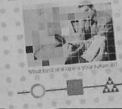


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Predator gets 6-20 years in prison

Walled Lake man had pleaded guilty

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer



Hermann

Child predator Jesse Adam Hermann was sentenced to prison for 6-20 years after he pleaded guilty to charges arising from allegations he tried to have sex with a Canton

woman and her 3-year-old daughter.

Hermann, 35, learned his fate when Wayne County Circuit Judge Lawrence Talon last week handed down his Hermann's guilty plea to one count each of child sexually abusive commercial activity and using a computer

and the Internet to communicate with the girl's mother to commit a crime.

Hermann, a former truck driver and self-employed artist from Walled Lake, could potentially serve the 20-year maximum sentence for the charges against him.

"He's a good person who got caught up in a bad situation," defense attorney David Cripps said Tuesday.

"Finally this chapter is

closed for Jesse Hermann," Cripps said. "He has gone through a lot of turmoil and suffering as a result of the arrest and incarceration and legal proceedings. He needed to put an end to this for himself and the court system."

"He decided to step forward and end this with the plea he entered so he can move ahead with his life and the door can be closed on this," Cripps said.

Law enforcement authori-

ties already had applauded the outcome of Hermann's case, saying he was a child predator who was captured after he tried to initiate sex with the mother and her 3-year-old girl through Facebook instant messages.

Hermann was arrested Feb. 13 by Canton police outside the Holiday Inn Express near Lotz Road and Michigan Avenue,

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Joe Kelly, with wife Dottie, hopes to be able to do more than just sit in his garden after recovering from a liver transplant.

District adds K-12 director, third A.D.

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

One of the things new Superintendent Dr. Michael Meissen determined upon his arrival this summer was that the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park needed more administrative support for its athletic programs.

On Tuesday, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education gave it to him, unanimously approving a resolution that will allow Meissen to hire a new K-12 director for athletics and activities, plus an additional assistant principal to bolster the athletic director ranks.

Meissen said with more than two dozen athletic offerings at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and some 85-90 student activities, adding some accountability is crucial to continued success. Meissen pointed out to board members that some 40 percent of high school students take part in one or more sport.

"The general goal is to have students participate," Meissen said. "Their attendance increases, incidents of behavioral problems decrease, student achievement trends up. To build a structure of accountability in this area and expand upon the strong programs we offer, we believe, is central to the mission and strategic priorities moving forward."

The changes came about as the result of work done by a committee that undertook the task of assessing the structure. According to Brodie Killian, the district's assistant superintendent for business and operations, the work stemmed from "a couple of unfortunate incidents" at the Park.

Killian told board members the committee sought the input from community stakeholders, some 500 of whom responded to a survey. He said results of

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ON THE SLOW ROAD

Transplant survivor takes one step forward, two back

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Joe Kelly was never a University of Michigan fan.

But Kelly, sporting a blue U-M polo shirt and slowly recovering from a liver transplant, is happy to shout "Go Blue!" now.

Kelly, a longtime Canton resident and retired Unisys employee, said he owes his life to, among others, the doctors and staff at the University of Michigan Hospital after surviving the surgery that replaced his non-functioning liver.

"It's the most difficult thing I've ever had to go through," Kelly said. "U-M has one hell of a medical staff. You can take what they tell you to the bank. I have a whole new appreciation for organ donor programs."

While Kelly's surgery is recent, his

HELPING HANDS

What: Spaghetti dinner fundraiser to help Canton couple Joe and Dottie Kelly
When: Noon to 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 6
Where: St. Richard's Parish, 35637 Cherry Hill in Westland

Details: Fat Chef in a Little Coat is catering the spaghetti dinner, bake sale (parishioners of St. Richard's and St. Thomas a Becket in Canton); face painting by Kim; basket raffles; 50/50 raffles every hour; door prizes.
Cost: \$5 at the door

battle with liver disease is not. He was diagnosed with hepatitis back in the early 1970s, about a year after he'd gotten out of the U.S. Army. He was treated and released and didn't think much of it

for the next 20 years or so.

When Unisys closed the Pennsylvania plant he was working at around 1990, Kelly was going to leave the company. But he was offered an opportunity to move to Michigan and he took it. Through the years, physicals turned up nothing about a malfunctioning liver and Kelly didn't really worry about it.

By 2012, his weight was good, he was walking a lot and playing golf two or three times a week — like a healthy person. But in August 2012, he found he was retaining fluid. The surprising diagnosis: cirrhosis of the liver.

The Kellys were shocked. "They told us cirrhosis can be dormant for a very long time," said Dottie Kelly, who works at Mans Lumber in Canton. "It reared its ugly head and

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Slew of Canton fire, police employees earn promotions

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton's elected leaders Tuesday evening recognized a starting 16 police and fire employees for promotions — the largest group in recent memory to collectively move up in rank, Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler said.

As family members took pictures and applauded, the police and fire officials received recognition by the Canton Township Board of Trustees. Their promotions came after Canton's police

and fire departments witnessed a flurry of retirements.

Mutchler lauded the contributions of the retirees and said their departures position the Canton Public Safety Department for fresh leaders.

"We're very excited about this," he said. "We're very much prepared for the future. Great things are happening in Canton Public Safety."

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy named off the promotions one by one as the employees earned their new badges. Most, but not all, of the police and fire

officials were able to attend the ceremony. Township Clerk Terry Bennett administered the oath of office.

Deputy Fire Chief Chris Stocklein, who has risen through the ranks since 1996, formally received his badge and said he and firefighters work as a team.

"I look forward to all the rewards and the challenges that we have to share together," he said.

The promotions also included: ■ Three new fire department

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Promoted to police lieutenant are (from left) Scott Hugesdon, Dave Schreiner and Craig Wilsher. CANTON PUBLIC SAFETY



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Race is on for 21st House seat

Canton resident Pagan latest to run

Kristy Pagan of Canton announced this week she'll join the race for the state House 21st District seat next fall.

Pagan, 31, joins fellow Canton Democrat Natalie Mosher in a bid to replace term-limited Dian Slavens, currently serving her third and final term. The 21st District serves the communities of Canton, Belleville and Van Buren Township.



"I am running because I have the right experience, a strong track record in my hometown and am qualified to bring about the change our community seeks," Pagan said in announcing her campaign. "I care deeply about Canton, Belleville and Van Buren Township and believe there is no challenge too big we cannot solve together. We need a leader who will listen to our neighbors and be a strong voice for us in Lansing. I am that leader."

Pagan said she's focused on providing educational opportunities for children, keeping young people in Michigan and offering services and support to veterans.

A graduate of Salem High School's Class of 2000, Pagan was born in Belleville and raised in the Plymouth-Canton community. She earned a bachelor's degree in education from Western Michigan University and a master's degree in political management

from George Washington University. "I believe we must continue the great work of Democrats in Michigan to improve and support our public schools and to create jobs to keep our young people in Michigan," Pagan said.

"We also need to ensure those who take the biggest risk and make the largest sacrifice for our country, our United States veterans, have what they need to lead happy, healthy lives."

Canton resident Darrin Silvester, Pagan's former government teacher from Salem High School, and Belleville resident Kevin English, teacher in Wayne-Westland Community Schools and trustee of Van Buren Public Schools, joined Pagan at her announcement.

"Kristy Pagan is the education candidate this community needs," Silvester said. "As a former student of mine, Kristy knows what it is like to learn in Plymouth-Canton schools and will be a strong advocate for students, parents and teachers alike."

Pagan served as a legislative aide to U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow and acting as chairwoman of Women's Information Network, a forum for developing and supporting professional women. Pagan also started a company in Canton that helped elect Democrats to state and local office in 2012.

Pagan has launched a community "action line" for neighbors and community members to voice their comments and concerns and can be reached directly at 734-224-8623.

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

With more than 500 noshers at Friday's Taste Fest, nearly 11,000 chicken diners sold Sunday and an estimated 40,000 to 50,000 people visiting over three days, organizers of the Plymouth Community Fall Festival marked a successful 2013 event over the weekend.

"I'm looking forward to getting some sleep," festival committee president Eric Joy said, fresh off of running his first festival. "I'm looking forward to next year." Joy said the festival was blessed, on the whole, by good weather, despite showers Saturday. It was sunny and hot for Friday's launch and Joy said that early

Sunday cloudiness gave way to sunny skies. "By 12:30, the festival was packed," he said of Sunday's attendance.

'Everybody had fun'
Joy estimated that between 40,000 and 50,000 people stopped by the festival over his three days.

"Everybody had fun and it was a really successful event," he said. The festival, Plymouth's longest-lasting annual public event, is a chance for community and civic groups, churches, booster clubs and nonprofits to raise money and for their members and the public to socialize. It included live entertainment, a craft show, a classic car show and carnival rides.

At Taste Fest, outside the State 885 restaurant, more than 500 people showed up Friday to sample food from about two dozen area restaurants and food specialty businesses, plus enjoy live music. The Plymouth Canton Civitan Club was running the event completely on its own for the first time and the club's Kathy Turquist said it was a huge success.

"Naturally, we didn't have enough chairs or tables and some restaurants ran out of food earlier than expected," Turquist wrote in an email, explaining that last year's attendance was about 300 and the Civitans had planned for 350 this year. "Nevertheless, the food was fantastic and it received not-

ing but raves. Next year we will be ready for the big crowds."

Joy said there were some complaints about loud music coming from Taste Fest and the event will be asked to turn it down next year. "We're going to address that," he said.

The Plymouth Rotary Club sold nearly all of its 11,000 diners of barbecued chicken Sunday, said Joy, who is a Rotary member. A couple of hundred, he said, were donated to a local charity.

Police reported no serious incidents or arrests related to the festival.

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where authorities say he had gone to meet the mother and daughter.

The mother notified police after her Facebook chats with Hermann took an ugly turn and a Canton detective subsequently posed as the woman and communicated online with Hermann.

Canton Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh has called the investigation "a great effort by our patrol officers and our investiga-

tive group." Moreover, he has commended the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for securing a guilty plea.

The girl's mother said Hermann revealed he wanted to have sex with her and her daughter, describing in graphic detail what he wanted to happen.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller has called it "unfortunate these situations arise," but said the mother took the appropriate action by notifying police rather than ignoring Hermann.

"It's very important to do exactly what it is that mother in this case did—contact the authorities immediately and let them handle the situation from there," Miller has said.

Hermann had admitted a longtime desire to act out situations he described to the mother on Facebook, Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Keith Clark said during an earlier hearing in 35th District Court.

Detective Andrew Kelley testified during the preliminary hearing in May that Hermann confessed his intention

to have sex with the mother and her daughter. Kelley said police waited in an unmarked car for Hermann to arrive in Canton, where he was arrested.

Cripps had earlier argued that Hermann shouldn't face charges for thoughts he didn't carry out. Clark, however, said authorities didn't have to wait for a sexual assault to occur to pursue criminal actions against Hermann.

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that survey showed concerns about a lack of communication, a lack of leadership and facilities that lag behind those at other peer schools.

Erin MacGregor, the district's executive director of secondary education and school improvement K-12, professional development K-12 (equity and achievement), said the committee "felt the need to recommend a new leadership structure."

That structure, he told board members, would have the K-12 director overseeing all co-curricular activities, including

athletics, and individual athletic directors — with a title change to "assistant principal" — in each of the Park's three high schools.

"We have two athletic directors and we would be looking to add a third," MacGregor told board members at the Aug. 27 meeting. "We wanted to emphasize a title change here. It's a philosophical statement as to where we want to be in terms of linking our activities and athletics with our instructional programs."

The plan drew support from athletic boosters at Tuesday's Board of Education meeting. Keith Morris, who said he was instrumental in the formation of the Salem High School basketball boosters, welcomed the addi-

tion of a third athletic director.

"There needs to be a different structure in terms of athletics," Morris said during the public comments section of the meeting. "Having three schools, there's absolutely no reason each of those schools doesn't deserve its own athletic director. With the unique situation at the Park... we need a structure where there's somebody with a vested interest in their particular school."

Board Secretary Adrienne Davis said she was encouraged by the amount of community participation the committee had.

"I'm heartened by the community input we've had, that people have voiced their experiences as a community," she said. "I think the Park

will jump light years in the next few years once this is implemented. I'm really excited about this." Board Trustee Mark Horvath agreed with MacGregor's contention that getting and keeping students involved in co-curricular activity helps "maintain an enhanced and strengthened school connection."

"Keeping kids engaged pre- and post-normal school day is very important in driving academic achievement," Horvath said. "The K-12 part of this is really critical. It's really important from the K-12 perspective that we get kids engaged. This is a great step forward in doing that across the district."

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CORRECTION

Korean veterans interested in participating in the oral history project being done by John Glenn High School history teacher Michele Anderson can call her at 734-419-2300 and leave a message.

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everything went to hell in a hand basket."

Kelly, who had been walking up to 10 miles a day, suddenly had no energy. He was trying to figure out "how to get my energy level back," and advisers at St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti told him to get checked out at U-M.

Turns out, his liver was failing and he needed a transplant. So Kelly met with the transplant team at U-M in May to begin the detailed process of getting approved for a transplant. While going through that process, he had a couple of trips to the emergency room that resulted in being admitted with dangerously low sodium levels.

After being treated for one such episode, his doctor told him, "OK, we'll get you back on the transplant list." The problem was, the couple never



Joe and Dottie Kelly celebrated Christmas with their children (top, from left) Patrick and Joseph, along with (bottom) Daniel and Meagan.

knew they were on the list to begin with.

Kelly can laugh about the incident - now.

"I said, 'Doesn't that imply I'm already on the list?'" he recalled. "He said, 'Didn't you get the letter?'"

Kelly went in for the surgery around 6:30 p.m. July 26 and Dottie remembers kissing him and wondering if her 64-

year-old husband would survive. Nearly seven hours later, doctors let her know he had. He subsequently had to go back in for two more surgeries, one because doctors suspected there might be a bleed-er (there wasn't) and the other because doctors couldn't detect blood flow to the new liver (it was flowing).

Trouble was, Kelly hadn't remembered much of the experience and found he had to keep asking his wife where he was and what was happening.

"I don't know that (the surgery) was scary," he said. "It was like being in your own reality. After I got home, I finally said (to Dottie), 'OK, tell me what I went through.'"

Recovery has been slow, Kelly said. His legs were the last thing to go and he's had trouble building up the stamina to get around. He takes some 15-20 pills a day as he recovers and he's been taking shots to prevent blood clots from traveling.

He's getting there, but it's

"I'd heal quickly, back in the day. I'm not healing quickly."

JOE KELLY

been frustrating.

"(Recovery) has taken a lot longer than I thought," he said.

"I'd heal quickly, back in the day. I'm not healing quickly." But he is healing and he knows the donated liver is why he's, as he puts it, "still on the right side of the grass." While he's eternally grateful for the donation, the couple does not want to meet the donor family.

"We're so grateful the donor family said yes," Dottie said.

"We don't know who they are or where they're from... We pray for them. We'll send them a letter, but we won't connect with them. That's their privacy."

Meanwhile, friends are gathering support for a spaghetti dinner fundraiser to help the Kellys defray the huge costs from the procedure.

While most of it is covered by insurance, the cost is still significant. The couple is adamant, however, that any extra money that might be raised by the fundraiser goes either to the donor program or back to the church.

That attitude doesn't surprise their friends.

"I've been friends with them for years," said Cathy Hulett, who is helping organize the Oct. 6 fundraiser. "If anybody needed anything, Joe and Dottie would be the first ones to step up and volunteer. That's the kind of people they are. They put everybody before themselves."

Kelly is helping himself toward recovery, but he isn't finding it easy.

"I was never sick a day in my life until this thing hit," he said. "It's a slow-healing recovery. It really is two steps forward, one step back."

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Heise to host town hall series on local issues

State Rep. Kurt Heise hosts a three-stop "Neighborhood Town Hall Tour" in Wayne County this fall that will focus on key local issues affecting the hard-working families in his area.

"A major part of my job is to fight for working families, seniors and taxpayers on issues that really matter to them," said Heise, R-Plymouth. "With my experience in local law enforcement, transportation and environmental policy, I can provide residents with information, discussion and solutions on issues that impact our quality of life in western Wayne County."

The three town halls will each focus on a different issue area that is specifically important to local residents - senior safety,

the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department and transportation issues.

The meetings:
» Sept. 23, 10:30 a.m. to noon - Senior Safety, Attorney General's Senior Brigade, Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth.

» Oct. 10, 7-9 p.m. - A joint meeting with Livonia Councilwoman Laura Toy on Detroit Water and Sewerage Department water rates, at the Livonia library, 32777 Six Mile in Livonia.

» Nov. 18, 7-9 p.m. - Transportation and roads, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile in Northville. For more information on these events or to contact Heise, residents can call toll free 855-REFURJ or email kurt@heise9.com or his home, mi.gov.



Promotions in the fire department included (from left) Capt. Kevin Henderson, Nicholas Lombardi, Battalion Chief Wendy Murphy-Stevens, Deputy Chief Chris Stoecklein, and Capt. George Mearnic, William Wisler and Battalion Chief Paul Pavloff. CANTON PUBLIC SAFETY

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battalion chiefs who will serve as shift commanders. They are Steven Apostal, 24 years of service; Wendy Murphy-Stevens, 21 years; and Paul Pavloff, 25 years. Three new police lieutenants who will serve as platoon commanders over the patrol division and be in charge of training. They are Scott Hughesdon, 23 years of service; Dave Schreiner, 26 years; and Craig Wilsher, 15 years.
» Nine new fire cap-

tainis who will serve as fire station supervisors and be responsible for mentoring and developing firefighter paramedics. They are Russell Averill, 16 years of service; Steven Borgelt, 21 years; Kevin Henderson, 21 years; Nicholas Lombardi, 14 years; Philip Mack, 13 years; George Mearnic, 18 years; Mark Price, 21 years; James Strasser, 21 years; and William Wisler, 13 years.

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Canton holds the line on tax rates

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton tax rates will not increase for the tax levy that takes effect Dec. 1, though most residents could see a slight uptick on their tax bills from a year ago due to increasing property values.

In a sweeping vote Tuesday, the Canton Township Board of Trustees agreed to hold the line on a combined 10.4-mile tax rate for the general operations charter millage and fire and police special assessment millages.

"We can't burden our citizens with any more right now," Supervisor Phil LaJoy said, adding "we're trying to be good stewards" of taxpayer dollars.

Even without a tax increase, Canton is expected next year to see a projected 2-percent jump in tax revenues due to a long-

awaited turnaround in property values. Finance Director Wendy Trumbull said.

"Without raising the millage, that will increase our (2014) general fund by approximately \$150,000 over 2013 to approximately \$7.8 million," Trumbull said.

Canton officials in recent years have fought against declining property values partly by securing concessionary contracts with employees and imposing budget cuts when possible. Officials are now hopeful the worst is over.

"We're on the right road," LaJoy said.

"We've done the right things and we're starting to see light at the end of the tunnel. If we can do it without raising taxes, that's the way to go."

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Business break-in

Canton police went to Studio One hair salon around midnight Sunday after receiving a report that the front glass door had been shattered, a police report said.

A 47-year-old man notified police after he saw the damaged door at the business, on Ford west of Morton Taylor. According to a police report, a cash drawer appeared to be missing, but nothing else had been disturbed.

Motorcycle stolen

A man contacted police to report that his 2006 Yamaha motorcycle had been stolen sometime prior to 7:30 p.m. Monday.

The incident happened on Cranbury Court in the Pilgrim Village Apartments, northwest of Lilley and Warren roads.

The 43-year-old man said the motorcycle was at home when he took his children to school in the morning. But it was gone after he went to work and returned home in the evening.

The man told police he checked with Pilgrim Village management and was told the motorcycle hadn't been towed.

Domestic incident

A 30-year-old woman told police that a male friend broke into her apartment, ransacked her bedroom, stole two of her prescriptions and then left in

her 1991 Jeep Cherokee.

Police received a call about the incident around 4:45 p.m. Monday. It occurred on Brooke Park Drive, in the Stoney-brooke apartment complex southwest of Joy Road and I-275.

The woman said the 35-year-old man broke open the front screen door of her apartment before ransacking her residence and stealing medications. She also said he assaulted her before leaving in her Jeep.

The woman told police the suspect had been at her apartment earlier. She said she had texted him that she was going to sleep and she was awakened later when she said he entered the apartment.

The woman told police the suspect also took her cellphone and threw it across the apartment courtyard, so she called 9-1-1 from a neighbor's residence.

She also told police she believed the suspect had a box of marijuana. She didn't want to prosecute him for entering her apartment, the report said, so police advised her that she could seek a personal protection order against him.

Suspect identified

A Canton man who had been earlier robbed in Atlanta was called to the Canton police station for a photo lineup of suspects, a police report said.

The 45-year-old man came

to the police station the afternoon of Sept. 4. He looked at the photo lineup and told police he was "90 percent" sure that one of the suspects was the same person who had robbed him.

The information was forwarded to Atlanta police.

Vehicles stolen

A 20-year-old man contacted police to report that his vehicle, described in a police report as a 2008 hatchback, was stolen between 8:30 p.m. Sept. 3 and 8 p.m. Sept. 4 from Honey Lane, southeast of Joy Road and I-275.

The victim told police he has lived at the address for three months and his vehicle was registered out of New York. He said he had parked his vehicle adjacent to his residence and may have left a set of keys in the glove box.

Meanwhile, a 46-year-old man notified police after his 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe was stolen prior to 10:30 p.m. Sept. 3 from the parking lot of the Michigan Institute of Aviation Technology, on Haggerty north of Michigan Avenue.

He told police he parked it near the front office around 7 p.m. and later realized it was missing. He said the vehicle was locked and he didn't leave keys in it.

Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.



Canton Police Officer of the Year Eric Kolke was chosen for a 9/11 observance by state Rep. Kurt Heise. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton officer chosen for House 9/11 ceremony

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Just three months after Eric Kolke was named Canton Police Officer of the Year, he was chosen to help honor first responders and Michigan residents killed in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Kolke, a 17-year Canton officer, was selected by state Rep. Kurt Heise to participate in this year's 9/11 observance by the Michigan House of Representatives.

"It is an honor to have Canton Police Officer Eric Kolke join me on the House floor on a day where we are paying tribute to those who serve and protect our communities and citizens," said Heise, R-Plymouth, who chairs the House Criminal Justice Committee. "This ceremony is to remember those killed 12 years ago and to honor our first responders and our military men and women who defend us each day."

Kolke was honored as Canton Police Officer of the Year in June during an awards ceremony at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. He is currently assigned to the police department's Special Enforcement Unit.

Canton residents may

recognize Kolke for the years he has spent riding a Harley-Davidson motorcycle as part of the Special Enforcement Unit.

"It's a pleasure for me to recognize Officer Kolke and all of the selfless men and women who protect the Canton community and the residents of western Wayne County," Heise said in a statement.

Canton Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler in June described Kolke as a "proud and dedicated" officer who is a 14-year veteran of the Western Wayne County Special Operations Team, serving as its sniper team leader, SWAT school instructor and training committee member.

Kolke also has emerged as a training leader in the Canton department, serving as a rifle and shooting range instructor and implementing training for situations involving armed suspects. On quieter days, he spends time speaking at schools and day care centers about safety protocols.

"I like being able to make a change in people's lives," Kolke has told the Observer. "It doesn't happen every day, but it does happen."

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PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Stolen van found

Police recovered a stolen minivan on a Plymouth Township residential street after a witness reported a suspicious vehicle there Friday afternoon.

The 2001 Chrysler Town & Country was on Amherst Court, in the area of Beck and Powell roads, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said. Police found the minivan was unoccupied and running and the witness said it had been there since at least 6:30 a.m., the report said. The ignition had been damaged, police said.

Police learned the Town & Country had been reported

stolen to the Michigan State Police around 9:30 a.m. Friday. The minivan was towed to the township police station, where an MSP trooper examined it for evidence Saturday before it was returned to the owner, a Salem Township man.

Gas theft

An estimated \$100 worth of gasoline was reportedly siphoned late Sept. 5 or early Friday from a GMC Savana van parked outside a township business.

The gasoline theft took place at Optimal SAE Inc., on Sheldon Road south of Five Mile, a police report said. Police said the van's head-

lights had also been spray-painted over and that a spray-painted message on the side read: "Thanks for the gas it was for a good cause."

Meds stolen

A township man reported the theft of a large quantity of medicine from the car he was using Friday.

The complainant told police the Chevrolet Monte Carlo was parked outside the McDonald's on Beck Road near Five Mile while he had lunch there Friday afternoon and that the medicine was gone when he returned to the car.

By Matt Jachman

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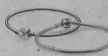


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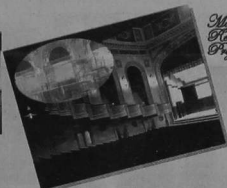
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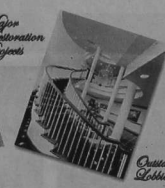
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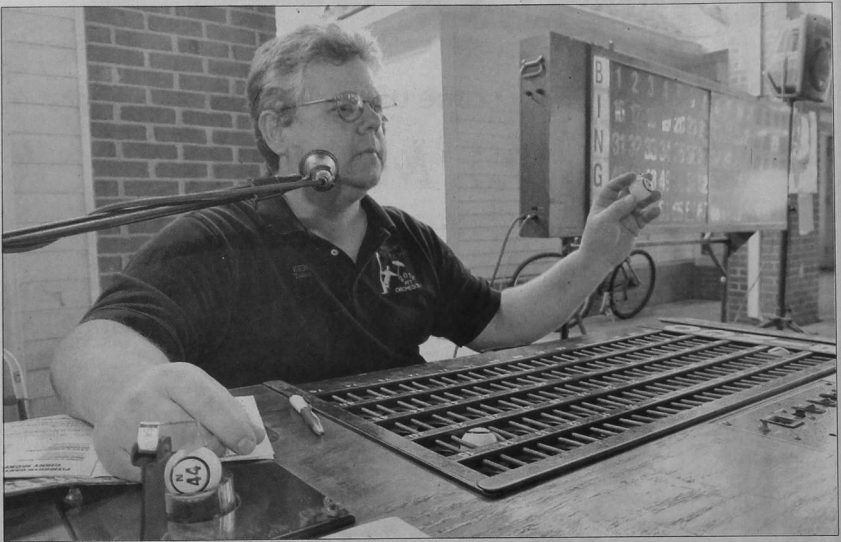
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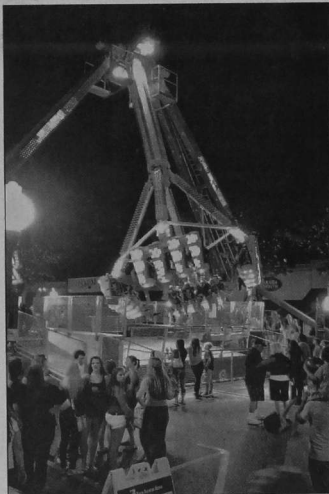


Ken Pietryga calls bingo Friday night. The game benefits the marching band. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Crowds flock to festival, barbecue



Phyllis Redfern and daughter Debbie Krone, playing Friday night bingo at the Fall Festival. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



The carnival rides are always a popular part of Fall Festival. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Late Friday afternoon and the Fall Festival crowds start to grow. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Rotary member Ron Shmyr of Plymouth mans the grills. ANN ESPINOZA

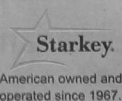
Canton varsity cheerleader Elena Ybarra volunteered to fold boxes Sunday for the Rotary Club's chicken dinner. ANN ESPINOZA



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Golden retriever Jackson waits for his share of chicken from Tom and Peggy Komray of Northville. ANN ESPINOZA



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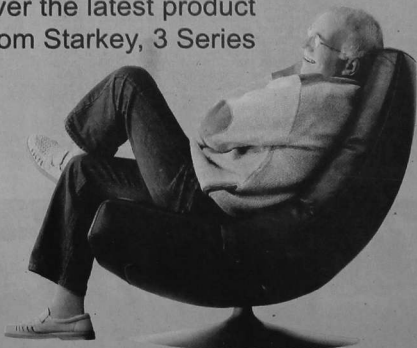


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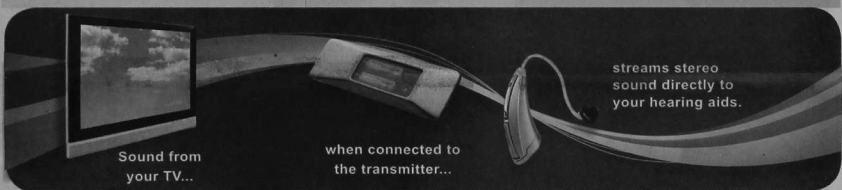
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Librarian remembered for kindness

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Longtime Plymouth librarian Joan Healy, who died Sept. 2 at age 91, is being remembered for her kindness and professionalism.

"She taught me so much," said Patricia Thomas, Director of the Plymouth District Library, where Mrs. Healy worked from 1970-94.

"She was so kindhearted and so professional. She was just a wonderful mentor to me. I always looked at her as my guiding light."

Mrs. Healy and Thomas started working together at the same time in what was then a county library system, Mrs. Healy in Plymouth and Thomas in Dearborn

Heights. Thomas then came to Plymouth as a children's librarian. "We just sort of had that bond from the very beginning," Thomas said. "I could go on and on."

Thomas was impressed with Mrs. Healy, a mature librarian and mother to six children. "She was a wonderful librarian. She was very community-oriented. Great lady, great lady. She was a good communicator. She was our model of public service. She was a model for all of us."

Joan Frances (Brownell) Healy was born April 26, 1922.

She served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a chief storekeeper. Thomas said Mrs. Healy didn't discuss her naval work with colleagues.

Mrs. Healy earned a business degree from Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pa., after

the war. When her family moved to the Detroit area, she wrote for weekly papers and supported husband Thomas' law practice. Thomas Healy died in 1994.

Mrs. Healy moved to Jenison in 2005 and lived there at the time of her death. Former Plymouth colleague Darlene Urseel, who retired as a librarian in 2005, also has good memories of Mrs. Healy from their 10 years working together.

"I think her kindness and her wanting to serve the public as best she could," Urseel said of what she'll remember most. "Joan was a great mentor to me. She was just very helpful and always willing to help me. She was just a lovely lady and enjoyed life." Family was important to Mrs. Healy, said Urseel, who came from a public school background and benefited from her colleague's knowledge.

The librarians adjusted to emerging technology, including the computerized checkout. "I think we adjusted pretty well because we kind of eased into it," Urseel said. "But we all learned as we went along."

Mrs. Healy lived in Plymouth 39 years and for four years in Canton. Her funeral was held Sept. 7 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church.

Arrangements were by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan, Donation Processing Center, 989 Spaulding Ave. SE, Ada, MI 49301-3701 (online at www.HOM.org) or the Friends of the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Mrs. Healy is survived by six children and their spouses, 20 grandchildren and a twin sister.

Collaboration helps make book on teen boys insightful

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

In the spring of 2011, educator and author Rosalind Wiseman was in a Cartoon Network meeting to discuss an anti-bullying campaign. A participant said she had "boys in her eyes."

Wiseman, a Boulder, Colo., resident, will speak at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville on her new book, *Masterminds & Wingmen: Helping Our Boys Cope with Schoolyard Power, Locker-Room Tests, Girlfriends, and the New Rules of Boy World* (Harmony Books/Random House).

"I laughed," the mother of two sons, ages 10 and 12, said at that Cartoon Network meeting. "I felt revealed. The bloom is off the rose, as it were. It's funny that people can see it or you."

Wiseman, with 20 years of experience as an educator, earlier wrote, *Queen Bees and Wannabes: Helping Your Daughter Survive Cliques, Gossip, Boyfriends, and the New Realities of Girl World*, which became the basis for the *Mean Girls* movie.

On *Masterminds & Wingmen*, published Sept. 10, she worked with about 160 boy editors in middle and high school, along with 40 girls and men in their 20s. The young students ranged from fourth to 12th grade.

She's looking forward to her Northville visit, hosted by Northville Youth Assistance. "It was such a great community," said Wiseman, who has spoken in Northville several previous times. "I wanted to come back." She has a friend who used to live in Northville.

Wiseman was also pleased to see The Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro in downtown Northville. "It's refreshing to find bookstores opening up," she said. She was also impressed with local educators.

"I wanted to support it however I could," she said of the community and region.

What boys need
In *Masterminds & Wingmen*, Wiseman writes

boys need meaningful relationships, freedom to pursue what interests and challenges them, a feeling of belonging and social connection and a sense that they're contributing to something larger than themselves.

Size of a school can make a difference, Wiseman and her boy editors found.

She said high school isn't necessarily better for boys than middle school. "It really depends on the boy and the support he's getting around him. It really depends on the kids."

More affluent communities aren't immune from social pressures. "Every community has its challenges, regardless of how much money there is," Wiseman said. There are "haves" and "have-nots" in even the best-intentioned school.

Wiseman wouldn't buy her 12-year-old the \$300 headphones he asked for, saying he could buy the \$100 ones with his own money, "but, boy, does he take care of them, a lot better than if I bought them."

Her *Queen Bees and Wannabes* helped girls and their families. "I'm hoping this helps to change the conversation we have about boys," she said of the new book.

She wants parents and other adults to talk to boys, so they'll talk in return.

Some boys will always say "I'm fine" and it's hard to gauge how they're doing.

Firsthand view
Wiseman said some will ask, "Why does he have the right to talk about boys?" Her boy editors made the book an accurate, collaborative project.

"Boys are emotional," said Wiseman, who also wrote a companion book to help teen boys. "They just show it differently."

Sue Campbell, director of Northville Youth Assistance, said no tickets are required for the Marquis Theatre presentation, although donations to NYA are welcome. "I do expect really good turnout," Campbell said of the theater, which seats 450 to 500. She recommends early arrival at the presentation, open to adults from nearby and neighboring communities.

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Chamber sets up for annual auction

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is preparing for its annual auction and chamber officials are looking for sponsors and donations. The 24th annual meeting, dinner and gala auction is set for 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Themed "Plymouth into the Roaring '20s," the event is designed as the chamber's top business-social event and biggest fund-raiser of the year.

Last year, chamber officials said, some 420 people attended. Proceeds from the auction provide funds the chamber uses to promote Plymouth and provide business opportunities for chamber members.

The auction is supported by hundreds of companies throughout the area by providing items, gift certificates, services or cash donations to purchase raffle items.

The items are either bundled into attractive packages with other donations or auctioned individually.

There are raffle, silent and live auctions to provide multiple opportunities for guests. All companies that donate are recognized on a display next to their donation and in the event program.

Popular auction items include things like cash donations to purchase items, gift certificates, bottles of wine, sports/concert tickets, vacations, airline tickets, electronics, unique experiences, facials and manicures, massages and home accessories.

Sponsorships are available ranging from \$350 to \$2,000. These sponsorships all come with tickets and include various levels of recognition at the event. Individual tickets are \$75.

To make a donation, contact the chamber at wes@plymouthmich.org or call 734-453-1540. The chamber asks that donations be made by Oct. 11 to allow volunteers time to get them processed.



Terry Pol, Kris Mayer and Mike Batterson checked out the auction items at last year's Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce auction. This year's event is set for Nov. 1.

CHAMBER CHAT

Chamber breakfast

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts a "Good Morning, Plymouth" community breakfast 7:30-9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the VisiTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

The focus of the event will be "How health care reform will affect you and your business" and will feature a panel of experts talking about health care reform.

The panel will provide an informative discussion about how the new health care reform changes will impact you and your business. The panel will include a major regional health provider, an expert on health insurance and an administrator of employee benefits to discuss how each of these areas are changing to meet the new requirements. From this

discussion you will begin to know what to expect and you will have the opportunity to ask questions of the panel.

The cost for the breakfast is \$12. The VisiTech Center is located at 18600 Hagerty Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads. Parking is at the far north lot in front of the building. Reservations need to be made by Sept. 20. For more information and to RSVP, call 734-453-1540.

Leadership conference

Representatives from local chambers and communities from western Wayne County will be hosting a gathering of leading political and business decision-makers in a celebration of the region's vibrancy for a Western Wayne Business Leadership Conference at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, at the Ford Motor Co. Conference &

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 Teetsall, Ford Motor Co.'s vice president of North American Manufacturing.

Seats for this event are \$100. If you are interested in attending, contact the chamber at Clare@plymouthmich.org or call 734-453-1540.

Pirate Day

The Plymouth District Library will hold a "Pirate's" day for kids of all ages from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14. Activities include a story time for ages 2 and up, a treasure hunt through downtown for all ages and a pirate party for teens. For more information, visit www.plymouthlibrary.org.



Open house

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held recently by Crystal Creek Assisted Living to celebrate its open house and joining the Canton Chamber of Commerce. Crystal Creek Assisted Living is located at 8121 Lilley Road. Family members, employees, chamber members and residents were among the attendees.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

National Coney hiring

National Coney Island is bringing a new restaurant to Canton in October and the eatery is looking to hire some 70 people for the new spot.

The new restaurant (opening in early October) will be located at 4567 Michigan Avenue (the former Big Boy site on Ford Road just east of Canton Center Road). The restaurant will sport a new menu featuring all the NCI favorites, plus some unique menu items and chef-driven specials.

National Coney Island officials said they're looking to hire experienced management with minimum two years experience. NCI is looking for "enthusiastic, hard-working people to join the NCI team."

Visit one of the NCI locations to fill out an application. Candidates may also email hiring@nationalconeyisland.com.

Namul Coney Island currently owns and operates 21 restaurants in southeast Michigan and has been in business since 1965. Corporate headquarters are located in Roseville.

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New artisan

Boule Artisan Bakery has a new owner and it's a familiar face.

Katie Sieracki has been baking at Boule long before taking over the bakery Sept. 1. In fact, sometime in the future, look for homemade cakes and pies.

New to the Army

The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division has welcomed Canton resident Jonathan Orr to the Detroit Harbor Light System staff as a systems operations and financial administrator.

Orr is responsible for developing operational strategies, including overseeing finances and maintaining a balanced budget, maintaining central billing and cultivating relationships with vendors, suppliers and partners.



New home

Integrative Bodywork & Massage recently held a ribbon cutting for its 915 S. Main Street location. Integrative Bodywork & Massage is a group of independently contracted employees who work as a team to provide holistic healing. Cutting the ribbon is owner Marie Perlongo, a natural health care practitioner who uses several integrative therapies to help the body and mind heal. She is joined by Erin Stohl, holistic psychotherapy and healing, Hope Wieszkowski, massage therapist, and Deanna Chisholm. Also on the team is Christie Banners, holistic nutritional therapy practitioner, and Dr. Denise Anton, acupuncturist. For more information, call them at 734-564-8062 or visit www.rehaborelax.com.

Orr previously served as a coordinator with the Office of School Safety-Metro Nashville Public Schools and played wide receiver for the Tennessee Titans and Oakland Raiders of the National Football League.

New associate

McKeen & Associates (www.mckeenassociates.com) announced Plymouth resident Parker Stinar has joined the firm as an associate.

Stinar will concentrate his practice on the areas of medical malpractice, wrongful death, general negligence, birth trauma and auto negligence. He comes to the Detroit-based medical malpractice litigation firm from a national real estate company, where he served as legal counsel.

Stinar earned his juris doctorate from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. He also holds a bachelor of science in business administration from Eastern Michigan University.

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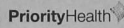
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Librarians, however, take a different approach to promoting their card. They use the month of September. This month is National Library Card Month, a celebration held at the beginning of the new school year to remind parents and caregivers that a library card is the most important school supply of all.

A library card opens the door to so much for its holder. It's a passport to see the world through books, whether in print or digital. It's the access point to educational support for adults and students, an invitation to cultural activities and a ticket to the movies.

Libraries have provided the services people suffering during the current economic downturn and slow recovery need, even though they have felt the financial pinch themselves. They provide computers and Internet access for those who need them to find employment. They've provided activities to entertain and educate at no charge.

From infants to senior citizens, libraries have become the cultural hub in the community. But sadly, there's still an estimated 44 percent of Americans who don't have a library card. On its website, the American Library Association has a list of 60 things to do with a library card. Here's what we think are the best reasons to get one:

» Download an e-book. Your library is where you can get e-books and other digital content. The Canton Public Library offers OverDrive, a digital collection of e-books, audiobooks and music.

» Not sure how to download an e-book on your new device? A librarian can show you how. Take a workshop on how to use your e-reader or other gadgets. The library offers an eBook User Group, which meets this month Sept. 24.

» Students can get help with homework, research a term paper, work on a class project or use a computer to finish a school project. According to the ALA, almost 91 percent of public library outlets offer wireless Internet access.

» Check out a pass to a museum. The Canton Public Library is offering the Michigan Antiquity Pass, which provides access to nearly 60 participating institutions around the state. Some cultural partners offer complimentary or reduced price admission; others, discounts in their gift shop or other exclusive offers for MAP pass holders only. The library also offers MI Big Green Gym, which offers entrance to hundreds of state parks and community recreation areas.

» Launch your future at the library. The Canton Public Library has a certified Business Resource Center and entrepreneur and small business support, including a regular series of business classes and counseling sessions with SCORE.

» Attend preschool story hour with your child. September is the time libraries begin their fall story time hours for preschoolers. With their older siblings back to school, youngsters, and even families, get a chance to enjoy stories, games, crafts and much more.

And our favorite reason to having a library card: save money and enjoy some quality time. Plan a family afternoon at place that's free — the library.

» Of all the cards in your wallet, it's the library card that is the best deal. It's the one card that's free of charge and requires no minimum payment or interest charge.

» If you don't have a library card, get one. If you have one, use it. Either way, you can't go wrong.



Libraries are so many things today and a library card opens the door to the world for patrons. FILE PHOTO

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COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you think some speed limits should be raised in Michigan?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"No. People already go 75-80 mph now. If you raise it, the aggressive drivers will go 85-90. If they want a speedway, take them to M.I.S. (Michigan International Speedway)." **Larry Gessner**
Canton



"It would depend on the road." **Anne Dye**
Canton



"I'm from Indiana, where the speed limits are lower. I would say not, especially on roads where the speed limit is 45 mph. But maybe on some highways where people are already going faster." **Kirsten Balon**
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PLYMOUTH-CANTON LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Library benefits

September is National Library Card Sign-up Month and while more than 60,000 Canton residents have library cards, many others do not. We encourage everyone in the community to get a library card and take full advantage of the benefits.

In addition to checking out books, CDs, DVDs, puppets, video games and other materials, having a library card means you can check out eBooks to read on your electronic reader. You may also get a digital subscription to more than 200 popular magazines through Zinio, our newest service. You can even check out an eBook or iPad.

Cardholders can prepare for ACT, SAT and graduate entrance tests through our online learning resource, sign up for computer classes to enhance skills, enroll children in story times, access top-notch business research materials and make homework easier with credible, citeable reference material. Many of these things can be accomplished via the library website, which is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Your Canton Public Library card also allows you to use 60 other libraries in the metro area through a reciprocal borrowing agreement and receive materials from libraries throughout the state through inter-library loans.

To get a Canton Public Library card, fill out an online application at www.cantonpl.org, or come to the library with valid photo ID and proof of residence in the form of a utility bill, voter's registration card or personal check imprinted with current address. We hope every member of the Canton community takes advantage of the opportunity to get, and use, a library card this month.

Eva Davis
director, Canton Public Library

So it begins

I knew that starting next year our populace would have to stock up on hip boots due to the amount of BS coming from the Tea Party in Lansing.

However, according to an article in this paper ("Colbeck ponders top job in Senate," Observer, Sept. 8) Patrick Colbeck has already opened the floodgates.

Colbeck stated that, if re-elected, he wants to be Senate majority leader. He touts among his "qualifications" that he has shown bipartisanship, principled leadership and has cooperated with folks of all persuasions.

And, being the consummate politician he is, I bet he was able to make those claims with a straight face.

Buckle up, people. It's only going to get deeper.

James Huddleston
Canton

Who really cares?

The president of the United States wants to go to war in Syria.

What the president wants, the president gets. This war is supposed to be 60 days long and it is promised that it will come in under budget.

President Obama wants to punish President Assad for using chemical weapons. President Assad states that the rebels set off the gas plume that killed more than 1,400 people. Hundreds of the dead were children.

In 1984, a subsidiary of an American company in India sparked the Bhopal gas tragedy. It is considered the world's worst industrial disaster. December 1984 at the Union Carbide India Limited pesticide plant in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh saw about 500,000 people exposed to methyl isocyanate gas and other chemicals. The official immediate death toll was 2,259.

The Iraq War claimed the lives of approximately 50,154 children. The Afghanistan War took about 15,750 children. In the United States in the Year of Our Lord 2011, more than 1 million abortions were carried out. That's 2,739,726 children a day.

The things I have written here will not stop this bloody exercise. That is true.

Who cares?

Alfred Brock
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GUEST COLUMN

College bound: Jump start your family's college planning

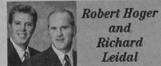
Are you the parent of a high school freshman — Class of 2017? How about a Class of 2014 high school senior? Surely college planning has been on your mind and it's easy to get overwhelmed when thinking about planning for your children's college education. There are so many things to do and so little time. Where do you start and how do you stay on track?

Here are five little known tips on applying for financial aid. Sound like information you could use?

Tip 1: Don't hesitate to apply for financial aid, even if you assume that you won't qualify. As with any contest, letters or sweepstakes, you can't win if you don't enter. This is also true in regards to college financial aid. A financial aid check is not going to appear in your mailbox by magic.

Even if you have been denied financial aid in the past (for an older child), it is always worth a try. Don't assume that you earn too much money and won't qualify. Also, try not to let the forms that appear very complicated, scare or deter you either. That would be a huge mistake.

Tip 2: There is no stigma attached with applying for college financial aid. On the flip side, you certainly don't want to pay "list price" for a college education. In the past, many college students and their parents were embarrassed to admit that they needed financial aid to help defray the cost of tuition and accompanying fees. That's not the case these days. More and more



Robert Hoger
and
Richard Leidal

college-bound students are seeking financial aid as the costs associated with attending college are on the rise.

Tip 3: You might pay less if your child attends a private school rather than a public school. Yes, you read that right. Your son or daughter may be able to attend a private college at a lesser cost than a state university.

Many private colleges have greater funds available for student aid thanks to generous endowments and other income generators. Groups such as alumni associations and corporate sponsors connected with the private institutions offer various financial assistance programs. Try not to let the initial "sticker price" of a private college shock you into passing them by.

Tip 4: Apply to more than one school. When applying for financial aid, don't put "all your eggs" in one basket. In general, students apply to more than one school to increase their chances of being accepted academically and to receive a nice financial aid package. However, keep in mind that you need a "Plan B" just in case your top college choice says no, or offers you less than what you want or need in financial aid. Keep your options open.

Tip 5: Educate yourself on the process. What you don't know could cost you. Paying for a college education for a family today can be a daunting task. Many times it tops the list as the biggest financial commitment in our lives.

Proper planning is a key element to surviving this expense and the earlier you begin the better. By taking the time to educate yourself on all of the options, you will be better prepared to handle this expense head on. Being proactive is more productive than being reactive. Read college information packets, attend college planning events and classes, scour the Internet, and become informed.

At Michigan College Funding, we are here to assist you and answer your questions. If you have a personal concern or question, email or phone in your question and our staff will be happy to reply.

We also conduct educational classes throughout the school year. A workshop is scheduled 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, at Lakesland High School. Admission is free but seating is limited. Call 248-662-1300 to reserve your seats. Visit our website at www.mccollege.com or call Michigan College Funding LLC at 248-662-1300 for more details, dates and times of upcoming workshops.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ACA town hall

Date/Time: Wednesday, Sept. 25, 6 p.m.
Location: Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center
Details: State Rep. Dian Slaven, D-Canton, hosts a town hall meeting on the Affordable Care Act. Special guests Jenita Moore, director of policy for the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services, and Don Hazlett, director of Michigan Consumers for Health Care, will join Slaven at the event. "As the new health insurance exchange opens Oct. 1, many people still have questions about what the law means for them," Slaven said. "I'm hosting this meeting to reach out to my constituents and give them the information they need to benefit from and fully comply with the law."
Contact: For details, call 517-373-2575



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workshops to help family historians of all levels research their American ancestors. This seminar features Amy Johnson Crow and Laura G. Prescott, both genealogical speakers on the national level. Crow is a genealogical content manager with Archival.com, Prescott is a professional researcher, writer and speaker. She offers a unique mix of history, genealogy and technology to find answers and ancestors. Her specialties include online resources, working with manuscript collections and fitting technology to genealogy. She is a consultant at Fold3.com and past president of the Association of Professional Genealogists. There is limited seating and the event is filling up rapidly. The fee for the day, \$40, includes the four lectures, lunch and the option of touring the museum's special exhibit, "B4TV," during lunch and the afternoon break. Tickets are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum or on its website at http://www.plymouthhistory.org/Events/GenalogySeminar_ET119.html (Sort-Box-201309).

Radio euchre tourney

Date/Time: Saturday, Sept. 28, 7 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Elks Club
Details: This year's 881 The Park Euchre Classic takes place at the Plymouth Elks Club. The tournament costs \$20 per player, if registered before Sept. 23, and \$25 at the door. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 10 percent of the field. Players will enjoy pizza, snacks and a cash bar. A door prize of a \$100 gas card will also be given away to one lucky participant.
Contact: Sign up by emailing wdspeuchre@gmail.com or by calling 248-973-7382.

Genealogy workshop

Date/Time: Saturday, Sept. 28, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main in Plymouth.
Details: The Plymouth Historical Museum will hold the sixth in a series of genealogical

sculptures, gourmet foods and more. The event will also offer drawings for several prizes, including two handmade Amish quilts, a golf outing at Fox Hills Country Club, tickets to a 2014 Detroit Tigers game, a gift package to 932 Pennington Bed and Breakfast and gift certificates to fine local restaurants. Also, the American Association of University Women will join the craft show with a used book sale. Breakfast and lunch items will be available in the cafeteria. Admission is \$2.
Contact: For more information, contact Debbie Cortellini at dbecortelli@comcast.com or Alice Chrenko at dachrenko@hotmail.com.

Raku workshop

Date/Time: Friday, Sept. 20, and Saturday, Sept. 21
Location: Village Potters Guild, 340 N. Main, Plymouth
Details: The Village Potters Guild hosts its second Raku Workshop. Participants will choose from an assortment of styles of pottery priced from \$10 to \$30 and will glaze their piece or pieces. The pots will then be kiln-fired while the person is there to watch this dramatic process and then go home with a finished piece. There is a \$10 registration fee. Pottery demonstrations and sales will be included in this fun family and friends event.
Contact: Register by calling the guild at 734-207-8907.

Medicare/Medicaid counseling

Date/Time: Wednesday, Oct. 2, 1-3 p.m.
Location: United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Ste. 250, Canton
Details: United Home Health Services offers free counseling with a certified MMARP (Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor. The counselor can help you understand your Medicare/Medicaid eligibility and the various plans, apply for Medicaid, research and enroll in Medicare Part D Drug Insurance.

understand Medicare supplemental plans, find pharmaceutical assistance programs, identify and report Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse and explore long-term care insurance options. No appointment necessary.
Contact: United Home Health Services at 734-981-8820 or visit the MMARP website at www.mmarp.org/pages/about.html.

Mom 2 Mom

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 19, 8:30 a.m. to noon
Location: St. Edith's Church, 15089 Newburgh in Livonia.
Details: The MOPS of St. Edith hosts its biannual Mom-to-Mom Sale, featuring 74 tables of gently-used maternity, baby and kids clothing, toys and furniture. Early Bird Admission at 8:30 a.m. is only \$2 and regular admission is \$11 from 9 a.m. to noon. St. Edith & St. Kenneth MOPS supports mothers of young children in a supportive and caring environment.
Contact: For more information, please visit www.stekmops.org or on Facebook at St. Edith St. Kenneth Mom-to-Mom Sale.

Seeking crafters

Date/Time: Saturday, Dec. 7
Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main in Plymouth
Details: The Plymouth Historical Museum is accepting applications for its annual Juried Craft Bazaar. Applicants are required to submit three to four photos of craft items for judges to determine participants as there is a limit of crafters to five per category. Table rentals are \$30 each and most are eight feet wide, although there are some space variations available. Space is tight, so vendors will need to limit their display area to the size of the table or an equivalent space. The museum is offering free admission that day for both museum patrons and bazaar shoppers. Crafters are requested to donate an

item for the museum's raffle.
Contact: The application is available at www.plymouth-history.org/cm/tdp/download/events/117/craft_show.pdf. Crafters not accepted for the bazaar will receive a full refund, necessary.

Chieftess variety show

Date/Time: Saturday, Sept. 14, 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Location: Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School
Details: The annual Canton Chieftess Variety Show celebrates 40 years of pom history at Canton High School with "A Black Tie Affair." The variety show features the Canton variety and JV award-winning pom teams, as well as musical and dance acts from the community at large. It's a fun show for the whole family. In celebration of the 40th anniversary, all Canton Chieftess alumnae and coaches are invited to be honored at the event. Admission is \$10 per person; tickets are available from any Chieftess on the Chieftess website, www.cantonchieftesses.com.
Contact: Visit www.cantonchieftesses.com for more information.

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 MMARP (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 pharmaceutical assistance programs, identify and report Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse and explore long-term care insurance options. No appointment necessary.
Contact: Contact Diane Risko to make an appointment at Diane.Risko@redcross.org or call 313-549-7052.



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Diabetes support
Date/Time: Third Saturday of each month, 10-11:30 a.m.
Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Canton
Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support group, "Compassionate Words," providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief and incorporates basic journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of charge.
Contact: To register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice bereavement coordinator, at 888-983-9050 or email achristensen@cchnet.net.

Diabetes support
Date/Time: Second Thursday of each month, 2-3:30 p.m.
Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main
Details: The Plymouth Lions Club is sponsoring a new Adult Diabetes Support Group. Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Lion, will be the group facilitator. There is no charge to attend. Topics for discussion will focus on understanding diabetes and self-management strategies.
Contact: Call Fern Vining at 734-454-0859.

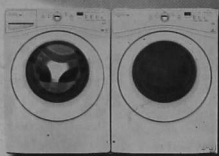
MOPS meetings
Date/Time: First and third Friday of each month, 9:15-11:30 a.m.
Location: St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth Township
Details: The St. Edith/St. Kenneth Catholic Parish's Mothers of Preschoolers group invites all mothers with children aged newborn through kindergarten to join. The group provides encouragement, nurturing and support and features a schedule of activities that includes speakers, crafts and group discussions.
Contact: Heather at 734-437-9517 or email mops@gmail.com, or visit www.stekmops.org.

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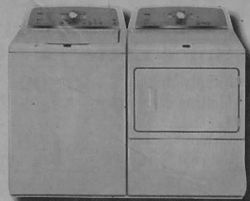


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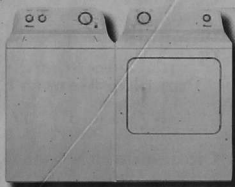


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BOYS SOCCER



Battling for the ball Tuesday night are Livonia Churchill's Daniel Jones (No. 10) and Canton's Kyle Mettlach (No. 13), while the Chiefs' Cody Widiak (No. 6) moves in. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Quick-striking Chiefs win 4-1

Shennan scores twice to help Canton take down Churchill

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

On a hot and humid night, it only took the Canton Chiefs just over 100 seconds Tuesday to turn up the heat on host Livonia Churchill.

That early goal, scored with 38:10 left in the first half by Canton senior forward Griffin Parks, put the Chargers behind the visitors to a 4-1 KLAAs South Division boys soccer win.

The win upped Canton's record to 6-0-2 overall and 3-0-1 in the KLAAs South while the Chargers dropped to 2-4-1, 1-2-0.

"You can play with the ball,



Canton's Carter Schenk (No. 14) tries to stay a step ahead of Livonia Churchill's Andrew Moyer (No. 17) Tuesday. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

get more comfortable," said Canton head coach Mark Ze-manski about Parks' quick

strike. "They have to chase the ball to get it back."

On the play, senior midfielder Cody Widiak threaded a through ball from the left flank to the on-the-move Parks.

Cutting into the middle of the 18-yard box in front of Churchill starting goalkeeper Colton Robison, the Canton player then booted a low shot past the sliding goalie into the lower-right corner.

"You can't do that against Canton, they're a dangerous team," Churchill head coach Matt Grodzicki said. "Good teams come out, strike early, set the tempo for the game and that's what they did."

"You know, Griff Parks is a great player. We let him open and he scored, and Aiden Shennan, same thing. Now we're down 2-0, searching to get

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BOYS SOCCER

Salem holds off Plymouth, 2-1

After building a 2-0 lead Monday night, Salem held off a late Plymouth rally and earned a 2-1 varsity boys soccer victory.

The Rocks (4-0-3) got off to a quick start when Matt DeMoss converted a feed from Nick Massey to make it 1-0 at half-time of the KLAAs non-division match.

Salem added another goal, the ultimate winner, when Andriy Pelekh sent a pass to David Schroeder, who made no mistake.

Plymouth (2-5-0) finally managed to send a shot past Salem goalkeeper Collin Hewett with about five minutes remaining in regulation.

Michael Blake scored on a header off a cross from Jayden Huxtable.

"Good team effort that just fell a little short," Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich said. "Viet (Nguyen), Danny (Butes) and Alex (Decker) created good scoring chances and our back four were strong."

Heat postponements

With the heat index breaking 100, three area boys soccer matches were postponed on Tuesday.

In the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, both the Livonia Stevenson at Salem and Livonia Franklin at Plymouth matches were rescheduled.

The Stevenson at Salem match has been tentatively set

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Going up for the ball Monday night are Salem's William Benintende (No. 4) and Plymouth's Danny Butes (No. 9). ED HENGESH | EXPRESS PHOTO

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY



Salem's varsity girls cross country team celebrates Saturday's championship at the KLAAs Invitational.

Rocks capture KLAAs Invitational

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Early returns are in and they demonstrate not much — if anything — has changed as far as the Salem Rocks' varsity girls cross country team is concerned.

Just like last season, Kayla Kavulich led the charge for the Rocks at Saturday's KLAAs Invitational at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

Kavulich, entering her senior season, was the first-place finisher with a time of 19 minutes, 13.6 seconds and six of her teammates earned medals as the Rocks finished first out of eight teams with 33 points.

"We started the season where we left off (in 2012)," Salem coach Dave Gerlach said. "We wanted to start the year off with a solid performance after a great summer of training. The team really responded with a victory in the first invitational."

The Rocks outdistanced runner-up Brigh-

ton (46 points), and had a big margin of victory over third-place Livonia Churchill (98).

Rounding out the team standings were Livonia Franklin (114), Novi (117), Hartland (157), Plymouth (164) and Walled Lake Western (210).

Kavulich had another great outing, but she had plenty of blue-and-white-clad company. In third place was junior Anya Cho, with a mark of 19:29.3. Also in the top-10 were senior Nataasha Stevenson (seventh, 20:26.1) and sophomore Kayla Hughes (eighth, 20:27.1).

Other Salem medalists were junior Elizabeth Tripp (14th, 20:54.1), sophomore Sierra Bowden (23rd, 21:16.4) and senior Emily Marcero (27th, 21:31.9).

"We wanted to run the first mile conservative and then pick it up through the next two," Gerlach said. "Kayla and Anya looked tremendous and competed with passion."

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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.

The cost is \$34 (5K) and \$59 (half-marathon) if registering through Oct. 3. Visit heroesonhines.com.

Go! and triathlon

PGA professional Tami Bealert will be staging a 5-kilometer run-walk, 20K and nine-hole golf scramble at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 29 at Hickory Creek Golf Course.

The cost is \$65 (if registered by Sept. 15) or \$75 (by Sept. 25).

Included in the cost is two free group golf lessons, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18 and Friday, Sept. 27.

For more information, visit TrainWithTami.com; or call 734-731-0238.

Marlins 3rd in girls golf

Mercy High School was the top Division 1 girls golf team with a third-place finish overall Sunday in the Marian Tournament at Fox Hills in Plymouth.

Cranbrook won with a 340 team score; Country Day was second with 350 and the Marlins 354. Plymouth was the only other Division 1 team to beat Mercy's B team, which finished sixth with 360.

AHL at Compuware

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Your home arena, Compuware, will be hosting an American Hockey League pre-season game between the Grand Rapids Griffins (top farm team of the Detroit Red Wings) and Lake Erie Monsters at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28.

Go to Plymouth Whalers.com for more information about the game or stop by the Compuware Arena box office.

Meanwhile, the Whalers open their Ontario Hockey League regular season 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 against Erie.

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TRY HOCKEY FOR FREE PROGRAM

Youngsters happy to 'Try' hockey

Whalers lend hand to help kids get hooked on sport

In order to spread the growth of an organized sport, it's often wise to start with children.

That's the thinking of USA Hockey with their "Try Hockey For Free Program," a grassroots event designed to introduce children and their parents to hockey for the first time.

"Try Hockey For Free" was in full effect on Wednesday evening at Compuware Arena in Plymouth, as 30 children and their parents — with no previous experience — were introduced to hockey and its equipment, free of charge.

The Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers and Michigan State Championship Compuware U-12 Girls Team assisted with the event, lending a hand — and sometime backs and legs — in dressing children in full hockey equipment and then working (or playing) with them one-on-one on the ice.

Hockey players of all ages are cheerfully helpful in public. Soon, the Whalers and Compuware U-12's ladies were smiling as much as the children.

Officials in charge of the event were smiling, too.

"I think everyone at Compuware Arena has done a fantastic job of promoting this event," said Ron Hayes, Skill Development Coordinator for Michigan. "This event is going to be a big success. There was a lot of grassroots efforts put out and this is the fruit of it. (Based on the event) the game is real. They're again, here here at Compuware Arena have



Two members of the state champion Compuware U-12 Girls hockey team share enthusiasm for hockey with this youngster. PETE KRUPSKY / PLYMOUTH WHALERS

done a great job, not only with their (Compuware) youth program, but the OHL team as well."

Youth serves

Young hockey players look up to the Whalers all the time. Bringing the Compuware U-12 ladies to the mix adds a positive and energetic element to the event.

"I think the U-12 girls are going to love it, and we do have some girls signing up for the program today," Hayes said. "It's going to be a great experience for them. Girls relate to girls very well."

Sure enough, Compuware U-12's Rachel Wolfenbarger worked with Mia Gougherty (5) of Norville while Sylvia Floyd paired up with Alyssa Spencer (5) of Plymouth and Lindsay White worked with Isabella Thomas (7) of Flat Rock.

"It's good for girls who want to play hockey who

maybe have brothers and want to play," said Patrick White, Compuware U-12 girls head coach. "It's good to see girls playing hockey and able to skate and do the things that they want to do. It's good for our girls to be mentored. Hockey is a smooth, fast skater who is good for them as well."

The Whalers were paired up with children as well. Although he's been with the team a little over two weeks, Plymouth defenseman Mathieu Henderson is a smooth, fast skater who plays with energy all over on the ice. Henderson down-shifted long enough to assist three-year-old Grayson Meyer of Plymouth.

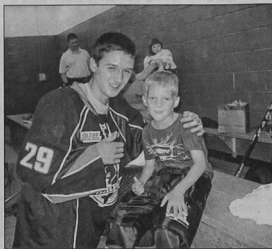
"It's not easy holding the attention of a three-year-old boy, but Henderson succeeded with a gentle demeanor, kind words and a quick smile as he dressed Meyer in

his gear. "It's great to have this event," said Justin Meyer, Grayson's father. "He's in Snowplow Sam III right now. He loves going to the (Whaler) games. Meeting the players and being able to skate with them, he's having a great time."

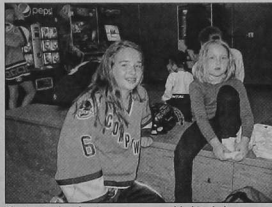
Even Plymouth Whalers alumni assisted. Garrett Meurs — working out in Plymouth before heading the Colorado Avalanche National Hockey League training camp — spent some quality time with Katie and Chris Jones.

A member of the Whalers extended family came to the event with his children. Andy Weidenbach, the first coach in the history of the Whalers when they started in 1990-91.

Weidenbach Jr. — who played collegiate hockey at Yale and coaches now — brought sons Andrew (four-and-a-half) and



Plymouth Whalers 2013 draft pick Zach Bowman (left) spends time with program participant William Pierce. PETE KRUPSKY / PLYMOUTH WHALERS



The Try Hockey For Free program enabled Rachel Wolfenbarger (left) to bond with Mia Gougherty. PETE KRUPSKY / PLYMOUTH WHALERS

Anthony (two-and-a-half). Daughter Eva attended, but mother Lisa, was busy with other activities.

Weidenbach Jr. saw the event as a way to start giving back to the game with his kids front-and-center.

"I grew up playing hockey my whole life and played for Compuware, so looking at this program was attractive," Weidenbach said. "I've been waiting for this moment my whole life,

when I can teach my sons how to play hockey. He doesn't listen to me (said with a smile), but maybe he'll listen to the Whalers. It's great to see my kids out there. It's a different perspective, but it's exciting."

"DeLoz" made an effective first pass out of the defensive zone that leads to a scoring opportunity, the success of Try Hockey For Free may lead to future events — and more fun for everyone.

COLLEGE SOCCER

MU women tie No. 3 Spring Arbor

After surrendering a goal less than five minutes into the match Saturday, the visiting Madonna University women's soccer team rallied with a second half goal to earn a 1-1 draw in double overtime against No. 3-ranked Spring Arbor University.

Spring Arbor (2-1-1) pulled MU off the board at the 4:07 mark on a goal from Corrie Good to take a 1-0 lead. The game remained 1-0 as sophomore Blaire Schmalenberg (Warren Coalinga) made three saves to keep the game a one-score affair.

Junior Ashley Parent (Amherstburg, Ontario) pulled MU even with her first goal of the season in the 53rd minute when she took control of a pass over the top from sophomore Jennifer Jurack (Utica Eisenhower) and beat Spring Arbor's Sarah Yancer from 20 yards out to make it 1-1. Sophomore Patriona Arnold (Essex) countered, and the MU defense combined to make seven saves in the second half and extra periods, perhaps not bigger than when Arnold came off of her line with just over 21 minutes left and slid to strip the ball away from an Spring Arbor attacker to maintain the score at 1-1.

Crusader goalkeepers Arnold and Schmalenberg, along with the back line, combined for 12 saves during the 110 minutes while Yancer made three stops for Spring Arbor.

MU (2-1-1) returns to action 4 p.m. Friday at Ferris State in a non-conference matchup.

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back. It's tough." Shennan was the big playmaker of the contest, with two goals (one on a penalty kick in the second half) and an assist. His first goal came just past the 21-minute mark of the first half. On the play, junior midfielder Carter Schenk chipped the ball from the left side to Shennan standing about 25 yards in front of the Churchill goal. Shennan spun and — seemingly in mid air — drilled a high shot under the crossbar to put the Chiefs up by two goals.

"That was a beautiful volley by him (Shennan)," Zemanski said.

Ready to go

According to Shennan, the way the Chiefs started the game with the quick tally by Parks gave him an extra boost.

Not that he needed it. He said he was pumped up for the game because he is friends with so many of the Chargers. "I was really looking forward to this game," Shennan said. "I know a lot of players on this team (Churchill), I'm friends with a lot of them so I... know how they play."

"So it's easier for me to take it apart and break them down and get inside their heads."

Still, the game wasn't as lopsided as the score indicates. Keeping the Chargers at bay was a strong cast of defenders



Scoring the first goal Tuesday night was Canton's Griffin Parks (No. 7), who fends off Livonia Churchill defender Krishna Midathada (No. 16). BILL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

backstopped by senior goalkeeper Brandon Pickert, who Zemanski praised for having an outstanding night.

The best early chance came about nine minutes into the game when Churchill senior midfielder Tyler Piotrowski's rising shot from inside the box missed the cage.

Pickert was there when needed, though. With just under 21 minutes remaining and the score still 1-0, senior forward Luke Otto dribbled toward the Canton goal from the left side

of the box, then moved in tight only to have Pickert block his shot near the left post.

"I was encouraged by the way we played," Grodzicki said. "We didn't give up, we created chances. If one or two of those go in, it's a whole different ballgame and changes the momentum." "Unfortunately, that's the way it's going so far this year."

Sealing the deal

In the second half, the Chargers came out with more gusto

only to be thwarted by Pickert. And then came the back breaker, Canton's breakout marker with 35:21 left in regulation to build a 3-0 edge.

Sophomore forward Sam DeLoz pushed the ball up the right side to Schenk, who moved in and around Robison for the gimme.

"(DeLoz) made a nice play to win the ball, pass it through to Carter on that breakthrough where he went around the goalie," Zemanski said. Shennan added his second goal on a penalty kick with 24:12 remaining, driving a low shot inside the left post.

Midway through the second half, Canton's Andrew Lochnis came in for Pickert (Churchill's starter came out in favor of senior James Hague Jr.) and the Chargers finally got on the scoreboard.

"(DeLoz) made a nice play only to have Pickert block his kick from 50 yards hit the crossbar down into a scrum of players near the goal line.

Eventually, senior midfielder Justin Lihyhorn nudged the ball in. "It was our second group, and those guys are fighting for playing time," Grodzicki said. "It's nice to see those guys step in when they sit on the bench, for 20-30 minutes, come in and get rewarded for working hard on a night like this against a good team."

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for Monday, Sept. 16, while the Franklin at Plymouth match will go again Wednesday, Sept. 11.

Both varsity starts will be at 7 p.m.

In the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division, Tuesday's next-door-neighbor battle between Westland Huron Valley Lutheran and Lutheran High Westland has been rescheduled for 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27 at Lutheran Westland.

Rockets heat up

Thank goodness for the low humidity and a healthy breeze. That's because Tuesday's

Wayne Memorial at Westland John Glenn boys soccer match was a scorcher in more ways than one.

With the heat index tipping 100, the host Rockets were able to withstand the 90 degree-plus temperatures and a second-half Wayne bid to earn a 4-1 KLAAs South Division victory.

Goals in the final 7:28 by Carlos Santiago (from Robert Whicker) and Daniel Savor (unassisted) put the game away for the Rockets, who improved to 3-3 overall and 1-2 in the division.

Game officials gave the two teams a pair of 5-minute hydration breaks midway through each half.

PCA wins big

Despite playing at less than full strength, Plymouth Chris-

tian Academy still had plenty of firepower Saturday and registered a 5-1 boys soccer win over Lenawee Christian.

Getting the Eagles goal was junior captain Lucas Albrecht, scoring on the first shot against the Lenawee Christian goalkeeper about 2:30 into the match.

Albrecht later scored on a penalty kick following a take-down of Jacob Bailey in the goal box, which resulted in Bailey leaving most of the rest of the game to injury.

Bailey did return for several minutes before halftime and scored for the Eagles to make it 4-0.

The team's third goal was netted by freshman Ben Fuller. Finishing up the PCA scoring was sophomore Luke Yakuber.



Vying for possession of a 50/50 ball Monday night are Plymouth's Calvin McCracken (No. 16, left) and Alexis Matt DeMoss. ED HENGESH / SHERES PHOTO

13-0 Crusaders sweep at Julie Martin Classic

The No. 11-ranked Madonna University volleyball team claimed its third tournament championship of the season Saturday with a pair of sweeps to close the 2013 Julie Martin Memorial Classic.

MU, now 13-0 overall, opened with a 25-9, 25-16, 25-13 win over Rochester College and captured the title with a 25-7, 25-16, 25-20 triumph over Westminster College of Salt Lake City (Utah).

Seniors Stacey Catalano (Utica Eisenhower) and Emilie Freeman (Livonia/Lutheran Westland) were named all-tournament team with Catalano taking home MVP honors.

"I thought our team connection was just amazing," Catalano said. "We all played great. Other teams were very tough. It was a great weekend all together."

Nastija Seremetjeva led MU over Westminster (6-7) with 11 kills, while Freeman added 10 kills and five block-assists.

Other leaders for the Crusaders included Evia Prieditis (27 assist-kills, eight digs) and Catalano (six kills, eight digs).



Madonna University's 6-foot-3 middle hitter Emilie Freeman (right), a Livonia native, and Lutheran High Westland guard, was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Week in women's volleyball.

In the victory over Rochester, Freeman led the way with 14 kills, while Catalano added 11. Prieditis finished with 31 assists, while Cassie Castro, Breanna Geile and Catalano each had nine digs.

Sara Hayes had 17 digs for Rochester (8-9). On late Friday night, MU doubled Illinois Tech in three sets, 25-12, 25-12, 25-20, as Prieditis collected 27 assists and six kills.

Catalano finished with a team-high 12 digs to go along with six kills, while Peyton Maxheimer finished with 10 digs. Illinois Tech (5-7) coached by former MU

and Livonia Churchill High stand-out Jacqui Gatt, got six kills from Rebecca Wilson and 13 digs from all-tournament selection Brittany Mead.

Freeman lauded
The Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference announced Monday that Freeman earned Volleyball Player of the Week honors for Sept. 2-8 after posting a total of 53 kills, 15 blocks to go along with a 429 attack percentage as MU went 5-0 and did not drop a set en route to the Martin Memorial Classic championship.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

KLIA ASSOCIATION CROSS COUNTRY MEET
Sept. 7 at Willow Metropark
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS - Salem, 3 points; Brighton, 46; 3. Livonia Churchill, 98; 4. Livonia Franklin, 114; 5. Northwood, 117; 6. Westland, 157; 7. Plymouth, 164; 8. Walnut Lake Western, 216; 9. Westland John Glenn, no team score.
Individual winner: Kayla Kavulich (Salem), 19 minutes, 51.6 seconds (5,000 meters).
Salem finishers: 1. Kayla Kavulich, 19:13; 2. Anya Cho, 19:29; 3. Natasha Stevenson, 20:26; 4. B. Kayla Hughes, 20:27; 5. Elizabeth Topp, 20:42; 6. Sierra Bowler, 21:35; 7. Emily Mancini, 21:31; 9. Kelly McQuay, 21:59; 8. Kara Birefield, 21:31; 42. 11. Brenna Eason, 22:17; 12. Erin McGee, 22:58; 13. Kaitlyn Carley, 22:51; 14. Mia Shupe, 22:55; 19. 1. Kiny Robison, 23:16; 2. Leah Stevens, 23:25; 49. 81. Rebecca Lopez, 23:56; 84. Emily Monaghan, 24:08; 87. Andrew Kerns, 24:47; 92. Haleigh Shain, 24:47; 88. Amalia Langlais, 24:53; 94. 99. Julia Kurylo, 24:62; 100. Maddie Linn, 24:69; 126. Shavonne Burke, 25:08; 134. Jessica Rowland, 25:17; 151. Raean Dougherty, 25:52; 85. 118. Hanna Kantak, 26:50; 164. Rebecca Grossman, 26:54; 165. Daniella Buckner, 26:57; 165. Emily Minshew, 26:52; 174. Amanda Morimoto, 26:59; 193. Helen Colucci, 26:57; 161. Kendall Johnson, 26:55; 162. Keli Grace Martin, 27:02; 181. Hanna Urdunavicius, 27:01; 231. 178. Katie Schwikert,

26:15; 41. 195. Elena Lundy, 29:27; 71.
Plymouth finishers: 6. Marina DeBello, 21:06; 21. Brianna Lau, 21:55; 37. 42. Alana Choop, 22:19; 78; 49. Holly Porter, 22:29; 76. 55. Renee DeBito, 22:45; 97. 61. Marianne DeBello, 22:56; 37. 77. Annie Rocco, 23:19; 87. 100. Molly McSeven, 24:41; 65; 105. Allison Moore, 24:48; 43. 108. Maddie Berke, 24:58; 80. 109. Emma Sells, 24:54; 135. Megan Williams, 25:10; 143. Abigail Rhodes, 26:13; 102. 152. Katie Worley, 26:34; 43. 131. Sorrell Gil, 30:38; 55.
DETROIT TOWN INVITATIONAL
Sept. 7 at Cass Business Park
Livonia LadyWolf finishers: 10. Katherin McManis, 21:04; 87; 29. Sarah Wilson, 21:16; 87. Sydney Reed, 24:21; 84. 85. Pilar Lopez, 24:50; 52; 142. Alana Veldman, 27:25.
CRANBROOK
Sept. 7 at Bloomfield Hills
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS 1. Cullen (Ind.) Woodlands, 20 minutes, 00.8 seconds (5,000 meters).
Individual winner: Jenna Winer (Lutheran Westland), 20 minutes, 00.8 seconds (5,000 meters).
Other Lutheran Westland finishers: 20. Michelle Greening, 23:28; 21. Alana Hill, 23:29; 29. Allison Johnson, 25:15; 43. Noelle Perry, 25:25; 45. Annabel Kuhl, 26:43; 46. Rachel Wiggins, 26:42.

BOYS TENNIS



Canton's varsity boys tennis team is all smiles after winning Saturday's Monroe Quad.

Chiefs, 'Cats tops at tourneys

Tournament victories were scored last week-end both by the Canton and Plymouth varsity boys tennis teams.

The Chiefs captured the Monroe Quad on Saturday, garnering eight first-place medals and one second-place medal.

Canton bested Monroe, Salem and Temperance Bedford in route to the victory.

Meanwhile, the Wildcats won their second tournament of the young season, taking 26 out of 27 matches at Saturday's Plymouth Wildcat Invitational.

Plymouth finished with 26 points, followed by Dexter (14), Dearborn Divine Child (13) and Dearborn Fordson (1).

The Wildcats also left the tourney with plenty

of individual honors, taking 13 gold medals and one silver medal.

Only at No. 1 singles did the Wildcats not come away with the gold. But Jordan Liu gave Divine Child's Vincent Colarossi a run for his money. The matchup went three sets, 6-1, 4-6, 10-3.

Victorious for Plymouth in the rest of the singles matchups were No. 2 Matt Decker (6-4, 6-3 over Dexter's Spencer Paulissen), No. 3 Charlie Hou (6-1, 6-0 over Fordson's Hussein Jaffar) and No. 4 Jon Conn (6-1, 6-1 over Divine Child's Tommy Metaxas).

Plymouth also had plenty of success in doubles play.

At No. 1 doubles the team of Devin Patel-Jared Hopf won 3-6, 6-3, 10-5 over Dexter's Gra-

ham Northrup-Charlie Beach.

"Keeping the win rolling was the No. 2 doubles tandem of Kevin Hou-Justin Kapke, with a 6-0, 6-0 victory over Fordson's Osama Hashem-Youssef Bahawan."

At No. 3 doubles, victorious was the duo of Tyler Smith-Yogesh Mohanraj, taking a 6-0, 6-2 win over Divine Child's Zach Bustamante-Alex Nahkhek.

Plymouth took No. 4 doubles, with the tandem of Matt McDonald-Ramanna Ramanathan besting Divine Child's Matt Wilinski-Ben Jakes (6-3, 6-0). And the No. 5 doubles duo of Charlie Anderson-Alex Tskoff earned a 6-1, 6-1 win over Dexter's Deontae Doser-Ben Cohen.



Another tournament, another tourney win for the Plymouth Wildcats, who nabbed the top spot at Saturday's Plymouth Wildcat Invitational.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

KLIA ASSOCIATION CROSS COUNTRY MEET (Sept. 7)
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS 1. Livonia Churchill, 41 points; 2. Hartford, 49; 3. Grand Blanc, 82; 4. Livonia Franklin, 95; 5. Walnut Lake Western, 112.6; Salem, 127; 7. Westland John Glenn, 195.
Individual winner: Jacob Durgan (Livonia Churchill), 16 minutes, 10.75 seconds (5,000 meters).
Salem finishers: 17. Donovan Douglas, 17:26; 65. 23. Noah Engers, 17:41; 68. 25. Jason Rogers, 17:45; 92. 1. Brendan McCann, 19:04; 35. Noah Adams, 19:16; 47. 1. Paul Perry, 19:56; 118. 49. Patrick Sava,

18:59; 50. Oaz Jeffers, 19:00; 74. 53. Brendan Genes, 19:02; 46. 59. Jacob Robinson, 19:10; 63. Russell Sharpe, 19:14; 56. 66. Brendan Theodore, 19:35; 62. Spencer Torro, 19:38; 74. 70. Jacob Baucome, 19:42; 82. 72. Adam Marzou, 19:43; 70. 77. Griffin Skuff, 19:50; 86. 81. Madhav Goli, 19:54; 82. Alex Koll, 19:51; 83. Jared Zella, 20:00; 36. 87. William Lu, 20:12; 85. 88. Peter Boshart, 20:14; 89. 89. Drew Yelke, 20:16; 91. Matthew Kurl, 20:22; 29. 115. Luke Wetman, 21:04; 25. 116. Nathan Zarnes, 21:43; 21. 117. Austin Burt, 21:55; 112. 72. Tyron Johnson, 22:02; 112. Alex Lianke, 23:23; 12. 115. Michael Borer, 23:54; 64.

RUNNERS

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Following a dual meet against South Lyon, the Rocks will compete at two more invitationals this weekend: Friday at Michigan State University and Saturday at Holly.

Chiefs 2nd at Invite

The Canton varsity girls cross country team also had plenty of success over the weekend.

The Chiefs placed second out of 16 teams at the Woodhaven Warrior Invitational in Brownstown, held at the Lake Erie Metropark.

Canton's tally of 78 points only trailed victory Saline (81 points).

Individually, the Chiefs had plenty of strong performances, led by Kate Cotham (sixth, 20:30) and Olivia McIntee (eighth, 20:39).

Others who excelled for Canton included Jessica Siegler (13th, 20:56), Anna Gorzalski (18th,

21:19) and Alyssa Bradley (34th, 22:18).

"This was a good early season meet, competitive meet and the girls ran well," Canton head coach Eric Pahl said. "We still have a lot of work to do before we will be satisfied."

"Kate and Alyssa are still learning how to run a 5K. Olivia was solid as always. Jessica and Anna are looking strong and both ran a very good race. Kate, Olivia, Jessica and Anna all earned medals at this meet."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS THURSDAY OCTOBER 3, 2013 6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 3, 2013 commencing at 6:00 p.m. to consider:

1. ZBA application 1511, 42350 Ann Arbor Road - the applicant is an ARC zoning district and is requesting an variance to construct a 3 level self storage building. The variance requested is one (1) story.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department 734 954-3210.

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LEGAL NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH 2013 SUMMER TAXES

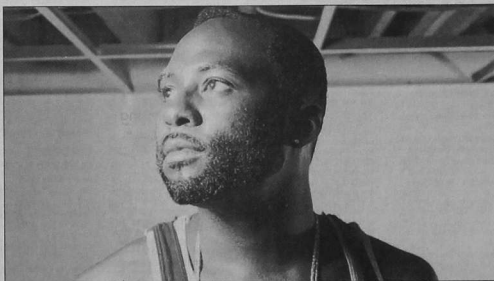
Summer Taxes are due July 1, 2013 and payable through September 16, 2013 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement. MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH. Payments can be made at the Township Hall during regular working hours, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Treasurer's Office. After hours payments can be placed in the 24 hr WHITE DROP BOX located along the circular drive.

Ron Edwards, Treasurer Charter Township of Plymouth 9955 Haggerty Rd Plymouth, MI 481710

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Join us for our 1st ever Bike Night on Friday
WESTLAND ALL AMERICAN
Blues Brews & Bikes too!
Presented by Westland CDDA
September 20-21, 2013
Friday, 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Saturday, 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.
City Hall Grounds, 36601 Ford Road, Westland
5:30 p.m. - POW/MIA tribute • 6:15 p.m. - Gabrielle Wild • 7:15 p.m. - Blues Event Line-Up - Friday, September 20th
6:00 p.m. - Detroit Blues Society • 6:15 p.m. - Detroit Blues Society • 6:30 p.m. - Detroit Blues Society
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST • 12 p.m. - Jones'n • 2 p.m. - Chris Cans Band • 4 p.m. - Randy Brock Group • 6 p.m. - Rick Steel Project • 8 p.m. - The Zydeco Hepcats
SATURDAY - 1-4 p.m. Kids Blues Karaoke
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LOCAL COMEDIAN TURNS
LIFE'S LEMONS INTO LAUGHSBy Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Chillian Thomas will record a CD of his stand-up comedy routine Sept. 19 at US 12 Bar & Grill in Wayne.

comfort.”

Ready for CD

Thomas' observations about the break up led him to write more jokes about himself. And when it was clear that his ex-girlfriend wouldn't return to the relationship, "everything kinda fell into place from there."

He honed his material at open mic nights run by fellow comedians in bars throughout southeastern Michigan. He'd write at 5 a.m. and perform later that same day, repeating the process throughout the summer until the routine was CD-ready.

"The CD will be 100 percent something I've been through or things I think about, things that I was afraid to do in comedy clubs and totally different from (the material) I'm doing in comedy clubs. I feel that this is a way of being the comedian I want to be. It's a lot of per-

sonal stuff — situations with friends, job, myself outside the break up, weird things I've thought about, showing my capability."

The show in Wayne is a homecoming of sorts for Thomas, 28, who grew up in Westland and hung out in the Wayne-Westland area. He has never performed in his hometown, but says he's proud of the community.

"I thought it would feel good to be around people I know and see," he said, explaining his decision to record the show at US 12.

Learning through experience

Thomas started his performing career in high school, acting in plays and taking theater classes. After graduation he worked in professional theater, commercials and independent films. Knowing that he was "always funny" around

his friends, he took the stand-up comedy class at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak and began testing out material at open mic nights. In 2009 he and two other comedians formed "Comedy Held Hostage," a stand-up show that they toured to college campuses, bars, clubs and eventually, to theaters. A documentary filmmaker recorded the trio and the film project wrapped up in August 2012. "Held Hostage" members went their separate ways.

Thomas also has performed in improv troupes, sketch comedy shows and in improv-based productions as Tony in *Tina's Wedding*. But his preference is stand-up comedy.

"You have to have a gig with theater. With stand-up you don't have to have a gig. There are open mics and you can constantly be crafting. I like that."

When Chillian Thomas broke up with his girlfriend earlier this year, the Livonia comedian talked to friends, wrote his feelings in a journal and thought a lot about the "mistake" he had made.

Nothing seemed to help him shake the blues — until he took the story to the stage.

"The first time I was on stage trying this stuff out I was a miserable wreck. Some of it was heartfelt and some funny. I never did a rant on stage like that and after a while I stopped and said to the audience, is any of this funny to you? And a guy in the audience goes, 'It's funny, but uncomfortable.'"

The material became the basis of a new routine that Thomas will perform — and record for CD — Thursday, Sept. 19, at US-12 Bar & Grill, 34824 W. Michigan Ave., Wayne, 734-722-3170. Admission to "Too Close for Comfort" is \$10 and seats are limited to 50 per show. He'll perform at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

"The break up helped me open up as a human being. With comedians, we'll make you laugh even when we're sad. The audience really did provide a comfortable spot for me so that I didn't have to feel sorry for myself," Thomas said. "When I got on stage I was appreciative that someone listened to me. I was doing the joke over and over and it was helping me deal with the situation more."

"It had become therapy for me. A lot of comedians get their jokes from pain — I'd heard that before but never understood it. It felt better to not only talk about it, but when people are laughing back at you, that laughter becomes a



Jeff Foust (left) plays Edna Turnblad, Briana Bradley is Tracy Turnblad and Jake Zinke is Link Larkin in Spotlight Players' production of the musical comedy, 'Hairspray.'

Troupe welcomes special
needs audience to
'Hairspray'

Spotlight Players will tailor its matinee performance of *Hairspray*, Saturday, Sept. 14 to individuals with special needs.

"We've modified the show," said Denise Staffield, Spotlight Players vice president. "We'll have the house lights up and some things that are normally in the other shows, such as a streamer canon, we won't be doing. We've limited our seats, so you can get up and move around. And it's general admission seating."

Staffield said the aim is to make families with special needs members comfortable as they watch the live performance. A grant from the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities funded the special event.

After the show we're doing a meet and greet. And we'll do a tour behind the stage so you can see how it all comes together," Staffield said.

The matinee performance starts at 2 p.m. at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, and is open only to individuals with special needs and their families. Tickets are \$12 and available through Canton Township by calling 734-394-5367 or at CantonFun.org code #6508.487. For questions about the performance, email staffield@denise.staffield@huntington.com or call 734-455-5683.

Staffield, who has worked with several special needs

groups, said Spotlight Players plans to create a workshop next season that will give individuals with special needs a chance to join the theater group on stage.

"We are excited about the opportunity to share our theater world with these families," Staffield said.

All other performances of *Hairspray* are open to the public. Show dates and times are 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 13-14 and 20-21 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15 and 22. Tickets range from \$15-\$18. They're available at spotlightplayers.org or call 734-394-5300.

Hairspray set in Baltimore in 1962, follows the adventures of 16-year-old Tracy Turnblad, who dances her way to stardom on the popular *Corny Collins Show*. Tracy must cope with jealousy from the reigning *Teen Queen* and her scheming mother, win the affections of heartthrob Link Larkin and tackle racial inequality on a TV network — all without denting her precious hairdo.

Cast members include Briana Bradley as Tracy and Nick Rapson as Link. Shondra Tipler takes on the role *Motormouth Maybelle* and Jeff Foust and Jake Zinke are Edna and Wilbur. Tracey's parents. The show is directed by Danielle Morris and choreographed by Jenny Beitzel and Craig Nichols. Rachael Rose is music director.

—By Sharon Dargay

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 Immaterial Condition."

Contact: 734-394-5300; cantonvillage@water.org

NORTHVILLE
ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Sept. 28

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: Terry Lee Dilly's solo exhibition, "Dimorphism" consists of elaborate drawings in black ink and gold leaf. For the past 20 years, Dilly conceptualized fantastical buildings as metaphors of his daily life. His work shows he worked in professional theater, commercials and independent films. Knowing that he was "always funny" around

Contact: 248-344-0497; http://www.northvillearts.org

FILM
PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13 and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 14-15

Location: 760 Pennington Ave., Plymouth

Details: "The Lone Ranger," admission \$3

Coming up: "Despicable Me 2," 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 21-22.

"The Way Way Back," 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 27-28 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 29

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

REDFOOT THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 13-14, and 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15

Location: 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit

Details: "Music Man," with Robert Preston and Shirley Jones, \$6. Jones will appear live at all shows. Auto-graphs will be \$20 per item. Fans may select one of the 8, by 10-inch glasses provided or bring their own personal item to be autographed. Photos with items 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, B47V, 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

Coming up: The Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum meeting, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, will feature a talk by historian Al Smiley and members of the Northville/Ellis Base Ball Club. They'll discuss baseball's early days. The talk is free and open to the public

Contact: www.plymouthhistory.org; 734-455-8940

MUSIC
FARMINGTON PLAYERS
BARN THEATRE

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

Location: 23322 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Peter Oprisno 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. 9; "Songs We Love," a compilation of songs from the Rat Pack era, Jan. 11, 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. 1760, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: The Russ Miller Quintet performs at the next show on Sept. 24. Miller plays flute and saxophone; Charlie Miller is on trumpet; Cliff Monear is on keyboard; Jeff Pedraz on bass; and Dave Taylor on drums. There

Rob Garrett will portray Neil Diamond in a tribute concert Sept. 28, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, in Canton.

is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres.

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

PLYMOUTH COFFEE BARN

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

Location: 884 Pennington, Plymouth

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

Saturday featured artist: Zander Michigan and Nick Urbank, Sept. 14

The Skinny Raccoons, Sept. 21; Seth Abrams, Sept. 28. Featured performer concerts start at 8 p.m.

Contact: 734-454-0178

SENATE THEATRE

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29

Location: 8424 Michigan Ave., Detroit

Details: Bob Milne and Bob Seelye, veteran piano players, perform "Piano Ragtime and Boogie Woogie Blast!"

Tickets: \$15

Contact: 313-894-0850

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: Singers Sing Seeger 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 Kitty 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

VILLAGE THEATRE

Time/Date: 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

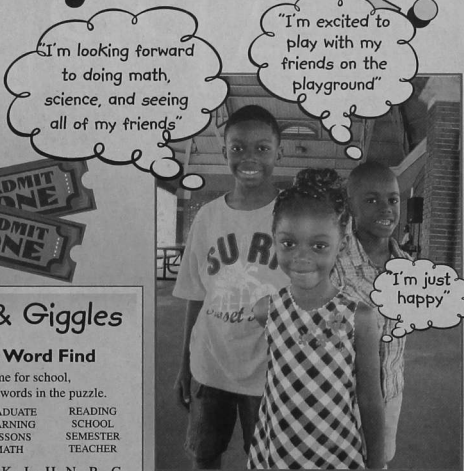
Details: Impersonators Rob Garrett and Sharon Owens perform tributes to Neil Diamond and Barbra Streisand. Tickets are \$27, available from cantonvillage@water.org or by calling 734-394-5466. Tickets also are available at the door beginning an hour before show time.

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Pictured from rear left to right: Allen Morgan, age 9, Redford Edward Jordan, age 6, Redford Symea Jordan, age 5, Redford



Pictured from left to right: Julian Rogers, age 12, Redford "I'm going into the 8th grade and I am looking forward to the out of state field trip." Julius Rogers, age 12, Redford "I'm looking forward to making new friends at school and the field trips." Deshawnt Thomas, age 11, Redford "I'm looking forward to learning new things." Myravenous Wright, age 13, Redford "I'm going to my first year in high school. I'm looking forward to going to a new school and meeting new teachers."

BIRTHDAY WISHES

- Noah Trackwell Redford 9/3
- Hanna Richardson Farmington Hills 9/5
- Liam Born Highland 9/9
- Patrick Kerrigan Livonia 9/18
- Mikey Palmer Plymouth 9/21
- Isaiah Bonner Romulus 9/25
- Ryan Stallworth Southfield 9/29

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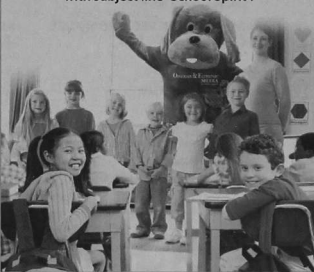
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AMAZING APPLES



Skip the pie and try an apple appetizer recipe

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

If "snack" and "pie" are the only two words that come to mind when you think apples, you may need a little inspiration in the kitchen. Chef Paul Penney is just the man for the job. He says cooking "can be an adventure" if you experiment with a favorite recipe by adding just a few slices of Michigan apples.

He also suggests trying the recipes he'll demonstrate Sunday, Sept. 15 at the Canton Farmers Market, which runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is located at Preservation Park, 500 Ridge Road, Canton.

"The two or three recipes we're going to do involve tailgating or appetizers. One is a spin on a skewer, but using a spicy apple glaze on meatballs," said Penney, who works with the Michigan Apple Committee. "The whole idea of this particular recipe is that you can glaze the meatballs and bring them in a crockpot and then make up the skewers." He said the apples included in the skewer can be of any variety — whatever is in

season at the market that week.

"Then the other one I'm doing is crostini, topped with apples as well and a ricotta and blue cheese mix you make up ahead of time. The main reason I'm doing these is because they are new recipes. I'll tour the Detroit area with them. I've got 20-30 stores next month where I'll be doing these recipes."

Last year, when Michigan growers harvested a mere 2.7 million bushels — lower than the state's near 20 million bushel average — Penney didn't include any Michigan apple recipes in his demonstrations. Spring weather fluctuations had caused the crop loss in 2012.

"Everyone was down in dumps and hurting big time. We did lose a few growers last year," Penney said. "This year we're expecting 30 million bushels."

Penney will demonstrate apple recipes next month at numerous locations in southeast Michigan. In addition to Canton Farmer's Market, Penney will cook at these local stores:

■ 10 a.m. to noon, Oct. 3, Busch's, 15185 Sheldon, Plymouth

■ 1-3 p.m. Oct. 3, Busch's, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia

■ 1-3 p.m. Oct. 4, Busch's, 24445 Drake, Farmington Hills

■ 10 a.m. to noon, Oct. 10, Holiday Market, 520 S. Lilley, Canton

■ 1-3 p.m. Oct. 10, Westborn Market, 21755 Michigan Ave., Livonia

■ 10 a.m. to noon, Oct. 18, Meijer, 45001 Ford Road, Canton

■ 1-3 p.m. Oct. 18, Meijer, 20401 Haggerty, Northville

■ 10 a.m. to noon, Oct. 25, Meijer, 37201 Warren Road, Westland

Look for Jonamac, Golden Delicious and Jonathan at farmer's markets starting this weekend. Honeycrisp, Cortland, Empire and Jonagold generally are available toward the end of September. You'll find Red Delicious, Rome, Ida Red, Fuji and Braeburn at markets next month.

For more apple recipes, visit MichiganApples.com. Visit Penney's websites at www.callchefpaul.com or www.aussieinthekitchen.com.



CREAMY BLUE CHEESE AND HONEY APPLE TOPPED CROSTINI

Makes 12 servings (3 crostini each)

- 1 pound part skim ricotta cheese
- 5 ounces crumbled blue cheese
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
- 1 tablespoon honey
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 4 teaspoons olive oil
- 36 thin slices baguette
- ¾ unpeeled cored thinly sliced McIntosh or Northern Spy apples
- 36 small fresh basil leaves

Combine all ingredients except olive oil, bread and apple slices. Refrigerate at least 2 hours. Preheat convection oven to 375°F. Brush one side of each baguette slice lightly with oil. Place on a full sheet pan. Bake 4 to 5 minutes or until toasted. Cool. For each serving, top 3 crostini with 1 tablespoon apple mixture, 1 apple slice and 1 fresh basil leaf each. Plate and serve.



INDIVIDUAL APPLE UPSIDE-DOWN CAKES

Makes 12 servings (one cake each)

- Cake:
 - 3 tablespoons butter, melted
 - 3 tablespoons firmly packed brown sugar
 - ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - 4 medium (about 2 ½-inches in diameter) unpeeled cored Michigan Gala or Empire apples, sliced ½-inch thick
 - ¼ cup dried Michigan tart cherries
 - 3 ½ cups (1 pound, 2 ounces) dry yellow cake mix
 - 1 cup sour cream
 - 1 cup apple juice
 - ¼ cup vegetable oil
 - 3 large eggs
 - 1 ½ cups plain granola, finely crushed
- Toppings:
 - ¼ cup caramel ice cream topping
 - ¼ cup prepared whipped topping

Preheat standard oven to 350°F. Spray 12 4 ½-inch muffin cups with baking spray with flour. For Cake, combine butter, brown sugar and cinnamon. Divide mixture evenly between 12 muffin cups. Place 1 apple slice over butter mixture on bottom of each muffin cup pressing firmly into cup. Fill center with cherries. Combine cake mix, sour cream, apple juice, oil and eggs in bowl of mixer fitted with paddle attachment. Mix on low speed 30 seconds. Then beat on medium speed 3 minutes. Portion batter into each muffin cup. Sprinkle with 2 tablespoons crushed granola, lightly pressing into batter. Bake 30-35 minutes or until wooden pick inserted into center of cake comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Carefully invert onto cooling rack. Cool completely. When ready to serve, drizzle each cake with 1 tablespoon caramel topping and top with 1 tablespoon whipped topping.



SPICY APPLE GLAZED MEATBALL SKEWERS

Makes 6 servings (3 skewers)

- ½ cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 cup apple juice
- ¼ cup reduced sodium soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon chili garlic sauce
- 18 prepared meatballs, thawed if frozen
- 18 1-inch green pepper squares
- 18 fresh unpeeled McIntosh or Northern Spy apple wedges
- 18 1-inch pieces green onion
- Green onion tops (optional)

Combine brown sugar, cornstarch and spices in saucepan. Stir in apple juice, soy sauce and chili garlic sauce until smooth. Bring to a boil on medium heat, stirring frequently. Simmer 2 minutes until thick and clear, stirring occasionally. Add meatballs and glaze on low heat 2 minutes or until meatballs are heated through, stirring occasionally. Make skewers of 1 green pepper square, 1 meatball, 1 apple wedge and 1 piece green onion. Drizzle about 1 tablespoon remaining glaze onto each serving plate. Arrange 3 skewers on plate. Garnish with green onion top cut into thin strips.



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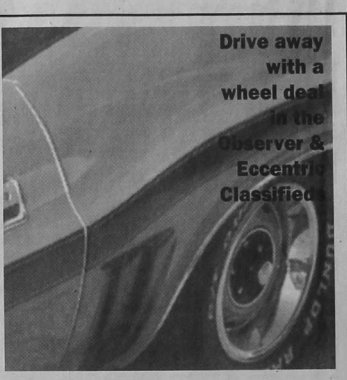
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