others, like Mike McCool of Livonia, were surprised by Snyder's visit. "I had no idea he was going to be here. For him to walk by was pretty neat," said McCool, a salesman for Ralph Thayer Automotive, located across the street.

McCool supports Snyder. "I'm there with you," he told the governor. "I approve of everything you're doing."

Snyder said he thinks

it's important to give voters the correct information about the proposals. "The bridge is a classic example," he said. "People thought we were going to be paying for it."

Robert Nasir, a computer technician from Redford, came into George's Senate Coney Island after he saw the bus sitting outside and decided to stop in for a "chance to see the excitement."

Nasir said he plans to vote yes on Proposals 5 and 6 "at this point," but he intends he re-read them and consider both

sides before doing so.

Proposal 5 would amend the state constitution to require a two-thirds majority vote of the Michigan House and Senate or a statewide vote of the people for the state to impose new or additional taxes.

Nasir said he is 90 percent in agreement with Snyder and just wanted to shake his hand and tell him he appreciates the work he's doing. "My disagreements with him are few," he said.

But, he said, he is concerned about the economy and, because of that, the money it will cost tax-

payers to upgrade, build and maintain roads leading up to the proposed New International Trade Crossing. He said the two-thirds majority vote on new or additional taxes would support fiscal responsibility.

State Rep. John Walsh (R-Livonia), who visited Senate Coney Island customers with Snyder, said while the two-thirds majority vote may resonate with voters, the Michigan Business Tax wouldn't have been repealed last year had the proposed Constitutional amendment already been in place. Lt. Gov. Brian Calley cast the tie-breaking vote. He said members of both parties thought repealing the MBT was a good idea; they just disagreed on how to replace it.

Walsh said he thinks voters will see through the misleading advertising and vote no Proposals 2-6, all of which would amend the constitution. "People know when something is false," he said. Proposal 1 is a referendum on Public Act 4 of 2011, the emergency manager law.

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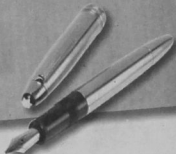
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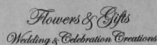
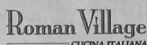
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Plymouth spikers fall short

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

For stretches of Thursday's second game, it looked like Plymouth's varsity girls volleyball team might have something to say about extending the season, at least for one more night.

After an opening loss against Division 1 district host Novi, the Wildcats led 22-18 but could not close out the win. Then in Game 3, Novi won 25-20 to capture the district semifinal and earn a spot in Friday's district final against Northville.

"Absolutely," said Plymouth head coach Sarah Marody, about whether the match might have taken a different course had her Wildcats closed out Game 2. "Momentum would have shifted tremendously. We came out fired up and were fired up the whole game. I think the momentum shifted to the bad side after we gave up that lead."

Marody blamed unforced errors for the losses in the first and third games. The second-year coach, however, said losing the match and having the season end weren't as tough as saying goodbye to seniors Madelyn Betts, Emilee Beyer, Jessica Bihn, Zoe Irvin, Kyra Neumann, Taylor Rieckhoff and Caterina Soli.

"Madelyn and Emilee and Taylor, all of those seniors I've coached for at least three years," Marody said. "I had them on JV. I have never had a group of girls that was so connected like these girls, just a nice group of girls. They will be missed. Next year's girls will have some big shoes to fill."

One of the top seniors, outside hitter Emilee Beyer, said she "personally played my best and I know a lot of the girls... did their best. I think we played our best but our best just

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The triumphant Plymouth Wildcats hoist their district championship trophy after Friday's win over Livonia Churchill.

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Clutch 'Cats win district

By Brad Emmons
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill's most successful football season in over three decades came in over a grinding halt courtesy of tournament-tested Plymouth.

The Wildcats made the most of their breaks Friday night and held off a last-ditch Churchill rally to capture the District 2 title with a 20-14 victory.

Plymouth, who avenged a 35-31 setback to the previously unbeaten Chargers in Week Three, will play for the Region 2 crown in Division I next Friday against Novi-Detroit Catholic Central in a rematch of the 2010 playoff when the Wildcats shocked CC, 9-7, en route to the state finals.

Plymouth held the Chargers (10-1) to their lowest output of the season and sealed the victory with 30.3 seconds left when senior Nate Emminger



Nate Emminger (No. 3) places the ball and Brenton Zuzo (No. 18) kicks an important field goal, giving the Wildcats a 10-7 lead.

intercepted a pass after the Chargers drove down to the Wildcats' 36 in just five plays. Churchill came into the game averaging almost 44 points per game.

"We went back to the first time we played them and we

made a ton of mistakes on their zone reads, their double moves," Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk said. "I mean, they're a well coached team, a lot of athletes over there.

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Take it indoors

Numerous media reports Friday indicated cancellation of the National Hockey League's Winter Classic and related Winter Festival were imminent.

Those proved to be correct, meaning the Plymouth Whalers' Ontario Hockey League game on Dec. 29 at Comerica Park was wiped out. Original plans for the Winter Festival were multi-pronged: an OHL doubleheader; two games featuring alums from the Detroit Red Wings and Toronto Maple Leafs; college and high school games (the latter involving Plymouth and Canton).

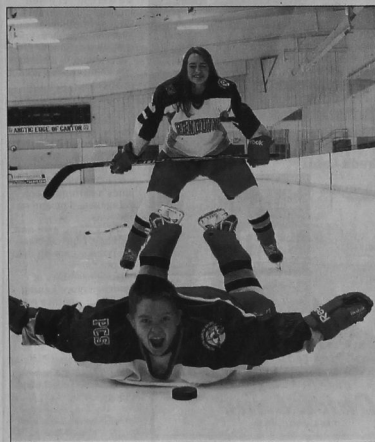
The Plymouth-London OHL contest will still be played, but only at Compuware Arena. The time and date will be announced in the near future.

Lady Ocelots drop opener

A total of 29 turnovers proved costly Thursday night as the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team fell in its season opener to visiting St. Clair College (Ontario), 53-49.

Ajai Meeks scored 20 points and pulled down eight rebounds in a losing cause.

Brianna Berberet (Salem) and Courtney Dyer added 11 and 10 points, respectively, but shot a combined 8-of-37 from the field, including 4-of-17 from the three-point line.



Playing for the PCS Penguins is a blast, as recently demonstrated by Cortny McAdoo (foreground) and Beth Johnson. Both started with the varsity girls hockey team as ninth graders.

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Cool connection

PCS Penguins' coach, seniors together from the start

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

And then there were two. On the eve of the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins' fourth season under the watch of head coach Mary Beth Trainor (formerly Johnson), only Beth Johnson and Cortny McAdoo have been around the whole time.

Don't mistake that to mean other players aren't in for the long haul, however.

It's been a very successful run with two state championships and hopes of another highly competitive squad in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League during 2012-13.

All signs point to more of that to come, just eight months following the triple-OT victory over Farmington Hills Mercy in the Division 2 title contest.

"Yeah, we're starting a tradition," Trainor noted. "Some of the juniors I have started as freshmen and I have

MARCH OF THE PENGUINS

Who: Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins girls hockey coach Mary Beth Trainor and players Beth Johnson and Cortny McAdoo (both seniors at Plymouth High School).

What: Trainor (smeeb@aol.com) is beginning her fourth season coaching the Penguins; Johnson and McAdoo have been members of each one of those teams.

Championships: The Penguins won Division 2 championships in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League in 2010 and 2012.

About Beth: Johnson, 17, is a 5-10 defenseman/forward who lives in Canton with parents Linda and Gordon. She played in a spring girls hockey league at Suburban Ice Farmington Hills and later skated with a Penguins summer team.

About Cortny: The 4-8 McAdoo (who recently turned 18) is a forward who played her first two years with the Penguins as the top goaltender. She is a Canton resident, along with her dad, Tom. Cortny played last spring at Suburban and over the summer with Team Michigan High School Selects.

some returning sophomores so I think the girls are enjoying the program and want to come back every year.

"It's pretty rewarding to know they want to come back every year and play for me."

With a week of tryouts in the rear-view mirror, Train-

or and her dynamic duo now wait for other returnees and newbies to flesh out the roster. She said there still is time for prospective players to give the Penguins a shot. "I took over the program in July 2009, so this is my

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first freshman-to-senior class this year," Trainor said. "So it's going to be exciting. There will be more seniors this year, but those are the only two that have been here since freshman year." Trainor can't believe Johnson and McAdoo are about to start their final seasons with the varsity girls hockey team, which is comprised of players from all three high schools at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Looking back
The two players also wonder where the time's gone.

"It's a proud accomplishment," said 17-year-old Johnson, a senior at Plymouth High School who stands 5-10 — more than a foot taller than McAdoo. "But I haven't really thought about it too much. I just really enjoy playing."

Johnson, who can play both defense and on a forward line, said being part of an exclusive club is pretty cool.

"It's meant a lot, and it's become more of a family and a second home," she explained. "I know it's going to be really hard to graduate, but I don't want to say goodbye. There are friends I've made for life on this team."

Concerning that it's hard to believe the senior season is here is the 4-8 McAdoo, 18, who started her Penguins



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Ever since Mary Beth Trainor (right) started coaching the Penguins in 2009, two members of her team have been (from left) Cortny McAdoo and Beth Johnson.

career as a goalkeeper (and backstopping the team to a D2 title) before moving up to forward last season.

"It still feels like I'm a freshman," said McAdoo, a tiny ball of energy from Plymouth High School. "It's going to be hard to graduate because this is my favorite thing to do."

"This is my last year and I'm going to have fun with it."

Fun times

That much is evident watching the 20-something Trainor (still a hockey player in her own right) enthusiastically

work with Johnson and McAdoo during an impromptu workout at Canton Arctic Ice Arena.

They laugh, joke and do various on-ice hijinks such as McAdoo skating full blast and then sliding headfirst on her stomach.

McAdoo started her belly-flop on one side of Johnson (who stood and left plenty of room for McAdoo to slide through) and let her momentum carry her through to the other side, with her arms outstretched in a show of sheer joy and triumph.

Both players then stood up and let Train-

or (formerly married to assistant coach Brad Johnson) take a stab at the fun, ice-sliding frolic.

After getting up and dusting off the ice chips, Trainor beamed as she talked about the journey Johnson and McAdoo have made with the Penguins since 2009.

"As freshmen, they won the title in overtime against Port Huron," Trainor said. "As sophomores we lost the championship game in double overtime and last year as juniors they won the state title again, in triple overtime."

"Beth was a brand new player and Cortny, when she was a freshman, she was our goaltender. She was goalie her freshman and sophomore year and then moved to forward. So it's been kind of an interesting dynamic for those two."

Buzz getting louder

Also interesting is how the championship last season is starting to raise the Park's collective antennae about the Penguins.

"Freshman year we weren't very well known," Johnson said. "But as of this year everyone seems to know who we are now."

McAdoo told a similar tale about the difference in attention from the first team title to this year's.

"I noticed, my freshman year there wasn't a buzz (about the team)," McAdoo said. "We were new. And like, now, we're the state champions and everyone is going on and on and on about us."

"They like it a lot now. And hey, I have a couple friends coming in to try out."

That possibility of future players joining the fold is another reason for Trainor to smile as the PCS Penguins look forward to the next era.

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Tons of athletes, way taller than our kids. We just went back and watched them and said we can't make the same mistakes that we made in the first game.

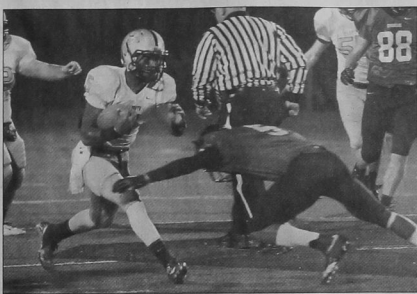
"And our plan was to stay off them a little bit. Make them dink and dunk us, and grind the football. We had to keep it out of their hands and we did a good job of it."

The Chargers came out flying on their first possession going 69 yards in eight plays capped by Romello Brown's 1-yard touchdown run after Seth Suida hit Zach Zolowski on a key third-down catch at the 1. Brian Alsbrooks' point-after kick made it 7-0 with 7:50 to play in the opening quarter.

The Chargers' Dwayne Scott recovered a Plymouth fumble at the Wildcats' 27, but Churchill was unable to convert the turnover as Alsbrooks' 48-yard field goal attempt came up short.

Coming up big

With exactly 11 minutes to go in the second quarter, Plymouth defense back Matt Janke made a huge play when he picked off Suida near the sideline and scampered 40 yards for a TD.



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Plymouth quarterback Jamarl Eiland (left) puts it into overdrive to get Ligonvia Churchill defender Andrew Abram.

"The quarterback was rolling out and I was just flowing trying to read his eyes," said Janke, a senior. "We got good pressure, forced a bad throw I just caught it ... it was just open space and my team did a great job of blocking ... green grass and found the end zone."

The Wildcats then took the lead for keeps when Brenton Zuzo booted a 22-yard field goal to make it 10-7 with 5:16 left in the half.

Plymouth increased its advantage to 17-7 with just 26.6 seconds left in the half on a 25-yard TD

pass from quarterback Jamarl Eiland to Conner Stella. (Bobby Deeg converted the PAT).

But the TD was made possible when tight end Gage Fassbender caught a ball that was tipped at the line of scrimmage for a critical 14-yard gain and a first down.

With 9:11 to play in the third period, Scott forced a Plymouth fumble and Charlie Yost recovered it on his own 13.

Following a Zuzo 47-yard field goal with less than a minute remaining in the third quarter to increase the Wildcats'

lead to 20-7, Churchill's high-powered attack offense didn't get on the board again until there was 7:33 remaining. That's when the 246-pound Brown, who had 25 carries 141 yards, rambled in from 21 yards out to cut the deficit to 20-14 (following Alsbrooks' PAT).

"We were where we were supposed to be, we were playing hard and got stops when we needed to," Churchill coach John Filiatraut said. "We had timely turnovers to keep it close and give ourselves a chance to win at

"A defensive score against this (Churchill) team ... I take a defensive score any day."

MIKE SAWCHUK
Plymouth head coach

the end."

In the clutch

Plymouth, backed up on its own 20 following Churchill's second TD, seemed to be on its heels. But the Wildcats got a pair of key first down runs from Eiland, who finished the night with 147 yards on 22 carries.

None was more critical than his 18-yard end-around on third-and-nine with 5:22 left.

"He's a heckuva player (Eiland)," Sawchuk said. "I didn't like the turnovers. It gave me a couple of more grey hairs, but hey, the kids, after a shaky first quarter, they settled down and I love 'em for it. They did good job."

Churchill did force the Wildcats to punt late, but simply ran out of clock after burning its three remaining timeouts.

Sawchuk said the 'Pick Six' by Janke was huge.

"A defensive score against this (Churchill) team ... I take a defensive score any day," he said. "My coaches have done such a great job all year game planning, and I can't be more proud of

them.

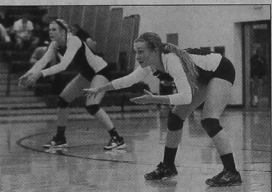
Suida was 14-of-25 for 168 yards, but was picked off twice after throwing just two interceptions all season.

"It's just fundamentals," Janke said. "You've got to read your reads, play as a team. You can't try and do other peoples' jobs. You've got to focus on your job and that's the key to victory because they have a lot of weapons."

Churchill lost despite outgaining the Wildcats in total yards, 322-280.

"We've had some games where they've gone our way, too, so if you're counting on breaks to win the games, it's not exactly how we approach it," Filiatraut said. "I thought our kids played really, really hard and they hung in there the whole way. It comes down to - can you get a couple more stops? Can you save a timeout? Can you get one more play to break a tackle and get into the end zone? Everywhere. It was a very close game all the way across the board."

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Plymouth's (from left) Emilee Beyer and Haylee Weber get ready for a return volley from Novi during Thursday's Division 1 district match.

Rock-in the regionals



The Salem girls cross country program continues to excel and along with that goes all of the trophies and banners. Here, head coach Dave Gerlach (far right) and team members celebrate after winning the Division 1 regionals at Willow Metropark on Oct. 27. Earning all-around medalist honors for finishing first was Kayla Kavulich (second row, left). The Rocks were slated to compete Saturday in the state finals at Michigan International Speedway.

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wasn't enough for this one. It happens. Novi's a good team so you got to give them credit."

Beyer, whose younger sister Olivia will return in 2013 for her junior season, concurred with her coach about the team's strong camaraderie.

"As a senior I can honestly say these past four years have been the best four years that I've

played volleyball in my life," Beyer said. "They were the most fun and these girls are more than my teammates. They're my best friends and also my family."

"I love every single one of them and I'm completely proud of our season and I think we should just keep our heads up."

Plymouth finished with a 20-10-3 record in dual matches.

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Madonna's Abraham earns 1,000th victory

By Tim Smith
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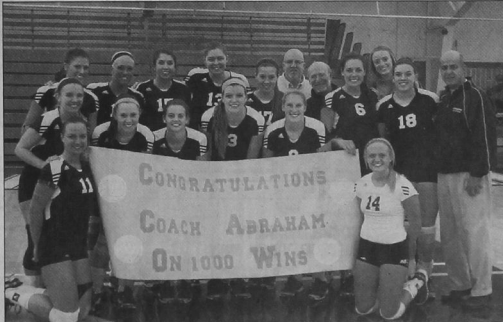
It was an appropriate way for Madonna University head volleyball coach Jerry Abraham to collect the 1,000th victory of his 26-year career.

Friday night at Siena Heights, the Crusaders made quick work of the Saints - winning 3-0 (25-15, 25-18, 25-21) in turn enable Abraham to become the fastest to reach the coaching milestone. His record now stands at 1,000-261.

With the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory, conference champion Madonna also nailed down the team's first berth in the NAIA national tournament since 2008. Moreover, Madonna will host IU in Abraham's 12th appearance in the tourney.

"I'm not into the individual stuff but to be honest I was nervous all day long because of the magnitude of the 1,000th game," said Abraham, a Plymouth Township resident. "It allowed us to get to nationals, host the conference tournament and it's really about the players. It really is."

Madonna hosting the nationals will be "a big plus for our fans and our players. Everyone likes to play at home. We've got a week to get prepared and we're really excited about it."



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Madonna University's volleyball team celebrates with head coach Jerry Abraham (far right) after he won the 1,000th game of his career Friday night at Siena Heights.

Early jump

The opening game against Siena Heights quickly went MU's way as the Crusaders built a 15-3 lead following service runs by junior setter Evia Prieditis (five points), sophomore outside hitter Samantha Geile (three points) and sophomore libero Amanda Obyrick

(four points).

"The first two sets we established the middle and were very tough in the middle if we got a good pass," Abraham noted. "We felt we had a mismatch in the middle with our size and our experience. The middle really clicked in the first game."

Even so, Siena Heights (16-10, 5-6) put up a tougher battle in the middle set. It was 16-15 in favor of the Saints when Prieditis tallied a sideout slam for the Crusaders, off a feed from Geile.

Two service points by junior outside hitter Stacey Catalano - both thanks to blocks by senior

middle hitter Nastija Baranovska - gave MU the lead and Siena Heights could not respond.

Madonna (30-7 overall, 10-1 in the WHAC) also had to rally to finish off the third game, trailing nearly the entire way. Siena Heights built an 18-12 edge only to finally get caught 21-21 on a Saints' attack error.

Siena Heights regained the lead (23-22) but MU senior Taylor Dziejewit tallied a kill off an assist from Prieditis to get the equalizer.

The Crusaders then pulled ahead and clinched the game and match on two points served up by Geile, with attack errors by Siena Heights players each time.

Sparking the MU offense was Geile, with 11 kills. She clipped in with six defensive digs.

Other contributors for the Crusaders included Catalano, Baranovska, Dziejewit and junior middle hitter Emilee Freeman (six kills each) and Prieditis (32 assists).

Helping the cause with 12 digs was Obyrick, while Catalano and Geile tallied seven and six digs, respectively.

For Siena Heights, Halie Baker (11 kills), Lindsey Adams (10 kills, 10 digs) and Carly Tillotson (25 assists, nine digs) were top performers.

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'Cats, Chiefs share division supremacy

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There's no disputing that Plymouth and Canton are the top two girls swimming and diving teams in the KLAAs South Division, especially following the Oct. 27 division meet at Westland John Glenn.

Although Canton finished on top in the dual meet standings (5-0, ahead of Plymouth's 3-1-0), the Wildcats earned a share of the division championship — with the Chiefs — because of their victory at the recent meet with 755.5 points.

Plymouth edged Canton (721.5) with third-place Livonia Churchill last round the tally sheet with 353 points.

Moreover, both teams featured plenty of individual triumphs. There were 65 personal bests turned in by Plymouth swimmers and 60 turned in by Canton.

"I would say it was a great team effort," Plymouth head coach Doug Schade said. "Our team had 65 personal best swims and they set many division meet records."

"On our team we talk a lot about being resilient and competing. On paper, we were down 142 points (during the division meet) so to pull that off was an enormous accomplishment."

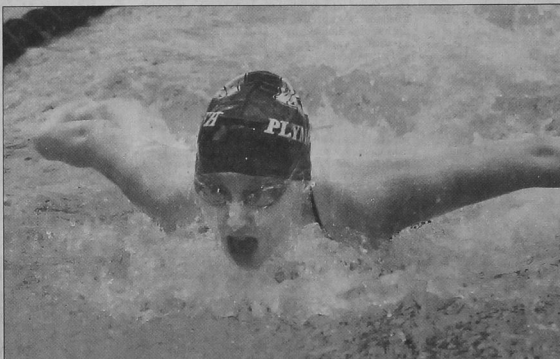
Canton head coach Ed Weber, meanwhile, tipped his cap to the Wildcats but also applauded his swimmers for their performances.

"Yes, Plymouth swam real well, outscoring us by about 30 points," Weber noted. "That comes down to about one event. (We) swam very well, we had over 60 personal best times (and) over half of our team will consider the divisional meet their final competi-



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Going all out in her leg of the 200-yard medley relay during a recent meet is Canton's Delaney Adams.



Plymouth's Linda Erickson, shown in this file photo, was a top contributor to the Wildcats winning the KLAAs South Division meet.

tion of the season. "The remainder of the athletes will compete again at South Lyon East

at the conference championships. Then a few will progress to the D1 state finals in Holland."

Across the board Most impressively, the Chiefs and Wildcats combined to finish first

in every one of the nine individual events and three relays, often grabbing second and third

place in those events. In individual events, Plymouth's Sarah Dombkowski and Linda Erickson captured two races. Dombkowski won the 200-yard freestyle (1:56.41) and 500 free (5:03.4) while Erickson's first-place showings were in the 100 butterfly (59.98) and 100 backstroke (1:02.65).

The other Plymouth swimmer finishing first in an open event was Emily Toro, with a time of 2:11.83 in the 200 individual medley.

Canton's lone double winner was Destinee Barmore-Hicks, who finished first in the 50- and 100-free races with times of 25.69 and 55.74, respectively. Also placing first were Melissa Green (1-meter diving, 266.45 points) and Hannah Jenkins (100 breaststroke, 1:11.44).

The Chiefs prevailed in the 200-medley relay, finishing in 1:54.52. Comprising that winning tandem were Emily Meier, Jenkins, Delaney Adams and Barmore-Hicks.

Plymouth scored wins in the 200-free and 400-free relays, with Dombkowski, Carolyn Stoddard, Alexa Earls and Toro teaming up each time. The 200-free relay team won in 1:42.94 with the 400-free relay team prevailing in 3:48.53.

"We swam great at MISCA and divisions," Schade said. "And I think we'll continue to swim and dive great into the championship meet."

Both teams took part in this weekend's Kensington Conference meet at South Lyon East. Results were not available as of press time.

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Salem finishes third at KLAAs Central meet

Salem's Linda Zhang and Stephanie Solterman each were first-place winners at the KLAAs Central Division girls swimming and diving meet, held Oct. 27 at Novi High

School. As a team, the Rocks came in third out of five teams with 424 points. Finishing first was Northville (619.5). Zhang beat the field in

the 200-meter freestyle, with a time of 1:57.19 while Solterman's mark of 2:22.09 earned her first place in the 200 individual medley. Other top-five show-

ings by the Rocks included Lisa Zhang's second-place finish in the 100 breaststroke (1:09.49) and third-place showing in the 50 free (24.91); Julia Suriano's third-place fin-

ish in the 100 backstroke (1:02.73); Linda Zhang's fourth-place finish in the 100 butterfly (1:01.50); Solterman's fourth-place showing in the 100 free (57.69); Maddie Gorman's fifth-place finish in the 500 free (5:30.50).

In the 200-free relay, the quartet of Lisa Zhang, Suriano, Linda Zhang and Abby Aumiller placed second (1:41.39).

Aumiller, Linda Zhang, Annie Patterson and Gorman placed third in the 200-medley relay (1:53.75) while Suriano, Solterman, Patterson and Gorman combined for a fourth-place finish in the 400-free relay (3:53.90).

Salem competed this weekend in the Kensington Conference meet at South Lyon East. Results were not available as of press time.

die Gorman), 1:53.75; 5. Salem (Stephanie Solterman, Lisa Zhang, Andrea Ringer, Patricia Freitag), 1:57.78.

200 freestyle: 1. Linda Zhang, 1:57.19; 4. Julia Suriano, 2:02.05; 10. Gorman, 2:04.64.

200 individual medley: 1. Solterman, 2:22.09; 5. Patterson, 2:22.70; 14. Jacey Lamoureux, 2:31.38.

50 free: 3. Lisa Zhang, 24.91; 4. Aumiller, 25.04; 19. Cassidy Sargent, 27.61.

100 butterfly: 4. Linda Zhang, 1:01.50; 6. Aumiller, 1:02.00; 8. Patterson, 1:03.72; 10. Vincenza Zaia, 1:06.24; 11. Ringer, 1:07.27; 13. Hannah Pollard, 1:07.85; 17. Claire Amin, 1:10.82; 19. Hannah Tardiff, 1:13.66.

100 free: 4. Solterman, 57.69; 5. Gorman, 53.50; 10. Lamoureux, 54.70.

200-free relay: 2. Salem (Lisa Zhang, Suriano, Linda Zhang, Aumiller), 1:41.39; 10. Salem (Zhang, Lamoureux, Ringer), 1:52.39.

100 backstroke: 5. Suriano, 1:02.73; 10. Freitag, 1:05.07; 11. Zaia, 1:06.41; 15. Sargent, 1:06.87; 16. McKenzie Maurice, 1:07.22.

200 breaststroke: 2. Lisa Zhang, 1:09.49; 9. Pollard, 1:16.82; 17. Kristy Rupp, 1:21.75; 20. Rachel Godfrey, 1:23.49.

400-free relay: 4. Salem (Suriano, Solterman, Patterson, Gorman), 3:53.90; 9. Salem (Tardiff, Rupp, Pollard, Claire Cousino), 4:09.25.

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Cards ink Plymouth's Gerou

Concordia softball signed three recruits from their highly talented 2013 class this past week, notably Plymouth High School senior standout Elaine Gerou.

Elaine, the daughter of Mike and Jane Gerou, primarily is a

pitcher but can also play infield and outfield positions.

At Plymouth, Gerou earned her varsity letter as a freshman season and was named Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's Freshman Athlete of the Year.

She also was selected to the All Observer Team all three times so far in her career, earned KLA All-District honors twice and All-Conference once with her senior year still to come.

The Wildcats continue to be a title contender and Gerou has been a key reason. In 2010, Plymouth won the district title, then were co-district champs in 2011 and earned division and conference championships last season.

Gerou also has had an outstanding travel ball



Plymouth senior Elaine Gerou is joined at the signing table by grandfather Jerry Dowling. Behind them are her parents, Jane and Mike Gerou.

career. She was named to the USSSA All-State Team in 2008, 2009, & 2010. She led her team to a 2nd place finish in the World Series at Disney Wide World of Sports and was named USSSA World Series Offensive MVP.

Cardinals assistant coach Zach Johnston had this to say about Elaine, "She is a tremendous student and her intelligence shows both in the classroom and on the field. On the mound

she is able to mix things up and change locations. She throws multiple pitches that bounce around both sides of the plate.

"Because of her excellent success in locating her pitches she stays ahead of hitters, a necessary quality in being a dominant pitcher. We have an unbelievable recruiting class coming in 2013 and Elaine is a huge part in that. As a staff we are extremely excited."



Concordia head softball coach Greg Brierley watches as Plymouth senior Elaine Gerou signs her national letter of intent during a recent ceremony.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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Thursday, Nov. 8: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 13 at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center vs. Coruna regional champion.)
MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Wednesday, Nov. 7
Mt. Vernon at MU, 7:30 p.m.
WSU Club at S'craft, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 10
Glen Oaks at S'craft, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Wednesday, Nov. 7
Mid-Mich. at S'craft, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 10
MU at Bowling Green, 1 p.m.
Glen Oaks at S'craft, 1 p.m.
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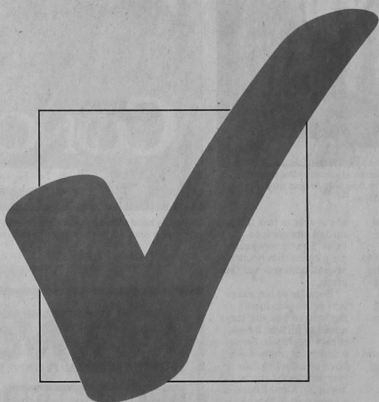
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Holiday cards send greetings, aid charities

By Sharon Dargay
 O&E Staff Writer

You can help visually impaired children read, assist a local food bank or help homeless pets — all by purchasing holiday greeting cards from local charities.

Nonprofit organizations have begun accepting orders for cards that help generate funds to continue their missions.

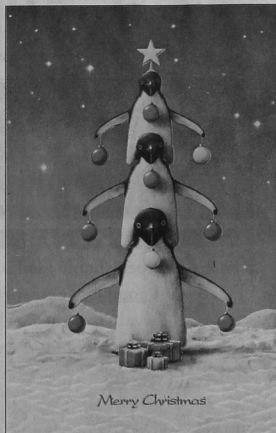
Proceeds from cards sold by Seedlings Braille Books for Children in Livonia, will help it place braille books into the hands of visually impaired children locally and around the world.

"We have over 1,200 titles," said Vicky Opie, community outreach coordinator for Seedlings. "It's a range from classics to best sellers."

Seedlings offers both holiday greeting cards and tribute cards this season.

The organization offers two sizes of holiday cards, created by Pumpernickel Press and priced at \$18 per box of 16 large cards and \$10 per box of 10 smaller cards. All designs are fine art embossed cards, made from premium grade, environment friendly recycled paper. They're available from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Seedlings office, 14151 Farmington Road. Call (734) 427-8552 for directions and more information. Find all card designs online at www.seedlings.org/donate.php.

Tribute cards cost \$10 and are "wonderful gifts from the heart," Opie said. "We sell a lot of them because they make



Oh Penguin Tree is among Seedlings Braille Books for Children's holiday cards.

such nice gifts at the holiday."

The recipient receives a card that says a braille book has been inscribed in their honor.

In addition to holiday cards and tribute cards, the organization also will sell sterling silver and bronze "affirmation charms" and other items at the Alternative Christmas Fair, Saturday, Nov. 10 at Hope Lutheran Church, 39300 W. 12 Mile in Farmington Hills.

"Everyone loves them. They are really unique,"

she described the charms that sport words writing in braille. "They are really fun."

Here's a sampling of other nonprofits that offer holiday cards:

Forgotten Harvest

The organization, which rescues surplus, prepared and perishable food for use by emergency food providers, features three new holiday cards, designed by Matt LeBarre Illustration in Royal Oak, along with one of last year's best sellers.



This card with white doves on a blue background is one of four designs available from Forgotten Harvest.

Holiday cards and envelopes are sold in packs of 20 for \$28, including shipping and handling. The organization also offers a tribute card that costs \$5.

Order cards online at www.forgottenharvest.org.

Michigan Humane Society

The animal welfare organization operates shelters in West-

land, Rochester Hills and Detroit, and offers veterinary services, cruelty investigation, emergency rescue and humane education. It is selling one new card design in either red or blue this year. A box of 15 cards costs \$12.95. Cards bring to ship on Nov. 12. Visit www.shopmichiganhumane.org.

Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute

Five card designs are available with a variety of greetings. Orders must be placed by Nov. 15. Prices vary from \$2.60 per card to \$1.80 per card, depending on the quantity ordered. Visit www.karmanos.org to view designs and download an order form.

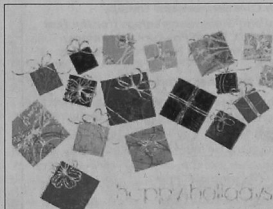
Dawn Farm

The Ypsilanti-based nonprofit assists addicts and alcoholics in achieving long-term recovery. It offers residential treatment, detoxification and many other services.



The Michigan Humane Society offers this holiday card in red or blue.

Holiday cards feature a woodcut drawing of either a menorah, Santa with gifts, Santa with "Seasons Greetings," or a Christmas tree. A package of 10 cards costs \$5. To order, visit www.dawnfarm.org.shop or call (734) 485-8725.



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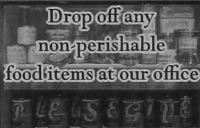
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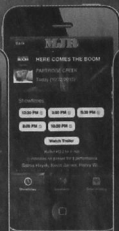


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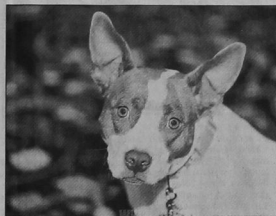
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Bowling event



Darma the dog was among the "alumni" pets — those that have received services through Tail Waggers's 1990 — at a previous Tail Waggers Bowl.



Members of the Parrot Heads team support Tail Waggers's 1990 every year. Bowlers sport leis, Hawaiian shirts and sometimes even decorate their seating area, at the Tail Waggers Bowl.

Tail Waggers reaches out to pet population

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Less than a year after moving into its new office in Livonia, Tail Waggers's 1990 is poised to expand both services and elbow room.

"This year what we're going to focus on a lot is the opening of our spay and neuter and wellness center," said Laura Zain, Tail Waggers's 1990 founder.

Plans are under way to lease office space a few doors down from the group's current location at 28402 Five Mile. "We already went to the planning and zoning guys and got approved by them with flying colors. We're opening this facility so we can make an impact in pet over-population...target families with multiple pets. If we can get the spay and neuter center open in the Spring, we can get a jumpstart on kitty sea-

son." The organization currently offers low-cost spay and neuter through local veterinarians. Zain said those partnerships will continue even after the new center opens. "Our demand is so high," she explained. "We can get things done more efficiently and quickly if we jump in."

She said the new facility will enable Tail Waggers's 1990 to control its own pricing for spay and neuter services, enabling it to make the surgery more affordable for multiple-pet families.

The organization will maintain its current offices for its volunteer staff and pet food pantry. The new wellness center will combine clinic space and spay and neuter rooms under one roof.

Zain and a handful of other volunteer staff members visited clinics in Muskegon, Grand Rapids, Warren and Taylor to

23RD ANNUAL TAIL WAGGER'S BOWL

What: Tail Waggers's 1990's signature fundraiser
When: Sign up for 1 p.m., 4 p.m. or 8 p.m. bowling times that will be available Saturday, Nov. 10
Where: Woodland Lanes Bowling & Lounge, 33775 Plymouth Road, just west of Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: The \$25 entry fee includes three games of bowling — nine pins down is a strike — shoe rental, lunch or dinner and a tote bag. Attendees will get a chance to see alumni animals that have benefited from Tail Waggers's 1990's services and they'll hear about the organization's successes over the past year. The event will include a 50/50 raffle and strolling raffle prizes
Contact: Sign up at www.tailwaggers1990.org and click on the Tail Waggers's Bowl link. Call Laura Zain, Tail Waggers's 1990's president and founder at (734) 550-4660. The Tail Waggers's 1990 office number is (734) 855-4077

help them plan their facility.

"We've done our research," Zain said.

Bowling event

The Tail Waggers's Bowl, the group's major upcoming fundraiser, will go a long way toward generating funds for the orga-

nization's services, which include low-cost vaccination clinics, a pet food pantry and assistance to animals in emergency situations, as well as low-cost spay and neuter.

"For 25 bucks you're getting a great night out," Zain said. "There are commemorative gifts,

dinner or lunch, bowling, music will be playing and alumni animals will be walking around."

Zain said Tail Waggers's 1990 will expand fundraising next year to include a murder mystery event in June. It also organizes a chili and basketball event in March.

Funding sources

Major grants also enabled Tail Waggers's 1990 to expand services this year. A PetSmart Charities grant targeted pets in Redford Township, offering residents a low rate to spay or neuter their dogs and cats. The service, which is ongoing, includes a rabies shot.

A recent \$10,000 grant from Bissell Foundation will provide financial assistance to residents in Garden City and Inkster for spay, neuter and micro chipping costs.

"There is no income

stipulation for anyone using our services," Zain said. However, the pet food pantry assistance is designed for individuals who are experiencing a challenge such as job loss or disability.

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For more on Tail Waggers's 1990, visit www.tailwaggers1990.org.



PET PROJECTS

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Photographer shows new book at Plymouth museum

Author and photographer John Sobczak will discuss his recently published book, *A Motor City Year* at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8 at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Sobczak captures everyday life in Metro Detroit in 365 images in the book. His photographs show the familiar — the Thanksgiving Day parade in Detroit, vendors at Eastern

Market, the Woodward Dream Cruise — the less familiar — cycling at the velodrome in Rochester, robots on the line at the Warren Truck Assembly Plant — and the quirky — the birthday of one of Detroit's oldest women, a tattoo artist at work. Taken together, the photographs in *A Motor City Year* demonstrate the full texture of life in the Detroit area.

Sobczak has been a professional photographer based in Detroit for more than 25 years. His images have been published in *Time*, *Newsweek USA Today*, as well as many local publications including *Hour Magazine*, *Ambassador*, and *Crain's Detroit Business*. His commercial work has included billboards, brochures and annual reports for such clients

as General Motors Corporation, DTE, AT&T, Chrysler, Lear and Ford Motor Company. In 2007 portfolios of his work became part of the permanent collections of the Cleveland Museum of Art and the Detroit Institute of Art. J. Sobczak, a 1978 Plymouth-Salem High School graduate, lives in Bloomfield Township with his wife Jackie and his

daughter Alex. His presentation is free and open to the public. The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, one block north of downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 455-8940 or visit the Museum's website at www.plymouthhistory.org.

On Election Day



The Farmington Civic Theater will open early on Tuesday, Nov. 6, because schools will be closed in Farmington and other area districts. The theater will show Tim Burton's "Frankenweenie" at 12:30 p.m., 2:10 p.m., 3:50 p.m. and 5:35 p.m. Other films are "Trouble With the Curve," starring Clint Eastwood, at 12:25 p.m., 2:35 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m., and "Pitch Perfect," 7:25 p.m. and 9:35 p.m. Admission is \$3.50, cash only. The theater is located at 33332 Grand River Ave., in downtown Farmington, (248) 474-1951.

Caregivers can celebrate holiday season safely

Novermber is National Family Caregivers Month.

Sheltering Arms, a program of Catholic Social Services, recognizes the millions of Americans who care for the chronically ill, disabled or aged family members and offers these tips for navigating the holidays:

- Plan ahead for holiday celebrations by evaluating your loved ones' ability to handle large groups which may include children and pets. The change in routine, the decorations, noise and chaos may be too much for a person with dementia. Have a quiet room available for the person if it all becomes "too much." If you are

the host, designate a back-up host in case you need to leave the party for a while.

- Consider safety when decorating for the holidays. Seasonal plants, decorations, candles and alcohol are potential dangers for the person with dementia.
- Avoid clutter because with too many decorations can increase confusion. The Alzheimer's Association reports an increase in hotline calls concerning wandering during the holidays, many of whom try to find their childhood homes.
- Celebrate the joy of the holidays with traditional activities; prepare

family holiday food, watch a favorite holiday movie or play soothing holiday music.

- Involve them in the preparations by giving them simple tasks such as cracking nuts and making garlands or cookies. The smell of cookies baking and familiar music playing can be comforting.
- Catholic Social Services, founded in 1947, provides professional and volunteer services to protect children, strengthen families and care for the elderly. More information about the agency can be found at <http://www.ccsesm.org>.

GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden and nature information and photos to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Livonia Garden Club

Lisa Steinkopf, who is a houseplant guru from Steinkopf Nursery, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Livonia Garden Club, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6 at the Senior Center, located at 5 Mile and Farmington Road, Livonia. Her presentation will focus on the care and cultivation of indoor houseplants, pests, diseases, soils and fertilization. Steinkopf is a certified indoor landscape technician,

certified nurseryman and a member of the Garden Writer's Association. Refreshments will be served; www.orgsites.com/mi/livoniagardclub.

English Gardens

• Santa arrives at 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 4 and will be on hand for photos until 5 p.m. Free photos will be available or bring your own camera. The annual holiday open house will include caroling and refreshments.
• Third Annual Ladies Night will run 6-9 p.m. Thursday,

Nov. 8 at the Royal Oak store and Tuesday, Nov. 13 at the Ann Arbor store and will include music, shopping, decorating advice from experts and displays of professionally-decorated trees. The event is free but registration is required. Register at www.englishgardens.com.

• Learn to make a bow at a "Make It & Take It Workshop," Nov. 10-11 and 17-18. Various workshop times are available. Cost is \$5 for ribbon. Sign up online at www.englishgardens.com

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Paragay at sclarqay@hometownlife.com.

November

CLOTHING BANK
Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 14 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton
Details: Free clothing and shoes to anyone in need
Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

CONCERT
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4
Location: Basilica of St. Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit sponsors a benefit concert for International Orthodox Christian Charities. The Orthodox Choir of Metropolitan Detroit, conductor Vukobrat Kopyev, will sing hymns to the Virgin Mary. Admission is free, although donations will be collected. An afterglow will follow the concert
Contact: Robert Mitchell at (313) 242-1102

ELECTION NIGHT
Time/Date: Mass at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5, followed by 24 hours of Eucharistic adoration, with a Benediction at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: Vigil for religious freedom and welfare of the country. Call the parish office to sign up for a time during the 24-hour vigil
Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200

FASHION SHOW
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4
Location: Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center, 29125 W. Six Mile, Livonia

The Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed will read from his new book Sunday, Nov. 11, at Northwest University International Church in Southfield.

Details: Doors will open at noon for the preview of gift baskets and silent auction items at the fourth annual luncheon and fashion show organized by the Ladies of Sacred Heart. Thomas Catering of Livonia will provide the lunch. Women of the parish will model casual and formal fashions by Dress Barn. Tickets are \$30 each. Teens and adults only
Contact: (734) 525-5610 or go to www.shbyzantine.com/Events

GUEST SPEAKER
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday Nov. 11
Location: Northwest University International Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, in Southfield
Details: Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed will be the guest speaker at Sunday service. The title of his sermon is "Dragged Kidding and Screaming into Heaven."
Afterward he'll read from his new book, a meditation manual called "Voices from the Margins." There will be a talk back and book signing
Contact: (248) 354-4488

POMEGRANATE GUILD
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byterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, east of Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Worship service is followed by dinner and bagpipe entertainment. Pre-sale tickets for the dinner are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children, \$11, and free for children, 3 and under. Admission at the door is \$15 for adults and \$6 for children
Contact: (313) 534-7730

VETERANS DAY MASS
Time/Date: Noon, Sunday, Nov. 11
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: There will be a color guard and flag raising ceremony at the flag pole in front of the church at 10:45 a.m., followed by Mass. An informal reception will follow. All are welcome to join in this tribute to veterans, reservists, active military and their families
Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200 or see the parish website at www.livoniamtchapel.org

WIDOWED FRIENDS
Time/Date: 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. buffet dinner, Nov. 14
Location: G. Subu's, 20300 Farmington Road, one block south of Eight Mile Rd.
Details: RSVP by Nov. 6 for this evening of dinner, support and games for widowed men and women. Cost is \$18 and includes meal, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door. Only cash accepted. Contact for buffet dinner: RSVP to Carol at (313) 562-3080, Joan at (734) 331-6866 or Mary Anne at (313) 565-5749

Coming up: Celebrate Mass at 2:30 p.m., followed by refreshments, at St. Kenneth, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth. For information call Pat at (734) 895-6246. Celebrate the holidays at 3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 18 at Compa's, 350 S. Main, Plymouth. Order from the menu. A 20 percent gratuity will be added to each bill. The group will visit "The Walk of Trees" through Kellogg Park. Call Micki by Nov. 21 at (734) 455-0094

December

GRIF WORKSHOP
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Dec. 14 and 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Dec. 15
Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth.
Details: The "Grifping with Great Hope" workshop offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Speakers will include the Rev. John Riccardo, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization. Registration forms are online at www.goodmourningministry.net or call OLG
Contact: (734) 453-0326; olgparish.net

Ongoing

CLASSES/STUDY
Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Covey Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulerberger at (734) 464-9491
New Life Community Church
Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Friday; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: (734) 846-4615
Nicole's Revival
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday
Location: YWCA NorthWest Branch, 25840 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer
Contact: (313) 531-1234
Our Lady of Loreto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Scripture study
Contact: (313) 534-9000
St. Michael the Archangel
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday
Location: School Library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Catholic author and bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of the Gospel of St. Luke. The sessions are open to all, regardless of their faith or parish affiliation
Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniamtchapel.org

Word Presbyterian
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville
Details: Learner's Bible study is held
Contact: (248) 374-5920
CLOTHING BANK
Canton Christian Fellowship
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m. second Wednesday
Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty
Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need
Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL
Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shawwassee, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
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Koons-Lynn

Elizabeth Dawn Koons and Todd Eric Lynn were married July 28, 2012, at Waterford Christian Church...

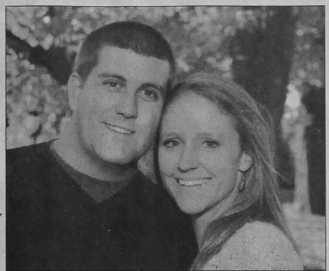
The bride, daughter of William and Mrs. Karen A. Kitchfield, is a 2002 graduate of William Tyndale College...

The groom is the son of Jim and Dori Lynn of Ligonier, Pa. He attends Eastern Michigan University...

Laurie Turner of Plymouth, a friend of the bride, served as maid of honor. Andrea Fenton of Linwood, God bless, was the bridesmaid.

Barry Shirley was best man, and Ken Weaver was the groomsman. Both are from Ligonier, Pa. Ashers were sons of the bride and groom...

The newlyweds reside in Westland and plan a honeymoon cruise to the Caribbean in May 2013.



Freeman-Helinski

Meghan Anne Freeman and Christopher Anthony Helinski announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Jim and Laura Freeman of Canton, graduated in 2005 from Canton High School...

Spring 2013. Her fiancé, son of David and Lynn Helinski of Canton, attended Salem High School...

An April 2013 wedding is planned at Plymouth First United Methodist Church.

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CLOUGH, RICHARD J. Passed away October 29, 2012 at the age of 81. He was born July 28, 1931 to James and Laura Clough...

DUNFORD, DIXIE PATRICIA. Age 73, of Westland, October 31, 2012. Beloved wife of Fred Dunford. Loving mother of Tammy (Charles) Grant, Fred (Michelle) Dunford and Grace (Joy) Dunford...

MCCORD, ANDREW PAUL. Age 61, died after a nine-month struggle of cancer Saturday, October 27, 2012 at home in New Hudson...

PETTER, Howard Gordon. Age 72, of Farmington Hills, MI, passed Oct. 21, 2012. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, MI.

ROBERTSON, Helen W. Age 86, of Farmington, MI, passed Nov. 1, 2012. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

WILLIAM BARTON OF Chelsea formerly of Chicago, IL, Plymouth, MI and Sun City West, AZ age 95, died Monday, October 29, 2012. He was born September 24, 1917 in St. Paul, Minnesota...

SWANSON, RICHARD W. 87, passed away Wednesday, October 24, 2012 in Traverse City. He was born May 21, 1925 in Hastings to Harold and Katherine (Jacks) Swanson.

ROTH, ANNA. November 2, 2012 age 95. Preceded in death by husband, Norman Roth (2005), and 8 siblings.

SILVIS, WILLIAM BARBON. Passed away Saturday October 27, 2012 in Pasadena, CA. Born in Huntington, WV on December 7, 1945 to Sarah (Scaggs) Halcher and Vernon Sartin...

SARTIN, PETER DEN THOMAS. Passed away Saturday October 20, 2012 in Pasadena, CA. Born in Huntington, WV on December 7, 1945 to Sarah (Scaggs) Halcher and Vernon Sartin...

DAUGHTERY, ELLEN J. Oct. 26, 2012 age of Westland. Dear mother of Delphia (Robert) Smith, Lewis Daughtery III, Connie and Patricia (Bill) Piawoski & Denise Benoit. Sister of Zelma Dean...

HEINZ, STEPHANIE MAE. March 10, 1911 - November 1, 2012. Wife of the late Leonard Heinz. Mother of Adelle Martz, Grandmother of Adrienne, Karla, and Meredith Martz. Sister of the late Joseph Mase, Adele Bono, and Edmund Mase...

LARSON-JEX, GLADYS M. (nee Bachelor) Age 94, October 27, 2012. Daughter of the late Mark and Edna Bachelor. Beloved wife of the late Douglas Larson and the late Clifford W. Jex. Loving mother of Sharon (Bill) Weber, Marilyn (the late Leonard) VerMeer, Clifford (Martha) Jex and Fred (Kathy) Jex. Cheriwood grandmother of 11. Great-grandmother of 16. Gladys was a former secretary for the Masonic York Rite Sovereign College for many years. A private family service will be held.

LEAVENS, JOY MARIE. Wife of the late Daniel G. Leavens beloved mother to Jade Erin Leavens. Daughter to the late Joyce and Gerald Geyman of Monroe. Sister to Judy Geyman and the late Jill and Jeff. Also survived by aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Born August 24, 1956; passed October 14, 2012. Service only Nov. 3rd at noon at Aldergate United Methodist Church 10000 Beech Daly, Farmford, MI. Luncheon to follow.

MARCH, JOYCE. 87. Wife of late Bill. Beloved mother of Gerald (Cheryl), Chris (Ron) Powell, Cheryl (Maibetha) charlesstephaniehome.com

DAWDY, LEE GORDON. 89, of Farmington, October 27, 2012. Proud WWII Navy Veteran and member of the Tin Can Sailors Club and VFW. Lee is survived by his beloved wife Frances Angelella-Dawdy and preceded in death by his first wife, Shirley (d.1995). Loving father of Tim (Sandi Powell), Carol (Ron) Harrison, Cheryl (Jim Moran), step-father of Phil (Angie) Angelella, Helene (Bob) McCorm, Rose (Mark) Johnson and Martine (Rob) Christie. Grandfather of 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Dear brother of Bert (Jim) Helene) and Larry (Jack) LeJan. A funeral ceremony was held on Tuesday, October 30th. Memorial tributes suggested to the Wounded Warrior Project www.woundedwarriorproject.org. Arrangements entrusted to the Honey-Sundquist Funeral Home, 444-474-5289.

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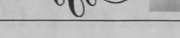
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Reality TV stars who make more than government officials

Debra Auerbach, CareerBuilder Writer

Our nation's leaders carry a heavy weight on their shoulders. They are under intense pressure and scrutiny, charged with making decisions that affect each and every American.

Then there are reality TV stars. Sure, they help Americans in their own special way -- giving viewers a mindless and entertaining escape from life's daily stresses. But there's no way these stars get paid more money to broadcast their lives on national TV than top government officials do to run our country. Right? Wrong. While government leaders do earn high salaries, their paychecks don't compare to the hundreds of thousands, or even millions, of dollars that reality TV stars pocket per episode or season.

To see just how big the salary discrepancies are between these two groups, here's a list comparing the earnings of top government leaders and reality TV stars. Of course, any one of the earners on this list may make, or have, more money from additional sources -- such as previous businesses, other current ventures or inheritances -- but this list focuses solely on the salaries made via their government job or their current reality TV show.

Read on, and get ready to be shocked:

President of the United States: President Barack Obama makes \$400,000 a year, which includes a \$50,000 expense allowance. The first U.S. president, George Washington, earned a \$25,000 annual salary -- a large sum for that time in history.

Reality TV star who earns more: Snooki, *JWoww*, Mike "The Situation" and the entire cast of "Jersey Shore" reportedly make \$100,000 per episode. With an average of 13 episodes per season, they're raking in more than \$1 million to drink, swear and generally make fools of themselves.

Vice president of the United States: In 2012, Vice President Joe Biden earned a salary of \$230,700.

Reality TV star who earns more: According to the website Celebrity Net Worth, "Bachelor"/"Bachelorette" host Chris Harrison makes \$60,000 per episode. There were 12 episodes in the most recent "Bachelorette" season, so that equals a cool \$720,000.

Speaker of the House: According to 247wallst.com, Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, earns an annual salary of \$223,500 as the current speaker of the House.

Reality TV star who earns more: It's hard for anyone -- government official or other reality TV star -- to keep up with Kim Kardashian. *Kardashians* makes

\$400,000 per episode for her reality TV show "Keeping Up With the Kardashians." There are 18 episodes in the 2012 season. Remember: This doesn't include the money she earns from various endorsement deals, product lines and appearances.

Chief Justice of the United States: All eyes were on Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. after he upheld Obama's healthcare reform. In his role as the head of the U.S. federal court system, Roberts makes \$223,500 a year.

Reality TV star who earns more: Entertainment news website Radar Online reports that Vicki Gunvalson of "The Real Housewives of Orange County" makes \$450,000 a season.

Cabinet officials: The current Cabinet officials, including Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Attorney General Eric Holder, each make \$199,700 annually.

Reality TV star who earns more: "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" star Lisa Vanderpump's famous pup, Giggy, truly lives in the lap of luxury. He can afford to be spoiled, since Vanderpump makes a reported \$250,000 a season.

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Reality TV star who earns more: Emily Maynard, the most recent "Bachelorette," was looking for love with the help of an estimated \$250,000 paycheck. Who wouldn't be ready and willing to find "the one" for that salary?

*Unless otherwise specified, all U.S. government officials'

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New Scion 'Motivate' promotion reflects nudging up of target age

By Dale Buss

A new marketing campaign by Scion underscores the brand's decision to target older Millennials instead of the recent college graduates who were the brand's original target. Scion's Motivate promotion also generally demonstrates how the plague of unemployment and financial malaise among young twenty-somethings is forcing brands to look elsewhere for growth.

Motivate targets young entrepreneurs in the creative-arts community with chances to win services of a "personal business mentor," \$10,000 and a Scion vehicle to promote their careers. Applicants between the ages of 18 and 35 are invited to submit written responses and a 60-second video describing their career passions and spelling out what resources they would need to achieve their goals.

"This is not a contest where you are going to just win a prize and you're done," Owen Peacock, national marketing and communications manager for Scion, told me. "This literally is something the winning individuals will take forward with them. The idea is to keep this going over time so it's rich source of education and information that people can go back to."

The program aims at "our target consumers: leaders who will make something happen for themselves, not people who are sitting on their laurels until the next job comes to town and they can get it. It's aimed at self-starters who want to follow their passions."

It's just that the "self-starters" Scion has in mind are a little bit older than the ones

they mostly pursued when the Toyota-owned entry-level "youth" brand got its start in 2003. Scion's bull's-eye is the 25-year-old "who is through [college] and starting their real, first 'career' job," Peacock explained.

"Five years ago, it was the 21-year-old who would have the high propensity to buy a new car, and their parents or other co-signers had a higher propensity to help them out with that purchase. Now if you look at a 21- or 22-year-old, their top concerns tend to be debt and student loans and getting a job. And the first thing when they're done with school isn't going to be buying a new car."

This youngest portion of Generation Y in America, Peacock said, "have gone through a lot in the last few years, and it's started to affect their perception of the world. They're different even from other people who are older but within the



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same generation: some of that group went through boom times, while others came of age when things weren't so rosy."

The recent introductions of the FR-5 sports car and the premium micro-subcompact iQ have "broadened Scion's reach to new audiences," Peacock said, "and we want our unique passion and business approach to continue to shine through."

Scion's customers "have long been among the youngest in the industry, but many are also characteristically self-starters with strong interest in pursuing their passions," Scion Vice President Doug Murtha added, in a press release.

"Drawing on the unique strengths of our creative communities and Scion's commitment to the arts, we designed a powerful way to support young entrepreneurs in pursuing their dreams. We hope to inspire young leaders to set the day and succeed."

Motivate targets 25-year-olds by building on Scion's "tradition" of supporting young creatives. "We've been doing this in some way, shape or form for the last ten years," Peacock said, pouring millions of dollars into marketing initiatives aimed at the creative community. That has included sponsoring 1,700 artists in film, fashion and the arts, he said, and about 10,000 events in more than 250 cities that have boosted the fortunes of small businesses in these pursuits including record labels, galleries, printers and independent publications.



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A Scion Music List conference each fall now "brings in people who are going to educate people who want to get involved in the music industry from the ground up," he said, "And we videotape all of it so that more people can gain an education."

After a review of applications, Motivate will select 50 semi-finalists to attend a three-day workshop with industry leaders to learn "essential skills" they can use to improve their businesses. They'll get a chance to revise and incorporate the lessons into their entries before 10 winners are selected at the event's close.

Peacock depicted the Motivate initiative as an extension of Scion's "What Moves You" brand platform and said that advertising in various outlets will support the program.

He said Scion continues to focus on "creatives" because "that's where we feel our brand resonates with our target the most." But Peacock said that young entrepreneurs in other areas could benefit as well from the intellectual capital generated by Motivate, including information about forming corporations, using social media and hiring an attorney.

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