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**Golf gripes**

Residents are expected to approach the Canton Township Board of Trustees at Tuesday's meeting to complain about a potential change in management of Fellows Creek Golf Course. Township officials are considering a switch from the Ross family, which has managed the course for some 30 years, to a national company, Bill Casper Golf. Casper is the same group brought in to manage Hilltop Golf Course in Plymouth Township a couple of years ago. The meeting takes place Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Canton Township Hall.

**Search meeting**

Officials from Ray & Associates, the low-based 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](http://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."

**Turkey talk**

The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps is in need of 350 frozen turkeys (15-pound average) for this year's Community Thanksgiving program. Gravy, canned fruit and canned tuna are also needed. Turkeys may be donated Monday through Friday, Nov. 12-16, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 17, from noon to 4 p.m. All donated turkeys will be distributed to families in Plymouth, Canton, Belleville and Northville. The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps is located at 9451 S. Main in Plymouth. For more information, call Laurie Aren at (734) 453-5464, ext. 29.

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 Pioneer eighth-grader Jacob Donnelly (from left), veteran Tom Sherman and eighth-grader Alex Lindsay raise the flag at a Pioneer prior to the school's Veterans Day ceremony. Donnelly and Lindsay are the secretary and president, respectively, of Pioneer's student council.

**Thunderous  
 'thank you'  
 Ovation greets vets  
 at Pioneer ceremony**

By Brad Kadrich  
 Observer Staff Writer

Anyone who wonders whether young people these days understand or recognize the sacrifices made by U.S. veterans would have their answer had they been in the gym Friday at Pioneer Middle School. Minutes before the school's salute to veterans got started, hundreds of Pioneer students stood, applauded and roared their thank you in a thunderous standing ovation delivered as the veterans filed up the aisle to their front-row seats.

It was a stirring beginning to an hour-long celebration of the accomplishments and sacrifices made by America's veterans. "We wanted to thank them for everything they've done for us," said Natalie Messer, an 11-year-old sixth-grader from Canton. "They kept us safe and protected our country." The event featured a trio of veterans currently serving in the Air National Guard at Selfridge ANG Base in Mt. Clemens, along with performances from the Pioneer band and choirs and

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Master Sgt. Kyle Black, the first sergeant of the 127th Medical Group at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Mt. Clemens, talked to Pioneer students about opportunities and pride in military service.

**Canton's  
 political  
 tide shifting**

By Darrell Clem  
 Observer Staff Writer

Political observers say it appears Canton, once a Republican stronghold, is trending Democrat as groups such as Asian Americans and African Americans reshape the community's demographic landscape. Democrats swept to victory in Tuesday's election after outpacing GOP candidates in local, state and national races — a trend observers say could persist if Canton's last U.S. Census numbers hold true.

Bill Ballenger, editor of Inside Michigan Politics, said Asian Americans tend to lean Democrat, though not overwhelmingly, while African Americans more consistently vote Democrat, especially when inspired by candidates such as President Barack Obama.

As those groups play a larger role in Canton politics, Ballenger said, the township is likely to witness an uptick in voter support for Democrats. "I think you can probably see the trend continuing in that community," he said, citing Farmington Hills and Southfield as places that witnessed similar trends. When 2010 U.S. Census numbers arrived, Afri-

can Americans accounted for 10.2 percent of Canton's 90,173 residents, a sharp increase from 4.5 percent a decade ago. Asian Americans, including a growing Indian population, made up 14.1 percent compared to just 8.7 percent 10 years earlier. Stephanie Gray Chang, board president of Michigan's Asian and Pacific Islander American Vote organization, said Asian Americans are viewed as more independent than some groups.

"But over the past decade, our community has become a lot more Democrat," said Chang, a Detroit resident who grew up in Canton. "We've always been more Democrat than Republican."

Asian Americans overwhelmingly supported Obama in 2008, she said. Nationally, 72 percent gave him their votes Tuesday.

"I think it shows our community is starting to affiliate more with one party," Chang said. Canton voters solidly supported Dr. Syed Taj, a township trustee, in his Democratic bid for the 11th District U.S. House seat, though Taj fell short elsewhere and lost to Republican Kerry Ben-

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BILL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
 Barriers block parking once used by theater patrons.

**Developer sues  
 Canton over land use**

By Darrell Clem  
 Observer Staff Writer

A developer has filed a lawsuit accusing Canton Township of illegally using property it didn't own in Cherry Hill Village to build a road and parking area routinely used by patrons of the Village Theater, the Canton Human Services Center and the historic Cherry Hill Schoolhouse.

The lawsuit by developer Cherry Ridge LLC comes as stunned Canton officials, theater employees and village residents last weekend found concrete barriers blocking access to West Road — a short street, flanked by parking lots, that

runs north from Cherry Hill Road to the Canton Human Services Center. Theater employees saw the concrete barriers Saturday morning — the first of three days of mostly sold-out stage productions of Annie inside Canton's 400-seat entertainment gem, forcing patrons to find alternate parking as far away as Preservation Park to the north.

Moreover, the barricades cut off some parking access to the Human Services Center, which houses Growth Works, the Canton Community Foundation, a family counseling service, Com-

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**HOLIDAY COPING**

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Nov. 17, 10 a.m. to noon  
**Location:** Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Canton  
**Details:** Coping with the death of a loved one can be especially difficult during the holidays. Compassionate Care Hospice will be conducting a Coping with the Holidays program, during which participants will learn helpful coping strategies for the upcoming holidays, as well as special ways to honor the memory of their loved one. There is no charge for the event.  
**Contact:** To register, contact Ann Christensen, Bereavement Coordinator, (734) 983-9050.

**HEALTH CLINIC**

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Nov. 17, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**Location:** MCWS gym, 40440 Palmer (northwest corner of Palmer and Lotz roads)  
**Details:** MCWS hosts its seventh annual Health Clinic/Seminar. Admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend. There will be lectures on healthy living and disease prevention throughout the day, free blood sugar and BMI testing, free flu shots and free physician consultations. Blood cholesterol testing by Garden City hospital staff for \$10. Breakfast and Lunch will be served at no cost. Babysitting will be provided free of cost as well. Note: Please come fasting for blood sugar testing. Register online at: <http://www.mcws.org/workshop>  
**Contact:** For more information, contact Dr. Sohail Hassan at (734) 788-4166 or e-mail [soli786@yahoo.com](mailto:soli786@yahoo.com).

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tivolio. Taj, born in India, surprised many political observers four years ago when he won a township board seat.  
 Chang said Asian American leaders are looking for more candidates like Taj to seek office.

Tuesday, Canton Democrat Steven Sneiderman rocked the political landscape when he became the top vote-getter in the township board race, causing Republican appointed incumbent Greg Demopoulos to lose his seat. No one seemed more surprised than Sneiderman.

In one telling statistic, 58.8 percent of Canton Democrats voted a straight party ticket, compared to only 39.8 percent of Republicans. "That's very significant," Ballenger said. "Democrats tend to like

*"We look for where there's agreement to bring people together instead of looking for the differences that drive wedges between folks."*



**PAT WILLIAMS**  
 Canton Township trustee

straight ticket voting. That's just another piece of evidence that Democrats are getting stronger (in Canton)."

Consider Tuesday's numbers:  
 • Sneiderman outpolled his closest GOP competitor, former Supervisor Tom Yack, 23,204 votes to 20,596. Yack and GOP incumbents Pat Williams and John Anthony also earned board seats.  
 • State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, defeated Republican Joe Barnabei 18,776 to 13,265 among Canton voters. She earned her third two-year term in the 21st District.

• Democrat Tim Roraback garnered 6,474 votes compared to Republican incumbent Kurt Heise's 3,914 in the Canton portion of the 20th District, though Heise's support outside of Canton handed him a relatively easy win.

• Bucking the trend, Republican Shannon Price carried Canton with 20,080 votes compared to rival James Amara's 19,558, and Price widened his lead in the Plymouths to win the 10th District Wayne County Commission race.  
 Slavens said she believes groups leading Canton's changing demographics view the Democratic Party as more supportive of public education and policies supporting middle-class families. "I do think that the community is moving more toward the Democrats," she said.

can and former state representative, said he isn't sure what Tuesday's election signals for Canton. "It's hard to argue with the vote," he said, though he said the political pendulum tends to swing from one political party to the other among elections. Williams said Canton's changing demographics appear to have had an influence.

"The demographics of the community are changing, and we recognize and understand that," he said. "There have been a lot of discussions to make sure that everybody in the community feels welcome and can enjoy everything Canton has to offer. We're trying to understand the dynamics of what did take place" in Tuesday's election, both locally and nationally."

In Canton, he said, Republicans and Democrats such as Taj have worked with a spirit of cooperation in Tuesday's election. "We look for where there's agreement to bring people together instead of looking for the differences that drive wedges between folks," he said.

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, a Republi-  
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**LAWSUIT**

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mon Ground Ministry and the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities. "It's inconvenient that there's no parking there," Foundation President Joan Noricks said. "We hope they resolve it quickly."

Cherry Ridge LLC's six-count lawsuit, filed Nov. 2 in Wayne County Circuit Court, alleges Canton built West Road, a parking lot, underground water-sewer lines and two nearby detention ponds on property the township didn't own. Township Attorney Kristin Kolb said a different company owned the property when Canton developed the property a decade ago.

**Good intentions**

Kolb cited documents back then indicating the property was intended for transfer to the township, though she said "we can't dispute" that the land is indeed titled to Cherry Ridge LLC. An outside law firm is expected to file a counter-suit within days along with a motion seeking a preliminary injunction to allow Canton to keep the property open for public use "as it has been for the past 10 or so years." Kolb and township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said the lawsuit comes as Cherry Ridge LLC is involved in several planned residential developments in the Cherry Hill Village area.

Officials say Canton and the developer have had some disagreements over how many homes should be built on some sites, with the township preferring fewer houses rather than higher-density growth. Robert Carson, a Bloomfield Hills



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Conflicting signs don't leave staff and patrons around the area much room to park.

area listed as Cherry Ridge LLC's attorney, couldn't be reached for comment.

The controversy has left local officials befuddled, with one township trustee, Pat Williams, saying he has more questions than answers.

"I want to understand where the system broke down so we can make sure this type of thing isn't repeated in the future," Williams said. Kolb said Canton hopes to prevail. "We're fighting it," she said.

Local officials say Cherry Ridge LLC owns some 400 acres in the Cherry Hill Village area. It owns some land north of the Canton Human Services Center.

The lawsuit contends Canton had no permission to construct West Road or a parking lot just west of it. The suit says the "township did not obtain an easement or otherwise acquire an interest in the property prior to constructing, installing, using and inviting others to use" the road, parking spaces and other amenities.

**No evidence**

The lawsuit claims the developer could be held liable should an injury occur on the property, such as in detention

ponds that have no fencing.

"Despite Cherry Ridge's demand," the lawsuit says, "township has not produced evidence of township having an interest in the property."

The suit also seeks money damages over \$25,000. It says the township, by developing the property, "unreasonably interfered with Cherry Ridge's right to exercise dominion and control over its property."

Meanwhile, Canton Leisure Services Director Debbie Bilbrey-Honswetz said provisions have been made to help motorists find parking spaces for the theater, including spots along Cherry Hill Road, behind the theater and, if necessary, in Preservation Park.

Officials say theater employees have stood outside to help guide people, especially the elderly and disabled, who can be dropped off near the theater doors.

It's unclear what the latest controversy could mean for Cherry Hill Village, which has seen an uptick in new homes and businesses after the housing market crash had brought new development to a halt.

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## Curriculum forums

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will hold two public forums for community members to review resources being considered for adoption for the Reproductive Health Curriculum for Special Education.

The forums take place 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center on Harvey in downtown Plymouth, and from 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, at Discovery Middle School in Canton.

For more information, call (734) 416-2755.

## TAG nominations

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials are accepting nominations for students who wish to enroll in the district's Talented and Gifted Program for the 2013-14 school year.

To apply for admission, a student

must reside in Wayne County and currently be in grades 2-7. Nomination forms are available online at <http://tag.pcscs.k12.mi.us>. All nominations must be submitted via completion of the online nomination form no later than 3:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14.

Students who currently reside within the P-CCS boundaries (and score high enough on the assessment) will have first right of placement. Additional open spaces will be determined after testing is complete. While the P-CCS Board of Education allowed a limited number of non-district students to enroll via school of choice for the current school year, it will need to decide if for how many TAG openings will be available for out of district students residing in Wayne County.

Informational meetings regarding the elementary TAG Program are scheduled for Nov. 28 or Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

in the Dodson Elementary School cafeteria. Interested parents should plan to attend either one of these meetings to learn about the elementary TAG Program and the application/screening process. Dodson Elementary is located at 205 Beck in Canton.

## Nationally published

The Advanced Journalism class at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park produces the monthly student paper, "The Perspective." Two recent Perspective articles have been selected for the National Edition of "My High School Journalism - Teen Generated News from around the Nation," which features high school journalists work.

Alex Batt's "Security Cameras Earn Mixed Reviews" and Audra Gamble's "Students, Clean Up Your Act; Custodians Could Use Help" are among the featured articles.

## Groups collect for Hurricane Sandy relief

A variety of groups are helping answer a popular question being asked in the wake of Hurricane Sandy, the super-storm that struck the east coast last week:

How can I help?

The groups — UMCOR, Plymouth First United Methodist Church, PCEP National Honor Society, Plymouth-Canton Schools, Plymouth Township, ESSCO Development and ACO Hardware — are sponsoring a relief drive, "Love Your Neighbor - Bucketful," to collect cleaning supplies and cash for Hurricane Sandy relief.

Collectors are being taken Nov. 12-19 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily (except for Sunday, when the hours are 2-8 p.m.). The collection center is located at 1472 S. Ann Arbor Road (at Sheldon) in Plymouth Township.

Organizers say a "great need exists" for five-gallon buckets filled with specific cleaning supplies. Those buckets will be transported by truck to an UMCOR Depot. UMCOR is a non-profit organization already on the ground and helping.

The Rozum family, which owns MSA Delivery Service in Canton, is donating the truck and driver to deliver the supplies.

Here are some ways that donors can help:

- Collect specified items from your employees/customers and deliver to Collection Center
  - Donate transportation of filled buckets to New Castle, PA [UMCOR Depot]
  - Donate 5 gallon buckets with lids (can be used but must be clean and have never contained any paint or chemicals ... advertising on the outside is OK)
  - Donate quantities of items on our list
  - Provide food/beverages for our volunteers
  - Provide copies of lists to be handed out
  - Make a monetary donation Checks should be made out to Plymouth First United Methodist Church [PFUMC] marked "Hurricane Sandy." A receipt with tax ID will be provided.
- For more information, call Carrie Wood at (734) 718-9872 or Renee McKerge at (734) 674-8737.

## Spaghetti benefit helps Miller family

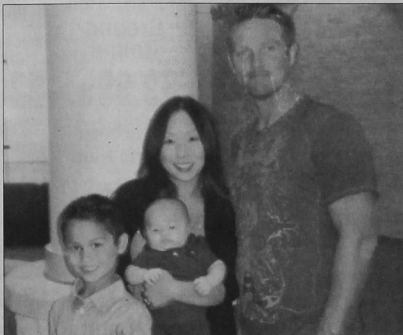
By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

When 36-year-old Michael Kane was killed in a July car accident while on the road for work in South Dakota, he left behind a family that included Miller Elementary School third-grader Jaden and a 2-year-old son, Logan.

To help the family with the resulting expenses, the family at Miller last week decided to take action. The spaghetti dinner fundraiser they organized did just that, raising some \$2,800.

"Many of our staff, along with student council and parents, donated their time to help during the evening," said Miller staffer Tracy Visnaw. "It was a tremendous night for the Miller community, watching all of us contribute to help one of our own."

The fundraiser drew more than 150 people, and included donations from Rose's Restaurant, Courthouse Grill, Canton Pita, Quarter Bistro, Zingerman's Deli in Ann Arbor, Mama Mucci's Pasta, and Orderzone.com for food and supplies, along with donations from several of the staff and parents from Miller Elementary.




Miller Elementary School staffers and students helped organize a fundraiser to help the Kane family of Canton after dad Michael was killed in a car accident in July. With Michael are his wife, Hyubin, and children, Jordan and Jaden.

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# Canton adds fee to tax bills

**By Darrell Clem**  
Observer Staff Writer

Canton taxpayers are expected to face a new 1-percent administrative fee on their December tax bills as township officials move to recoup the lion's share of costs arising from certain property assessment expenses.

The tax fee is projected to cost a typical residential taxpayer about \$25 a year, but officials say many homeowners aren't expected to notice the increase because of an average 1.9 percent drop on the latest taxable values for residential properties.

Canton has never imposed the state-authorized fee, already tacked onto tax bills by 38 of

43 Wayne County communities including the Plymouths, Northville, Westland, Van Buren Township and Belleville, among others.

"We consider ourselves very good stewards of the people's money, but we've got to pay for governmental services," Supervisor Phil LaJoy said.

### Cost cover

The tax fee, facing a vote Tuesday night by the Canton Township Board of Trustees, would generate \$1.1 million a year and cover 85 percent of Canton's cost for collecting and distributing property tax levies along with the review and appeals process for taxable values.

The move comes as Canton's

property tax revenues have plunged 26 percent since 2008, declining from \$10.3 million to \$7.6 million. That marks a cumulative loss of \$2.7 million.

Moreover, Finance Director Wendy Trumbull said Canton's general fund balance is projected at just over \$3 million for the end of 2012, down sharply from \$5.5 million one year earlier. Township officials already have adopted cost-cutting measures and, just two years ago, imposed a 1.75-mill public safety tax to avert a threatened \$14 million deficit for police and fire services.

Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said she plans to support the 1-percent administrative tax fee. She said Michigan municipalities pay assessment-related

costs even though other taxing jurisdictions, such as schools, the Wayne County Jail and the Detroit Zoo, benefit from the tax levies.

### Paradigm shift

"They benefit from all of the work that the local municipality has to pay for, but they don't pay anything for it," McLaughlin said. "We've been very blessed for so long financially, and these are costs we just haven't had to share with our community because we've been able to absorb these costs through development and a growing of the tax base. Now, the paradigm has shifted, and we can't absorb those costs anymore."

"This is a tool in the tool box

that we have chosen not to use, and now it's time to use it," she said. "I intend to support it." Taxpayers should quickly be able to figure their added costs. Trumbull said a home with a \$2,000 tax bill would pay \$20; a residence with a \$4,000 tax bill would pay \$40.

With the latest average taxable values declining 1.9 percent, "residential bills theoretically shouldn't be increasing" despite the new fee.

LaJoy cited a state law that says municipalities "shall" collect the administrative tax fee of up to 1 percent to cover assessment-related costs. However, Canton has chosen until now not to impose it.

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# One victim's parents don't want driver in jail

**By Darrell Clem**  
Observer Staff Writer

The parents of Danielle Beavers, one of two teens killed in a two-car crash in Canton, said Friday they oppose jail time for the driver accused of causing their 19-year-old daughter's death when he ignored a flashing red light while driving south on Canton Creek at Michigan Avenue.

Theresa and James Beavers of Belleville said they would have gone to 35th District Court to support the driver, 24-year-old Rufus Thomas Brandon II of Whitaker, when he pleaded no contest Oct. 22 to one of two counts of a moving violation causing a death. But they said they didn't know of his court appearance until they read an online report from the Canton Observer.

"I don't really think I want him to have any kind of punishment at



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Although Rufus Thomas Brandon II, pictured with attorney Constance Ross, pleaded no contest to a moving violation causing a death involving a two-car crash, the parents of one victim say they don't want to see him jailed.

alcohol was not a factor in the crash, Danielle Beavers was the youngest of three girls of Theresa and James Beavers.

Brandon ignored shortly after 2 a.m. July 24, resulting in his Chevrolet Cavalier being hit on the passenger side by a Monte Carlo driven east on Michigan Avenue by a 21-year-old Westland man. She called the intersection dangerous.

"It's like putting a crossroad on an interstate," Theresa Beavers said. "Rufus made a terrible mistake, but he has to live with that for the rest of his life knowing he went through that light and two lives were lost. We loved our little girl so much. This is killing our whole family, but we don't want to see Rufus crucified for it. He was her friend. She would not want to see this happen to him."

Beavers, Kennedy and Brandon had left a gathering at the nearby Ruby Tuesday where they all worked. Police have said

Brandon. "How can it be that two girls who were just starting their lives died — and their lives are only worth probation?" she asked. "Where is the justice behind that? It just doesn't make sense."

James Beavers said Brandon's mistake shouldn't strip him of a chance at redeeming himself and leading a productive life. Judge Lowe has said he faces a difficult decision in sentencing Brandon. Both families are expected to appear in court for Brandon's sentencing.

"He didn't do this intentionally," Theresa Beavers said. "We all make mistakes. If we want forgiveness for the things we've done, we should have forgiveness in our hearts, too."

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all," Danielle's mother, Theresa Beavers, said. "He is living in his own private hell right now. He is really a sweet person. He is a good person inside. He didn't mean for this to happen."

### Terrible mistake

She and Danielle's father have a sharply different opinion than the

family of 18-year-old Brooke Kennedy, who has asked for jail time when Brandon is sentenced Nov. 26 by 35th District Judge Ronald Lowe. Brandon could face penalties ranging from probation to one year in jail. Theresa Beavers said she has mistakenly run the same flashing red light that police say Bran-

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# Band boosters drive the action behind the scenes

By Peggy Fenwick  
Correspondent

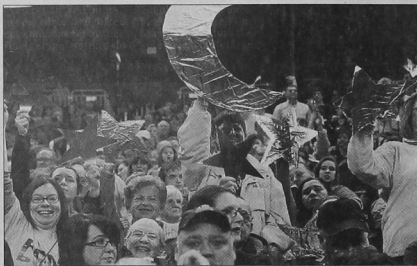
Behind the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band is an organization of dedicated sewers, cooks, equipment haulers, uniform washers, and fundraisers known as the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters.

All parents of marching band members are automatically entered into the esteemed group of dedicated parents. Almost every band has a supporting group of parents to help, but few booster organizations are as productive and successful as the Music Boosters from Plymouth-Canton.

There is something very special about being a Plymouth-Canton Music Booster. It could be the bright yellow jackets boosters wear during nation-wide competitions; the group is easily found in a crowded stadium. Or perhaps it's the level of work the boosters do to make sure the marching band season goes off without a hitch.

How involved is it? Most parent chaperones who traveled this weekend with the kids to the Grand National Championships in Indianapolis run on about 12 hours of sleep spread across four days. There are the food parents who wake up at 4 a.m. to begin preparing meals for the 172-member band. There are the medical professionals who follow the band and take care of every scrape, every twisted ankle, and every ill student. Or how about the hours of sewing performed by the Uniform Magicians, who work magic to get the kids looking so great for every performance.

But the hardest-working group of parents



Plymouth-Canton Marching Band boosters show their support in the stand with the moon and stars.

PHOTOS BY TERRI SAENZ



The band gets ready to take the field with the assistance of the 'crew,' made up of parent band boosters and some alumni.

might be the equipment crew, which travels to every performance and rehearsal. They load all the heavy instruments and equipment onto giant trucks. Crew members rent and drive the giant truck trailers to every event. They even repair and build props, carts, and different components of the final "stage" setting that

are included in each nine-minute production.

The hard-working crew can be seen each performance when they appear with the front line ensemble at the front of the field prior to every performance. They help the students haul out their equipment, plug in all the instruments into their electrical outlets, and

ensure there is electricity flowing from the generator. This feat is timed and has to be completed in less than



Band boosters, known as the 'crew,' help set up before each performance.

four minutes.

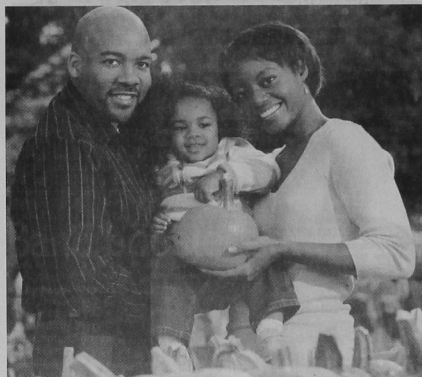
In addition to all these manual tasks performed by the parents, the boosters also help run several fundraisers throughout the season. Except for the school buses, and the two directors hired by the school district, all the expenses to maintain the program are raised through student fees and fundraising. Band costs include the instruction from the many professional musicians, housing for out-of-state competitions, food to feed the students, props and uniforms used each season, and more.

The two biggest fundraisers of the year include a Plymouth-Canton hosted band competition usually hosted in October, and the Holiday and Spring Arts & Crafts Ensembles held twice annually at Plymouth High School. "The Holiday Arts & Craft Ensemble is becoming a holiday tradition for the Plymouth-Canton community," said Erin Babcock,

president of the 2012 Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters. "Come visit us at our one-day fundraising event, start your holiday shopping early this year, and support an excellent cause - musical performance in our schools."

The latest Holiday Arts & Crafts Ensemble is set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at Plymouth High School (located at 8400 Beck in Canton). It's a juried art show produced twice each year to support the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

More than 100 exhibitors with handcrafted items will be on display at this artistic event. The show features jewelry, handmade clothing, soaps, artwork, sculptures, floral arrangements and other holiday related items. There will also be food, door prizes, a raffle, and entertainment by marching and concert band musicians throughout the day. Admission is \$2 and strollers are welcome.



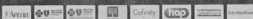
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**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-04**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 78, THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ZONING ORDINANCE IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH**

A Public Hearing was held before the City of Plymouth Planning Commission on September 12, 2012 and the Zoning Ordinance is for the purpose of promoting, and protecting the public health, safety, peace, morals, comfort, convenience, and general welfare. The City of Plymouth Planning Commission and the City Commissioners recommend approval of the proposed amendments by Title. The complete document can be viewed in the City Clerk's office, Monday - Friday from 8:00am - 4:30pm.

Section #78-7 Section #78-21 Section #78-52 Section #78-62 Article IX Section 78-183 Article XVII Section 78-212 Section 78-242 Section 78-260 Section 78-270 Article XXVII Section 78-377 Section 78-380 Section 78-387 Section 78-388 Section 78-389	Enabling Authority Definitions Special Land Uses (Reference number changes) Special Land Use (Minimum open space changes) B-1, Local Business Mixed Use Regulations Lot Width Home Occupations Site Plan Review Accessory Buildings Off-Street Parking Administration and Enforcement Public Hearings Changes and Amendments Conditional Zoning Required Signage for Zoning Map Amendments Traffic Impact Assessments And also technical revisions and adjustments to definitions.
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This Zoning Amendment was adopted by the Plymouth City Commission at a regularly scheduled meeting held on Monday, November 5, 2012, after a first and second reading.

Linda Langmesser, CMC  
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# It never hurts to get bids for insurance policies

**By Rick Bloom**  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** Dear Rick: My auto and homeowner insurance policies are coming due in the near future, so I took your advice and received competitive bids. I received a bid from my existing agent and one from another agent who shopped a few policies for me. In addition, I contacted online insurance companies for a bid. What surprised me was how different the bids were. The online company was by far the least expensive and I also think it was the best. My current agent told me that I should be leery about using an online insurance company. Do you think online insurance companies are OK to do business with and do you think if there was a claim I would have any difficulty



**Money Matters**  
Rick Bloom

collecting? I have never had a claim on any of my insurance policies and the only time I talk to my agent is when the policy comes due.

**A:** Congratulations. It is great that you are shopping your homeowner and auto insurance policies around. I wish more people would receive competitive bids. I think they could lower the cost of their insurance and in many cases actually have a better policy. Therefore, it's a win-win situation.

I have no problem

dealing with an online insurance company. I have done independent research on this topic and have found nothing that shows that people have any more difficulties dealing with an online insurance company vs. the traditional type of company where an agent is involved. As far as I'm concerned, if it is a reputable insurance company, you should have no problem.

Many people in the insurance industry who don't like online companies will tell you if you have a claim, it's very difficult to collect. They point out that when you have a relationship with an agent, the agent will go to bat for you in dealing with the company.

It sounds fine, but the reality is something different. Let's not forget that the agent works for the insurance company. It is the insurance company who pays him. Because of that, the reality is the agent will be loyal to the company, not necessarily the policy holder.

In addition, a sad truth about many salespeople in the insurance industry is that they do not assist you when you have a claim. They want to sell you a policy, but after that they really don't want to deal with you. Therefore, in those situations, I'm not sure what the agent does for you. There are, however, agents that I consider

cream of the crop. They want to make sure that the policy fits your situation and they will assist you when you have a claim.

Whenever you buy any type of insurance whether it's through an agent or online, you should always check the discounts available. You may be surprised at how much you can save.

In fact, whenever you get a renewal for your insurance, it's a good idea to check what discounts you qualify for. As I've always said, the money you save looks better in your pocket than it does anywhere else. Good luck!

One last note. Today is Veterans Day and we hon-

or those men and women throughout time who have served in our armed forces and have protected our way of life. I am extremely grateful to those men and women, including my dad Mitch, a World War II veteran, for their service to our country. I think the great majority of Americans join with me in saluting you and thanking you for your service to our country.

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# Community events honor veterans

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

As Veterans Day arrives today, Plymouth and Canton will honor their veterans in simultaneous ceremonies, and Canton will also host a second event to pay tribute to their service.

The Plymouth ceremony takes place at 11 a.m. in Veterans Memorial Park, in front of Central Middle School, in downtown Plymouth.

Meanwhile, Canton has announced two ways to pay tribute to those who have fought and served to protect this country's freedom.

Canton has unveiled plans for a gathering at the Canton Veterans Memorial in Heritage Park, followed later today by the annual Salute to Excellence program that pays tribute at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

"I think it's important to remind people that we enjoy the freedoms we have because of those who have served the country, whether they served during wartime or not," said John Spencer, a Vietnam veteran and president since 1991 of the Canton Veterans Memorial Association.

The two events follow

a Friday evening concert by the Sounds of Canton, a group of seniors led by Director Michael Gross that was to perform during a dual tribute to Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. Also, town-administration offices are closed Monday in observance of Veterans Day.

Today's first event occurs at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Canton Veterans Memorial, dedicated in 1993 in Heritage Park under the township's administration complex.

A committee formed in 1991 to bring the Canton Veterans Memorial to town. The site includes brick pavers honoring numerous service people from the Civil War to those fighting in Afghanistan.

This afternoon, Canton once again honors area service men and women with a special Salute to Excellence ceremony at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Doors open at 2 p.m. Sunday, the formal stage presentation happens at 3 p.m.

The celebration recognizes military personnel

currently in active duty in all branches of service, as well as veterans. The event includes an exhibition of military memorabilia for the audience to see before the formal program.

The featured guest speaker is Robert H. Miller, author of *Hidden Hell: Discovering My Father's POW Diary*. His latest release, *Portraits of Service*, which honors a cross-section of veterans from five different wars who are young and

old, active and retired and represent all military branches.

Miller and another photographer, Andrew Wakeford, had met Helen Patton, granddaughter of the late U.S. Gen. George S. Patton and founder of the Patton Foundation, which sponsored the book's publication.

Miller has said the book "is an enduring account of the men and women in uniform who serve and protect our ideal of freedom. Their stories must

be told and revered for generations to come."

The Patton Foundation is donating a portion of proceeds from *Portraits of Service* to help veterans and their families through organizations such as Final Salute Inc., the Wounded Warrior Project and the American Military Family Association.

The book is sold on www.portraitsofservice.com and www.amazon.com.

Also at the Village Theater ceremony, Michi-

gan Military Moms will collect items for those in the service. Items sought include hand/foot warmers, beef jerky, Q-tips, packs of candy or gum that don't melt, candy canes, Santa hats, holiday stockings, tree garland and Detroit sports team items.

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# Vet opens up for all who served in 'forgotten war'

By Karen Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Veteran Bill (Leon) Williams didn't talk much about his experiences in Korea — until recently.

The 85-year-old Livonia resident was interviewed for a new book titled *Portraits of Service* featuring 70 veterans from several conflicts.

"At first I didn't want to do it," he said. But his six granddaughters talked him into it. Now, he's glad they did.

"I just feel I'm representing other guys. It's not just Bill Williams," he said. "I'm representing other guys that they couldn't talk to."

Korea is called the forgotten war — perhaps because it was so much smaller and fought so much farther away than World War II, its predecessor, Williams said.

Still, the sacrifices soldiers made in Korea were similar to those made by soldiers before then and after. "They gave up as much then as today," Williams said. "It wasn't easy and we had to leave home."

Williams was drafted into the Army in September 1950 at age 23. He had tried to enlist during World War II, but was turned down because he had injured his knees playing football.

He was sent to Fort



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Custer and placed in a National Guard MP Unit that had originally been part of the Presidential Honor Guard in Washington, D.C. Even though it meant additional responsibilities, he thought it was an honor being an MP.

He was sent to Korea with 5,000 other men on a ship designed for 3,000. The trip took about 20 days. They went through a typhoon, ran out of water, and had very little food.

When he returned home three years later, he talked to no one about his experiences. "It was part of healing, to not talk about it, to try to keep it out of my mind," he said.

He married Nancie, his wife of 59 years, had three children and worked as a financial adviser, something he still does 30 hours a week with his son, Bill Williams Jr., at Oppenheimer & Co. Inc., in Plymouth.

Over time, he was



"It was hard being in the service, but I would have not missed it for the fine people I met," said Bill Williams, who keeps in touch with two of the men he trained with at Fort Custer.

able to put the worst of the memories out of his mind, and he won't bring them back.

"It took a little while, but I did it and it was the right thing to do," he said. In June of 2004, he went to see the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. He didn't want any family members to accompany him because he knew he would cry. And he did.

"One of those faces, you'd swear it's me," he said of the stainless-steel statues of servicemen in the memorial crossing difficult terrain laden with backpacks, heavy boots, rifles, radios, helmets and ponchos.

The statues — designed not to resemble any one person but to represent the wide variety of people who served — reminded Williams of his fellow servicemen.

He was so moved that

when he returned, he located two men he had trained with at Fort Custer, Paul Umfleet of Livonia and Harvey Sparks of Belton, Mo. The men had spent several months sleeping on bunks next to each other and playing football whenever they could. He hadn't seen or spoken with them since the war.

Now, they keep in touch, talking every Veterans Day, reminiscing about playing football and sharing news of each other's families.

"It was hard being in the service, but I would have not missed it for the fine people I met," Williams said. "Everybody was class people, just good people to work with and live with and, unfortunately, fight the war with."

The book Williams is featured in, published in June, was written by Canton Township author Rob Miller in collaboration with Andrew Wakeford, an English photographer. Miller is a client and friend of the Williams. He said they interviewed 400-some veterans from around the world and picked the most interesting stories to include.

The book tells of Williams' experience arriving in Korea. The first person he met at the bottom of the gangplank was a guy from his own street in Detroit, Vic Banonis. He had played football with Banonis.

The next thing he noticed was how poor

the people were and how dirty everything was.

Korea was a stressful place to be, Williams said, far away from family and friends.

Many soldiers received Dear John letters. One of them was Williams' company commander, a captain. He had spent all day driving around in a Jeep with him, and they had returned for the evening to their rooms, located next-door to each other. Suddenly, Williams heard a gunshot noise. The captain had committed suicide.

It's a painful memory, one of the very few Williams continues to hold onto.

The first thing Williams did when he returned to the United States was kiss the ground. "I was just so happy to be in American soil," he said.

Bill Williams Jr., branch manager at Oppenheimer & Co. Inc., said he thinks it's "awesome" his father is included in the book.

"I'm very proud of him," he said. The saying, "All gave some, some gave all" is an accurate portrayal of the sacrifices veterans make, he said.

"Those who saw combat, it changes a person."

This Veterans Day, just like he does every year, Williams will call Paul Umfleet and Harvey Sparks — and they'll talk for hours.

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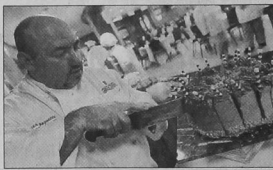
By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

Students in the culinary arts program at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center will be serving up a Thanksgiving feast and, in the process, put turkey with all the trimmings on the tables of families who might not otherwise have a holiday meal.

This is the sixth year that students, under the leadership of chef Tony Paquette, have extended an invitation to the community to come to the benefit buffet, which will be served 11 a.m. to

1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, at Career-Technical Center's Cafe Marquette. For a donation of \$10, people in the community can enjoy turkey and the trimmings and a selection of desserts prepared and served by students.

All of the money raised will go to the Wayne-Westland Family Resource Center which will provide families with vouchers for a precooked Thanksgiving dinner. "In the four years I've been with the resource center, I've never had to turn anyone away," said Amanda Faughnan, resource center direc-



FILE PHOTO

Culinary arts instructor Chef Tony Paquette and his students will be serving up a feast fit for Thanksgiving at his annual luncheon buffet Tuesday, Nov. 13, at the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center's Cafe Marquette.

tor. "It's amazing what they do with this benefit. It's the community and the school district coming together to help families."

Last year, Faughnan was able to help 105 families at Thanksgiving. She provides meal vouchers to 100 families and another five were "adopted" by organizations in the community. She also received 50 gift certificates that were distributed through the schools to help fam-

ilies.

Whatever funds are left from Thanksgiving is used at Christmas for families who didn't qualify for assistance elsewhere. Faughnan makes sure those families at least have a Christmas dinner. The money also goes toward the purchase of toiletries and hats, gloves and mittens for children.

Faughnan opts to purchased vouchers for precooked meals because

some families don't have a stove or a microwave to cook food. With a precooked meal, they don't have to scramble around with uncooked food to try to put together a meal.

"It's easier and more convenient for them, the families really enjoy it," she said.

According to Faughnan, these are very difficult times. The amount of need for the basics has increased since last year and that doesn't even include homeless students in the district.

"Every single year the need has increased since I've been here," she said. "We have a very supportive community and a tremendously supportive district. That's our one ray of hope. I know I can always turn to people and say this is our need, how can we solve it?"

Paquette started doing the Thanksgiving buffet in 2007 when he decided his students could do more than holding canned food drives and packing boxes at Focus:

HOPE in Detroit. The first year was by invitation only and by donation, but now the welcome mat is out for the entire community. There's a minimum \$10 donation for the meal.

Paquette said he wanted his students to have the opportunity to help families and since they work with food, that was how they would do it. "I started thinking what's bad and decided not having a Thanksgiving dinner is, so we're going to give people dinner," Paquette has said about the benefit.

The buffet is getting bigger and better thanks to those who attend. They talk about how wonderful it is to their friends.

People who can't attend the buffet can still help by sending send a check, with Holidays 2012 written in the memo line, to the Family Resource Center, 33475 Palmer, Westland, MI 48186.

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Veterans Bob Lamoureux (in the beret) and Donald McLane were among the veterans honored by Pioneer Middle School students Friday.

## VETERANS

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the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps.

The idea was to showcase themes of character, service and community. And the respect of the students wasn't lost on the vets.

Charlie Olsen of Westland served in the U.S. Navy and the Coast Guard, serving from 1942-47, including World War II tours of duty in the European theater, the Mediterranean, the Persian Gulf and the South Pacific. He said the appreciation of the students was touching.

"It was a very good assembly, very comprehensive honoring the vets," Olsen said. "I felt honored and thrilled to know they would honor us."

Master Sgt. Kyle Black, Master Sgt. Joseph Crocker and Staff Sgt. Robert Juozapaitis, all of whom served in Operation Iraqi Freedom



The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps was on hand to help Pioneer Middle School students and staff honor area veterans.

among their deployments, spoke to the students about their jobs at Selfridge, and the importance of military service and the opportunities it provides.

"Everyone has a different opinion about what it means to be an American," said Black, the first sergeant of the 127th Medical Group at Selfridge. "There is no wrong answer."

Pioneer counselor Dani Evans, whose father served in Viet-

nam and whose brother served in the U.S. Marines — "Patriotism is in my blood," she said — thought Friday's assembly came at the perfect time just a couple of days before Veterans Day.

"Sometimes the vets are forgotten," Evans said. "This is a great way for the kids to honor the vets and just say, 'Thank you.'"

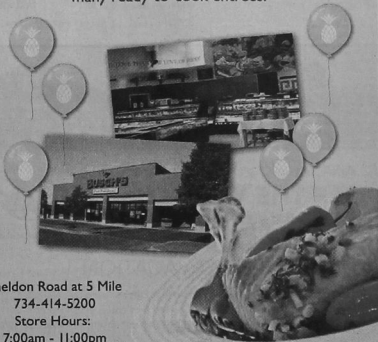
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# Curson: 'Nobody ... wants to fall off the fiscal cliff'

By Ken Abramczyk  
Observer Staff Writer

David Curson said his election on Tuesday was "beyond belief."

The Belleville Democrat defeated Republican Kerry Bentivolio of Milford to complete a six-week unexpired term of Thaddeus McCotter, who resigned July 6, in the 11th congressional District.

Bentivolio, however, won election to a two-year term in the new 11th District, defeating Democrat Syed Taj of Canton. Curson said he believes he may be sworn in as early as Tuesday, depending on when the clerk for the U.S. Congress receives the results from the Michigan Secretary of State office.

Curson, 64, a UAW activist who has spent several years in contract negotiations as an executive assistant to two UAW presidents and worked with the



Curson

auto task force representing the UAW on the GM and Chrysler bail-outs, said he was humbled by the support he received and appreciated the work it takes to win elections.

"After running for Congress, I have a new respect for candidates," Curson said. "Every word you say, you have to weigh."

On Thursday, his phone was ringing off the hook. Curson has received phone calls from well-wishers and media across the nation.

"It was such a goofy election, it's drawn attention from all over the country," Curson said. Curson referred to the circumstances leading up to the election for McCotter's unexpired term, which will last

about six weeks through the end of the year.

A special election was ordered by Gov. Rick Snyder's office after McCotter resigned from Congress. McCotter resigned after petition signatures were deemed to be photocopies by the Secretary of State's office. Attorney General Bill Schuette's investigation eventually led to charges against four McCotter staffers, alleging that they were involved in a deliberate fraud involving a pattern of copying and altering petitions in order to qualify the five-term congressman for the 2012 primary ballot.

Curson said Thursday he expected he would leave Saturday for Washington, D.C. Once the clerk for the U.S. Congress is officially notified by the Michigan Secretary of State's office of the election results, Curson expects he will be notified when he will be admin-

istered an oath of office by House Speaker John Boehner. Curson said he will not be hiring any new congressional staff. Other Democratic congressional offices will lend him staff for his short term.

Curson wants to help address the budget, the "fiscal cliff" facing President Barack Obama and U.S. Congress, he said. "That is hugely important to this country," he said. Curson believes he brings negotiating skills to the table to get a legislative package approved by Congress to address the budget deficit.

"I'll be trying to move the parties together so that everyone gets a piece of the pie," Curson said.

When asked what his position was on a tax increase or how the budget deficit would be addressed, Curson said, "I learned a long time ago that you can't negotiate in the media, so I will gracious-

ly decline to answer that. But nobody, not the Democrats or the Republicans, wants to fall off the fiscal cliff."

Curson added that Congress will also face veterans, Social Security and job issues in the few weeks before the end of the year.

Curson believes the old 11th District (which included Westland, Garden City and Redford among others) was drawn more favorably to Democrats than the new one, which helped him defeat Bentivolio. Curson believes Taj would have fared better in the old district as well.

The new 11th District, which was redrawn last year and becomes effective with the new terms of office that begin in January, no longer includes Westland, Garden City and Redford, but instead has Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Troy, along with other northern Oakland County communities.

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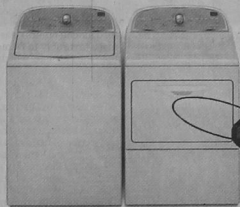


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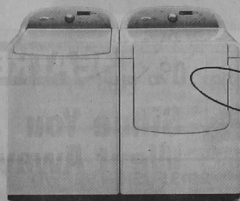
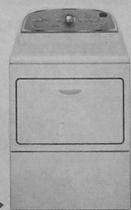


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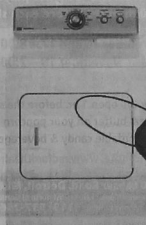


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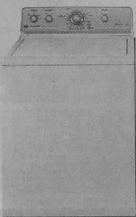
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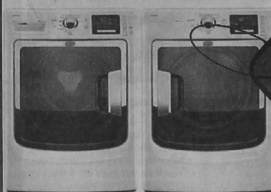
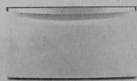
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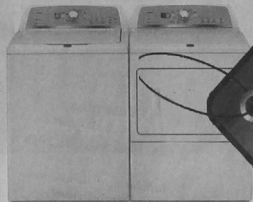


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## SPORTS

## Safe at home

Plymouth seniors excited about softball future with Crusaders

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Madonna University's Al White is a tireless women's softball coach who pounds the pavement looking for recruits all over Observerland.

Yes, there is a sparkling new softball complex for future Crusaders to enjoy, but one could certainly understand if White might just want to park it at The Park.

That's because Plymouth High School seniors Brianna Giordano and Kayla Rebin recently signed letters of intent to play softball at Madonna, beginning in 2014.

"This is fantastic," White said. "I've watched them the last three years maybe. I watched at least seven or eight games last year."

White always liked the potential he saw in Giordano, a first-team all-KLAA selection in 2012 with a .398 average along with strong defense at second base.

But the frequent trips to Plymouth enabled him repeat opportunities to get a read on Rebin, originally catcher for the Wildcats who now is a fleet, defensive fixture in center field.

"I started watching Kayla," White said about Rebin, another all-conference performer. "The more I watched her, the



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Sporting the softball jerseys they will wear for Madonna University beginning in 2014 are Plymouth seniors (from left) Kayla Rebin and Brianna Giordano.

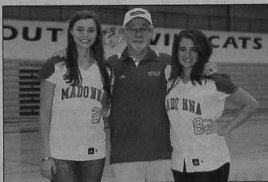
more I liked. That's just a blessing. She's got great hands, soft hands."

## Get ready

White emphasized that both players will face strong competition for playing time once they join the Crusaders.

"They both have to work hard," he said. "We're bringing in eight to 10 girls in again next year."

According to Plymouth head coach Val Canfield, the Madonna coaching staff won't have any regrets about bringing Giordano and Rebin into the fold. Both are



Madonna University women's softball coach Al White welcomes Kayla Rebin (left) and Brianna Giordano to the fold after they recently signed national letters of intent.

high-level performers with a strong work ethic and versatility.

field said. "That's something any coach wants in their program."

That will be playing nearby is another win-win.

"What makes this nice is these are local girls," White said. "Their parents can come out and watch them play."

Canfield added that she was excited that the players decided on Madonna "because it's right next door and it's going to be accessible for us to go watch them."

Proximity to home certainly was a plus factor

Please see SOFTBALL, B2

## Whalers power past Spits

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

The calendar read Nov. 9, but it just as easily could have been March or April the way longtime rivals Plymouth and Windsor went at it Friday night at the sold-out Compuware Arena.

It was playoff-caliber action inside a noisy building as 3,869 fans filled Compuware on Scout Night. The Whalers gave those youngsters plenty to cheer about, scoring three power-play goals en route to a 5-3 victory.

"We both like to play an offensive, physical game," Plymouth head coach and general manager Mike Vellucci said following the victory. "It always makes for a good game for the crowd, that's for sure."

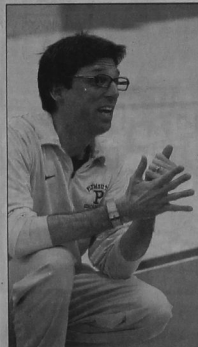
The return of physical winger Tom Wilson after missing seven games due to a hand injury ramped things up even more, not that they needed to be.

"It feels great to be back with the guys," said Wilson, who chipped in with an assist. "I'm just trying to bring a little bit of energy back into the lineup."

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## PLYMOUTH BOYS GOLF

## He's thrilled to pick up coaching baton

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Nick Brandon, shown coaching last season for the Plymouth JV girls basketball team, is the school's new varsity boys golf coach.

Late last month, Nick Brandon watched from the sidelines with great interest as Plymouth won the Division 1 state championship in girls golf.

That lofty accomplishment is something Brandon will be hard at work to duplicate next spring with the Wildcats' boys golf program, of which he recently was named head coach.

Brandon, a 32-year-old Canton resident and junior varsity girls basketball coach at Plymouth, takes over from Chris Moore — who had to step down due to a career move.

"We in the boys program should be extremely proud of what the girls accomplished," Brandon said. "I think it would be a mistake if we don't feed off the enthusiasm and positive energy that that's created."

"We're all representing Plymouth golf. And for them to do that really puts our school on the map."

## Leaning on leaders

Brandon takes over a team that is a definite D1 contender, despite the graduation of Josh Heinze. Returning

Please see BRANDON, B3



Salem's boys cross country team enjoyed a banner season. From left are head coach Steve Aspinall, Riley Doxtader, Michael Karizat, Steve McEvilly, Chaff Jeffers, Donovan Drouillard, Jeremy Drouillard, Evan Bruyere and assistant coach Geoff Bakker.

## Salem boys make strides

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Salem's 18th-place finish at last weekend's Division 1 boys cross country state finals marked the end of an era for several top seniors.

At the top of that list is Steve McEvilly, who finished 53rd overall with a personal-best time of 16 minutes, 6 seconds — ninth best in school history, Rocks head coach Steve Aspinall said.

"Steve has been our number one guy since the beginning of his sophomore year," Aspinall said. "For the past four

years, Steve has shown an incredible dedication to running at the program and his leadership will be missed."

Also finishing excellent careers were seniors Riley Doxtader and Michael Karizat.

Doxtader's time of 16:39 at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn was a personal best (good for 127th place), while Karizat finished 136th with a time of 16:43.

"Since his sophomore year when he joined cross country, Riley has shown

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 Whalers at Saginaw, 7:10 p.m.  
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 Whalers at Belleville, 7:05 p.m.  
**Sunday, Nov. 18**  
 Whalers at Ottawa, 2 p.m.

**SOFTBALL**

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for both Giordano and Rebin, too.  
 "I didn't want a huge school. I just wanted something close to home, so I could stay home with my family," Giordano said. "That's a big thing for me."  
 And Giordano has been by the brand new softball diamond at Madonna: "It's so nice, I love it."

**Easy choice**

For Rebin, the lure of continuing the family's Madonna connection proved too strong to ignore.

"It's great, my mom went to Madonna, my brother (Garrett) played baseball for Madonna," Rebin said. "I've been wanting to go to Madonna my whole life."

Rebin said that she did consider going to Aquinas College (less than three hours from PCEP), but knew Madonna made more sense both from a softball and academic standpoint.

"I knew they were a great school academically and I knew they were great at softball, too," she added. "Right when I knew he (White) wanted me, I was very interested and I knew I wanted to come here."

One reason Madonna has such a winning softball program is willingness of Athletic Director Bryan Rizzo to give the green light on scholarships.

"Our athletic director has gotten us some great increases in our scholarships," White said. "And our program has built itself. We're turning away girls now."

Giordano and Rebin will receive scholarships including athletic and academic components. Another standout from the KLAAs who is head-



Parents and coaches recently joined Plymouth seniors Kayla Rebin and Brianna Giordano after they signed to play softball at Madonna University. From left are MU coach Al White, the Rebins (Lilly, Kayla and Greg), the Giordanos (Brianna, Sal and Monique) and Wildcats' varsity coach Val Canfield.

**NEXT STOP: MADONNA**

Here's a closer look at two of the newest recruits for Madonna University's women's softball program, namely Plymouth High School seniors Brianna Giordano and Kayla Rebin.

Giordano: The 17-year-old is entering her fourth season with the Plymouth varsity softball team, where she is a standout second baseman. In addition, she has three years of experience on fast-pitch travel teams (Finesse, Plymouth-Canton Pride and Ann Arbor Gold). The Plymouth resident's family includes parents Monique and Sal and older sister Gina, who also played softball for the Wildcats.

Rebin: An outfielder for the Wildcats, the 16-year-old also will be going into her fourth season at Plymouth. Also on her softball resume is a five-year stint with Finesse, a club team that competes all over Michigan. She lives in Plymouth with parents Greg and Lilly. Siblings include Garrett (Madonna baseball alum) and Karen (2012 Plymouth grad), who was a teammate of Kayla's on the Wildcats.

ed to Madonna is Livonia Churchill shortstop Nikki Saaloum.

**Paying their dues**

Both Giordano and Rebin said sustained excellence with the Wildcats bodes well for a successful transition to the college game.

"I think it (success at Plymouth) definitely will be a big differ-

ence why Madonna wanted me," Giordano said. "Coach Canfield taught me a lot, she influenced me a lot on wanting to go forward in college ball."

Rebin said her five-year career with Finesse (a fast-pitch travel team based in Michigan) is another plus.

"It gives you more experience and you get to face tougher teams," she said.

"So it really helps you." All of those factors point to big futures in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, but it doesn't hurt to know White is squarely in their corner.

"(If playing in college) is something I've been pushing for about 10 years," Giordano said. "And to finally know it's paid off is really exciting. Coach Al has been wonderful, too. He's like a grandfather, everybody says that about him. I'm looking forward to playing for him."

Of course, Canfield has dibs on them with one more high school season yet to come.

Plus, she stressed that the career paths being taken by Giordano and Rebin should resonate with younger teammates.

"We have a lot of different players who are energetic and just real coachable and we can take them to the next level," Canfield said. "We're proving that can happen."

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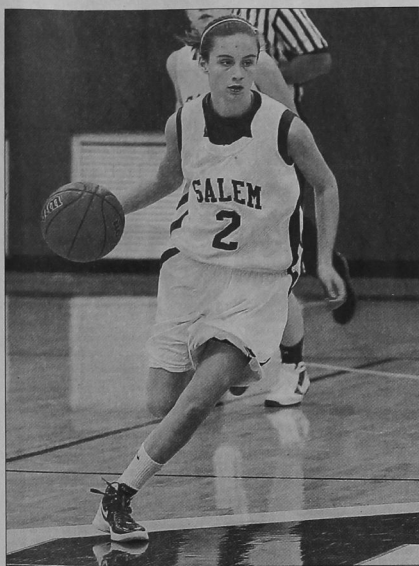
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One of the incoming Lady Ocelots who could make a quick impact is Salem alum Brianna Berberet (No. 2), shown in a 2011-12 game against Plymouth. At left for the Wildcats is Kylie Robb (No. 4).

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# Lady Ocelot roster gets a makeover

By Ed Wright  
Observer Staff Writer

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team's roster wasn't remodeled during the off-season, it was overhauled. Second-year head coach Kevin Brathwaite welcomes back just one player — Courtney Dyer — from the 2011-12 squad that racked up a 25-6 record and second-place finish in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference.

As a result, developing cohesion will be at the top of the Lady Ocelots' early-season to-do list. "We seem to have better team chemistry this year than we did last year, and this team works very hard on the defensive end of the court," said Brathwaite, who served as an Ocelot assistant for five seasons before being promoted to the top job last fall. "Our biggest thing right now — with so many new players — is to learn how to work together as a team."

Dyer, familiar with Brathwaite's philosophy will be an asset. So will

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her pin-point shooting eye from the perimeter.

"Courtney is a very good three-point shooter," Brathwaite said. "She's someone who we can get the ball to at the end of the close game and know she'll deliver in the clutch."

The Lady Ocelots' most promising new-comer may be 6-foot-4 post player Ajai Meeks, who prepped at Detroit Pershing and Warren Fitzgerald before spending one season at Providence College.

"They had a coaching change (at Providence), so she decided to come back closer to home," Brathwaite said. "She has good, all-around skills. She's good down low, but she can also dribble and shoot the three. She's a good ball handler for someone her size. We'd really like to see her become a team leader as well."

Among the Ocelots' top defenders is Margie Mitchell, a freshman from Detroit Croy. "She has a good jump shot from 15 feet in,"

Brathwaite added.

A late-addition to the roster was Toi Brown, a 5-4 guard who prepped at Melvindale High School. "She showed up at one of our team meetings just before practice started and said she wanted to play," Brathwaite revealed. "She's been a real pleasant surprise."

## Local and lethal

Providing some local flavor — and a lethal out-side shooting touch — is 5-8 freshman forward Brianna Berberet, who earned four varsity letters at Salem.

"She's one of our best three-point shooters," Brathwaite said of Berberet.

Brathwaite is also expecting big things from 5-4 point guard E'Aijsha Guster, who played her high school ball at Westland John Glenn.

The Lady Ocelots, ranked No. 12 in the NCAA Division II pre-season poll, open the season Thursday at home against St. Clair Community College (Ontario).

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## SALEM

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great improvement each season," Aspinall said. As for Karizot, the coach said he had a strong rebound season after returning from foot surgery in spring 2011, which sidelined him for a lengthy period: "Michael and Riley often switched between our 2-3-4 push and did a great job pushing each other throughout the season."

Another senior, Jeremy Drouillard, finished with a time of 17:15.

The seniors' departure leaves a void, but Aspinall is confident, especially with freshman Chaz Jeffress just getting started in his career. In

fact, Jeffress trailed only McEvilly among Salem performers at MIS, with his time of 16:23 good for 85th place overall.

"He was the fourth fastest freshman in Division 1 and we look forward to three more years of very continued improvement," Aspinall said.

Rounding out the MIS roster for Salem were juniors Donovan Drouillard (17:15) and Evan Bruyere (17:18).

According to Aspinall, the team's placement in the standings did not tell the tale.

"Anytime you can run four personal bests and three more years of very close to personal bests, it is a great day," he said. "Oftentimes runners go into the state meet with

wide eyes and unsettled nerves, but we did not do that.

"We came in confident and executed our race strategy very well. This was one of the fastest state meets in a long time."

He said there were 46 runners cracking the 16-minute mark, with 179 bettering the 17-minute mark.

"To be 18th in Division 1 in such a fast race is a tremendous accomplishment," Aspinall added.

Perhaps as icing on the cake, the Rocks also compiled a team grade-point average of 3.689, which resulted in academic all-state honors.

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# Local talent buoys SC men's hoops

By Ed Wright  
Observer Staff Writer

Basketball fans who have enjoyed watching the Kensington Lakes Activities Association the past couple of seasons will get a kick out of this year's Schoolcraft College men's hoops team.

Six members of the Ocelot's 15-player roster polished their pre-collegiate skills in the KLA, including two sets of former teammates: Livonia Stevenson's Jonathan Campbell and Kyle Bambach, and Salem's Grantham Bettner and Zinoviy Pelekh.

Rounding out the KLA portion of the roster are Wayne Memorial's Marcus Williams and Canton's Terrell Sewell.

The Ocelots lack in size — their tallest player is the 6-foot-6 Sewell — they should make up for in athleticism and hustle.

Head coach Randy Henry's lone returner from last season's 19-12 squad is sophomore forward Richmond Jackson, a 6-4 product of Detroit Mumford.

"With 14 new players, we'll use the first 10 games or so to figure out who is going to be in the rotation," Henry said. "We're not the biggest team out there, but we have a few jumping jacks who can go get the ball."

## Run and gun

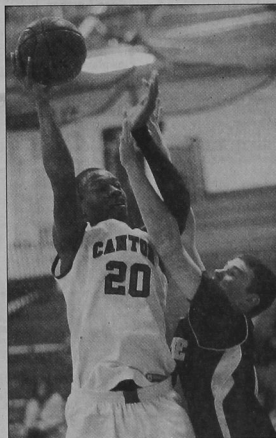
Defenders will have to stay on their toes to keep up with the Ocelots.

"We run a dribble-drive offense, which Oakland University uses," Henry said. "It allows guys to use their athleticism."

Jackson will not only start for SC, he'll lead, after being selected to serve as the team's captain.

"He really came on strong toward the end of last season and averaged double-digits the last six or seven games," Henry said. "Richmond is going to be a big part of our program this year."

Also starting for SC — at least initially, Henry emphasized — will be Sewell, a 6-6 sky walk-



Terrell Sewell (No. 20) is shown going to the basket last season as a Canton Chief. Sewell is expected to get playing time for Schoolcraft College his freshman season.

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## BRANDON

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from the 2012 team that finished 10th at the state meet are senior co-captains Ryan Rieckhoff and Kyle Rodes, along with Chris Kozler, John Tatti and Evan Chipman.

"I'm absolutely excited to get started," Brandon said. "I'm a firm believer in senior leadership and we're lucky to have a couple of seniors on this team that appear poised to lead this time."

"And I will ask a lot from the seniors to set a tone and create an atmosphere of hard work, respect and preparation. That's a big part of what I do as a coach, look for leadership and rely heavily on that leadership to create the culture."

"That culture emerged during the tenure of Moore. Plymouth's only head coach for both the girls and boys golf teams until he stepped down to become an assistant principal in the Plymouth-Canton school district. Dan Young coached the 2012 girls to the state title."

According to Brandon, as soon as he found out he was Plymouth's next boys golf coach, he put in a call to Moore.

"I talked to coach Moore when the job became a reality for two primary reasons," Brandon noted. "I wanted to

make sure he felt comfortable with where the program was going to go next. And I wanted to get his advice and his wisdom."

"I have tremendous respect for what he built and I want to make sure I keep growing this. Any success we have this year, Chris Moore will be a huge part of that."

## Take things in stride

Also huge is Brandon's coaching philosophy, which applies to all sports: Athletes need to be well-prepared and completely focused on the next task at hand to succeed.

The fact Brandon played prep basketball (at Plymouth Christian Academy), but not high school golf, has no bearing on whether he can coach both sports, he emphasized.

"I find strong parallels between basketball and golf in the sense that the mental approach to the game has to be strong," said Brandon, a recreational golfer since his pre-teen years. "And you have to practice perfect if you want to play perfect."

"Also, I would say the game can do crazy things and mentally you got to stay above the uncertainty that both games can bring. The same way that some days the five-foot putts just aren't rolling in ... some days free throws just aren't going in."

During those struggles, Brandon explained players must revert to the basics.

"You got to rely on your technique and your preparation and your mental toughness to fight through those times," he said. "And those times are going to happen in a basketball season just like they're going to happen in a golf season."

"It's up to the coach to set the culture ... to battle through that adversity."

## One at a time

Meanwhile, when the time comes for the 2013 Wildcats to convene, Brandon will remind them to stay focused and not worry too much about the big picture and projections about where they'll finish.

He'll stress that all they need to do is concentrate on the next tee shot, chip or putt.

"The thing I'm going to preach to the players every single day is it's not one match at a time, one tournament at a time," he said. "We're literally one shot at a time. I want all our focus to be on that first shot and then take it from there."

"If we do that, I think we can achieve great things for our school."

Maybe even one state championship at a time.

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er, Jordan Eastman, a 5-9 guard from Detroit Allen Academy; Joniero "Jo Jo" Bryant, a 6-3 swingman from Detroit Grayson; and Bettner, a sweet-shooting 5-11 guard from Salem.

A native of Atlanta, Ga., Bryant has traveled the furthest to join the Ocelots.

"He's a good player," Henry said of Bryant. "It's hard to get kids here from out of state, but he's going to live with an uncle who lives in the area."

Ex-Spartans Campbell and Bambach have taken the shortest path to Schoolcraft — something Henry hopes to use to bolster his team's following.

"I'd like to set up some kind of 'Livonia Stevenson Night,' when we can invite their band and cheerleaders over to 'Game Night,'" Henry said. "Both Jonathan and Kyle are

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# WHALERS

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"The guys have been playing hard without me and I'm just trying to do whatever I can."

According to Vellucci, getting Wilson back into the lineup definitely paid dividends against the always-pesky Spittfers. The teams combined for 19 infractions and 60 penalty minutes.

"He gives us size, strength, he's physical, he gets on the forecheck," Vellucci said. "He's a good player, a good leader for us."

Scoring twice for the OHL West Division-leading Whalers (10-5-21) was Stefan Noesen, who also contributed a pair of assists. Tallying a goal and two helpers was forward Garrett Meurs, while center Ryan Hartman racked up two assists.

Noesen and Meurs fueled a 51-shot barrage against Spittfers goaltender Jaroslav Pavelka.

**Constant pressure**  
After two Windsor players received minor penalties simultaneously with 10:12 remaining in the second, the Whalers put on quite a show.

They threaded passes all over the Spitts' zone and fired puck after puck (12 in all) at Pavelka.

Finally, with just 13 seconds left in the five-on-three, Noesen blasted a rising laser beam of a shot over the goalie's glove hand that bounced out just as fast to make it a 5-2 edge.

"We should have scored, like, six times," Vellucci said, laughing. "But we moved the puck, we shot it, we had a lot of chances and he finally buried it."

Computare was rocking after that sequence, but it was a quieter building at the start of the night when Windsor (8-8-0-4) got on the board first.

Winger Chris Marchese scored a power-play goal at 4:32 of the opening period.

Plymouth scored on the power play with 8:24 left to even things up. Noesen feathered pass from the left wing over to Meurs, who hammered a shot from the right circle past Pavelka.

With 6:52 remaining, the Whalers took the lead, again on the power play. Meurs dropped a pass back to defenseman Connor Carrick above the circles and his slapper found the top-left corner.

### Back to back

Steadily improving winger Danny Vanderviel set up Plymouth's third goal, at 2:35 of the middle period. Vanderviel took a pass from forward Alex Aleardi (Farmington Hills), strong-armed a defenseman near the right side of the Windsor net and flicked a pass to center Michael Whaley for the tap-in.

A carbon-copy play made it 4-1 just 32 seconds later. This time, Noesen finished off a Meurs pass with Wilson drawing the second assist.

After Michael Clarke beat Whalers goalie Matt Mahalak (34 saves) to trim the lead to 4-2, Plymouth embarked on its two-minute run of dominance, capped by Noesen's second of the period (and 12th of the season).

With 5:23 left in the period, the Spittfers got back to within 5-3. Ripping a slapper off the goal post and in was winger Kerby Rychel for his 12th.

Despite a 23-12 edge in shots in the period, the Whalers entered the dressing room up just two goals.

They then survived a string of penalties against them in the third, with Mahalak holding the fort.

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### Plymouth girls lacrosse meeting

For anyone interested in playing Plymouth girls lacrosse in the spring, there will be a mandatory parent and player meeting 7 p.m. Nov. 28.

It will take place at Salem High School in the Salem Presentation Room (No. 2112).

Parents are asked to park near the main Salem entrance off of Joy Road near the flagpole.

### Salem girls track coaching spot

Salem varsity girls track and field coach Dave Gerlach announced he is looking to hire an assistant coach for the 2013 season.

The coach should specialize in sprints and relays.

Gerlach can be reached at (734) 416-7774 or via e-mail at Rockcoachxc@wowway.com.

### Rosedale 5K run

The Rosedale Area Neighbors will observe Veterans Day with its annual Red, White and Blue 5-kilometer run-walk starting at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 at Rudolf Kleinfert Park in Livonia.

Registration will be from 9-10:30 a.m. at Rosedale Garden Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia.

Proceeds will go to the Livonia Symphony Orchestra. Participants are also encouraged to bring canned goods for the Boy Scouts' annual Can-Do drive.

Long-sleeved T-shirts will be for the first 150 registrants. Pizza and pasta feast, along with prizes, will follow at Rosedale Garden Pres-

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For more information, call Jeff at (734) 367-0260.

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**WYAA volleyball**  
Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association volleyball is underway and will last through mid-November for the following age groups: 9-10 (freshman), 11-13 (JV) and 14-17 (varsity).

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Practices begin in mid-November and matches start in early December. You can register online at wyaa.org.

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### Livonia wrestling

The Livonia Wrestling Club, a unified wrestling club serving Livonia and surrounding communities for grades K-8, will be from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Nov. 27 through March 28, at the Franklin High School wrestling room.

All coaches and volunteers will be under direct supervision of the Franklin coaching staff.

Registration can be done at the first practice or throughout the season. The cost is \$100 (includes T-shirt and registration into My Way).

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By Sharon Dargay  
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Marti Bush and Millie Judd have issued the challenge to their Monday night "Meetup" group of knitters and crocheters, asking members to

make — and then donate — handmade items to local nonprofits.

Bush, a knitting teacher from Redford, and Judd, one of her former students from Dearborn Heights, created the weekly gathering just last month, but hope the group will complete 100 items by Dec. 1.

"I know enough folks who knit and it just seems to me that knitters are very generous," Judd said. "They like to make things and they are always making gifts for people. This way, people who really need it are getting it and we're not harassing our families and friends with more and more hats."

Instead, the completed garments will go to Veteran's Haven in Wayne; the



Marti Bush and daughter Meagan teach Redford work on yarn projects, along with other crafters who will donate their finished garments to charity. Bush teaches knitting in Livonia and Novi.

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YWCA of Western Wayne County's Headstart program, which offers classes in Redford, Garden City, Dearborn, Inkster and Dearborn Heights; and First Step, the Western Wayne and Downriver project on domestic and sexual violence, with offices in Plymouth, Redford and Wayne.

"They have over 700 kids in Headstart and a lot of those kids don't have anything. We want to keep them warm," Judd said.

### Michigan chapter

Judd organized the group — called Millie's Hats for Hope Initiative — as a chapter of Emily's Hats for Hope, which 17-year-old Emily Kubin of Morristown, N.J. founded in December 2011. The teen began knitting hats for the homeless and created a Facebook site that

both tracks her progress and encourages others to participate. As of September, she had made and collected nearly 2,500 hats and was well on her way toward meeting a goal of 3,000 hats by her 18th birthday next month. She has received donations from as far away as Iceland and now has chapters in 15 states and one Canadian province.

"I thought, what a great kid. She's 17 and doing this. I thought, well, I'll donate. I'll make some hats for her," Judd said. "And then it was all getting so huge that she really wanted people in other states to start an initiative in their own areas. So, what the heck, I'll start one in my own area."

Bush agreed to co-ordinate the group, which runs from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays, at Panera,



Millie Judd (left) shows Kianna Collier a technique with yarn.

26580 Ford Road, just east of Inkster, in Dearborn Heights.

"My part in this is helping someone get to the next level they need to get to," said Bush, who is on hand each week to assist members with their projects. "I knit, crochet and

loom."

About a dozen children and a few adults worked on looms when the group met last Monday. Others spent the two-hour session knitting or crocheting.

"Looming is great for kids because it eliminates some of the issues you have with true knitting projects — dropped stitches and counting. It's a great way to get them crafting and involved in a charity," Bush said.

### Helping others

Pat Birdsall and Cathy Holden, both of Redford, were members of a knitting group Bush led last summer at the Redford Township library. Now they attend the Monday night Meetup.

"I love to knit," said Birdsall, a retired teacher who knit her first garment — argyle socks for her father — when she was 16 years old. "It's nice to know that something I knit might bring just bring a little happiness, a little smile and joy to someone's face."

Holden has knitted everything from afghans to skirts since she learned to knit 12 years ago. She also enjoys the group's emphasis on charity.

"I like just knowing that I'm helping somebody," Holden said. "Somebody

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REV. BETH DELANEY  
The Rev. Bryan Smith and wife Jennifer have served Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton for 20 years. They were honored at a Nov. 3 party.

# Canton pastor, church mark 20-year milestone

By Julie Brown  
O&E Staff Writer

The Rev. Bryan Smith wasn't quite sure what to expect when he arrived at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton 20 years ago.

Smith said his ministry has been both more rewarding and more challenging than he'd expected as a recent graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey with some ministry experience. "Faith is formed in a community of people," he said at the conclusion of a Saturday, Nov. 3, thank you party given by church members and staff.

"We have been blessed by what you have given to the Lord," Smith told worshippers. He and his wife, Jennifer, recalled asking their children, Julia and Joshua, about the experience of growing up as pastor's children.

"Both Julia and Joshua said it was great growing up in this church," he said. "You really have embodied Christ for us."

The native Californians — Smith did his undergraduate work at U.C.L.A. — joked about their move to Michigan in the early 1990s. "She said 'God would never send us

to Michigan," he recalled. "Not much later, she was also deeply convinced."

The potluck dinner Nov. 3 included music, video, and the presentation of a wall hanging and gift cards to the Smiths. Daughter Julia, away at school, was present via iPad. The church Drama Team appeared in a skit written by Jake Zinke.

Church members Jan Mathews and Bevis Richardson "interviewed" Joshua Smith, appearing as his dad, for the church pastor role. The Beach Boys' *California Girls*, set the scene as the younger Smith learned about Michigan turns ("turning right to turn left") while driving and using his hand to locate his new hometown.

In the skit, Joshua Smith also dressed for Michigan weather and indicated his willingness to move across the country to serve as pastor. "If Moses and the Israelites can do it, so can I," he said.

His dad said later he didn't know much of Michigan, other than driving through as a child and teen from Los Angeles to Toronto, Ontario. He smiled when asked about serving another 20 years: "I'm kind of on a need to know basis from God."

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## MORE KNITTING GROUPS

Here are a few other local knit and crochet groups whose members donate items to charity:  
• Senior citizens meet 9:30-10:30 Wednesday at the Civic Park Senior Center at Five Mile and Farmington Road in Livonia to knit and crochet items for charity. Patricia Wachtel, recreation supervisor, said 20 women typically gather to work on their projects.  
"We put up a Christmas tree and cover it with the items," Wachtel said. "Then when the Goodfellow kids come with their parents, they can pick out what they want."

Another group also sews for charity, 1 p.m. Monday at the senior center.

• The Southeast Michigan Knitting Group meets from 6 p.m. until closing Tuesday, at Panera, 37091 Six Mile, Livonia, and 2-4:30 p.m. Thursday, at Panera, 20170 Haggerty, Livonia. It's also a Meetup group and has a website at [www.meetup.com/knitting-1011/](http://www.meetup.com/knitting-1011/).

Sandy Schou, group organizer, said members are encouraged to donate to the charities of their choice.

"Our goal is to provide warmth, hope, and love to



STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Pat Birdsall from Redford shows off a hat she made for charity. She also knitted the sweater she's wearing.

people in need," she said. "Locally there is someone in your community that would love to have knitted items, whether it's the homeless shelter or the children's floor of your local hospital. We also knit or crochet hats, scarves, socks, shawls, blankets. The gift of a scarf or cap can bring joy to a person in a time of need, and brighten their lives."

The group also accepts

unused skeins of yarn for use in charity knitting.

• The Preemie Project, based in Iowa, donates infant hats, booties and blankets and other items to children's hospitals. Its Michigan chapter, based in Garden City, supports Providence Park Hospital in Novi and Henry Ford Hospital. Learn more by e-mailing to [tpmichiganchapter@gmail.com](mailto:tpmichiganchapter@gmail.com). Or visit [www.thepreemieproject.com](http://www.thepreemieproject.com).

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is getting something from my enjoyment."

Bush and Judd say the group is open to anyone who wants to knit, crochet or loom items for charity. Participants may bring their own yarn — no angora please — or use skeins donated by the public and other group members. The group also accepts donations of yarn, needles, looms, and gift cards for yarn and craft stores. It does not accept cash donations. Both Bush and Judd emphasize that Millie's Hats for Hope Initiative accepts

yarn crafters of all skill levels. Bush and other experts lend a hand to beginners as needed.

Bush also teaches knitting from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m. and 3-4:30 p.m. Sunday, at Art-is-in Market in Laurel Park Place, in Livonia. She offers three Tuesday classes — from 2:30-4 p.m. and 4-5:30 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m. — and classes from 10:30 a.m.-noon and noon-1:30 p.m. Saturday, at Art-is-in Market at 12 Oaks Mall in Novi. Cost is \$65 for six sessions.

For questions about Millie's Hats for Hope, call Bush at (313) 377-7826. Or visit the group's page on Meetup.com.



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# Rose Hill Center gala draws sell-out crowd

By Julie Yolles  
Social Scene Columnist

The 20th Anniversary Gala of Rose Hill Center, held last month at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, raised \$45,000 for the Holly-based mental health rehabilitation center. Funds will help provide enhancements to the Rose Hill campus and financial aid to patients.

Attendees, including Michele Scharg of Farmington Hills, helped the event to sell out. The keynote speaker was actor and activist Sean Astin.

Bloomfield Hills residents Dan and Rosemary Kelly founded Rose Hill Center in 1986 because their son, John, was diagnosed with a psychiatric illness and had to be hospitalized. At that time, there were no local treatment and rehabilitation centers in Michigan to aid in his recovery.

For consideration of coverage in this column, send event happenings, including invitations and press kits, to Julie Yolles, Social Scene columnist, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 371 Greenwood, Birmingham, MI 48009. Contact her at jyolles@comcast.net or (248) 642-9465.



JULIE YOLLES

Farmington Hills resident Michele Scharg (left) and Grosse Pointe Woods resident Patti Kukula attend the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Rose Hill Center in Holly. The gala was held at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

# Shop vendor booths at tea

Get acquainted with the Catherine McAuley Division of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18 at St. Fabian's Social Hall, 32200 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is the oldest Irish-Catholic organization in the country. The tea is open to all wom-

en. Attendees will get a chance to shop for Christmas gifts or pamper themselves at vendor booths. Gifts baskets will be raffled off.

Admission is \$3 at the door. Questions? Call Maureen Lesondak at (734) 464-2203.

# Problems with humidifiers, dish soap as well

By Joe Gagnon  
Guest columnist

I would like to believe everything I read and hear that comes from those entrusted with telling us the way it really is, but life has taught me otherwise. When I find out that I am being conned I more or less shake my head in disgust and pray that many of my fellow consumers are wise enough to figure it out.

In the last few years the manufacturers of dish washers have removed the phosphates from their products. They did this with little warning to homeowners who suddenly discovered that their glasses came out of the dishwasher with a cloudy finish on them. I am very disappointed that they still have not come up with a solution to the problem nor do they think they have. In my house we have been using the Lemli Shine product to add to our current powdered detergent and it has been doing a good job of keeping the glasses fog free.

After seeing some television advertising that portrays a woman telling another that these new packages of predetermined amounts will take care of her foggy glasses, I went to the store

and purchased some of that particular brand. I've been using it for the past two weeks and I'm not happy. I've got five glasses that look like they have been through a snow storm. They just won't come out nice and clear so I boiled them in a big pot of water for 10 minutes and that didn't help. So I'll say to the well-known advertiser, "you are lying, pure and simple."

## Humidifier problems

I recently read a story about Kent Carson from Chicago, Ill. who awakened in a hospital bed to find that his legs and one arm had been amputated. This unfortunate 55-year-old man was infected with Legionnaires' disease. He doesn't know where caught it and it is seldom reported unless it affects many people who were at the same place. For many years I've been telling homeowners to pay attention to the humidifier on their furnaces. Going back to 1950's the advertising would tell you that the float type humidifier was necessary for good health for people who lived in the cold climate such as Michigan. Even today a doctor will tell his patients who have respiratory problems to make sure the air in their home has humidity added. There were many millions of these installed on furnaces and a lot of people still have them. Parts are still available and heating companies are still fixing them. My advice to those folks

is to get them off the furnace as quickly as possible. Legionnaires' comes from water that is sitting and heated and that is exactly what the water is doing in an antiquated humidifier.

I strongly recommend you think about the flow-through kind of humidifier. One other important factor on a humidifier has to be mentioned here because it is so important. The filter has to be changed! I've seen filters that are covered with black mold because the homeowner was trying to save a few dollars.

## Confusing consumers

With the technology now available, we are smothered with so many different messages that it is easy to confuse people. As Esther Shapiro used to say, "A confused consumer is easy prey." How can toothpaste make your teeth whiter than the next? The same analogy applies to soaps used in a clothes washer.

In closing this column I would like to mention for the last time a topic I mentioned in my last few columns. I pointed out the newly-invented way I have been doing the laundry at our home. I'm not using detergent or hot water and my clothes are as clean as ever and they even smell better. You can believe in the advertising this you will see on this product. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to [appl@twtm.rr.com](mailto:appl@twtm.rr.com).

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### Cora Jean Thomey

Cora Jean Thomey was born Oct. 30, 2012 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor.

Proud parents are Jessica and Marques Thomey of Plymouth.  
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Great-grandparents are Norma Rakey Oren and Conrad Oren of Jackson.

### Bruce-Lechner

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### Bruce-Lechner

Holly Rose Bruce and Aaron Nicholas Lechner were married Sept. 7, 2012 at Marquian Angels Catholic Church in Clawson. Rev. Gerard LeBoeuf officiated.

The bride, daughter of Stephen and Carol Bruce of Farmington Hills, is a 2003 graduate of Farmington High School and a 2007 graduate — with a BS degree in brain behavior and cognitive sciences — at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. In 2008 she also earned a degree in nursing from Loyola University. She is employed as a registered nurse by William Beaumont Hospital.

The groom, son of Daryl and Marie Lechner of Chesaning, is a 2002 graduate of Lapeer East High School and a 2006 graduate of Kenting University with a BS degree in engineering. He is employed as an engineer at Meteor.

Heather Bruce Boran, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Ashley Bruce, sister-in-law of the bride, and Stefanie Gilbert, Brittany Nuccitelli, Anne O'Riain and Clara Seymour, all friends of the bride.

Stephen Strong, friend of the groom, served as best man. Additional attendants were Eric Bruce, the bride's brother, Corey Lechner and Elliott Lechner, the groom's brothers, Neil Lechner, the groom's cousin, and Lewis Strong, friend of the groom.

A reception was held at Petruzzello's in Troy. The couple took a honeymoon trip to Costa Rica and have made their home in Clawson.

### PECK, LILLIAN R.

Lifelong resident of Birmingham. Beloved wife of the late Carl Spencer Peck. Beloved mother of Lori & Steve and grandmother of Mark, Amy, Brian & Ryan, great grandmother of Lola. Passed away October 14, 2012. She was 85. For over 30 years, served as executive director of the non-profit, Birmingham Day Care Center. She was passionate about giving back & helping others in need.

### RIBAR, GERALDINE MAY

Age 82, November 2, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Joseph James Ribar. Loving mother of Joseph (Crystal), Leonard (Jennifer), David (Vicki) and Daniel (Sheila). Loving grandmother of Candice, Matthew (Monika), Andrew, Kristopher, Megan, Dan, Alison and Mollie. Dear sister of Fern and the late Joan and David. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service for Geraldine May Ribar will be held Wednesday, November 7th at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Livonia. Share a memory of Geraldine with her family at [www.rgharris.com](http://www.rgharris.com)

### ROSSO, ABBEY LEE

Age 53, died September 30, 2012 at her home in Bend, Oregon, after a courageous battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). Abbey was a 1977 graduate of Steadham High School. She also received a Bachelor of Science from Cornell University, a Masters Degree from Scripps Institution of Oceanography, San Diego and a PhD in Botany from Oregon State University with a specialization in ichthyology. Abbey was an active outdoor enthusiast, adventurer, and environmental advocate. She also pursued interests in ceramics and the healing arts. She was preceded in death by parents, John & Carol Rosso. Abbey is survived by siblings, Sarah (Peter) McCaughey and John (Kate) Rosso, close friends, Kim Davis, Jennifer and Caitlin Rosso, and Andrew and Laura McCaughey. Contributions can be made to Abbey's name to Oregon National Death Association, 50 SW Bond, Bend, OR 97702, or Steamboats, PO Box 176, Ilfeld Park, OR 97447.

### TRADER, DONALD

Passed away on November 2, 2012 at the age of 82. Donald was the beloved husband of Marilyn for 58 years. Loving father of Paul, OR 97102, Kathleen (Michael) Gehring, and Karen (Nelson) Yanick. Cherished grandfather of Brett and Abby Yanick and Derek and Kristen. Also survived by sisters Jeanne (Bud) and Alberta. Preceded in death by 2 brothers and 4 sisters. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Redford. Please share a message with the family at [www.harrywillfuneralhome.com](http://www.harrywillfuneralhome.com)

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### LEUNG, DANIEL MANKAY

Suddenly Nov. 6, 2012 age 28 of Canton. Beloved son of Roger and Grace Leung. Dear brother of Megan Karen Leung. Dear grandson of Mrs. Shum Leung and Mr. & Mrs. Pak Sue Tom. Daniel was an intern with the United Way of Waltham County. He also worked in the local film industry, working towards his dream of becoming a movie director. He was an accomplished Badminton player and coach, who won many Badminton titles. His family will gather with friends Sun 4 PM until the 4:30 PM Memorial Service at 7575 N. His Rd. Westland. Memorial contributions may be made to United Way of Waltham County, 2305 Platt Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48104. To share a memory, please visit [www.vermelunefuneralhome.com](http://www.vermelunefuneralhome.com)

### PARRISH, ALLEN K.

Allen Parrish, known in his early years as the 'Country Boy Auto Ambassador' and 'Mr. Automotive', died November 6th, the age of 96 1/2 at his home in Hobe Sound, Florida, surrounded by his family, after a long and valiant struggle with cancer. Formerly of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, he was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Vivian Knutson Parrish. Allen was born in Humphreys County, Tennessee to Zetta Belle and Isaac Parrish. He is survived by his three daughters: Sandra Ebling (Walter) of Bloomfield Hills, MI; Karen Brown (Bill) of Springfield, VA; Sonja Knoff of Hobe Sound, FL, seven grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren and his 101 year old brother, Ike, of Mesa, AZ. Allen loved and eventually formed Parrish Products, a worldwide distributor of radio controlled garage doors. He worked his way up in the automotive business and was instrumental in the development of innovations, such as the power steering pump for his company, Federal Industries, TRW, Inc. the automotive and aerospace company, acquired his company, where Al ultimately became president. He was a fan of worldwide automotive customer requirements. During his more than 40 years of service with TRW and its predecessor companies, he was universally respected by his peers, who honored him by electing him Chairman of the Automotive Hall of Fame. He was active in his community and churches. He was a former member, elder and one of the founders of Camp Skyline, part of the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Michigan. Allen was also a member of Detroit's Country Club of Tequesta, Florida and Spruce Presbyterian Church of Spruce, Michigan. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Detroit, Detroit. Muslim Services and former life member of Oakland Hills Country Club in Birmingham, Michigan. Al also served as President of Lost Lake Woods Club in Lincoln, MI. He loved his family, proud of his country heritage, enjoyed his life in the automotive world, his wife travel, fishing, hunting and fishing, but to him there was nothing like spending time at his ranch in northern Michigan. He loved his horses and spent his earlier years riding in horse shows and leading parades. In his retirement years, he enjoyed riding the horses around the ranch in celebration of the many acres of trees grow that were planted on his tree farm. Allen had a demeanor of a true gentleman, at ease with his accomplishments and generous spirit. He will be missed by his family and friends in celebration of his life. Life will be held at a later date in Tequesta, Florida and Spruce, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made to Kristi's Christmas (in memory of Allen's late grandmother), 1050 Springfield Road, Foundation, P.O. Box 2097, Springfield, VA, 22152. In lieu of flowers, Camp Skyline, 1609 W. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

### MIDDLEBROOK, JACK D.

Nov. 7, 2012 age 65 of Westland. Beloved husband of Marcia. Preceded in death by Dorothy Plonte. Loving father of Yvonne (Michelle) Pintar, Michelle (Patricia) Ketchum and Stephanie (Joe Guel) Hillier. Proud Papa of Korian, Valerie, Shayna, Julia, Radek, Kristina, and Jackie. Loving grandfather of (Judith) Middlebrook, Kenneth (Jeanne) Middlebrook and Roger Plonte. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Visitation Mon 2-9 PM at 4400 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Shekka & Beck) Plymouth, MI. Burial at the National Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to UoM Hospital - Surgical ICU, or Palmer Rd Baptist Church. To share a memory, please visit [www.vermelunefuneralhome.com](http://www.vermelunefuneralhome.com)

### TULLOCH, JR. WILLIAM WALLACE

Passed away peacefully Nov. 8, 2012 at Hillside Cottage Hospice in Potoski, Michigan. Age 15. Visitation Mon 11 AM at Hillside Cottage Hospice in Potoski, Michigan. Burial in the area and began a 38 year career with RHM Fluid Power, Inc. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 51 years, Margaret (Ubbsen) Tullloch, his sister Lois Meckins and his parents, Fred and Catherine Tullloch. He is survived by his five children: Susan (Emil) William (Joyce) Tullloch III, Plymouth, MI; Robert (Gloria) Tullloch of Valparaiso, IN; Julian (Wade) Tullloch of Joseph, MI; Lisa (Kevin) Heitman of Milford, MI. 12 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and many young friends. Funeral services will be held on Monday Nov. 12th at 11:00 am at the First Presbyterian Church in Harbor Springs. Pastor James Pauloff will be the officiant. Visitation may be held at Schaller Funeral Home of Harbor Springs on Sunday Nov. 11th from 5:00-8:00 PM. Burial will be at Hillside Cottage Hospice of Little Traverse Bay. Online condolences can be made at [www.statorfuneralhome.com](http://www.statorfuneralhome.com)

### KUUSISTO, MICHAEL J.

Age 65, died November 8, 2012. Survived by brother 8, Nicholas; Kristina; Emily; Nicholas; Daniel (Kathy) and Peter (Nina); sister, Rachel (John) Weimer; mother in law, Ruth V. Johnson; sister in law, Carolyn Ann and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by parents, John and Mildred; father, Robert James A. Jackson; brother in law, James Jackson Jr. and sister in law, Mary Anne Jackson. Visitation Sunday 2-7 pm at Spaulding & Curtin Funeral Directors, 500 West Main St., Ferndale and Monday 10 am at the full funeral service 11 am at Christ Lutheran Church, 5987 Williams Church Rd., Ferndale. Interment White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Memorial contributions to Christ Lutheran Church, [www.spauldingcurtin.com](http://www.spauldingcurtin.com)

### KENNETH W.

Nov. 8, 2012, age 94 of Plymouth. Father of Rufus Goulet, Father of Sandra (Rufus) Goulet, Sharon (Michael) Kenneth Jr., Paul (Elizabeth) Jackson, Marcie (Arden) Tegels, Elizabeth (William) Ramsey, Paul (Elizabeth) Jackson, Jennifer (Tom) Hall and the late Robert (Trudy) Jay. Also survived by over 100 family members, many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Memorial Service, Mon 11 AM at Ypsilanti Free Methodist Church, 1800 Packard, Ypsilanti. He is survived by his wife, Rose Co in 1983 after 46 years of service. To share a memory, please visit [www.vermelunefuneralhome.com](http://www.vermelunefuneralhome.com)

### FRED, PLYMOUTH "PLYM" LEE

Age 83, of Plymouth, Michigan, passed away November 4, 2012. Born January 1929 in Riverdale, MI, the son of John L. and Zilla (Apple) Freed. Plym graduated from Alma High School in 1947. In March, 1949, Plym joined the US Army, 84th Engineer Combat Battalion and was deployed to Korea shortly after the conflict broke out. Plym worked for the University of Michigan Space Physics Research Laboratory from 1960 until his retirement in 1986. He worked on countless payloads for space exploration that took him across the country from Los Alamos to Cape Kennedy. He was honored by the National Aeronautics Department for his dedication to the space program. In his retirement he took classes on woodworking, caning chairs and antique clock restoration. He worked part-time at the Northville Clock Shop and was a member of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors. He was also a member of the Disabled American Veterans and was passionate about honoring our veterans and our country. He displayed the flag every day at his home. He survived by his wife of 28 years, Roslyn, five children, Teresa Freed (Warren Kress) of Chelsea, Susan (Rick) Ferts of Warrenton, WA, Laciandra (Chris) Youngquist of Cascade, CO, Walt Drummond of Plymouth, Memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250 or to the American Red Cross, 20 S. Rochester, Rochester Hills, MI 48307. To visit Plym's obituary, online or to leave a condolence for the family please visit [www.luxfunerals.com](http://www.luxfunerals.com)

### DE BEAR, ESTELLE C.

Nov. 4, 2012, age 82 of Plymouth. Best friend and loving wife of Richard. The best friend and cherished mother of Richard (Wendy), Diana (Ralph) Fortson, Patricia (Mark) Taklington, Debra (Robert) Jones, Gary (Christy) (Cathy) and Nancy (Gerald) Naska. Proud grandma of Christopher, Adam, Kevin, Brett, Ashley, Kristen, Emily, Nick, Andrew and Great-grandchildren of McKayla. Dear sister of Joseph Grondon. Visitation Thurs 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 4640 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. In state Fri 10 AM until the 10:30 AM Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to Salvation Army - Plymouth Area Disaster Relief, P.O. Box 1959, Atlanta, GA 30301. To share a memory, please visit [www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

### REED, Jimmy Don

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### ARLEN, ALICE LORRAINE

78 of Plymouth, MI passed away quietly after a long illness with Parkinson's disease on Tuesday, November 6, 2012. Alice was born in Wayne, MI to Charles and Edna. She graduated from Eastern Michigan University. Retired from the Livonia Public School System where she was a beloved Kindergarten teacher for many years. Survived by spouse Richard T. Arlen, Sons Scott (Nancy) and James (Debbie). Grandchildren Erik (Annie), Richard, Andrew and Jeffrey. Sister Lois Hamilton and brother-in-law Harold Smith. There will be a visitation 10 AM to 12 PM on Wednesday, November 10, 2012 at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 4520 N. Kearsley Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. There will be a memorial service at 11:00 am, followed by a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall at the church. Memorial contributions made to the Methodist Church.

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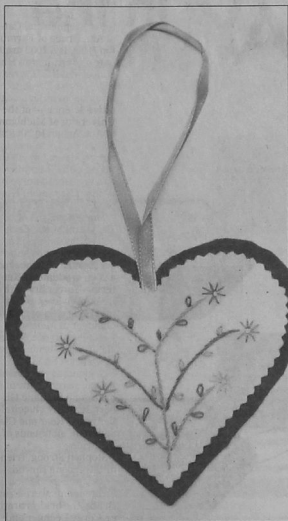
BOOK SIGNING  
Time: Tues-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov 24  
Location: A Mateja Church Supply, 30762 Ford Road, Garden City  
Details: Pro-life activist Monica Migliorino Miller will be signing her book, "Abandoned: The Book is a first-hand account of the pro-life movement and includes stories of victory and defeat in sidewalk counseling, a look at the inner workings of abortion facilities, and more. The book will be available for \$22, a discounted price.  
Contact: (734) 513-2950

BREAKFAST  
Time: Tues-8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov 18  
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland  
Details: All-you-can-eat pancake, french toast, scrambled eggs, apple sauce, ham and sausage, coffee, tea and milk.  
Adults pay \$3; children, 2-10, pay \$1.50. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club.  
Contact: (734) 425-4421

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE  
Time: Tues-10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov 17  
Location: Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30655 Dix Mile, Livonia  
Details: Vendors, crafters, and prizes. The \$1 admission includes a chance on door prize of your choice. Profits from admission, food sales and 20 percent of vendor/crafter sales goes to our Kids' Hope USA Program, benefiting Livonia School children.  
Contact: (734) 427-1414

CLOTHING BANK  
Time: Tues-5:30-10 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 Canton  
Details: Free clothing and shoes to anyone in need.  
Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

## A Heart of Remembrance



Arbor Hospice is selling felt hand-stitched hearts — perfect for holiday ornaments — for a suggested donation of \$25 to the Arbor Hospice Foundation. For more than 20 years, Arbor Hospice volunteers have created thousands of Hearts of Remembrance, featuring a new design each year. All Hearts of Remembrance donations directly support Arbor Hospice's work in providing quality care and grief support services to thousands of patients and families. Hearts of Remembrance are available at [www.arborhospice.org](http://www.arborhospice.org), by calling (734) 794-5120 or by visiting The Residence of Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive Ann Arbor. Arbor Hospice offers hospice services, an inpatient hospice facility, grief support services and community education programs. Its offices are in Plymouth, Ann Arbor, Monroe, and Woodhaven.

## Quit smoking with tips from American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society is encouraging smokers to snuff out those cigarettes, cigars and pipes during its 37th Great American Smokeout on Thursday, Nov. 15.

An estimated one billion people worldwide will die during the 21st century because of tobacco use, according to The Tobacco Atlas, published by the American Cancer Society and World Lung Foundation.

Tobacco use accounts for at least 30 percent of all cancer deaths and 80 percent of lung cancer deaths. In the U.S., tobacco use is responsible for nearly 400,000 premature deaths each year. An estimated 600,000 people die annually because of second-hand smoke.

Smokers who quit, regardless of age, live longer than people who continue to smoke. In just 20 minutes after quitting smoking, heart rate and blood pressure drop. In approximately one to nine months after quitting, coughing and shortness of breath also decrease.

Setting a "quit date" is the first step toward stopping smoking for good. The American Cancer Society suggests that smokers pick a date this month — such as the Great American Smokeout on Nov. 15 — that will give them enough time to prepare a quit plan but not enough to back out. The Society also recommends that tobacco quitters tell their friends and family members about their plan, so they can offer support and hold the smoker accountable.

A free Smokeout countdown clock is available for download from [cancer.org/smokeout](http://cancer.org/smokeout).

Here are other tips for quit-



ting from the American Cancer Society:

- **Make a plan.** Successfully quitting is a matter of planning and commitment, not luck. Many smokers prefer to quit cold turkey on their quit day, while others try to smoke fewer cigarettes leading up to their quit day to slowly reduce the amount of nicotine in their body and reduce withdrawal symptoms.

- **Decide what works best for you,** whether it's nicotine replacement or other medicines, joining a stop-smoking class, going to Nicotine Anonymous meetings, using self-help materials such as books and pamphlets, or some combination of these methods.

- **Small steps.** Once your plan is in place, start working on small changes like discarding cigarettes and ashtrays in your home and car, stocking up on oral substitutes like sugarless gum and hard candy or carrot sticks, and practicing saying, "No thank you, I don't smoke."

when offered a cigarette. Set up a support system through a group program or a friend or family member who has successfully quit and will help you through the difficult days ahead.

- **Quit day.** Don't smoke on your quit day. Keep your mind and body occupied by exercising or losing yourself in an enjoyable hobby, and avoid situations where the urge to smoke is strong. You may need to change up your routine by taking a different route to work, eating breakfast in a different place, or eating different foods. It will take time to unlink smoking from your daily activities, and even if you are using a nicotine replacement you may still have strong urges to smoke.

- **Avoid rationalizations.** "I'll have just one cigarette to get me through this situation" ... "Everyone does something" ... "How bad is smoking, really?" Write down rationalizations as they come up and recognize them as messages that can trick you into going back to smoking. Be ready with a distraction to redirect your thoughts to something else.

- **Bounce back from slips.** A slip is a one-time mistake that is quickly corrected; a relapse is going back to smoking. While it may be tempting to use a slip as an excuse to go back to your old ways, you also can look at what went wrong and renew your commitment. Use what you learn from the slip to make a stronger quitting attempt next time.

For more information on the Great American Smokeout visit [cancer.org/smokeout](http://cancer.org/smokeout) or call (800) 227-2345.

## THANK YOU! TO OUR SPONSORS!

Westland's second annual All American Blues Brews & BBQ was a resounding success! Without question, the special performance by hometown American Idol finalist and country music star Josh Gracin, made the second Blues, Brews & BBQ memorable. We were grateful to have had several of the areas hottest blues bands together at one event and boy did their fans love BBQ as all participating restaurants reported record sales.

Blues Brews & BBQ, which is quickly becoming Westland's signature event, was successful because of the support of our sponsors, vendors and event goers. This year's event donated \$17,500 back to the local community organizations that donated their time to staff the event bringing the event's two year donation to almost \$30,000. Over 100 volunteers from 13 different organizations generously gave of their time and played an integral part in its success.

Simply, Blues, Brews & BBQ would not have been possible without our sponsors, the Blues bands, the participating restaurants and everyone who came out and took part in all of the fun! Thank you and see you next year!!

### 2012 FINANCIAL SUMMARY TO THE COMMUNITY

Starting Balance:	\$5,093.07	Advertisement/Promotion:	\$2,220.00
Sponsorship Income:	\$66,000.00	Print Ads	\$7,500.00
Event Income:	\$27,628.95	Radio Ads	\$2,330.05
Car Show Donation:	\$431.00	Posters and Graphic Design	\$2,167.70
<b>GROSS INCOME:</b>	<b>\$94,029.95</b>	Banners and Signage	
Expenses:	\$73,556.65	<b>Entertainment:</b>	
Net Income:	\$20,483.30	Bands	\$15,500.00
2012 Non-Profit Donation:	\$17,500.00	Stage & Sound	\$9,200.00
		Emcee	\$1,200.00
<b>Net Reserve for 2013 Brews Blues &amp; BBQ</b>	<b>\$8,078.37</b>	<b>Rentals:</b>	
<b>Donations Made to Local Non-Profit Organizations:</b>		Ten/tables/chairs	\$2,677.50
Salvation Army-Westland	\$250.00	Restrooms	\$1,750.00
Westland Grange	\$250.00	Generator/Insurance	\$1,458.08
Warm Hearts	\$500.00	Fencing:	
Westland Jaycees	\$1,000.00	Fencing Installation/Removal	\$1,000.00
Westland Community Foundation	\$1,000.00	<b>Security:</b>	
Westland Civilians	\$1,000.00	Police Protection	\$3,617.61
Westland Firefighters Public Awareness	\$1,000.00	<b>Misc:</b>	
Westland Rotary	\$1,000.00	Payout to Restaurants	\$14,909.30
Westland Historical Commission	\$1,500.00	Lodging	\$381.22
Westland Goodwills	\$1,500.00	Postage/Mailing	\$427.55
Westland Lions Club	\$1,500.00	Souvenirs	\$4,000.00
Westland Chamber of Commerce	\$7,000.00	Volunteer Shirts	\$1,397.00
<b>Total Amount Donated</b>	<b>\$17,500.00</b>	Insurance/License	\$1333.00
		Table Coverings	\$154.40
<b>Total Event Donations to Date</b>	<b>\$28,000.00</b>	Credit Card Charges	\$99.00
		Misc Items	\$204.24
		<b>Total of all Expenses =</b>	<b>\$73,556.65</b>



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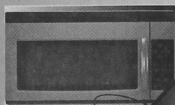
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Nov. 16 & 17

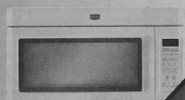
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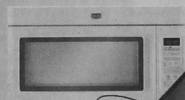
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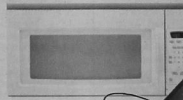
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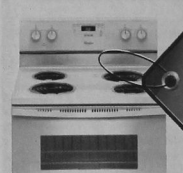
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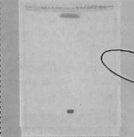
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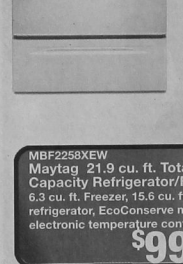
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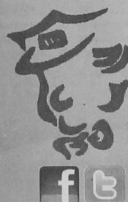
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# Isn't that illegal? How to answer uncomfortable interview questions

**Beth Braccio Hering, Special to CareerBuilder**

Keeping one's cool when an interview chair turns into a hot seat can be difficult. Here are some examples of zingers thrown at candidates, and how some of them responded:

"My friends and I have been asked several times what we would do if we got pregnant. Our answer: 'I can't have children. I'm infertile.' It always sets the interviewer on his (never asked this by a woman) heels. We decided that in the event that we did get the job and did get pregnant, we would cast it as a 'miracle'—and just be joyous with everyone about the heavenly news!" — Rebecca Rabley, Massachusetts.

"I am a proud American but have a slight accent. When they ask me where I was born and I tell them, they say, 'Oops, we just remembered we have no openings currently.' So I've concluded that answering their illegal question will never get me a job, but if I refuse to answer it or tell them it's illegal, that will not get me the job either. Quite a conundrum." — Mo Abraham, St. Louis

"I was asked, 'Isn't [my past boss] a jerk?' Obviously, I wanted to take the high road, and I wasn't sure why the interviewer asked that question. So I responded, 'He certainly makes an impression,' and changed the subject. Since no further questions were asked along those lines, I think it was a test — maybe of quick think-

ing under pressure, maybe to see if I would dish dirt. Either way, never say anything negative about a past employer." — Marilyn Santiesteban, Boston

"An interviewer once asked me to which charities I donated. I was uncomfortable with this question, as it seems quite personal. Donations are often based on personal criteria: health experience, politics, religion and other individual ideologies. I don't believe people should be 'qualified' by the groups of their choice." — Lisa Hanock-Jasie, New York City.

"I was asked in an interview once, 'How do you get along with your mother?' I responded, 'If you're trying to find out whether I can work well for a female boss, you can just ask me that. If you were my friend, I wouldn't mind answering. But since this is an interview, I find that question inappropriate.'" — Dez Stephens, Nashville, Tenn.

## Reacting

Coming up with a response isn't always easy when the voice inside is screaming, "Why the heck is he asking me that?" While panic, anger and confusion are typical responses to uncomfortable questions, checking emotions is crucial to getting the interview back on track. The interviewer may be trying to judge your confidence level and how you handle pressure.

Steven Roy Goodman, an educational consultant and

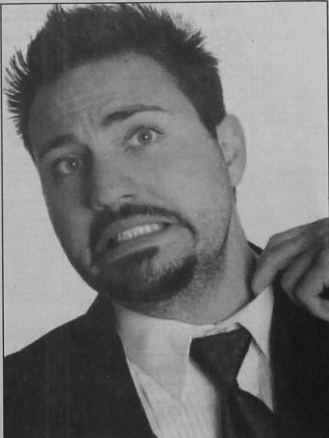
career strategist in Washington, D.C., advises his clients to answer inappropriate interview questions by politely saying, "That question makes me feel a bit uncomfortable. Would you mind if we talked about how specifically I might be able to work with department X of company Y?"

Candidates who have experienced uncomfortable interview questions on a certain topic may wish to practice suitable responses ahead of time. For instance, if a gap in employment seems to be an issue, be ready to talk about the skills you acquired or the contributions you made as a volunteer during that time.

Unfortunately, some interviewers persist in areas they shouldn't.

"Obvious off-limit topics are family situation, age, religion, ethnicity, disability, sexual preference, race or any questions that lead to more knowledge about the candidate through related questions — such as, 'Will you need to make any special arrangements for family members should you be hired?' or, 'Have you ever missed work for illness or injury?'" says Terry Henley, director of compensation services at Employers Resource Association, a nonprofit serving small and medium-sized businesses in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

In this situation, Henley recommends that candidates say that they aren't comfortable discussing the topic and



then think about whether they wish to continue the interview.

"If the applicant is certain that the question is illegal, he can tell the interviewer, understanding that it will probably mean that the interview will end soon and not end up in employment." Filing charges with a state or federal agency is an option if a well-qualified candidate feels certain that the only reason he was denied the position was because of being a member of a protected class, but Henley cautions that "the likelihood for success in filing such a claim in

these circumstances is low."

While candidates have little to no control over what questions an interviewer chooses to ask, they do have power over something important: their own response. So set the tone that you've come to discuss why you're the best person for the job — and nothing else.

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# Sunday PUZZLE CORNER

## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

**ACROSS**

- Mole, maybe
- Aurora, to
- Plato
- Patina
- Dozzie
- Mexican Mrs.
- Curved entrance
- Flan
- Old logy
- Cops' rounds
- Flaunt
- Law (abbr.)
- Chianti go-with
- Snake river loc.
- Volcano goddess
- Ignore
- Down horse
- spoch
- Fedro's friends
- Movable stage item
- Boat mooring
- Birthday count
- Airborne
- Nasty!

**DOWN**

- Marvelous
- Request urgently
- Round dwelling
- Via zone
- Threat ender (2 wds.)
- Nobelist from Egypt
- Slowly vanish
- Type of board
- Digital watch readout

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

ODOR BEA NOME  
CARE ADS OVAL  
THRUWAYS VEIL  
BYE UGANDA  
ZANE DEALS  
EVENING BA PHI  
TEXT WEED YON  
ACT ERE SAREK  
ANISE LESS  
NEWTON SEW  
IDOL GOSHAWKS  
PINIA ERA YOGA  
SETS ROY SOBS

10 Electrical unit, once  
11 Gray wolf  
15 Rocky Mountain tree

19 Leonardo — Vinci  
22 Stein filter  
28 Cool, water-hardy  
29 Chert neighbor  
25 Deltic neighbor  
26 Chert neighbor quality  
27 Not puzzle  
28 Cool, water-hardy  
29 Chert neighbor  
30 Forges  
31 Chatty alien  
32 — Grayson  
33 Frozen dessert  
36 Silver, in chem.  
37 Bands forward  
38 Prevails upon  
39 Cool scuttles  
42 Slimy vegetable  
44 Likelihood  
45 Basketball net supporter  
46 Had a hot dog  
48 Sturgeon

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Level: Beginner

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2	7	9	6	3	8	5	1	4
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**Word Search**

Answers: Aircraft, Aviation, Fly, Plane, Static lift, Airfoil, Buoyancy, Helicopter, Propulsion, Wings, Atmosphere, Commercial, Jet, Sky, Zeppelins







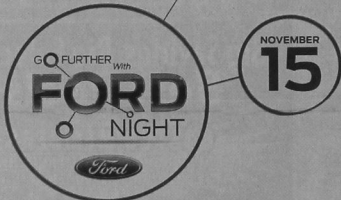
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