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Cherry Hill Village sees hike in new businesses

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Cherry Hill Village's main business strip, once struggling so hard it seemed only the tumbleweed was missing, has witnessed a growth spurt and a renewed sense of optimism on Canton's far west side.

Anchorred by the thriving Village Theater, once-vacant

storefronts facing Cherry Hill Road just east of Ridge have become home to a new restaurant, a pet groomer, a photography studio and a coffeehouse within the last two years.

Amid a gradual rebirth, they have joined businesses such as The Village Dentist, The Village Doctor, Indigo Spa, Salon & Boutique, Cold Stone Creamery, The Village Market by Fat

Chef, Red Head Salon and Edward Jones Investments.

"I think that's a huge indicator the economy is starting to turn around," Canton Economic Development Manager Kristen Thomas said. "New homes are being built in Cherry Hill Village and the growth is just going to continue. The

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Julie Pello trims Hammy, one of her regular clients. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Discovery Middle School Principal Roche LaVitor fires up students on the morning of the first day of the new school year. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

BACK TO THE BOOKS

Plymouth-Canton students head back to the hallways

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Lee Harrison has been around education most of his life and he knows a school year is filled with ups and downs, highs and lows.

On Tuesday, Harrison — as well as students, parents, administrators and staff — got to experience one of the highest highs as some 18,000 Plymouth-Canton Community Schools students came back to school.

Harrison, starting his 20th year as the principal at Isbister Elementary School in Plymouth Township, welcomed his kids back with open arms.

"One of the nice things about our job is it has cycles," Harrison said, observing his 37th first day in one capacity or another. "The beginning is exciting. It's a new start, we have new kids, the

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Brothers Nicholas and Ryan Mahy head for the front door of Isbister Elementary. Nicholas made sure that his younger brother knows where to go. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Laloy co-chairs labor task force

Canton supervisor teams up with union official

SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, and its partner organization, the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition, announced formation of the Labor Local Government Task Force and the groups have tagged Canton Township Supervisor Phil Laloy to help lead it.

Laloy and Mark Gaffney, the business representative of Teamsters Local 214, are the task force's co-chairs.

SEMCOG officials said the task force was formed to work with Wayne State University's Labor@Wayne program on a project to study the state of labor-management relations among state and local governments in Michigan, with the objective being to promote meaningful cooperation while improving government service delivery.

Laloy said the task force will conduct a survey to find out as much information as it can about labor relations in the public sector and then try to do what it can to make it better.

"We have to come together in very difficult times and address issues," Laloy said. "It needs to be about what's in the best interests of the area, in the best interests of our communities, what can we do to make things work better? Why wouldn't you want to make things better, and if I have an

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Bartender pours way to regional crown

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

For the third time in four years, the TGI Fridays' world bartending championships could have a distinctly Canton flavor.

Andy "Bro" Hool, who works at the Canton TGI Fridays, made his home-bar advantage stand up, capturing

the regional round of the annual worldwide competition last week and advancing to the divisional round in Milwaukee.

Hool topped the nine-bartender field to advance before a large, raucous crowd jammed into the bar to watch him work.

His success didn't come as a surprise to TGI patrons, who are regularly treated to the

performance of Hool and the other TGI Fridays' bartenders.

"It's the only TGIF we go to," Canton resident April Robichaud said. "We always sit at the bar because of the entertainment. The fun and the passion from the bar staff is amazing. (Hool) treats us like family and that's why we con-

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What goes up has to come down as Andy 'Bro' Hool competes in the TGI Fridays' regional bartender competition at the Canton restaurant.



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supermarket is going to come. The convenience store is going to come. The bank is going to come."

Community Planner Jeff Goulet said 100 or more new housing lots are being developed in three separate Village areas. That means new rooftops and new families who can support a growing business community.

Drawing clients

Julie Pello, owner of Uptown Poochie Parlor, has amassed 350 clients since November 2011. Her business has grown so much she has hired two part-time employees and expanded her business to include cats.

"I'm really busy," she said, giving top poodle Hammy a haircut as his mother Gidget waited for her makeover and nail polish.

Pello draws clients from Canton and communities such as Plymouth, Novi, Brighton and Romulus. She is confident she chose the right location for her business.

"It's a great location," she

said. "There are lots of families here who have pets." On one side of Uptown Poochie Parlor, framed photographs adorn the windows of Arella Studio. On the other side, 502 Grill opened Aug. 14 after business partners John Gambino and Russ Connelly chose the Village for a 150-seat restaurant and bar that serves everything from steaks to seafood to stuffed burgers.

"We're trying to beat downtown Plymouth in uptown Canton," Gambino said with a smile.

Connelly said 502 Grill had a rather low-key opening amid plans to grow the customer base slowly and "get everything right" rather than make a big splash.

Steady growth

Just down the street, Village Coffeehouse employee Jesus Marquez said business has steadily grown since the shop opened just over a year ago.

"We're actually doing pretty well," he said. "We're getting more loyal customers as time goes on."

Each Thursday morning, the coffeehouse draws a group of early risers who go

running together. It also draws customers from a Canton-Ann Arbor commuter bus that makes stops in the Village.

The coffeehouse offers baked goods, hot and cold drinks and special "bubble tea" that comes with tapioca pearls or flavored popping bubbles. The shop also supports another Michigan business by buying its coffee from Paramount Coffee of Lansing.

Elsewhere in the Village, the Canton Farmers Market, off Ridge Road north of Cherry Hill, has drawn record-breaking crowds this season as an increasing number of customers seek out fresh produce and other Michigan-made products, market manager Tina Lloyd has said.

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said he is encouraged by the rebirth of Cherry Hill Village is slowly witnessing.

"I think it's all about the economy turning around," he said. "There's vibrancy there (in the Village). The more new rooftops we have, the more likely we are to get new things like a grocery store. I think it's all headed in the right direction."



Russ Connelly and John Gambino are partners in the new restaurant 502 Grill. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Jesus Marquez prepares coffee at Village Coffeehouse using the pour-over method. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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opportunity to be a part of something like that, I'm happy to do that."

The task force will serve in an advisory capacity to assist in the design and administration of the study. Members will be asked to provide input and guidance, encourage interest and participation and assist with planning and execution.

The project is tentatively set to launch with a pilot survey this fall and a mini-conference this winter, followed by a more comprehensive study with a report and recommendations to be presented by fall 2014. It is hoped that the results will generate practical findings and actionable recommendations to build sustainable cooperative programs aimed at improving government performance, cooperation, and effectiveness.



Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy has been named co-chair of a new labor task force. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

LaJoy has been Canton's supervisor since 2008.

Prior to that, he served as state representative of the 21st District for six years and was a township trustee from 1989-2003. He also has 25 years of experience in the private sector in personnel and human resources. He has served on SEMCOG's Transportation Advisory Council since 2008 and was chair from 2010-12.

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building looks great. Everybody's excited to be here."

Sandy Tabaka is the long-time office assistant at Discovery Middle School in Canton. She's seen a lot of sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders come through the front doors and she knows what they're thinking.

Tabaka shepherded the students through the first-day processes Tuesday morning.

"The sixth-graders are always nervous, because this is so new to them," Tabaka said. "I love all the kids. It's exciting to see their faces."

Roche LaVitor has



Isbister parents Susan and James Walewski walk their children - Frances, a second-grader, and George, a third-grader - to the entrance of the school. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

been an educator for some 40 years and was standing at the front door to Discovery when it

opened for the first time in 2000. He said greeting the kids is the highlight of the day.

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to go back." Hool is trying to beat 8,000 participants in the worldwide challenge. He already won his local competition and added the regional title to his trophy case last week.

He advanced to the divisional round, which will be conducted at Miller Park in Milwaukee, home of Major League Baseball's Milwaukee Brewers. Should Hool advance to the world championships - as he did in 2010 and 2012 - he'll have to win it in Dallas.

Four years ago, Hool

finished 10th overall at worlds, while last year he was the top American finisher, coming in fourth overall.

Jim and Kimm Leslie do their weekly date night at TGIF. While the food is good, Kimm Leslie said the entertainment of the bartenders is a big factor in their continuing return visits.

"The food is really good, but ... the atmosphere keeps us coming back," she said. "We're greeted by smiles and high fives ... the staff and management group stop and talk with us. It's like Cheers, where everyone knows your name."

Canton resident Jill

Engel said the fact a local restaurant is packed late on a Wednesday night is a testament to the draw of Hool and the other bartenders.

"When a restaurant has a packed crowd standing on their feet cheering at 11:30 at night on a Wednesday, you know we are having fun," Engel said. "There are many patrons that visit this Canton location just to see this world famous bartender and if they haven't been there yet (Hool's) retirement is a definitely a must-see."

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NEW CHIEF: FESTIVAL SHOWS COMMUNITY WORKING TOGETHER

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Lifting the community

Eric Joy sees the Plymouth Community Fall Festival as a model of civic cooperation.

The festival, which this year runs Friday through Sunday in and around Kellogg Park, is Plymouth's longest-running annual public event, a chance for community groups, service and booster clubs, churches and nonprofits to raise cash and participate in a fun end-of-summer tradition.

"All the groups are there to make their money individually, but none of them are above helping the guy next to them set up their tent, take down their tent, get ice," said Joy, the festival committee president. "All those things make the festival run smoother."

Joy, 39, who grew up in Plymouth and attended the festival as a boy with his parents and siblings, is a six-year festival board member who is organizing his first festival as president. He took over for Colleen Brown, who had run the event for several years, after last year's festival.

Fest 'runs itself'

He isn't worried about being in charge of an event that involves hundreds of volunteers and draws thousands of people. He assisted Brown for the past couple of years as she managed the festival, he said, as a kind of apprenticeship.

"After 38 years, it kind of runs itself," said Joy. "Most of the groups have done this, well, for years, so this is just another year."

The festival grew out of a 1956 chicken barbecue organized by the Rotary Club of Plymouth. The barbecue, planned for Sunday, is still run by the Rotary and is perhaps the best-known festival attraction, with 10,000 or more chicken dinners sold in recent years. It is the club's biggest annual fundraiser; proceeds go to the Rotary Foundation, which pays for college scholarships, local beautification efforts, upkeep at Plymouth's Rotary Park, clean-water projects in underdeveloped parts of Honduras, and more.

Joy, a Rotary Club member for about 10 years, said the festival is an important event for lots of other local groups. Groups involved include the Kiwanis (Saturday pancake breakfast), the Plymouth Fire and Drum Corps (roasted almonds booth), the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. (Saturday spaghetti dinner), Living Word Church (lemonade stand) and the Polish National Alliance Dancers (Polish food).

"This is where they make or break their year, basically," Joy said. "This is like the prime opportunity for them to make their income, or at a good portion of it."

Kate Rosevear of the A.M. Rotary said the spaghetti dinner is also that group's biggest fundraiser. The proceeds go toward community service projects; Rosevear said the recent push has been college scholarships for students who show academic promise and have overcome challenges to graduate from high school.

"Some of their stories are really incredible," Rosevear said. "Those are the kinds of kids we're looking to give a lift up."

The spaghetti dinner is moving this year to a tent behind E.G. Nick's restaurant on Forest; previously it had been at Kellogg Park. Rosevear said the new location will offer better space, more protection in case of rain, and a kitchen just inside the restaurant, which means not having to truck cooked spaghetti to the park.

"We hope it's a better location all the way around for our guests," Rosevear said.

Taste Fest

An ancillary Fall Festival event is Taste Fest, a chance for visitors to sample food and drink from about two dozen area restaurants and food businesses. Taste Fest is 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday in a tent outside Station 885 on Starkweather. Tickets are \$15 each; participating establishments include Bennigan's, the Cupcake Station, Elite Catering, Grand Traverse Pie Co., Happy's Pizza & Ribs, La Bistecca Italian Grille, Max & Erma's, Rocky's of Northville, the Rusty Bucket, Scrambler Marie's, Station 885, U.P. Pasties and the ZinVine Bar. There will be a cash bar, live entertainment and an afterglow until 11 p.m.

"Twenty-some restaurants for 15 bucks, it's a value, a huge value, to the consumer," said Rob Costanza, owner of Station 885, one of Taste Fest's chief sponsors, along with the Plymouth-Canton Civitans and U.S. Foods.

When he was a kid, Joy said, his favorite part of Fall Festival was the shish kebabs offered by a Greek Orthodox church. Now, he said, he likes to see others enjoying the festival.

"What I look forward to every year: Watching everybody walking around and having fun," he said. "It just sort of makes the work worthwhile."



There will once again be plenty of chicken on the Rotary fire pits for the Fall Festival crowd.
BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Carnival rides have become a favorite part of Plymouth's Fall Festival.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL

What: The annual Plymouth Community Fall Festival. Food booths, Bingo games, vendors, live music and entertainment, carnival rides, Taste Fest, a classic car show, plus the Rotary Club of Plymouth's chicken barbecue.

Who: Free entertainment will include Steve Taylor, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Friday; Air Margaritaville, 8-10:30 p.m. Friday; the Royal Blackbirds, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday; the Howling Diablos, 9-10:30 p.m. Saturday; and Serious Jack, 4-6 p.m. Sunday, plus dance troupes, the Plymouth Fire and Drum Corps, a taekwondo demonstration and more.

When: Friday, Sept. 6, through Sunday, Sept. 8. Noon to 11 p.m. Friday, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Where: Kellogg Park and downtown Plymouth, plus Taste Fest, 6 p.m. Friday outside Station 885 on Starkweather in Old Village.

Why: A chance for civic groups, churches, booster clubs and other community organizations to raise money and have fun.

How: Visit the festival website, www.plymouthfallfestival.org, for more information; advance tickets are available for some events.

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Northville Township Police released several surveillance photos from area stores of the suspect accused of using stolen credit cards, including this one at Meijer in Northville.

Tip leads to arrest of man in case of stolen credit cards

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

After receiving an anonymous tip, detectives from Northville Township took a trip up to a Genesee County country club Thursday, where they arrested a Plymouth Township man suspected of stealing credit cards from area golf courses.

Matthew Ward Phelan, 53, has been arraigned in the 3rd Circuit Court of Wayne County on four counts of identity theft, a felony, which could send him to prison for five years if he is found guilty. Phelan has also been charged with seven counts of illegal use of financial transaction device, which is a four-year felony.

Phelan is currently being held in the Wayne County Jail on a \$100,000 bond.

Phelan is scheduled to have a preliminary examination Sept. 13 in the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Northville Township Police

say Phelan stole credit cards from locker rooms at area golf courses and then used the cards to make transactions at local stores, including Meijer, Kroger and Mobil gas stations. They released surveillance photos taken from those stores and enlisted the public's help in identifying the suspect. In most of the photos, the suspect is seen wearing a white golf hat with the logo



Phelan

from "Pine Lake Country Club" on the front. The suspect also wears various golf shirts and pants.

Police say they received an anonymous tip, which led them to the Genesee County country club Thursday, where they found Phelan and made an arrest.

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Embezzlement

A Max & Erma's employee, frustrated that food preparation for diners at her tables was taking too long, decided to deal with the matter by walking out.

Problem was, according to police reports, she had some \$17 belonging to the restaurant in her pocket when she left.

The restaurant supervisor called Canton Police, who responded to document the incident.

No arrest was made.

Pot possession

A Canton Police officer pulled over the driver of a silver Ford 500 for a burned out headlight at Ford and Hagerty.

During the stop, the driver was asked whether there were any drugs and weapons in the car. The driver said there were neither. When police asked the driver for permission to search the car, the driver said, "No." When asked why not, the driver said she had been stopped for a malfunctioning headlight and she didn't understand why the car would need to be searched. Police explained it was common practice.

Police explained one of the responding officers noticed an open, half-empty bottle of beer inside the car, the driver consented to

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the search.

One of the two passengers in the car was searched and found to be in possession of a knife and a small bag of suspected marijuana. The passenger was arrested; the driver and the second passenger were released.

Cruelty to animals

Canton Police were called to the parking lot of the Hobby Lobby on Ford Road, where several witnesses saw a dog left alone in a Nissan Rogue.

According to police, the dog was a full-size golden retriever. The dog was in the rear cargo area of the vehicle, in direct sunlight streaming through the back window. The dog, according to police reports, was panting heavily with saliva dripping from the mouth. No water was found in the vehicle.

Police provided the car's make, model and license plate number to store staffers, who broadcast over the store's public address system.

The owner reported to the car and, according to police, said she had just planned a quick stop.

Police checked the weather information and found out the temperature was 83 degrees, with 63-percent humidity. According to the report, the dog was locked in the car for 27 minutes from the time of the call to police.

The owner was issued a citation for animal cruelty.

Vehicle theft

A man walked into the Canton Police Department to report the theft of a vehicle from the parking lot of his business.

According to police reports, the victim remembered seeing the car Aug. 18. He noticed it was gone the following day and assumed one of his employees had it.

After several days, a survey of his employees determined none of them had the vehicle.

Canton Police subsequently determined the car had been reported abandoned in Detroit, but not towed. When police couldn't find the vehicle, Canton officers contacted all potential towing companies, but could find no trace of the car.

Home invasion

A Canton Township woman told Canton Police she and her husband left for their vacation home around June 1 and returned in late August to find a variety of possessions had been stolen from the home.

The victim told police her daughter had been staying in the home, but could not shed any light on who may have stolen the property. Police have no witnesses and no leads.

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Police Department report. The thief left hastily in a red Ford pickup that had three or four white drums in the truck bed and no license plate, the witness said.

Tires stolen

Two tires and their wheel rims were stolen Aug. 26 or Aug. 27 from a Ford Taurus parked at a condominium complex on Newport Drive, in the area of Joy Road and I-275.

The complainant told police that it was the second such theft from her car and that she had installed

wheel locks, a police report said. The reporting officer noted the locks on the two wheels that remained on the vehicle looked like they had been tampered with.

Theft from car

A backpack and its contents — medicines and a laptop computer — were reported stolen last month from a Ford Focus parked near the Jet's Pizza shop at Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon.

The complainant told police the theft occurred between

5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Aug. 26. It was unclear from a police report whether the car had been locked.

Snow gear swiped

Three snowmobiles, a trailer to transport them, plus a portable heater and two snow blowers were reported stolen Monday from a storage lot on Ann Arbor Road in the township.

The owner told police he had last seen the equipment Friday, a police report said.

— By Matt Jachman

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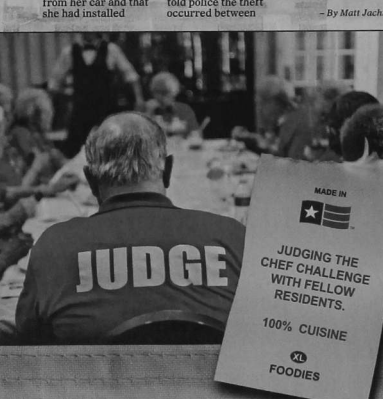
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Excitement greets students' first day

Some 18,000 students in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools joined students around the country Tuesday in returning to the books, the homework assignments and the study problems of a brand new school year.

And the bulk of them did it after spending an enjoyable summer vacation where thoughts of school rarely, if ever, entered their heads.

Some of them even got out of the country.

"I went to Europe," fourth-grader Alexander Norian said, waiting to start the first day of the new year at Isbister Elementary School. "We went to Paris and Greece for a wedding. We got to go all over the world."

Those who stayed closer to home had just as much fun. Hailey Lozier of Canton, a sixth-grader at Discovery Middle School, said the best thing she did over the summer was attend a bonfire.

"All of our friends who I didn't get to see for a while were there," she said.

And the first day back to school was welcomed by students and staff alike. Isbister Elementary School Principal Lee Harrison, celebrating his 20th year at Isbister, said the first day is always great.

"It's a new start, with new kids, and the building looks great," Harrison said. "Everybody is excited to be here."

— By Brad Kadrich



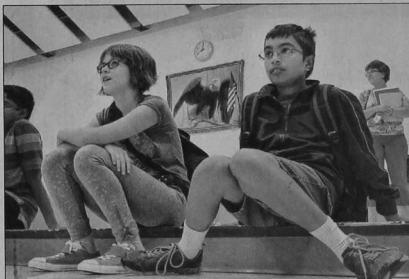
Students in the Plymouth-Canton district head back to school. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Discovery Middle School sixth-grader Corinne Marsh checks class lists. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Assistant Principal Terry Sawchuck makes a morning announcement. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Discovery Middle School students Mena Stroschein and Chraag Krishnan listen to the principal's pep talk. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



The first day of school is a busy time for Isbister students. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

COMMUNITY VOICE

What was the best thing you did this summer?

We asked this question at a Plymouth-Canton elementary and middle school.



"I went to a bonfire at a friend's house. All our friends who we hadn't seen in a while were there."

Hailey Lozier
Discovery Middle School



"I went to the mall. I like to shop."

Kelly Hanson
Discovery Middle School



"I went on vacation to Florida, to Disney World. We went on a lot of cool rides."

Alik Peggs
Isbister Elementary School



"I went to Europe, to Paris and Greece for a wedding. We got to go all over the world."

Alexander Norian
Isbister Elementary School

Taste Fest

Date/Time: Friday, Sept. 6, 8-8 p.m.

Location: Station 885, 885 Starkweather in Plymouth's Old Village

Details: The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club and Station 885 sponsor Taste Fest, which will offer great food and wine tasting. Participants include Bahama Breeze, Bennigan's, Brann's Sports Grille, Canton Buffalo Wild Wings, Claddagh Pub, Cupcake Station, Elite Catering, Grand Traverse Pie Co., Happy's Pizzeria & Ribs, LaBistecca Italian Grille, Max & Erma's Plymouth, Mitchell's Fish Market, Noodles & Co., Rocky's of Northville, Rusty Bucket, Scrambler's Marie's, Station 885, U.P. Pasties, Vintner's Canton Winery, Zin Wine Bar and Zoup Soup Salad & Sandwiches. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 10.

There will be fish, chicken and beef dishes as well as spinach on queso, ribs and wings, hot mini bites, tomato mozzarella chicken sandwiches, pulled pork sandwiches, pasta and salads, plus soups such as tortilla and baked potato. Desserts include pies, mini cupcakes, cookies and chocolate pineapple upside down cake.

Contact: Tickets can be purchased ahead of time at the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, Station 885 and at U.P. Pasties on Main Street. There will be a cash bar available.

Yappy Hour

Date/Time: Saturday, Sept. 7, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: In a tent behind E.G. Nick's on Forest in downtown Plymouth

Details: Bark for Life of Canton is planning for a wofin' good time. E.G. Nick's will be serving food during the event, which features many activities including 12 vendors, a 50/50 raffle, guess jars and a magic performance. Most importantly, this is the event where humans and canines gather together to contribute to the American Cancer Society's mission of helping people stay well, get well, find cures and fight back against cancer.

Look for these businesses at the event: Cookie Lee Jewelry, LLC Dog Bakery, Three Dogz LLC, Trust & Obey Pawstive

Dog Training, Fleece Dog Coats & Beds, Pavistive Pet Massage & Concierge LLC, Miche Purses, Salon Awesome, Gem - Greyhounds of Eastern MI, Jill Andra Young Photography and Tastefully Simple.

Heise hours

Date/Times/Locations: Monday, Sept. 9, 10-11 a.m., Parthenon Coney Island, 39910 Ford Road, Canton, noon to 1 p.m., Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady, 3-4 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main

Details: State Rep. Kurt Heise invites local residents to meet with him to share their perspectives and ask questions. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office.

Contact: Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REPUK1 or email kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

Blood drives

Date/Times/Locations: » Wednesday, Sept. 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., City Hall, 201 S. Main in Plymouth

» Tuesday, Sept. 10, noon to 4:45 p.m., Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Drive, Canton

» Sunday, Sept. 15, 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., Our Lady Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial in Plymouth
» Monday, Sept. 30, 1:30-7:15 p.m., Geneva United Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon in Canton

Details: The American Red Cross is sponsoring blood drives at the above times and locations. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.

Contact: Contact Diane-Risko to make an appointment at Diane.Risko@redcross.org or call 313-549-7052.

Perennial exchange

Date/Time: Saturday, Sept. 7, 9-11 a.m.

Location: East end of Kellogg Park

Details: The Trailwood Garden Club, member of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association, is sponsoring a perennial exchange during the Plymouth Fall Festival. Bring perennials to exchange or just stop by and see what is available. Garden club members

will be there to answer any questions.

Contact: For more information, contact Darlene at 734-459-7499.

Calling all crafters

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: West Middle School, Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon, Plymouth Township

Details: Crafters wanted for Delta Kappa Gamma's 29th annual Craft Show. Proceeds from the show will be used to support college scholarships for local students focusing on careers in education.

Contact: Call or email Debbie at 734-451-1525 or 734-740-1648 or email debcorrellini@comcast.net

MOPS meeting

Date/Time: Friday, Sept. 6, 9:15-11:30 a.m.

Location: St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth

Details: The St. Edith/St. Kenneth Catholic Parishes' Mothers of Preschoolers group announces the beginning of a new year and invites all mothers with children aged newborn through kindergarten to join. MOPS meetings feature other moms who are facing the same challenges. The group provides encouragement, nurturing and support. St. Edith/St. Kenneth MOPS typically meets on the first and third Friday of each month.

Contact: Call Heather at 734-437-9517 or email stekmops@gmail.com, or visit the group's website at www.stekmops.org.

Medicare/Medicaid counseling

Date/Time: Sept. 18, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Suite 250, Canton

Details: United Home Health Services offers free counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor. The counselor can help clients understand Medicare/Medicaid eligibility and the various plans, apply for Medicaid, research and enroll in Medicare Part D Drug Insurance, understand Medicare supplemental plans, find phar-



Century mark

Hazel Vaughn, a member of Northridge Church in Plymouth who lives in Livonia, celebrated her 100th birthday Aug. 24 at a luncheon attended by 55 well-wishers at the River Bank Golf Course in South Lyon. She was born Aug. 28, 1913, in Providence, Ky., the fourth of six children. She moved to Michigan in the 1940s and worked in the housekeeping department at Garden City Hospital. She retired in 1983. She is currently a resident at Brashear Tower in Livonia.

Craft Show page at plymouthfallfestival.com.

Contact: For more information, contact Colleen Brown, craftshow@plymouthfallfestival.com or 734-455-1614.

Vendors wanted

Date/Time: Saturday, Nov. 9

Location: First United Methodist Church of Northville

Details: Organizers of the sixth annual Bizarre Bazaar are looking for crafters, vendors and entrepreneurs. Indoor spaces available. It's an opportunity to showcase their talents and products to hundreds of local customers.

Contact: For details and to reserve your space, go to <http://functornorthville.org/> missions-and-service, email fumcbazaar@gmail.com or find it on Facebook.

Support group

Date/Time: Second Monday of each month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland

Details: Do you have a loved one in jail or prison? Is your heart broken because of it? Then contact Bonnie at Hope 4 Healing Hearts, who will provide a safe place to talk and share with others, a place where you can learn how to cope with all of the new and frightening experiences.

Contact: For questions or more information, contact Bonnie at 734-646-2237 or by email at prettymonarch@comcast.net.

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that you will probably never use, but are cool to brag about anyway. First, the Ultra can operate in 100 percent hands-free mode using voice-recognition. If your phone is sitting on the table, you can say "Droid, call home" and it will.

The Ultra also has 1080p video capabilities (not all phones do), a 10-megapixel camera and a five-inch LCD HD touchscreen. For \$199 with a two-year agreement, you could do a lot worse.

Want something with nothing down? Verizon is also selling the Samsung ATIV for free with a two-year agreement. The phone runs on Windows' tile-based system, which is pretty fun and easy once you get used to it. It has an 8-megapixel camera and a 4.8-inch AMOLED display (AMOLED is fancy for "really good quality").

The ATIV doesn't have processing speeds as solid as the Ultra or, say, the iPhone, but it does have some nice capabilities such as the camera for a user who doesn't need all the extras.

While discussing new phones, it is always important to talk about contracts and carriers. Earlier this summer, I wrote about T-Mobile's new contract-free plans and how they benefit consumers. AT&T has jumped on the bandwagon and implemented a

service meant to challenge T-Mobile — except its version is really crummy.

While AT&T's new plan allows users to get a new phone or tablet every year without upgrade fees or activation fees, the money doesn't make sense.

Users are required to finance the phone or tablet for 20 months to be eligible for this program. So after 12 months, you can get a new phone, but you still are paying for the old one for eight months after upgrading.

Essentially, under AT&T's new plan, you will always be paying for two phones at once, which is pretty much the most AT&T thing ever.

Not interested in the iPhone? There are still plenty of other phones in stores such as the Windows ATIV and the Droid Ultra. I tested both of them courtesy of Verizon Wireless.

The Windows ATIV is an interesting phone because of its tile-based operating system on Windows 8. It also has a great price point, which is sometimes even free through Verizon with a two-year agreement. It is a great phone for someone who wants to use basic Internet browsing, texting and calling on their phones. For the more advanced user, something like the Droid Ultra may be the better choice.

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Local chiropractor Kenneth Stopa Jr. and staff members of Main Street Family Chiropractic Center PC, which is located in downtown Northville.

Stopa named an official Olympic chiropractor

Local chiropractor Kenneth Stopa Jr. of Main Street Family Chiropractic Center PC in Northville, has been named an official doctor of chiropractic provider for United States Olympic athletes in the state of Michigan.

The United States Olympic Committee, looking for individuals who are board-certified chiropractic sports physicians that also hold a Diplomate Certification of the American Chiropractic Board of Sports Physicians, contacted Stopa a couple weeks ago. The diplomates must publish research and have extensive experience in the treatment and rehabilitation of all sports injuries, including hip, shoulder and knee injuries. In addition, they are extensively trained in spinal traumas and emergency procedures.

According to Stopa, who is a Canton resident, the goal of the U.S. Olympic Committee is to provide the highest standard of sports injury and reha-

bitative care as possible. They have observed that doctors of chiropractic provide chiropractic adjustments that help alleviate musculo-skeletal disorders the fastest and with the best functional results without the use of drugs or surgeries. The U.S. Olympic Committee is looking for the least invasive treatments with the most functional results. Doctors of chiropractic provide treatments for musculo-skeletal disorders and rehabilitation for hip, shoulder and knees. The U.S. Olympic athletes are demanding these treatments to be performed at the Olympic training centers and at the Olympic games.

"The Olympic athletes are excited to have alternatives to drugs and surgeries. I can provide them with alternative treatments for shoulder, hip, knee, neck and back musculo-skeletal disorders and rehabilitation them to the highest level of performance," Stopa said.

Stopa said the current medical director of all three U.S. Olympic training centers is a doctor of chiropractic. The past two Olympic Games (2010, 2012) have had a doctor of chiropractic as the head medical director of the U.S. Olympic medical staff.

"The Olympic athletes perform at a higher level when receiving chiropractic adjustments. They are able to recover faster and increase their speed, balance, agility, power and overall performance. This will help them bring home the gold for the United States of America," Stopa said. "I am honored and very excited to provide peak performance chiropractic care to these elite athletes."

For more information about Stopa or Main Street Family Chiropractic Center PC, which is located at 109 W. Main Street in downtown Northville, visit www.drstopa.com or call 248-735-9800.

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ROC on

The Plymouth ROC at the corner of Ann Arbor Road and Harvey had a grand re-opening to celebrate the new launch of its restaurant and bar. Owners say they've have significantly upgraded the menu to include many new treats for the whole family and redone both its interior and exterior. Cutting the ribbon is Chef Dave Selley, surrounded by owners Jordan West and Steve Stergiou, along with friends, family and Chamber of Commerce ambassadors.

Ladies night

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts downtown Plymouth's annual Ladies Night Out 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26.

This event is a night for ladies to enjoy an evening on the town with friends.

Participants can visit the participating stores and enjoy shopping, gifts, samples, prizes and refreshments. Several restaurants will also have special drinks, appetizers and more.

Participating stores this year include Agio Spa; Basket Creations; Beauty Haven; Bella Mia; Candy Trail; Core Sport Pilates Fitness Studio; Creatopia Pottery Studio; Dazzling Daniela; Dearborn Jewelers; Genuine Toy Co.; Gigi's Mode; Hands on Leather; Home Sweet Home; Kilwin's; Little Black Heart Bed & Boutique; Lalayan; Magnolia Fresh Flower Market; Merle Norman; Old World Olive Press; Opndr; Painting Escapes; Simply the Best; Sun & Snow; and Tranquil Tea.

"Mr. 48170" will again be handing out roses to the first 500 ladies, courtesy of Ribar Floral.

Leadership conference

The Western Wayne Business Leadership Conference is set for Tuesday, Oct. 8, at the Ford Motor Co. Conference and Event Center in Dearborn.

The program will be emceed by Mary Kramer, the publisher of *Crain's Detroit Business*, while the keynote speaker will be James Treault, Ford Motor Co.'s vice president of North American Manufacturing, who will speak about how metro Detroit communities can support the re-emerging American manufacturing industry that is in need of skilled, tech-savvy workers. The chief-elected officials from each city and township in the region are scheduled to attend.

The event is being coordinated by the Conference of Western Wayne, an advocacy group for 18 western Wayne County municipalities.

Participants should bring business cards, fliers, etc., to share with the group. Participation in this networking event is limited to 10 separate businesses, plus a sponsor.

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The event, sponsored by Showroom of Elegance, is an opportunity for one-on-one networking in a small group setting. This networking event is limited to 10 separate businesses, plus a sponsor.

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Seven Wayne-Westland schools transform students into leaders

New Leader in Me program launched

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Students in seven Wayne-Westland elementary schools are starting the new school year learning more than the three R's. This year they will be learning how to be leaders as part of the Leader in Me program being piloted at Hicks, Hamilton, Hoover, Roosevelt-McGrath, Schweitzer, Taft-Galloway and Wildwood elementary schools.

Based on the book titled *7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, the program aims to build students' leadership skills, while improving the school culture. According to Jennifer Munson, executive director of school improvement and innovation, Leader in Me builds leadership skills and problem-solving and fosters a pride in school.

"Schools that use it have seen a highly improved school culture and a dramatic increase in the reduction of discipline issues," she said. "School becomes an exciting place to be at."

More than 1,000 schools worldwide are using the program, which represents a "whole school transformation." Its key aspects include such things as being proactive, beginning with the end in mind, putting first things first, thinking win-win and first, seeking to understand before being understood.

The changes result in higher academic achievement, fewer disciplinary problems and increased engagement among teachers and parents, Munson said.

Re-inventing school

Leader in Me got its start in 1999 when a struggling school was asked to re-invent itself or be shutdown. The principal asked parents and business leaders what they wanted in schools and heard



Hicks Elementary Principal Andy Rosinski has special education paraprofessional Kathy Fairchild shows off the message — "Empowered to Lead and Succeed" — on the T-shirt the staff wore Tuesday promoting the new Leader in Me program.

such things as leadership, accountability, responsibility, problem-solving, adaptability, creativity and teamwork.

According to the Leader in Me website, the feedback represented "what most people believe — that schools should not merely be focused on improving test scores, but should provide opportunities for students to develop their full potential."

Using *7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, the principal and her staff developed a leadership theme and school mission statement — to develop leaders one at a time — and integrated the *7 Habits* into the curriculum, tradi-

tions, systems and culture of the school.

According to Munson, Wayne-Westland's seven elementary are the "pilot program and two more — John Glenn High School and P.D. Graham Elementary — are beginning the process. The John Glenn staff is looking through the material, while the Graham staff is starting the book study, she said.

The program is being supported by federal Title I grant money during the pilot phase to determine its success and possible expansion. Four schools also have applied for Leader in Me

grants. The staffs — including teachers, administrators, secretaries and custodians — researched and visited other high-functioning Leader in Me buildings to see the benefits of such a school culture. They did a five-day training program and then built light-house teams to guide the implementation of the program in their respective schools. Two or three teachers also were trained to become trainers for the district staff and parents.

"This program teaches children to set goals and encourages them to be strong leaders," Munson said. "It infuses leadership into the curriculum."

Simple question

Jennifer Keats, Roosevelt-McGrath principal, said the training started by asking a simple question of what they would like to see as a leader.

"The 26 days on habits was very powerful, the ideas were very powerful," she said. "We take them from adults and push them to the kids. They're now the seven habits of happy kids."

Hicks Principal Andy Rosinski said staff and students set short- and long-term goals.

"We are taking personal ownership, we are determining our own path," he said. "We infuse that into everything. Each student has a leadership book. It doesn't isolate the brain and the heart, it empowers the entire person."

Munson said feedback has already been positive from the staff, with comments like it "directly applies to teaching excellence" and that it "all makes so much sense."

"We teach our kids to set goals, we teach them to be better, and we encourage them to be strong leaders," she added.

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Two runs benefit First Responders Memorial

Wayne County Parks will sponsor the Heroes on Hines half-marathon and 5-kilometer races Saturday, Oct. 5, with proceeds going to the First Responders Memorial to be erected at Hines Drive and Haggerty.

The half-marathon starts at 8 a.m., followed by the 5K at 8:30 a.m. The event is sponsored by Running Fit and the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

The cost is \$49 (half-marathon) and \$29 (5K) if registered by Sept. 5. The cost is \$34 (5K) and \$59 (half) if registering Sept. 6 through Oct. 3.

For more information, visit www.heroesonhines.com.

United Way distributes emergency food

The next distribution of emergency food by Plymouth Community United Way is scheduled Thursday, Sept. 19. The Emergency Food Assistance Program provides low-income Plymouth and Northville residents with canned, non-perishable and perishable items.

All recipients must preregister at Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth.

This is a supplemental food program that may be used in addition to other assistance programs. Bridge Card holders automatically qualify, but need to preregister. Recipients not currently on governmental assistance (food stamps, ADC and general) must provide documentation, including proof of income and residency, before receiving food on distribution days.

Distributions continue 9:30-11 a.m. the third Thursday of each month at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth.

For information and to register, call (734) 453-6879, ext. 7, or send email to randi.williams@pcuw.org.

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OUR VIEWS

School's open: Slow down and watch out for children

Now that school has started for most area students, we encourage motorists to watch out for young pedestrians.

Crashes involving vehicles and pedestrians make up less than 1 percent of total crashes, but fatalities involving pedestrians make up nearly 22 percent of all fatalities, according to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. And pedestrian accidents are on the rise in southeast Michigan, as more people are walking as part of a healthy lifestyle, SEMCOG reports.

Keep in mind that children are often distracted or are unable to accurately judge traffic situations while on their way to and from the bus stop or school.

Motorists should:

- » Watch for pedestrians at all times and always be prepared to stop for them.
- » Before making a turn, look in all directions for pedestrians crossing.

- » Keep the windshield clean and headlights on.

- » Stop or yield to pedestrians at crosswalks, whether marked or unmarked.

- » Never pass/overlap a vehicle that is stopped for pedestrians.

- » Obey speed limits in school zones. They are in place to save lives. According to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, a pedestrian struck by a vehicle going 25 mph is nearly two-thirds less likely to be killed as compared to a pedestrian struck by a vehicle traveling 35 mph.

Motorists should also learn and obey the school bus laws.

Each year, nationally, about 19 children are killed in school bus-related traffic crashes, according to AAA. On average, six are passengers on the bus and 13 are pedestrians.

- » Yellow flashing lights indicate that the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop.

- » Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop sign is withdrawn and the bus begins moving before they can start driving again.

Parents can help their children stay safe by teaching them the following rules for walking to and from school or the bus stop:

- » Use extreme caution when crossing the street, especially when dark.

- » Walk, don't run, when crossing the street.
- » Stand clear of hedges, parked cars or other obstacles so drivers can see you.

- » Always walk on the sidewalk; if there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.

- » Watch for cars reversing in parking lots and near on-street parking spaces.

- » Cross streets at marked crosswalks or intersections, if possible.

- » Obey traffic signals such as walk/don't walk signals.

- » Look left-right-left before crossing a street or stepping into traffic.

When riding a school bus, children should be instructed to:

- » Get to the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive and stand at least five giant steps (10 feet) away from the edge of the road.

- » Wait until the bus stops, the door opens and the driver says it's OK before stepping onto the bus.

- » If you must cross the road to enter the bus, walk in front of the bus; never walk behind the bus.

After exiting the bus, children should be reminded to:

- » Be alert to all traffic.
- » Be sure the bus driver can see them and they can see the bus driver. Tell the bus driver if they drop something beside the bus. Never try to pick it up because the driver may not be able to see them.

- » Take five "giant steps" out from the front of the bus and make eye contact with the bus driver if they have to cross the street in front of the bus.

The start of school is an exciting time of year. As motorists and/or parents, let's do everything we can to make it a safe time of year.

COMMUNITY VOICE

How do you feel about school starting back?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I feel amazed at how quickly the summer went, but I am ready to go back."

Christian Ristovski
Canton



"I guess I'm glad because you reach a point in summer when you're bored, but you also hate it because it's school."

Wan Wang
Canton



"It's stressful, but I actually like learning, so I'm kind of excited."

Teresa Zhu
Canton



"I like it. I like learning new stuff."

Jenna Paul
Canton

LETTERS

Not a coup

Patrick Colbeck, the state Senate's poster boy for the Tea Party, thought he scored a coup by not voting on the revised version of the Affordable Care Act.

Wiser heads prevailed and the bill passed on a second vote (*Observer*, Aug. 29). Never the ones to admit defeat, Colbeck and 11 other right-wingers voted against giving the bill immediate effect. According to published reports, this inaction will cost Michigan \$600 million.

Remember, the "dirty dozen" had no problem giving immediate effect to hundreds of bills that, among other things, raised our taxes, hurt unions and poor folks and only benefited the richest of our people.

And once again it was reported that Tea Party shills were threatening members on the Senate floor.

Absolutely freaking unbelievable.

James Huddleston
Canton

Federal control

I read with interest the article ("Plymouth-Canton board supports common core," *Observer*, Aug. 15). I am responding because I question whether the people involved are aware of the information I am sharing.

Common Core means federal control of school curriculum by the Obama administration. They plan on having the power to dictate and overrule all decisions by state and local school boards, state legislators, parents and even Congress.

It's not only public schools that must obey the fed's dictates. Common Core will control the curriculum of charter schools, private schools, religious schools, Catholic schools and home schooling. The control mechanism is the tests (called assessments). Kids must pass

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the test in order to get a high school diploma or admittance to college. If they haven't studied a curriculum based on Common Core standards, they won't score well on tests.

Don't be under the illusion Common Core will make kids smarter. The Common Core academic level is lower than what many states use now and the math standards are so inferior that the only mathematician on the validation committee refused to sign off on the math standards and said they are two years behind international expectations by the eighth grade and fall further behind in grades 8-12.

Believe me, this information is only the tip of the iceberg. I have read all this and much more in the "Phyllis Schlafly Report" (July 2013). For full information, check out her website at www.eagleforum.org.

For the sake of our children, please do not support Common Core.

Barb Schmid
Canton

Help protect power of vote

Aug. 26 marked the 93rd anniversary of the constitutional amendment that granted women the right to vote. This year, the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County honored Women's Equality Day through a continued focus on protecting the voting rights of all eligible voters.

Now is a critical time to do all we can for voters. Earlier this summer, a key part of the Voting Rights Act, known as Section 4, was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The damage to the VRA can and must be fixed — Congress has the power to act swiftly to restore the effectiveness of the Voting Rights Act. The League needs your help in calling on Congress to repair and restore the VRA.

The anti-voter laws that are cropping up around the country in the wake of the Supreme Court decision will negatively impact all voters — young and old, rich and poor alike. As members of the League of Women Voters, we are working to make our democracy strong through voter registration drives and educational forums — and this Women's Equality Day by taking Congress for starting the process to fix the VRA and encouraging it to repair and restore it quickly.

Our foremothers understood that voting provides citizens the ability to have an impact on the critical issues facing their communities. Women's Equality Day is the perfect time to celebrate and protect that right.

For more information about the League of Women Voters, please visit www.lwvnmw.org or contact us at 734-421-4220.

Angela Ryan
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GUEST COLUMN

The time is now for road funding

The time is now for our legislators in Lansing to take action to increase Michigan's road funding.

For years now, as our roads have crumbled, the legislators have debated road funding. Over the course of the last couple of years and following several very in-depth studies, a consensus has formed in Lansing that, yes, our state is in dire need of more road funding.

For years, many legislators argued that before they would consider additional road funding, the state's road agencies had to first come to the table, improving efficiency, cutting costs and doing everything possible to stretch the existing dollars as far as possible. Well, we have all done that.

Consider that the Road Commission for Oakland County has reduced its staff by more than 35 percent since 2007. We have also significantly increased the amount of health insurance costs that employees bear and reduced retirement benefits for new hires, among many other things.

That is in addition to all the work we have privatized over the years (when it has made good business sense), the improved efficiencies we've achieved through activities, such as employee cross training and the increased use of technology to further improve efficiency.

In short, we have done every-



Dennis Kolar

thing the state Legislature has asked. However, while beneficial, those activities cannot replace the funding we have lost over the years or compensate for the fact that the costs of building and maintaining roads has grown dramatically during that time. That's because Michigan simply has not adequately funded its roads in a long time.

Less and less funding

U.S. Census Bureau data indicates that Michigan has been among the bottom nine states in the nation in per capita state and local road funding since at least 1964. That's 50 years of spending less than on nearly all other states.

The problem is that now that most of our legislators agree there is a problem, they cannot agree how to solve it. Nobody wants to raise taxes. I get that. But roads are a vital, critical, elemental part of our culture and our economy. Building and maintaining roads has been one of the most basic and necessary functions of government since the dawn of civilization.

We, as a state, cannot continue

to ignore this vital part of our infrastructure. The time for action is now. The longer we put off repairing our roads, the more it will cost to do so.

As we continue to defer this responsibility, we are creating a tremendous burden for future generations that will be saddled with the cost of rebuilding the roads. But the impact will be felt in the short term, as well. We are rapidly approaching the point where we can no longer adequately provide basic services, such as pothole patching, gravel road grading and plowing and salting in the winter.

Implore our legislators to fulfill their responsibilities — to ensure our transportation infrastructure is adequately funded, so that our businesses can grow and thrive, so our communities can again prosper, so our residents can travel safely and easily to work, to school, etc.

Now is the time for action. Let's not let this opportunity pass.

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Time to do end of year tax planning

Now that Labor Day is behind us we are in the home stretch of 2013 and time to start thinking about year-end planning.

There are certain things that must be completed before the end of the year. And while you still have some time it's not a bad idea to start getting organized. Here are some things that you may want to consider over the next few months.

Roth IRAs

This time of year I always mention the importance of Roth IRAs. Roth IRAs allow money to grow tax free not tax deferred and are subject to the 70% rules. This is always a great time of the year to determine whether you should convert some of your existing IRA money into a Roth IRA.

If you are over 70½ and subject to minimum required distributions you cannot convert that amount. However, you can convert anything above it. My general rules for converting money into a Roth IRA are 1) you must have the money to pay the tax that you will incur by converting; 2) by converting the money it won't throw you into a higher tax bracket; and 3) you can let the money sit in the Roth IRA for at least five to seven years. If you



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

meet these criteria then potentially converting existing IRA money into a Roth IRA can be a very good financial move.

Flexible spending

Many people have flexible spending accounts through work and in many cases that money must be spent on a qualified medical expense before the end of the year. If you have a flexible spending plan and need to spend the money before the end of the year, now is the time to make a doctor's appointment or get a new pair of glasses.

In some plans you do not have to spend it before the end of the year. The key is to make sure you understand the terms of your plan.

Deductions

For some people year-end tax planning can result in significant savings. Whether it's accelerating deductions into this year (such as making charitable contributions before Dec. 31) or choosing when to pay your winter property tax bill can make a difference from a tax standpoint. Unfortunately, there's no one right answer for

everyone. The key is to look at your individual situation and determine whether deductions will be worth more to you this year or next. Depending on your tax bracket and whether you itemize your deductions can make a significant difference in your taxes.

Those age 70½ and older can also donate their minimum required distribution directly to a charity. This can result in a substantial tax savings particularly for someone who does not itemize their deductions.

By donating the minimum required distribution to a charity, you avoid paying taxes on the distribution. The key for this transaction is that the money must go directly from your IRA into a charity. The transaction must be completed by Dec. 31 so don't delay.

I don't know where this summer went but I do know that 2014 will be upon us soon. So start planning now so you don't have to rush. It's a great time to look at your individual situation determine if you need to do any year-end planning. Good luck!

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W-W sticks with current firms for sinking fund work

Board votes 5-2 to forgo seeking bids

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The issue of who will handle architectural planning and construction management for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools' sinking fund projects has been decided, with school board approval of 10-year agreements with TMP Architecture Inc. and McCarthy and Smith Inc. The board voted 5-2, with Trustee Sally Madison and board Vice President John Goci dissenting, to approve the contracts.

Questions about the contracts have been raised by several board members, including Goci, who has pressed to have the service put out for bid. The firms' work is considered professional services and, by law, bids are not required.

"I don't discard that the district has a good relationship with these firms. I just think it would be in the best interest of the district, even though the law does not require a bid for work like this being performed because it's professional services," Goci said. "I think it would send a strong message to the community that we're trying to get the best deal for our money. If we have an open bid process, it

would go a long way toward transparency." According to Jim Larson Shidler, deputy superintendent for administrative and business services, the intent of the contracts "is to use McCarthy and Smith and TMP for the duration of the district's sinking fund." Voters last year renewed that tax request for 10 years beginning in 2013.

Contracts' details

Under the new agreement, TMP's fee will be 5.85 percent with projects less than \$450,000 billed at time and management. McCarthy and Smith will have a sliding scale, charging 3.9 percent for the first \$500,000, 2.4 percent for projects costing \$500,000 to \$2 million and 2 percent for those more than \$2 million.

Both agreements include a seven-day opt out without cause clause. In the case of McCarthy and Smith, the district isn't charged for administrative work done by William Smith, president, and Doug Underwood, project director.

"The architect and construction manager the district uses does matter to me and the district," Larson Shidler said. "We strive to see that we get a valuable service at competitive prices."

"I've spent a lot of time looking at contracts and what we have to do,"

board President Carol Easton said. "Each of us gets the same information and has access to the administration to ask the tough questions and make good decisions on behalf of the students, the parents and the community."

Reputable firms

Trustee Charles Trav Griffin, a member of the 1998 bond committee and the nine-member construction bond committee that recommended the board hire TMP and McCarthy and Smith, praised the two firms, saying they have "good, exemplary reputations."

"We've discussed this issue at least four meetings, I hope these resolutions will lay this issue to rest," he said. "These are two reputable firms that have been hired by two other districts. I hope we can now move on with issues that are important to the school district."

Trustee Frederick Weaver pointed out that a promise was attached to the bond issue that the district would never let the buildings get in bad shape again.

"Never one time as far as have I known have we been upset with McCarthy and Smith and the job they have done," he said. "They've done an excellent job."

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Rouge friends host annual run

Friends of the Rouge and Canton Township are teaming up Saturday, Sept. 28, to host the fourth annual Run/Walk along the Rouge River. This year's run has been lengthened to four miles and renamed "Run 4 the Rouge" and will also include a two-mile walk. Race day festivities kick off with registration, set to start at 8 a.m. at Connection Church, located at 3855 S. Sheldon Road in Canton. The run is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and will follow a scenic trail along the lower branch of the

Rouge River, showcasing the unique natural features of the river. Participants should be prepared for a little mud and uneven surfaces, as well as plenty of scenic views.

The run is timed and prizes will be awarded in age categories. This fun and family-friendly event is open to all walkers, runners and nature enthusiasts. Proceeds will benefit the public education program coordinated by Friends of the Rouge, a local nonprofit organization dedicated to the restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River since 1986.

Entry fees are \$25 for preregistration and \$30 for race day registration. Preregister by Sept. 13 and receive a commemorative T-shirt. Register online at www.therouge.org (additional processing fee required) or download and mail entry form to: Friends of the Rouge, 4901 Evergreen Rd., KM, Dearborn, MI 48126. For more information on the "Run 4 the Rouge" or to register online, visit www.therouge.org.

Special T-shirts lighten burden of tiny patients

By Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

When Amanda Holdsworth learned her 18-month-old daughter had a birth defect, she needed something to keep her mind away from the constant worrying. She discovered something that helped Avery and could do the same for other patients.

Doctors realized Avery hadn't gained weight between her 15- and 18-month well child checkup in April. Amanda and Doug Holdsworth of South Lyon were told their daughter had a heart murmur and were sent to Mott's Children's Hospital, where doctors discovered Avery had multiple holes in her heart, a congenital heart condition called atrial septal defect. Surgery would fix the problem.

"It came as quite a shock," said Amanda, who works full time as a marketing manager for the business engagement center at the University of Michigan.

"We were told that she would need to have open-heart surgery within a month to close the holes and relieve the pressures on her tiny system," Amanda said. "We were floored and devastated. We had no idea what to do or think. I'm one of those people that when I'm stressed, I have to clean or keep myself busy."

She grabbed a pair of scissors and started cutting up the front of Avery's shirts, added some fancy ribbon and a few snaps. The open front shirts gave doctors and nurses easy access to Avery's surgical site. By accident, her line of hospital shirts, Peek-A-Boo-Boo, was born.

Avery's back was covered and at least "she could be cozy," Amanda

said, adding that hospital workers and parents of other young heart patients started asking about the shirts and where they could buy them.

Easy access

Amanda has sold some Peek-A-Boo-Boo shirts online, she said, but more importantly, she's hoping to earn a \$500 grant to cover material costs and allow her to donate shirts to other patients. She is a finalist in the PNC Neighborhood Wish List Contest. Go to Facebook, like PNC and look for a tab that says, Neighborhood Wish List, vote for Heal-A-Boo-Boo. The contest continues through Sept. 16.

"The \$500 grant would give me the funds to create more than 50 sets of Peek-A-Boo-Boo shirts and legwarmers for children undergoing medical treatment," Amanda said. "In order to receive the Heal-A-Boo-Boo grant, I need to get 500 'likes' on my project." There are 99 other projects eligible for grants, and each project sponsor has to receive the entire 500 likes to get a \$500 check.

The average shirt costs about \$8 for supplies and the \$500 would go toward making 55 shirts. Amanda said that would leave her with \$60 left over to purchase 30 sets of legwarmers. She said she plans on donating 25 sets of legwarmers from her stock, as well as matching hair bows or flowers for any girl who receives a Peek-A-Boo-Boo package.

Seeing patients, especially young ones, in colorful T-shirts as opposed to hospital gowns is uplifting, she added.

"It's a mental thing and it makes you feel a little better about seeing them like that," she said. "Seeing our Avery in a fancy T-shirt made us optimistic that everything was going



An open front T-shirt gave hospital employees easy access to monitoring equipment.

to be OK."

Business plan

Amanda said she recently put together a business plan to sell the Peek-A-Boo-Boo shirts to hospitals.

"Half of my heart says I want to sell them at hospitals and the other half is, I think I can do some good with this," she said, adding that when Avery came out of surgery, she was given a fleece blanket and a teddy bear rattle and the small gestures of kindness made Avery's family feel better.

Meanwhile, Avery's recovery is going well.

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Avery Holdsworth's mom replaced her hospital gown with a T-shirt that opens in the front.

I-96 meeting scheduled for later this month

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Interested residents, business owners and commuters will have another opportunity to ask questions later this month regarding next year's I-96 project.

Another public meeting is scheduled to take place 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, in the auditorium of Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center. The meeting will allow interested parties to get re-acquainted with the project, Michigan Department of Transportation spokesman Rob Morosi said.

"We'll go over the entire project again," he said. "We're looking to re-engage the public with the project, show them what we planned to do with the proposed freeway and bridge work."

The meeting is one in a series scheduled by MDOT to help inform those interested in the project, which will begin in late January and last through 2014. During that time, I-96 will be shut down from Telegraph in Redford to Newburgh in Livonia. A total of 37 bridges will also be repaired during the reconstruction, which is expected to cost \$150 million.

Morosi said the meeting format will be an open house, allowing those who attend the ability to go around and ask questions. While much of the meeting will consist of reviewing information that's already been released, Morosi said a three-dimensional rendering of what the freeway will look like after completion will be available to those who attend.

Some work is expected to begin in anticipation of the project on a nearby freeway soon. MDOT says the exit ramp for Six Mile off I-275 will see some temporary widening to help accommodate traffic the state expects to see with the shutdown next year. Morosi said construction on that ramp is expected to begin next week and go until November.

The city of Livonia is currently repairing parts of Schoolcraft in order to handle the increased traffic it expects to see.

While this meeting will take place several months before the construction begins, another meeting will most likely be held sometime this winter. Once a contractor has been selected, something that's not expected to happen until closer to 2014, another meeting will be held, Morosi said.

"I believe we will have one more when we have a contractor on board. That will be very brief," he said. "That could be right before the Christmas holiday."

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An exhibit at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill features the works of Nicholas R. Wilson.

Village Theater to host Wilson works

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill presents "Technology and the Immortal Condition," a mixed-media show featuring the works of Nicholas R. Wilson, which will be on display through Sept. 29 in the Gallery@VT.

This mixed-media show is composed of paintings and half-screen printed wood box panels created by this talented artist, who originally hails from Trenton.

As a child growing up in a small subdivision near Lake Erie Metropark, Wilson pursued his interest in drawing, painting and music with the encouragement of his family.

After pursuing music and designing other band-related merchandise, Wilson's passions lead him to study fine art and graphic design at both Monroe County Community College and Siena Heights University.

"I believe art is a universal language, through generations and cultures, it can be interpreted now and for many years after-

ward," Wilson said. "Visual communication has always been an interesting concept, considering that words may not perfectly communicate what we want to say to each other. As music communicates a feeling through sound, art communicates through sight and the two composed together is what drives my work."

This mixed-media exhibit at the Gallery@VT is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, during public performances at the theater, and by appointment by calling 734-394-5300.

The Gallery@VT is closed holidays. View more of Wilson's works at nicholaswilson.tumblr.com or at www.flickr.com/photos/nicholaswilson.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. For more information about this latest exhibition, please call 734-394-5300 or visit cantonvillageattheater.org.

Local shooter places first in 'Top Shot' competition

Milford man wins \$100,000, special edition speedboat

By Philip Allmen
Staff Writer

Mission accomplished. Phil Morden wanted to improve on his first foray into reality television, appearing two years ago on the third season of *Top Shot*, a marksmanship-based competition on The History Channel. The Milford man placed fifth.

Last week on *Top Shot All Stars*, he did better. Much better. He won the fifth season against 15 other returning contestants.

Morden, a self-taught gun enthusiast and videographer, bested three other finalists Aug. 28 in three elimination challenges.

In addition to winning the title of History's Top Shot, Morden won \$100,000 and a special edition speedboat.

Filming for the show took place in California, running Aug. 16, 2012, to Sept. 25.

"It was almost a year before they aired it," Morden said. "Everyone knew the length of time I was out there was about the time to make it to the finals. I tried so hard not to slip up."

Morden said now that the cat's out of the bag, he and his wife will take an anniversary trip and buy some nice things for their home. He hasn't really seen the boat, either, which was shown to contestants at the start of the competition's finale.

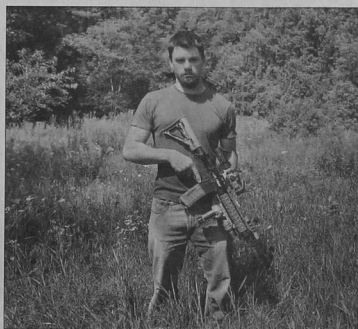
Morden's family still lives in the Huron Valley area and members were together for last week's finale, along with friends and neighbors.

And even though he knew how things were going to turn out, "it was still pretty exciting to watch," he said.

This season's finale played to Morden's strengths, requiring more physical work. Morden, 26, was the youngest of the last competitors.

The first challenge pitted the four finalists in an obstacle course, firing at targets after climbing through a pipe, water, under netting and under barbed wire.

The second challenge required



Phil Morden won the title as well as \$100,000 and a special edition speedboat.



Phil Morden won the title on the History Channel's reality competition "Top Shot All Stars." PHOTOS BY HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

the top three to fire different weapons from various stations up a hill. In both cases, Morden was the fastest competitor.

In the finale, the contestants had seven different challenges: firing a Remington 1875 at six targets, a Ruger rifle at 20 bottles, a revolver for two perfect six-shot runs at targets, a crossbow at three moving targets, a World War II rifle at a long-range target, a pistol shot through a 2-inch tube downrange and a

cannon.

"I couldn't ask for a better final three challenges," Morden said.

Morden struggled a bit at the perfect-run shot, where competitors had to start the round over if they missed, but he caught up with the crossbow and never looked back.

Morden said several of the show's challenges were memorable, including the spinning wheel, where he had to shoot strapped to a contraption that spun him around. In Season 3, he was eliminated just before that challenge. "It was a lot harder than I thought it was going to be," he said.

The World War II half-track was another highlight, shooting exploding targets while it drives along a course. "That's something you're not going to do anywhere else," he said.

Morden said since he returned from filming the latest *Top Shot* season, he started teaching firearms classes. Contact him at phil-running@yahoo.com.

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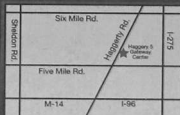
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BOYS SOCCER

Late surge lifts 'Cats

Plymouth offense wears down Wayne Memorial

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

It took most of the night, but Plymouth finally broke through Wayne Memorial's defensive posture Tuesday and went on to a 3-0 varsity boys soccer victory. The Wildcats, who improved to 2-4-0 on the season, scored three goals in the second half to earn a victory in the first KLAAS South Division contest for each team.

"I think we had a really strong second half," Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said. "The first half we kind of played at their tempo."

"They were packed in the box. We needed to score off crosses, we needed to get behind them. Once we did that it kind of opened the game up."

Solid and sometimes spectacular goalkeeping turned in by Wayne junior Nicolas Escobar frustrated the Wildcats until almost midway through the second half at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity turf field.

With 24:35 left in regulation, Plymouth senior Alexander Decker's throw-in from the right side was perfectly re-directed in by junior Nathan Harris — who missed much of the first half due to an injury after colliding in the Wayne goal box with Escobar.

"Nate's one of our key players," Neschich continued. "It was important to get him back in the game."

Then came the shot of the match, with just under 20 minutes to play.

Senior Viet Nguyen fed the ball to junior Jason Liguori in the middle of the pitch, about 35 yards in front of Escobar.

Liguori's subsequent laser rocketed into the top-right corner to make it 2-0.

"That was a beautiful shot," Neschich said. "I think it kind of caught him unexpectedly."

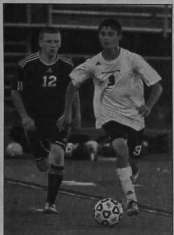
Finishing the scoring was sophomore Jayden Huxtable. He headed junior Martin Hanku's crossing pass over Escobar with 4:29 to play.

Blanking the Zebras was senior Kevin Favero, who didn't have a lot of chances against him.

Early in the contest, however, he managed to tip a close-in attempt taken by junior midfielder James Herdon over the crossbar.

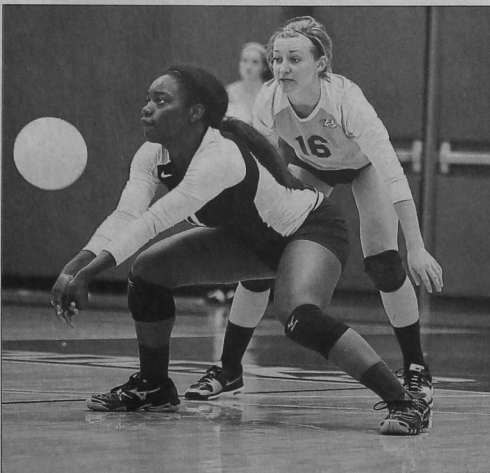
Also frustrating the Zebras (1-3-0, 0-1-0), the halftime horn sounded just as senior midfielder

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Plymouth's Daniel Butes (No. 9) gets a step on Wayne Memorial's David Lakatos (No. 12) on Tuesday night. © HENGSHI / EXPRESS PHOTO

VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW - PART 3



Seniors Shayla Smalls (front) and libero Haylee Weber (No. 16) will be spark plugs for Plymouth's varsity volleyball team this year. JOHN KEMSKI / EXPRESS PHOTO

On the prowl

Upstart Plymouth spikers will battle for points, victories

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

If Plymouth's display of all-out hustle and desire in the season opener against Salem is any indication, the 2013 Wildcats will be a team to be reckoned with in the KLAAS South Division.

And first in line is senior Shayla Smalls, who will be a front-row mainstay either at setter or outside hitter.

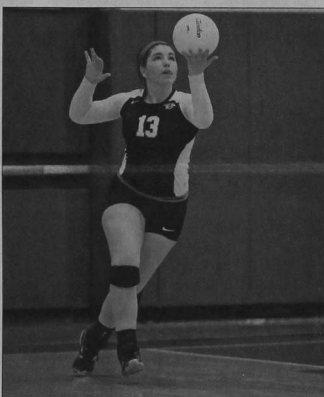
"The key to Plymouth's chances is energy, because we do better when we get happy and energized and everything," said Smalls, one of the team's tri-captains along with senior right-side hitter Emily Burkman and senior libero Haylee Weber.

In the Wildcats' Aug. 23 triumph over the Rocks, Smalls managed to somehow tip the ball over the net while falling backward to the gym floor.

"Just the athleticism — no matter where the ball's set Shayla's going to get it in play and make the other team work," Plymouth head coach Sarah Marody said.

Others were following suit, which Marody expects to see more of throughout the season as Plymouth looks to improve on last year's third-place standing in the division (7-3) followed by a loss to Novi in the first round of districts.

Marody said the Wildcats won't go quietly against any opponent, spearheaded by the desire of her five returning players — Smalls, Burkman, Weber, junior middle hitter Olivia Beyer and sophomore



Looking to serve during a recent contest is Plymouth sophomore Daniella Barile. JOHN KEMSKI / EXPRESS PHOTO

setter/outside hitter Daniella Barile.

"They've been ready to go since the season ended last year," Marody said. "They knew they had some big shoes to fill."

"And they worked hard over the summer in their off-season programs and they're committed to finishing some business we couldn't last year."

The southpaw-swinging Burkman is on the verge of a breakthrough season.

"She is going to be a big leader for us," Marody said. "She has three years on varsity, she really worked hard to get to this point. She's paid her dues on varsity and it's her time to shine."

Net presence

With the jumping ability and wing span of players such as Smalls, Beyer and Burkman, rivals might very well have a hard time finding holes on the Plymouth side of the net.

Orchestrating the 6-2 offense will be Smalls and Barile, who will rotate between setter and elsewhere on the

See **SPIKERS**, Page B3

Budlong stars for Albion College

It didn't take Bob-Budlong long to make a splash with the Albion College men's soccer team.

The 2013 Canton High School graduate and former Chiefs prep star was named the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's first Offensive Player of the Week for the new season.

Budlong, a Canton native, produced four goals and two assists as Albion started the season with victories over Transylvania University, 4-3 in overtime, and the College of Mount Saint Joseph. He had two goals and an assist in each contest.

MU harriers make history

The Madonna University women's cross country team made program history Friday by seizing its first-ever team title as it opened the 2013 season with a first-place finish at the Adrian College Bulldog Invite hosted at Lenawee Christian High School.

MU scored 32 points, followed by Trine (Ind.) University and host Adrian with 43 and 48, respectively.

Junior Bianca Kubicki (Canton) was MU's top finisher, placing second behind University of Michigan-Dearborn's Julia Kassem, who won the 5,000-meter race in 20 minutes, 17.3 seconds.

Kubicki, an NAIA national qualifier last year, finished in 21:13.5.

Also figuring in the scoring for MU was junior Brittany Hayden, seventh (21:54.8); junior Jaclyn Sawasky, 11th (22:48.5); freshman Karlie Gallagher (Livonia Stevenson), 12th (22:55.9); and sophomore Kimberly Ader, 14th (23:05.9).

Host Adrian, led by junior Tom Winkle's first-place time of 16:30.6, captured the men's team title with 31 points, followed by Trine (51), UM-Dearborn (61), Madonna (97) and Lourdes (Ohio) University (143).

Jeffrey Grzywnski was MU's top finisher in fourth (17:23.09), followed by Nathaniel Theobald, 17th (18:20.59); Ryan Carrigan, 31st (19:12.2); Tommy Martin, 41st (20:08.59); and Nick Brubaker, 52nd (21:14.5).

Heroes on Hines races

Wayne County Parks will sponsor its first Heroes on Hines half-marathon and 5-Kilometer races Saturday, Oct. 5, with proceeds going toward the creation and maintenance of the First Responders Memorial to be erected at Hines Drive and Haggerty.

The half-marathon starts at 8 a.m., followed by the 5K at 8:30 a.m. The event is sponsored by Running Fit and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Visit heroesonhines.com.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY PREVIEW - PART 1

Rocks, Chiefs look to hit ground running

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The Big Three is returning for Salem's varsity girls cross country team, while Canton's squad is hungry for success.

Both the Rocks and Chiefs finished 4-1 in their respective division in 2012, with hopes of improvement upon those marks as the 2013 season gets under way.

Following is a closer look at the Salem and Canton squads. (Information for Plymouth's team was not available as of press time.)



Salem's varsity girls cross country team enjoyed plenty of success in 2012 and hope to continue that this fall.

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OPENING NIGHT SIGHTS

Let the gridiron games begin!



Tim Smith

Yes, Tuesday brought the official start of the school year in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

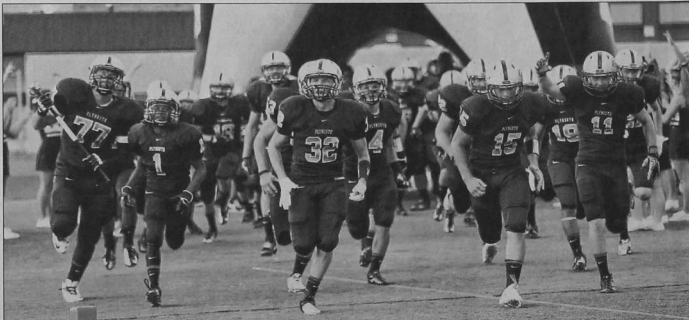
But what really kicked it off — literally — were two exciting high school football openers that took place Thursday at the sprawling athletics complex affectionately referred to by students, teachers, parents and just about everybody else as merely, "The Park."

At the east end of the campus was the annual "Black and Blue" match-up between the Plymouth Wildcats and Salem Rocks. Plymouth won 31-24.

And over at the junior varsity field, located near Beck Road and Plymouth High School, was the Canton opener against Holland West Ottawa, in which the Chiefs prevailed by a 28-21 count.

All three P-CPEF teams could not leave their respective fields victorious, but two out of three isn't too shabby. Both Plymouth and Canton earned Week 1 triumphs and hopefully will ride the momentum into this Friday's tough non-division games at Milford and Brighton, respectively.

The lone team to fall short, the Rocks, will try again Friday for their first victory when they



The Plymouth Wildcats make their way onto the varsity turf field last Thursday before they face Salem. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

welcome Walled Lake Northern to the varsity turf field at 7 p.m.

In addition to all the flying pigskins, scintillating power dashes and booming kickoffs were the sights and sounds of the dawn of another thrilling football season.

Players and coaches made jubilant returns to the fields to open the proceedings, with plenty of encouragement both on and off the field.

Cheerleaders and pom squads for the Chiefs, Wildcats and Rocks all got in on the splendor with enthusiastic routines and shout-outs to the packed bleachers.

Don't forget about fans who showed their

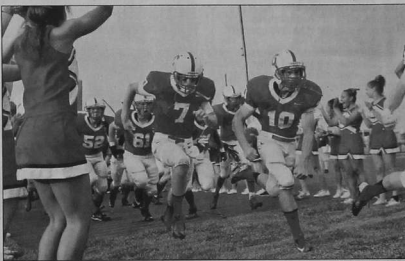
true colors — dressed for their team's success, wearing anything red, black or blue.

There are eight more weeks of the regular season to go, with all of the teams on the march for at least six victories and an automatic berth in the MHSAA playoffs.

And during the next couple of months, players might even look back on the opening night festivities when hitting a rough spot or two.

Prep football is back. So is school. It's the perfect combo.

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Here come the Canton Chiefs, with encouragement from cheerleaders, to kick off the 2013 football season. BRIAN QUINOS

PREP FOOTBALL GRID PICKS

Week 2
Last week
Friday, Sept. 6

All games start at 7 p.m. unless noted

Clarenceville (1-0) at Robichaud (0-1)
W.L. Northern (1-0) at Salem (0-1)
Canton (1-0) at Brighton (1-0)
Plymouth (1-0) at Milford (1-0)
Franklin (1-0) at Howell (1-0)
Churchill (0-1) at Grand Blanc (0-1)
Wayne (0-1) at Pinckney (1-0)
John Glenn (1-0) at Hartland (0-1)
W.L. Central (0-1) at Stevenson (0-1)
Redford Union (0-1) at Garden City (0-1)
Southfield (1-1) at Farmington (0-1), 8 p.m.
Roch Adams (1-0) at Harrison (1-0), 8 p.m.
Tecumseh (1-0) at Thurston (1-0), 1 p.m. Saturday
Harper Woods (0-1) at Luth. Westland (0-1)
Berkley (0-1) at N. Farmington (1-0) 1 p.m.

Emons	O'Meara	Smith	Wright
7-6	9-4	5-8	7-6
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Northern	Northern	Northern	Northern
Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton
Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
Howell	Howell	Howell	Howell
Grand Blanc	Grand Blanc	Churchill	Grand Blanc
Pinckney	Pinckney	Pinckney	Pinckney
Hartland	John Glenn	John Glenn	Hartland
Stevenson	W.L. Central	Stevenson	W.L. Central
Garden City	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City
Southfield	Southfield	Southfield	Southfield
Harrison	Adams	Harrison	Adams
Tecumseh	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston
Luth. West.	Harper Woods	Luth. West.	Luth. West.
N. Farmington	N. Farmington	N. Farmington	Berkley



Plymouth Wildcats fans display good old team spirit last Thursday night. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

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COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Crusaders sweep; remain undefeated

The No. 11-ranked Madonna University volleyball team continued its undefeated season Saturday with a two-match sweep on the final day of the Embury-Riddle Labor Day Classic at the ICI Center in Daytona Beach, Fla. MU opened with a

25-20, 25-11, 25-17 victory over Cardinal Stitch (Wis.) before closing out the tournament with a 3-0 25-15, 25-18, 25-23 win over Montana State-North.

The Crusaders, who improved to 7-0 overall, got 13 kills and 14 digs from Stacey Catalano in

a 3-0 win over Montana State-North.

Kayla Vogel and Emilee Freeman (Lutheran Westland) added 10 and nine kills, respectively, while freshman Katie Breault contributed eight.

The 6-foot-3 Freeman also finished with four

assist blocks and one solo block. Vogel followed with 10 kills, in her second double-digit performance of the day.

Setter Evia Prieditis finished with 40 assist-to-kills. Amanda Obyrick and Roxey Duzey added 11 and 10 digs, respectively.

In the win over Cardinal Stritch (2-4), Vogel led the way with a .750 hitting percentage en route to a team-best 12 kills.

Catalano and Freeman contributed 10 kills apiece, while Prieditis collected 30 assists.

Obyrick paced the defense with 12 digs. On Friday, MU opened tourney play with a pair of 3-2 upsets over No. 5 Oklahoma Baptist (4-2) and No. 10 Embury-Riddle (2-1).

In the 31-29, 25-27, 25-18, 17-25, 15-10 win over host Embury-Riddle, Catalano led the way with 15 kills, while Freeman and Samantha Heide added 13 each.

Prieditis finished with 45 assists, while digs leaders included Obyrick (29), Catalano (24), Samantha Heide (20), Prieditis (12) and Breanna Geile (10).

Embury-Riddle was paced by Emily Jacobson (15 kills), Tamara Ferriera (51 assists) and Hannah Gray (44 digs).

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GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

GIRLS SWIMMING PREVIEW - PART 1

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Wildcats splash way to big win in opener

Plymouth's varsity girls swimming and diving team romped 135-48 over host Tecumseh last Thursday to open the 2013 season.

Four girls led the way by each posting a pair of wins in individual events.

Senior Sarah Dombkowski, picking right up where she left off last season, was victorious in the 50-yard freestyle (25.76 seconds) and 100 butterfly (59.66).

Also double winners for the Wildcats (1-0) were junior Alexa Earls (200 individual medley, 2:20.46; 100 backstroke, 1:04.01), sophomore Allison Lennig (200 freestyle, 2:06.18; 500 freestyle, 5:44.16), and freshman Kathryn Waters (100 freestyle, 1:00.74; 100 breaststroke, 1:26.46).

Plymouth also swept the relays.

Teaming up to win the 200

medley relay in a time of 2:09.39 were Earls, Waters, freshman Helen Tustian and junior Caylin Waters.

The Wildcats scored a victory in the 200 freestyle relay, with the tandem of Dombkowski, Kathryn Waters, freshman Isabella Giacobone and Lennig prevailing in 1:49.45.

Also registering first place and the accompanying eight points was the 400 freestyle relay team of Dombkowski, Earls, Lennig and Giacobone. They finished the event in 3:58.00.

Helping the Plymouth cause by finishing second were Tustian (200 IM, 2:35.73; 100 back, 1:14.20), Caylin Waters (50 free, 28.00; 100 free, 1:02.75) and sophomore Meghana Somsale (100 breast, 1:28.15).

GOLF

Longeway claims second O&E Men's championship

By Brad Emmons

Staff Writer

Dan Longeway used a steady short stick to earn his second Observer & Eccentric Men's Open golf tournament title Monday at Livonia's Whispering Willows.

The Livonia native did not card a birdie, but finished with 16 pars and only two bogeys while shooting a 72 to cap the championship flight. He finished with a two-day total of 141 to lead the 30-player field.

Longeway entered Monday's final round in a four-way tie after shooting a 69 at Fox Creek along with runner-up Joe Johnson, Dan Higham and Nikos Markellos.

But the 57-year-old was able to separate himself by two strokes on the second day.

"I putted well enough to keep it around the hole," said Longeway, a 1974 Franklin High grad who resides in Northville Township. "I had a lot of two- and three-foot putts to save par. And that's really the key. I putted really well, never three-putted in either round."

Johnson, meanwhile, finished with a 69-74-143, while James Pirt of Canton placed third with 70-74-144 total.

Higham, who resides in Livonia, and Markellos, a former standout at Redford Thornton High, tied for fourth at 145 each.

Longeway, who plays out of Dearborn's TPC of Michigan, was impressive Saturday during a 18-hole round at Fox Creek as he shot a 3-



Longeway

under 33 on the front nine while making birdies on hole nos. 7, 8 and 9.

His only bogey came on No. 10. He then went on to record pars on the final eight holes.

Longeway won a \$350 gift certificate and first-place trophy. Johnson took home a \$200 gift certificate.

Moreno wins 1st

Canton's Kevin Moreno earned a playoff victory over close friend Jeff Orzel of Westland to earn the first flight title at the O&E Men's Open.

The 48-year-old Moreno and Mike Cavichio were tied after Day One with identical 76s at Fox Creek.

Moreno finished Monday's final round with an 80 for a 158 total and found himself deadlocked with Orzel, who shot 80-78-158.

The two each parred the par-3, No. 7 on the first sudden death playoff hole, but Moreno won the flight when he hit a 60-degree wedge within eight feet and made the birdie to take home the first-place trophy.

Moreno won a \$175 gift certificate. Orzel took home a \$125 gift card.

West top senior

Livonia's Bruce West shot 74-80-154 to place first in the Senior (55-and-over) flight. West recorded the top score Sunday at Fox Creek and won by a margin of 18 strokes over Northville's James Miynarczyk, who shot 78-80-158.

West won a \$160 gift trophy and a \$160 gift card. Miynarczyk took home a \$110 gift card.

O&E MEN'S GOLF RESULTS

2013 OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEN'S GOLF RESULTS
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OHL BENEFIT GAME IN LIVONIA



From left, Whalers Connor Carrick, Mathieu Henderson, Francesco Vilardi, Matt Misteale and Connor Chatham celebrate Vilardi's goal in the first period Saturday night in a 5-5 tie with Windsor at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia. RENA LAVERY/TIMOTHY WHALERS

Whalers, Spitfires get after it for charity

Teams play to 5-5 tie; more than \$20,000 to go to Fallen Heroes fund, Nehasil Park

The Plymouth Whalers and Windsor Spitfires could play street hockey in the middle of July on a parking lot and competitive sparks would fly.

On Saturday night the Whalers and Spits renewed their rivalry for charity and didn't disappoint a sellout crowd of around 1,000 fans not in a parking lot, but at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena in Livonia.

Proceeds of the game (somewhere north of \$20,000) go directly to the Fallen Heroes Memorial Fund and the Larry Nehasil Park in Livonia. And after Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey thanked the crowd for their attendance and support, the Whalers and Spits got down to business.

Josh Ho-Sang's power play goal with 41 seconds left and Windsor advantage with the goaltender pulled tied the game, closed the scoring and sent the crowd home happy. In a game that featured

distinctive runs for each team, Plymouth and Windsor were less-than-charitable on the ice.

Nevertheless, fans from both sides of the border had smiles on their faces and maybe another group of fans from a solid part of Hockeytown saw the Ontario Hockey League up-close-and-personal for the first time.

The Whalers built a 3-0 lead early into the second period, only to see Windsor score four unanswered goals later in the period to take a 4-3 lead. Plymouth came right back to lead in the third period, 5-4, before Ho-Sang's late goal.

Overage Zach Lorentz scored twice for Plymouth, while Carter Sandiak, Francesco Vilardi and Matt Misteale scored one each.

Besides Ho-Sang's late goal, Slater Koekoek, Steven Janes, Nick Ebert and Brady Vail scored for Windsor.

All four goaltenders who dressed played in the game. Alex Nedeljkovic started for Plymouth and allowed four goals over the first half of the game. Zach Bowman relieved Nedeljkovic and came within seconds of posting a shutout before Ho-Sang's goal.

Dalen Kachemy allowed three goals for Windsor, while Brendan Johnson allowed two.

Outside the blue ice, both head coaches — Mike Vellucci for Plymouth and Bob Boughner for Windsor — played rookies who saw their first action in the OHL.

Whalers pups making their OHL debuts included Connor Chatham, Cullen Mercer,

Bryce Yetman, Spencer Lee, Josh Wesley, Mathieu Henderson, Yannick Rathgeb and Vince Scognamiglio. Vilardi made his Whalers debut, but has played in Sudbury and Sandiak played in Guelph and Belleville before coming to Plymouth.

BOWLING

Westland's Wilt makes Detroit Hall of Fame

The Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame Committee, a committee of the Metro Detroit USBC Association (MDUSBC), has elected six new members, including Westland's Angela Wilt, to its Hall of Fame.

Three others, including Livonia's Michael DeRousse, will be honored for special awards increasing the number of hall of fame members to 249.

Joining Wilt in the prestigious hall will be Cynthia Patterson, Taylor, Eddie Grace, Howell, Carol Schermers, Clarkston; Leonard Cianciolo, Warren; and the late Bill Crook Sr.

Sharon Schildroth of Grandville and Joe Zainea of Detroit will also receive special awards.

Wilt is the consummate team player. As a testament to that, she has been a member of four Michigan State WBA title teams (2003, 2005, 2008 and 2011) and four MDUSBC title teams (2007, 2008, 2011 and 2013).

In 2003, Wilt won the Detroit WBA doubles. She has also been named to the Detroit WBA/MDUSBC All-City team seven times (1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2007, 2009 and 2011).

Other titles include TNBA National Championship Mixed team in 2001, TNBA National Championship team and doubles in 2005 and TNBA National Championship team in 2011. Twice she has finished runner-up in the Detroit Queens (2005 and 2012).

Meanwhile, DeRousse will receive the Judge Watts Award for making outstanding contributions to the promotion of bowling.

Induction ceremonies will be Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013 at DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention Center, 6015 E. 10 Mile Road, Warren. Cocktails will be served at 4 p.m., dinner at 5 p.m. with ceremonies to follow. Tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased through the MDUSBC office at (248) 443-2695, Ext. 104.

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SKYLINE 6

PLYMOUTH 3

Aug. 29 at Plymouth

No. 1 singles: Rahul Gupta (S) defeated Jordan Lu, 6-4, 7-5. **No. 2:** David Chen (S) del. Matt Decker, 6-4, 6-1. **No. 3:** Luke Cheng (S) del. Charlie Hou, 6-2, 6-1. **No. 4:** Jon Cron (P) del. Anya Sarabhai, 7-6, 6-0. **No. 1 doubles:** Nathan Gross-Frederic Kouch (S) del. David Hoff-Kevin Hou, 6-0, 7-6. **No. 2:** Matt Shanley-Vivier Shetty (S) del. Tyler Smith-Yogesh Mahapatra, 6-0, 1-6, 6-4. **No. 3:** Devin Patel-Austin Kapur (P) del. Vishnu Kapatana-El Tamer, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2. **No. 4:** Jesse Cheng-Kai McEwen (S) del. Matt McDonald-Ramona Ramanaiah, 6-3, 6-3. **No. 5:** Alex Tisack-Charlie Anderson (P) del. Michael Hastings-Milan Patel, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4. **Dual match records:** Plymouth, 1-1 overall; Farmington, 0-1.

PLYMOUTH 3

DEXTER 2

Aug. 29 at Plymouth

No. 1 singles: Jordan Lu (P) defeated Sam Gough, 6-1, 6-3. **No. 2:** Matt Decker (P) del. Spencer Radtman, 6-0, 6-2. **No. 3:** Michael Desrovi (P) del. Charlie Hou, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1. **No. 4:** Jon Cron (P) del. Graham Hastings, 6-1, 2-6, 7-5. **No. 1 doubles:** Matt Rose-Charlie Beach (D) del. David Hoff-Kevin Hou, 4-6, 7-5, 7-5. **No. 2:** Tyler Smith-Yogesh Mahapatra (P) del. Kyle Kuhn-Cole Williams, 6-1, 6-2. **No. 3:** Devin Patel-Austin Kapur (P) del. Andrew Shetty-Rishi Chhabra, 6-1, 6-2. **No. 4:** Matt McDonald-Ramona Ramanaiah (P) del. Steve Bocco-Benson Weiger, 6-2, 6-0. **No. 5:** Alex Tisack-Charlie Anderson (P) del. Deshaun Dineen-Cohen, 6-1, 6-1. **Note:** Plymouth reclaimed the Plater Cup trophy trophy by defeating Dexter. **Dual match records:** Plymouth, 1-0 overall; Farmington, 0-1.

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'Music Man' star Shirley Jones to meet fans at Redford Theatre screening



Shirley Jones will visit the Redford Theater, Sept. 13-15. GETTY IMAGES



A scene from the musical film, 'The Music Man.'



The Livonia Youth Symphony Orchestra will perform at the Redford Theatre's screening of "The Music Man," with Shirley Jones.

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Shirley Jones was on her way to college to become a veterinarian, when the future *Partridge Family* mom took a life-changing detour and ended up on the Broadway stage.

"My folks drove me to New York that summer and I called a pianist I knew. He talked me into auditioning for Rodgers and Hammerstein's casting director," Jones said, during a recent phone interview from her California home. "I never made it to college."

Instead, she landed a chorus part in *South Pacific*, became the only performer under personal contract to Rodgers and Hammerstein, and less than a year later starred in her first major musical film, *Oklahoma!*

"I was so green and young, I thought this happened to everybody. I thought, oh, boy, show business is easy."

The 79-year-old star of film, stage and television will talk about her career and will meet fans during a screening of *The Music Man*, Sept. 13-15 at the Redford Theatre in Detroit. She'll sign autographs, pose for photos and talk about the film, in which she co-starred with Robert Preston.

Copies of her new tell-all autobiography, *Shirley Jones: A Memoir*, also will be available for purchase.

In addition to musicals, Jones also worked in dramatic film and television — winning an Oscar for her portrayal of a prostitute in the 1960 drama, *Elmer Gantry*. Baby boomers may know her best for her work on the 1970-74 television show, *The Partridge Family*, in which she co-starred with her stepson, David Cassidy. In recent years, Jones has completed several feature films, made guest appearances on television shows, and continues to tour in concert. She has three children, Shaun, Patrick and Ryan Cassidy with the late Jack Cassidy and is married to comedian and producer Marty Ingels.

'THE MUSIC MAN'

What: Actress-singer Shirley Jones attends screenings of the film, "The Music Man," in which she starred, along with Robert Preston. She'll meet fans and sign autographs. All shows will include a performance by the Livonia Youth Symphony Orchestra and a strolling barbershop quartet.

When: Doors open 6:45 p.m., and film gets under way at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 13-14, doors at 11:45 a.m. with film at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15. Jones will arrive in a classic limo.

Where: The Redford Theatre, located on Lahser, just north of Grand River Avenue in Detroit.

Tickets: \$6

Contact: 313-283-0225; 248-615-3651; redford-theatre.com

Jones talked to the *Observer* about her life and career:

Q: Are you still an animal lover?

A: Big time. If my career ended tomorrow I'd go to every vet and say, can I help? I have two dogs and I lost a cat less than a year ago. I have two bird feeders out and I'm looking at hummingbirds right now.

Q: Do you regret not becoming a vet?

A: I didn't because everything took a different turn for me. I did nothing to make it all happen except I was able to sing, so my feeling was it was meant to be. I've had an extraordinary career in every way.

Q: Where do you rank 'The Music Man' in your career? What does it mean to you?

A: It's really almost No. 1 as musicals go for me. In fact, next year is the 50th anniversary of *The Music Man* and my son, Patrick, and I are taking it out on a concert tour. We'll do film clips and talk about the movie and the fact that I was pregnant with him all during the shoot.

Q: What was it like working with your stepson, David Cassidy, on 'The Partridge Family'?

A: It was wonderful. It was great for David because it made him the star he is. It wasn't my kind of music ... but for me it was a great time. I was the first working mother on television.

Q: Is that the character you most identify with?

A: Oh, sure. I was offered *The Brady Bunch* first and I said no because my agent said don't do it. But the other reason was I just didn't want to be the mother taking the roast out of the oven. Then *Partridge* came up and I realized this was a different kind of role for a mother on television.

Q: Why did you write the memoir? Had you kept diaries?

A: Simon & Schuster came to me with the idea. I wasn't sure I wanted to do it. But I figured, I'm almost 80 years old. If I'm ever going to do it, now is the time. So, I got this writer they suggested and spent days on end with her, talking and writing and co-writing. I figured people know me as an actress, they know my career, but they don't know my life. They might as well know I'm a real person as well.

Q: What do you do for fun when you're not working?

A: I haven't had much time lately. But you know, I have 12 grandchildren. They range from 35 to 1 1/2.

Q: What's the best thing about being a grandmother?

A: It is so great for me. I never had girls, I had all boys. Now my first granddaughter is a makeup artist in the business. She does my makeup when I work.

Q: When you're on tour, greeting fans and seeing your movie, what do you look forward to the most?

A: Having my martini afterward, (laughs) but you know I still enjoy people and everyone is so nice. I'm so grateful for the career I've had.

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GET OUT! CALENDAR

ARTS, CRAFTS GALLERY @ VT

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, during public performances and by appointment, through Sept. 29
Location: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Nicholas Wilson shows paintings and half-screen-printed wood box panels in this mixed media show called "Technology and the Immortal Condition"

Contact: 734-394-5300; cantonvillagegalleries.org

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Sept. 28
Artist talk: is 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6

Location: 215 W. Gady, Northville

Details: Terry Lee Dill's solo exhibition, "Dimorphism" consists of elaborate drawings in black ink and gold leaf. For the past 20 years, Dill conceptualized fantastical buildings as metaphors of his day. His work shows the whimsy of Dr. Seuss, M.C. Escher and Erich Mendelsohn.
Contact: 248-344-0497; www.northvillagersarts.org

FILM PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 6-7; 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8
Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "The Internship," admission \$3

Coming up: "The Lone Ranger," 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13 and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 14-15

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 13-14, and 1 p.m. Sept. 15

Location: 13600 Lahser, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit
Details: "Music Man," with Robert Preston and Shirley Jones, \$6. Jones will appear live at all shows. Autographs will be \$20 per item. Fans may select one of the 8- by 10-in. qb glasses provided or bring their own personal item to be autographed. Photos with Jones will be \$10

Coming up: 8 p.m. Sept. 27 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sept. 28, "The Graduate," with Anne Bancroft and Dustin Hoffman, along with the Pink Panther in "The Pink Panther"
Contact: 313-537-2560

HISTORICAL PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday-Sunday

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: The current exhibit, BATV, highlights leisure activities that families and individuals engaged in before television. The exhibit runs through Nov. 10. Admission \$5 for adults and \$2 for students 6-17

Contact: www.plymouth-history.org; 734-455-8940

MUSIC FARMINGTON PLAYERS BARN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14

Location: 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Peter Oprisko takes on the role of Frank Sinatra in this tribute concert, "Fabulous Frank." The show will include such Sinatra classics as "Strangers in the Night," "New York, New York," and "Fly Me to the Moon," as well as a retrospective of his career. Tickets are \$19 for adults and \$17 for seniors and students

Other concerts at the Barn: "Magic Bus," with music from the Woodstock era, Nov. 5; "Songs We Love," a compilation of songs from the Rat Pack era, Jan. 11, 2014; and performances by Blackstar, a Players Barn tradition for St. Patrick's Day, March 7-8, 2014

Contact: 248-473-1856

JAZZ AT THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7:10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month — except December

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1788, 4700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds from Jazz Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans.

Contact: 734-453-1780 or email to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

Time/Date: 7:30-10 p.m. every Monday

Location: 884 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: Open mic for music and poetry; come and show your creative side.

Saturday featured artist:



Terry Lee Dill's solo exhibition includes fantastical buildings drawn in ink and gold pen. It opens Sept. 6 at Northville Art House.

Marco Azil and RJ Redine, Sept. 7. Featured performer concerts start at 8 p.m.

Contact: 734-454-0178

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Empty Chair Night, Sept. 8: Singers Sing Songs Tribute with John D. Lamb, Dave Edwards, Al Jacques, Charlie Springer and Bob Monteleone, Sept. 13: The Yellow Room Gang featuring Mustard's Retreat, Annie Capps, Matt Watroba and Kitter Donohoe, Sept. 14: Songwriters Anonymous Showcase, Sept. 20: The Boogie Woogie Kid Matthew Ball, Sept. 21: Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted.
Contact: 734-464-6302

VIVACE SERIES

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28

Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The David Glukh International Ensemble performs improvisation, Yiddish classics, klezmer, and masterpieces by Tchaikovsky, Verdi and Puccini. An afterglow will follow the concert. General admission is \$23; members, seniors and students under 18 pay \$20.
Contact: Joyce Chersat at 248-788-9328 or Ann Sipher at 248-661-3488

SOMETHING DIFFERENT DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. through Oct. 31

Location: 1696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-51, \$12 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$9 for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

Zoo Brew: Sample more than 80 beers from Michigan craft breweries, 6-10:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27. Attendees must be 21 or over; photo ID will be required. The event includes complimentary tram tours and zookeeper talks as well as entertainment by rock band The Hard Lessons with special guest Mud Orange, blues guitarist/vocalist Laith Al-Saadi and blues-rock artist Pete "Big Dog" Fetter. Advance tickets are \$35 until Sept. 20. At detroit-zoo.org/event/zoobrew or 840 after that date online or at the gate
Contact: 248-541-5717

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Time/Date: 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26

Location: Downtown Plymouth

Details: Visit more than 20 participating shops and enjoy shopping, gifts, samples, prizes and refreshments. Several restaurants will also have special drinks, appetizers and more. Mr. 48170 will hand out roses to the first 500 women, courtesy of Ribur Floral.

Contact: plymouthmich.org

THEATER FARMINGTON HILLS YOUTH PLAYERS

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8

Location: The Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Auditions for "Tarzan The Stage Musical," which will be performed Nov. 15, 17 and 22-24 with two casts performing on different dates. Actors act in the show pay a registration fee and must attend a mandatory parent meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 23, at the Costick Center. Participants may drop in at any time during the audition hours. Auditions are open to both residents and nonresidents. No prior preparation is necessary. Participants should bring a recent school photo with them to the auditions. All other materials will be supplied. Some preliminary materials will be available for review beginning Aug. 23 at www.fhgc.org/YouthTheatre.
Contact: The Cultural Arts Division at 248-473-1859

SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Sept. 13-14



Peter Oprisko will perform a Frank Sinatra tribute concert, Sept. 14 at the Farmington Players Barn Theatre.

20-21 and 21 p.m. Sept. 15 and 22

Location: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: The group stages the musical comedy, "Hairspray." Tickets are \$18 for adults, and \$16 for seniors and youth

Location: www.canton-mi.org/village-theater

TLC PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7



Tickets are available now for the David Glukh International Ensemble's Vivace Series concert in Farmington Hills.

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: TLC Productions presents an anthology of rock and roll music. Performers include Dave Schmidt of Northville, on guitar; John Fitzgerald of Commerce, on bass guitar; Cheryl Chanko of South Lyon, on keyboard; and Bob Espinoza of Canton, on drums, along with vocalists Tim Chanko of Canton, Maureen Paventy of Redford, and Kara Fay Cardella of Ypsilanti. Tickets are \$15, call 734-

3945300 or 734-394-5460 or visit www.canton-mi.org/village-theater or tclproductions.org. Or buy tickets at the door up to one hour before show time.
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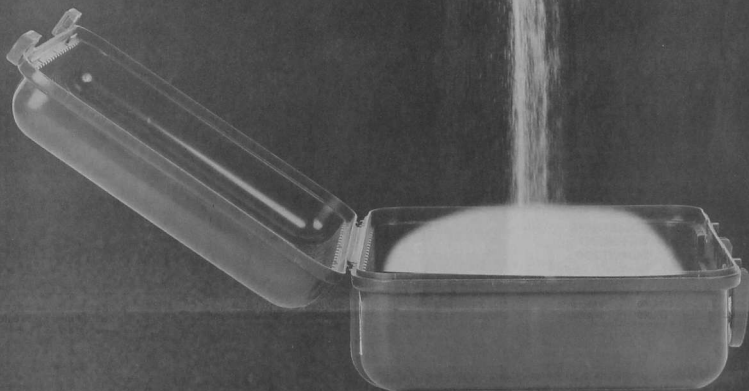
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Why does sodium matter? A 2012 study of children and adolescents found that higher sodium consumption was associated with increased blood pressure. This effect was even greater in overweight and obese participants compared to normal weight participants.

In addition, research suggests that children's taste for salt develops as they are exposed to it. The less sodium children consume, the less they want it. Children's taste for salt may be reduced if they are exposed to lower sodium diets at a young age. Eating less sodium can help lower blood pressure during childhood, which can help lower the risk of high blood pressure as an adult.

Where's the sodium?

Understanding sodium in foods can be confusing, especially when food that otherwise seems healthy may have high levels of sodium. Most of the sodium we eat doesn't come from the salt shaker, but is found in processed and restaurant foods, such as pizza and breads, soups, cheese and meat.

What's a parent to do?

Here are some tips to help tackle high sodium in your child's lunchbox:

» Read food labels and compare the sodium amount in different products, then choose the options with the lowest amounts of sodium. Some varieties of bread can vary from 80 to 230 mg of sodium per slice. That can make a big difference in lunchtime sandwiches.

» Pack fresh fruits and vegetables with lunch every day, like a small bag of baby carrots, snow peas, or grape tomatoes.

» For a healthy snack, make trail mix using unsalted nuts, dried fruits and whole grain cereal.

» When buying prepared meals, look for those with less than 600mg of sodium per serving.

By packing a lower sodium school lunch for your children, you are not only setting them up for success in the classroom, but also in life. With your help, your children can develop healthy, low sodium eating habits that will last throughout their lives and help improve their heart health.

For additional information about children and sodium and more tips for parents to help lower their family's sodium intake, visit www.cdc.gov/salt.

TOP 10 SODIUM SOURCES

People aged 2-19 years old

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Tip: Put snack mix in individual snack-size bags for a great grab-and-go snack.

Marsh takes reins at Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Duane Marsh is pleased to be the new CEO of the Farmington-based Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors. "Both my wife and I are native Michiganders and we wanted to come home," he said. "GMAR offered a great opportunity."

He's following in the footsteps of Dale E. Smith, who retired. Marsh took over July 1, previously serving as executive director of the Illinois Funeral Directors in Springfield, Ill., where he was for five years.

Marsh has about 25 years experience in association and chamber of commerce work. He earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration in 1982 from Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, and also holds an M.B.A. from CMU.

Before the Springfield, Ill. position, Marsh was president of the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce.

He noted both funeral directors and Realtors work in licensed professions.

"As a result of being licensed, they're highly regulated." Both fields call for continuing education, ethics training and advocacy. "Different professions but similar needs," Marsh said.

He's originally from a small town in Michigan's Thumb, Marlette, while wife Nancy, a dental hygienist, hails from Saginaw. They have a 22-year-old son who recently graduated from the University of Illinois-Springfield with a bachelor's degree in economics.

The couple is trying to sell their Springfield, Ill., home and will relocate here. "Just grateful to be back home for our old friends and family," he said.

The GMAR office is now on Drake in Farmington. Although efforts are under way to sell the building and move to a more central location. GMAR was



Marsh

formed several years ago with the merger of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors and the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors. Its metro Detroit area members include Macomb County now so a more central location makes sense.

"The last few years have been very difficult" in real estate, Marsh agreed. "We're having new people enter the field in relatively large numbers." Home sales are up significantly, too.

Marsh has appreciated the warm welcome he's received, including help from the board, committees and staff. "It's a new field," he said of real estate's particulars. "They've all been very helpful."

He has two sisters, several cousins and a couple aunts living in Michigan. "Being from Michigan and knowing the quality of people here, it's just overwhelming," he said of the welcome.

In addition to family and friend time, Marsh enjoys golf and other exercise.

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Check with lawyer on pontoon boat use on lake

Q: Our association is considering prohibiting the use of pontoon boats on the lake adjoining the Red Lobster. I am wondering if it has the authority to do that since it is an adjoining lake that we are talking about. Do you think?

A: It all depends on the facts and provisions of the particular documents, but in a recent case out of an Illinois appellate court, a homeowners' association was not required to have express rule-making authority in order to limit the types of watercraft that residents can use on an adjoining lake. The court basically concluded that the association had implicit authority to regulate the use of the lake as common property.

The court cited the Restatement of Property: Servitudes which makes clear that where the homeowner's association has the responsibility of administering the common property for the common good of the members, it must have the implicit power to make reasonable regulations regarding the use of the common property.

You are best advised to consult with a community association attorney.

Q: I am an apartment owner and I am worried about liability for a drowning by guests of my tenants. I am wondering if you have any case law that would help the landlord in that type of situation.

A: In a Mississippi Supreme Court case, recently decided, the landlord owned an apartment complex with a swimming pool. The property regulations required guests to be accompanied by a tenant in order to enter the pool area. A 17-year-old boy visiting his uncle who lived in the apartment complex went to the pool without his uncle and drowned when he went in the deep end of the pool despite being unable to swim. In that case, the plaintiff sued for wrongful death alleging that the landlord breached a duty to keep the pool in a reasonably safe condition.

However, the court concluded that the defendant could only be liable to the plaintiff's son because the plaintiff's son became a trespasser once he entered the pool without his uncle. You should check with your attorney regarding your jurisdiction for further advice.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and BarnesandNoble.com. He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4333 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

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CANTON	
43660 Appomattox Ct	\$157,000
2388 Barkhill Rd	\$81,000
42658 Beechwood Dr	\$197,000
1933 Bellingham St	\$138,000
6835 Brookshire Dr	\$180,000
43175 Carlisle Ct	\$207,000
3441 Barry Grove Rd	\$178,000
4005 Cornerstone Dr	\$83,000
2504 Cranbrook Rd	\$180,000
2073 E Roundtable Dr	\$165,000
52754 Farnesia Blvd	\$178,000
668 Georgetown Way	\$119,000
41544 Glade Rd	\$154,000
50324 Grant St	\$234,000
45622 Hankin Dr	\$204,000
4615 Hunters Cir E	\$70,000
50995 Jackson Ln	\$200,000
2406 Lexington Cir S	\$227,000
2063 Lone Wolf Ln	\$140,000
4195 Lona Wolf Ln	\$145,000
46621 Maldstone Rd	\$233,000
42312 Metaline Dr	\$244,000
255 Morgan Dr	\$180,000
4577 Patrick Dr	\$173,000
1911 S Pennfield Ln	\$77,000
820 Sandpiper Ct	\$234,000
1440 Stafford Dr	\$255,000
256 Shana St	\$119,000
371 Shepherd Ln	\$174,000
4509 Shoreview Dr	\$231,000
48950 Stoneridge Ct E	\$159,000
1708 Thistle Dr	\$225,000
42070 Trent Dr	\$215,000
43569 W Arbor Way Dr	\$278,000
1284 W Crystal Cir	\$72,000
GARDEN CITY	

6566 Deering St	\$70,000
5505 Fairview St	\$167,000
28921 James St	\$88,000
823 Lathens St	\$80,000
1124 Lathers St	\$54,000
32322 Oakwood St	\$110,000
LIVONIA	
33075 Allen St	\$140,000
35295 Ann Arbor Trl	\$200,000
9831 Arden St	\$167,000
15992 Brentwood St	\$172,000
9231 Butwell St	\$120,000
4924 Cardwell St	\$120,000
14194 Cavell St	\$172,000
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36249 Club Dr	\$295,000
29739 Curtis Rd	\$180,000
36325 Fairway Dr	\$165,000
17224 Fairway St	\$145,000
31750 Greenmads St	\$120,000
9327 Houghton St	\$129,000
14209 Houghton St	\$170,000
15180 Houghton St	\$150,000
14194 Hubbell St	\$115,000
19122 Irving Dr	\$130,000
27648 Joy Rd	\$97,000
30080 Joy Rd	\$43,000
14147 Krokston Ave	\$153,000
18611 Maplewood St	\$120,000
9904 Mayfield St	\$139,000
32249 Meadowbrook St	\$102,000
11307 Meridian Rd	\$85,000
29780 Minton St	\$120,000
8837 Nevada St	\$107,000
15037 Nova St	\$159,000
17214 Okonto Ave	\$285,000
8875 Operto St	\$145,000
33347 Oregon St	\$139,000
8866 Richmond Ave	\$219,000
16460 Riverside St	\$159,000
36333 St Andrews Dr	\$295,000
39070 Stacey Dr	\$243,000
34110 Trillium Ct	\$215,000
30074 Westfield St	\$110,000
NORTHVILLE	
42381 Anchor Ct	\$115,000

44825 Aspen Ridge Dr	\$310,000
16895 Brookline Blvd	\$184,199
16713 Carriage Way	\$148,000
39499 Champion Ct	\$250,000
39513 Champion Ct	\$214,000
16552 Country Knoll Dr	\$120,000
17904 Crestbrook Dr	\$150,000
46418 Circle Downs W	\$509,000
17017 Glenmoor Dr	\$401,000
49201 Hidden Ridge Dr	\$112,000
47541 Marwood Dr	\$625,000
17651 Maple Hill Dr	\$330,000
46655 Merion Cir	\$245,000
49439 N Glacier	\$562,000
50871 Northstar Way	\$690,000
46296 Pickford St	\$129,000
735 Randolph St	\$138,000
700 W Main St	\$279,000
18062 Willowover Dr	\$704,000
18324 Woodbury Ct	\$895,000
19911 Woodhill Dr	\$300,000
PLYMOUTH	
350 Blanche St	\$45,000
11920 Charlette Dr	\$403,000
11864 Deer Creek Cir	\$480,000
13956 Eaton Dr	\$335,000
12855 Hollywood Dr	\$449,000
1231 Linden St	\$530,000
1231 Linden St	\$479,000
50958 Northview	\$280,000
49985 Powell Ridge Ct	\$480,000
48084 Saint Andrews Sq	\$320,000
15143 Thornridge Dr	\$221,000
11332 Tremont Ln	\$282,000
320 W Ann Arbor Trl	\$127,000
11000 Westbury Rd	\$350,000
REDFORD	
19953 Centralia	\$35,000
8841 Dixie	\$38,000
26629 Dun	\$50,000
26046 Fordson Hwy	\$47,000
19401 Garfield	\$40,000
24610 Graham Rd	\$80,000
9375 Hemingway	\$61,000
16883 Lincoln	\$73,000
16429 Kinloch	\$32,000

18697 Kinloch	\$34,000
18419 Lenore St	\$85,000
13502 Lenore	\$18,000
19465 Lexington	\$30,000
8828 Mercedes	\$55,000
9628 Mercedes	\$60,000
19383 Norborne	\$34,000
13570 Royal Grand	\$55,000
24943 S Sylbert Dr	\$40,000
12840 Tecumseh	\$70,000
26046 W Seven Mile Rd	\$50,000
26414 W Chicago St	\$130,000
15409 Woodbine	\$13,000
WAYNE	
23501 Annapolis St	\$113,000
36422 Center Ct	\$80,000
3405 Elizabeth St	\$89,000
2988 S Hubbard St	\$55,000
4691 W Glenview St	\$40,000
33923 Windstar St	\$13,000
WESTLAND	
2127 Second St	\$42,000
32749 Avondale St	\$34,000
38706 Avondale St	\$85,000
30566 Bradford St	\$40,000
38288 Carolan Blvd	\$48,000
26202 Center Dr	\$98,000
6948 Chivara St	\$50,000
1213 Dowling Ct	\$126,000
7600 Gary Ave	\$47,000
31038 Gladys Ave	\$72,000
34059 Grandview Ave	\$45,000
11 N Sylvania St	\$270,000
5810 Noverbury Estates Dr	\$150,000
7902 Rivergate Dr	\$76,000
1866 S Glenview St	\$30,000
837 S Hawthorne St	\$177,000
38040 Stephen Ct	\$128,000
770 Superior Pkwy	\$174,000
1575 Susan St	\$66,000
7255 W Frumlin Ct	\$48,000
1007 Woodbourne St	\$89,000
7590 Woodview St	\$30,000

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15621 Buckingham Ave	\$244,000
16156 Elizabeth St	\$113,000
23465 E Main St	\$320,000
31363 W Rutland St	\$200,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1055 Danmar Ct	\$479,000
1898 Latham St	\$475,000
1532 Mansfield Rd	\$175,000
1700 Pembroke Rd	\$165,000
323 Wimbledon Dr	\$418,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
2553 Yorkshire Ln	\$222,000
3987 Oakhills Dr	\$325,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLSHIP	
2801 Acorn Rd	\$268,000
2668 Brook Dr	\$260,000
3555 Middlebury Ln	\$327,000
4178 Stoneleigh Rd	\$656,000

25860 W 14 Mile Rd	\$138,000
1942 W Ard Rd	\$109,000
5120 Woodlands Ln	\$105,000
42160 Woodward Ave	\$105,000
COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP	
4587 Rainwater Dr	\$395,000
FARMINGTON	
30238 Astor St	\$105,000
3200 Grand River Ave	\$35,000
Unit 5	\$15,000
23811 Logansport St	\$330,000
21144 Robinwood St	\$170,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
22950 Canfield Ave	\$175,000
25389 Chapelweigh Dr	\$118,000
31136 Country Ridge Cir	\$303,000
21484 Flinders St	\$185,000
21925 Flinders St	\$180,000
28728 Green Castle Rd	\$160,000
28155 Greening St	\$210,000
23364 Haynes St	\$600,000
33638 Hillcrest Dr	\$190,000
35104 Knollwood Ln	\$195,000
37537 Legends Trail Dr	\$217,000
39160 Oxbow Ct	\$191,000

21785 Parklane St	\$290,000
34087 Ramble Hills Dr	\$470,000
28305 Rolcrest Rd	\$243,000
24195 S Duncan Cir	\$195,000
24195 S Duncan Cir	\$161,000
34902 Valley Forge Dr	\$205,000
30350 Westbrook Dr	\$160,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
17574 Lincoln Dr	\$138,000
28725 Sunset Blvd W	\$135,000
MILFORD	
617 E Summit St	\$125,000
28717 Elogry Rd	\$191,000
NORTHVILLE	
48781 Castello Ct	\$176,000
933 Coldspring Dr	\$176,000
21661 Connemara Dr	\$294,000
21629 N Center St	\$170,000
43570 Serenity Dr	\$433,000
25559 Southwood Dr	\$170,000
20878 W Glen Haven Cir	\$123,000
NOVI	
2034 Austin Dr	\$132,000
47350 Baker St	\$477,000
30135 Brightwood Dr	\$269,000
30141 Brightwood Dr	\$257,000

50686 Calvert Isle Dr	\$650,000
202 Charlotte Dr	\$175,000
41510 Cypress Valley	\$225,000
44582 Ellery Ln	\$166,000
42601 Falkner Dr	\$255,000
23569 Londonderry	\$121,000
41151 McMahar Dr	\$155,000
24934 Portsmouth Ave	\$330,000
28476 Traci Trl	\$220,000
40539 W 10 Mile Rd	\$150,000
SOUTH LYON	
48080 Whispering Ln	\$215,000
SOUTHLYN	
58077 Brentwood Dr	\$299,000
58697 Castle Ct	\$338,000
55116 Glenwood Ct	\$320,000
25115 Martindale Rd	\$163,000
SOUTHFIELD	
21721 Frazier Ave	\$115,000
19186 Midway Rd	\$33,000
25559 Southwood Dr	\$150,000
27855 Tyler St	\$84,000
WHITE LAKE	
9357 Mandon Rd	\$182,000
1363 Red Oak Lake Rd	\$30,000
325 Shottwell Ct	\$173,000

Seminar

The Meisner Law Group announced that Robert M. Meisner will conduct a four-week course, Tuesdays in October from 7-9 p.m. covering "Introduction to Successful Condominium Operation."

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Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N.

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Free foreclosure tours

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RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

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The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors can ask questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. each first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

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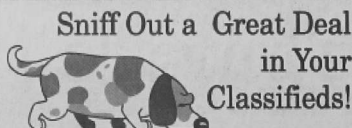
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20 MPG, auto trans, red-
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CD changer, spoiler, Heated
Seats, nickel trim, power dms.
Brakes & rotors 1 year old. No
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