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# La-Z-Boy chooses Canton for showroom

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

La-Z-Boy has chosen Canton for its newest furniture store, amid plans to build a 15,682-square-foot showroom where customers can choose home furnishings and arrange for home deliveries.

Farmington Hills-based Schaefer Development, said La-Z-Boy hopes to start construction within 60 days and open next spring on Ford Road west of Lilley, across from Outback Steakhouse.

"They're very excited about having a store at this location," Schaefer said. His remarks came Tuesday

evening as the La-Z-Boy Home Furnishings and Décor project won site plan approval from the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

Canton Economic Development Manager Kristen Thomas welcomed the company's decision to choose Canton for a store.

"We're very happy when any

new business chooses Canton and Ford Road certainly is an attractive area for these businesses," Thomas said. "We're happy to have La-Z-Boy in Canton."

Schafer said the project will create several jobs.

Meanwhile, Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said new housing is expected to be

proposed for an area behind the La-Z-Boy store, though access would be from Lilley Road and not already-bustling Ford Road.

The housing proposal hasn't yet come before the township board for a vote.

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Deb Allen of Canton with her father Ron Knotts at the 2007 wedding of Allen's daughter. Knotts was diagnosed with Huntington's disease a week later.

## Canton cops probing rash of burglaries

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Canton has witnessed a string of burglaries by intruders who broke into at least five businesses during one month period, Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh said.

"We're not sure if they are related," he said.

An undisclosed amount of money was among the items stolen during the burglaries, which have occurred during early morning hours, Baugh said.

The incidents remain under investigation. Baugh said anyone who has information about any of the burglaries is encouraged to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400.

The latest burglary was reported about 5:20 a.m. Sept. 16 at Haggerty Drugs, on Haggerty Road south of Ford, Baugh said.

Other break-ins were reported at the following times and locations:  
» Shortly after midnight Sept. 8 at Studio 1, a hair salon on Ford Road between Sheldon and Morton Taylor.

» After midnight Sept. 6 at Hair FX Studio, another hair salon, this one on Lilley Road north of Warren.

» Shortly before 7 a.m. Aug. 22 at PC Alano, a social club that offers activities such as euchre tournaments on Sheldon Road north of Ford.

» About 6:15 a.m. at Zax Auto Wash, on Ford between Haggerty and Lilley roads.

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# TWO-WAY BATTLE

Canton woman fights Huntington's as patient, advocate

By Brad Kadrich  
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Ron Knotts had many of what his daughter Deb Allen knows are the telltale signs of Huntington's disease.

His walk was ungainly. She remembers him standing in line in a store and seeing a little drool coming from his mouth. He'd choke on the simplest of foods. But Allen, a Canton resident, figured those were signs of aging, not symptoms of a deadly disease.

Little did she know how wrong she was or how much

it would affect her above and beyond losing her father.

Knotts was diagnosed with Huntington's disease in 2007 and died what she called a slow, ugly death in 2010. Now his daughter, diagnosed a year after her father was, fears she faces the same fate. She's pre-symptomatic at the moment, but knows what's coming and she's getting ready.

"I will have symptoms eventually, so I'm doing what I can for my kids," Allen said. "I'm glad I got tested, because it gives me the opportunity to prepare. We

never had that chance with my father's disease."

According to the Huntington's Disease Society of America, Huntington's disease is an inherited brain disorder that results in the progressive loss of both mental faculties and physical control. Symptoms usually appear, according to the HDSA, between ages 30-50 (Allen was diagnosed the day after her 50th birthday), then worsen over a 10- to 25-year time period.

There is no effective treatment or cure and, although medications can

relieve some symptoms, research has yet to find a means of slowing the deadly progression of HD.

### 50/50 chance

The HDSA estimates 1 in every 10,000 Americans has HD and more than 250,000 others are at-risk of having inherited it from a parent. Allen knows the statistics: children have a 50/50 chance of inheriting the disease from a parent.

It's one of the reasons she got tested when she found

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## Puppy power



Co-chairs Janet Stafford and Kathie McFry with their dogs, Ellie and Bo, as they walk the survivor lap to kick off the annual Bark for Life event in Canton. For more on the event, please turn to page A5. TOM BRADDOCK

## District team rolling on bond projects

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Facing a tight deadline and with \$114.4 million in projects to get off the ground, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administrators told Board of Education members Tuesday they were hitting the ground running.

Officials from the primary team members — designer TMP and construction manager McCarthy & Smith — told the board they were already well on their way toward reaching some of the early goals for projects approved in the May bond election.

"We've worked hard for six

months to put the team together and lay the groundwork," said Brodie Killian, the district's deputy superintendent for finance and operations.

The first project to be tackled, officials said, is the design and beginning construction phase of the new middle school, to be built on district-owned property on Cherry Hill just west of Canton Center in Canton. TMP designers have already begun the schematic design while tackling municipal issues.

"We're working through site plan issues on the new middle school ... working with

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Anyone who has information about this suspect in the Sept. 8 burglary at Studio 1 hair salon is asked to call Canton police at (734) 394-5400. CANTON PUBLIC SAFETY



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# Imposter swindles Canton man out of \$1,500

### By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

An 80-year-old Canton man was swindled out of \$1,500 after a caller posing as his nephew said he had been hospitalized in Mexico City and convinced the victim to wire the money.

After the victim re-

ceived a second phone call asking for an additional \$50,000, he contacted his nephew, who hadn't even traveled out of the country, a police report said.

Liz has been a tireless volunteer and dedicated cancer advocate of ACS CAN's legislative priorities," said Christopher W. Hansen, president of ACS CAN. "We are grateful for Liz's outstanding efforts to organize local volunteers and advocate for strong and effective cancer-fighting public policy."

## Canton woman named top fighter by cancer group

Canton resident Liz Paruch was awarded ACTI Lead of the Year by the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network for her dedicated volunteer and advocacy work to help make cancer a national priority.

This annual award is given to a lead congressional district volunteer who has demonstrated unfailing leadership advocating for ACS CAN's areas of cancer-related public policy. "Liz has been a tireless volunteer and dedicated cancer advocate of ACS CAN's legislative priorities," said Christopher W. Hansen, president of ACS CAN. "We are grateful for Liz's outstanding efforts to organize local volunteers and advocate for strong and effective cancer-fighting public policy."

Paruch is the ACTI Lead in Congressional District 11 for ACS CAN, the advocacy affiliate of the Amer-

Mexico. He spoke to a second man, claiming to be an attorney from the U.S. Embassy, who advised him to go to a grocery store to wire the money.

Canton Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh offered advice for anyone who receives such a call. "Check with the local

police and with family members who are supposedly in custody just to ensure it's true before taking any action, especially when it involves a call from a foreign country," Baugh said.

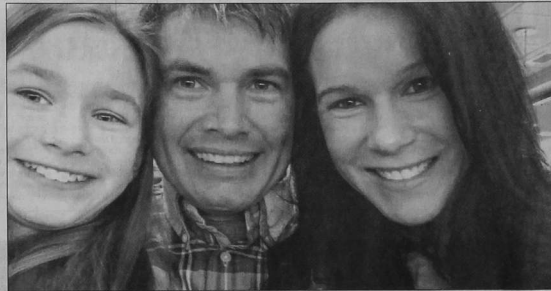
"Good-hearted people who are trying to help others can be subjected to other people who are

not so nice." Often, police say, such attempts to swindle money are directed at senior citizens.

In the latest incident, the 80-year-old Canton man told police he hadn't spoken with his nephew in six months when he received the initial call. During the second

call, the man claiming he was with the U.S. Embassy even offered to loan him \$20,000 if he would wire \$300,000. That's when he decided to contact relatives.

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Kelly, Adam and Kathleen Samulski of Dearborn. Kathleen is the caregiver for Adam, who got Huntington's disease from his mother, who died at age 52. Kelly recently raised some \$5,000 for the annual Walk for a Cure.

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out her dad had it. That, and the fact her daughter was thinking about having a baby.

"I wanted to get tested because my daughter wanted to start a family," Allen said.

Having lost her father to the disease and now certain she's headed down the same path, Allen is at least trying to fight back, becoming a vociferous advocate for awareness of the disease. She has walked in the last two Walk for a Cure events Downriver and, in June 2012, attended her first HDSA convention in Las Vegas.

This past April, she traveled to Washington, D.C., to advocate for HD patients. She met with the staff of U.S. Rep. Kerry Benetolio, and Sens. Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin. Since her visit, she said, Benetolio and Stabenow have agreed to co-sponsor the Huntington's Disease Parity Act.

**A friendly face**  
It was in Washington she met Kathleen Samulski, a Dearborn resident who works as a technology consultant to Wayne County school districts.

Samulski was there as the caregiver to her husband Adam, who is a HD patient.

Adam Samulski, whose mother died of Huntington's at age 52, was Kathleen's high school sweetheart. Kathleen grew up in Livonia and met Adam while the two were students at Stevenson High School. The couple married and had a daughter Kelly, now 10.

But Adam's symptoms began materializing. His

memory is affected, as is his behavior, particularly toward Kathleen. The disease causes involuntary movements — "Kelly calls them his 'moves like Jagger,'" Samulski says — that can inflict damage.

Eventually, it got so bad Kathleen made the only decision that made sense to her: she was forced to divorce Adam, although she remains his caregiver.

"That's the thing about this disease, Kathleen said.

"The cognitive stuff goes first and then the behavioral problems happen," she said. "It's really hard to watch someone you knew in the prime of his life deteriorate before your very eyes. I've had it my life's work to understand, and bear, Huntington's disease, because it has screwed up my life."

Kathleen Samulski has been at a little longer than Allen. Samulski is a national HDSA advocate and has been trained to go out and talk to various groups about clinical trials. She's also an ambassador to a pharmaceutical company that provides HD medication.

**'Secretive disease'**  
The HDSA says that while Huntington's was once thought a rare disease, it is now considered one of the more common hereditary diseases. It's not necessarily a contention with which Samulski agrees.

"This is a very secretive disease," she said. "It's not talked about. If you know about HD, usually either you have it or you know someone who has it. People don't know much about it."

Allen met Samulski while both were trying to change that, advocating in Washington for the HD Parity Act, a bill that



Deb Allen of Canton and former Livonia resident Kathleen Samulski were among a group in Washington, D.C., to fight for the Huntington's Disease Parity Act.

would, among other things, waive the two-year waiting period for Medicare for HD patients. The two have become fast friends and confidants since.

"She has taught me a lot about being an advocate," Allen said. "She's someone I can call. I have people in my corner now that I didn't have before."

Both women are being spurred to action by their families. Allen is the mother of two and has two siblings, none of whom has gotten tested. "I'm fine with their decision, there's nothing they could do about it anyway," Allen said.

Samulski knows there isn't much that can be done for Adam, since there's no treatment and no cure, and what medicines are available only treat the symptoms, not the disease. Although research is getting closer, Samulski — like Allen — knows the future is likely grim. It makes her angry, which is why she's doing what she can.

"It's like living with Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and ALS all at once," she said. "It's a death sentence and it's a really ugly death sentence."

"In the face of all the horrible stuff," she added, "I decided I was going to do something positive with it."

ter Kelly raised more than \$5,000 for the cause. Allen walked the walk, too, and now the two are getting ready for the Michigan HDSA conference in Lansing in March and the national convention in Louisville, Ky., in June.

Allen is busying herself learning as much as she can about her disease, so that she can prepare her family and prepare herself.

Until then, she's just enjoying her grandchildren, hugging them even closer when it gets hard and the emotions overcome her.

"My grandchildren make me smile, but I still think about what could be in store for them and it hurts," Allen said. "It's been horrific. My family will never be the same, ever. I stopped having fun. But as I've learned more, I've moved beyond that. I can have fun now."

She was there when her father passed away and she made him a promise, which she's trying to keep now.

"My promise to my father was to do everything in my power to fight," she said. "For everyone out there faced with this on a day-to-day basis and yet can still smile, laugh, and hope for a cure."

**A final promise**  
She walked the Walk for a Cure and her daughter...

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## BOND

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Canton Township and Wayne County officials, as well," said John Castellano, project executive for TMP Associates. "We hit the ground running and we're excited."

The new middle school, scheduled to open in September 2015 as a replacement for Central Middle School, will be a two-story school with a capacity of 800 students. Design work is scheduled to be done by January, with construction slated to start in May.

Other projects to get started include additions and remodeling of the district's other middle schools, to include upgrades and the addition of STEM labs (some \$4.8 million worth), and some \$6.6 million to facilities, including improvements at the varsity football field, roofing

work and other safety and security measures.

The district also has to get started on the infrastructure to put together its own wide-area network and other technology improvements. Consulting firms Barton Malow and the SHW Group are on board to tackle various aspects of those projects.

Elson Liu, the district's executive director of technology, said the teamwork from those groups thus far has been impressive.

"These gentlemen are usually competitors," Liu said. "In working with Plymouth-Canton schools, though, they've recently checked their egos at the door."

Killian pointed out that updates on the status and progress of the various bond projects can be tracked on the district's website, www.pccc.k12.mi.us, with regular updates.

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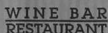
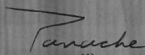
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# Robbery case dismissed after witness no-show

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer



Bourdeaux-  
Brown

Echols

After a key witness failed to appear for trial, a Wayne County Circuit Court judge has dismissed criminal charges against a Detroit man who was charged following an armed robbery inside a Canton apartment.

Judge Michael Hathaway dropped charges against 21-year-old Aaron Nathaniel Bourdeaux-Brown and released him from custody Sept. 18, according to court records.

However, Hathaway dismissed the case without pre-

judice, meaning the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office could possibly opt to file charges anew against Bourdeaux-Brown.

It wasn't known Tuesday why the witness failed to appear in court or whether charges would be renews

against the defendant, who could have faced penalties ranging up to life in prison if he had been convicted of armed robbery and unarmed robbery.

Charges of first-degree home invasion and larceny in a building already had been dismissed against Bourdeaux-Brown and co-defendant Justin Deontae Echols, a 19-year-old Detroit man, during a preliminary hearing in July in 35th District Court.

Since then, Echols was placed on probation Sept. 13 after he pleaded guilty in mid-August to a single charge of

unarmed robbery. Moreover, Echols was sentenced by Hathaway under the Holmes Youthful Trainee Act, meaning he can keep the crime off his record as long as he obeys court orders and stays out of trouble.

Bourdeaux-Brown and Echols had been charged after Canton police say a robbery occurred in June when two men, one toting a weapon, forced their way inside a Pilgrim Village apartment near Lilley and Warren.

Canton police Lt. Craig Wilsner has said a man at the apartment complex told police

two men with their faces partially concealed knocked on his door and forced their way inside when he opened it.

Wilsner has said the victim alleged that one intruder got into a struggle with him while the other "grabbed some items out of the apartment."

No one was injured.

Arrests were made following an investigation by Canton Police and Michigan State Police.

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## CANTON CRIME WATCH

### Child neglect

Canton police found a 6-year-old boy wandering alone in the area after being called to the area of Joy Road and I-275 shortly after 10 p.m. Friday, according to a police report.

Plymouth Township police also had received a call about the boy. One witness indicated he had seen a boy get out of the back seat of a car that had pulled off the road in the area. However, police found the child's stepmother at the nearby Canton Crossings apartment complex and she told police the boy had left the apartment on his own after she had put him to bed.

The stepmother, who was upset, said she had put the boy to bed along with a newborn baby of hers. She said she, too, had gone to bed and didn't realize the 6-year-old boy had left the apartment until the child led police to her door and she was awakened.

The 39-year-old stepmother told police she and her husband have been having marital problems and she believed the child may have left the apartment to look for his father.

Canton police notified Child Protective Services and the woman is facing charges of child neglect.

### Fake illnesses

A Canton police report indicated a 20-year-old Romulus woman has a history of feigning illness when she believes she is about to get into legal trouble.

A police report said the latest incident happened about 12:25 p.m. Monday during a routine traffic stop on Michigan Avenue. The woman was a passenger.

The report indicated the woman has a history of feigning illness when she is confronted with having Canton warrants for her arrest. In the Monday incident, the driver told police the woman appeared to have passed out, but police prodded her to wake up and she said she was suffering from a bladder infection and needed an ambulance.

Police advised her that she didn't at this time have any warrants out for her arrest and wouldn't have to go to jail. The woman then told authorities she didn't want to go to the hospital. She now has a new citation for interfering during the investigation.

### Stolen watches

A Canton woman notified police after two expensive Breitling men's watches were stolen from the home she

shares with her husband on Liberty, southeast of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads.

The woman indicated the watches - one valued at \$10,000 and the other at \$6,000 - may have been taken Friday by two male employees of a cleaning service that had been hired for carpet work, a police report said.

### Drunken fight

Police went to Bailey's Pub, on Canton Center south of Ford, following reports of two drunken friends fighting outside the main door, a police report said.

Police were called to the bar shortly after 2:30 a.m. Sunday. Officers learned the men were staggering, showing each other and harassing other people. One of the men had what was described as a severe cut on the back of his head after he had fallen.

The men, ages 29 and 27, had gone to the bar to watch an Ultimate Fighting Championship match, the police report said. The injured man was taken to a hospital, though he was cited beforehand for being drunk and disorderly. The other man was arrested for the same charge.

- Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

## PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

### Shoplifting arrest

A 22-year-old Los Angeles man was arrested Sunday in the shoplifting of 31 cans of spray paint from the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township.

Police said a store security guard was hit in the nose as he confronted the suspect outside the store, but the guard wasn't sure whether he was intentionally struck or whether it was an accident caused by the man's sudden turn and declined to press charges.

Kmart will press charges for the shoplifting, however, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said.

The incident occurred just before 5:30 p.m., the report said.

The guard told police he spotted a man carrying a hand basket full of spray paint while leaving the store and hadn't seen him near any registers. He approached the man outside, he said, and the man turned quickly, one of his arms hitting him in the nose. He was not seriously hurt.

The guard gained control of the man, police said, and led him to the store's security office to await police.

Police said the spray paint was worth a total of \$151.15.

### Coins stolen

Two rare coins, worth hundreds of dollars according to their owner, were reported stolen Sept. 17 from a car parked at a house on Mayflower Drive in the township.

The 2013 Dodge Charger had been left unlocked in his driveway, the complainant told police.

The theft occurred between Sept. 9 and Sept. 11, he said.

The complainant said he checked at area pawn shops for the coins without success.

The coins were a 1972 silver dollar and a 1917 half-dollar coin, the police report said.

The complainant also told police that he left a \$5 bill in the Charger after the theft, with a note attached to the money saying that he would pay for the return of the coins. The \$5 bill was missing Sept. 13, he said.

The responding officer advised the man to stop leaving valuables in his car.

- By Matt Jachman

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A beautiful last day of summer brought out many people to the Bark for Life event in Canton's Heritage Park. TOM BEAUDOIN

# GONE TO THE DOGS

Bark for Life raises cancer funds, awareness

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

One of the recurring themes you hear at Canton's annual Bark for Life event is how therapeutic dogs can be to their humans who are battling cancer.

But Mr. Sassy knows the battle from both ends. A three-time cancer survivor, Mr. Sassy, whose human is Barbara Crosby of Canton, was among the dozens of dogs who made the third annual event Saturday at Heritage Park.

Mr. Sassy, who made it about a quarter-way around the walk before Crosby carried him the rest of the way, was one of the caregivers for Crosby's daughter-in-law, a cancer survivor and the mother of two children.

"The dogs are very therapeutic to people with cancer," said Crosby, who owns TLC Pet Sitting and Dog Walking. "With my daughter-in-law, the dogs were a lot of comfort. They were good therapy for her."

One of the more than 50 dogs registered for the walk was Ellie, a shitzu/chon mix whose human is Janet Stafford of Canton. Stafford, who chaired the Bark for Life Committee, said the annual event continues to grow.

Last year, for in-

stance, only six teams signed up online. This year, that total nearly tripled. She said the event had raised more than \$13,000 before Saturday, more than half-way to the \$25,000 goal. Donations continue through the event's website, [www.relayforlife.org/barkcantonmi](http://www.relayforlife.org/barkcantonmi), and its Facebook page.

"Everyone is touched by cancer," Stafford said of the event's growth. "They feel passionate about this and they realize what an important part (dogs) are of our daily lives, especially for people going through cancer."

Stafford's father is a cancer survivor.

"The dogs were a great caregiver to him," she said. "They're a great part of your family."

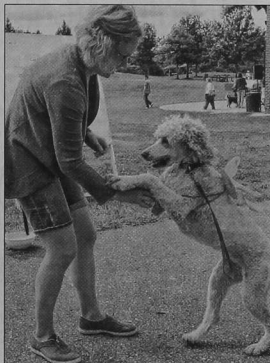
Stacey Forrester of Canton, a paraplegic at Hulsing Elementary School, brought Finigan to Bark for Life as she walked in honor of Lisa McMaster, a Hulsing second-grader who died of cancer earlier this year.

"She was such a sweet little girl," Forrester said. "She was a fighter, always bubbly, a true fighter. I wanted to keep her memory going."

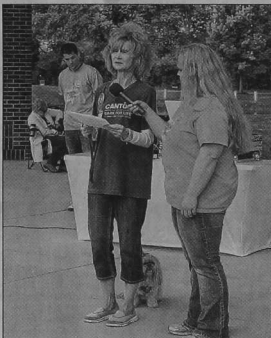
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Natasha Martin of Wayne tries to coax her dog through the agility course with a treat at this year's Bark for Life event.



Kalin Turri of Canton shows how her award-winning dog Oakley trains to be the diabetic alert dog that she is today. Oakley was a rescue dog. TOM BEAUDOIN



Bonnie Meyerand shares how her life's passion is to "fight back" as she continues to raise money for cancer research after she lost her husband Bob to cancer in 2009. Her dog Bailey is by her side as Janet Stafford holds the microphone. TOM BEAUDOIN



Event commentator Dan Osborne of Westland asks 8-year-old Ruby about the event as she walks with her human, Judy Mack of Canton.

## REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS/ PROPOSALS

The Charter Township of Plymouth is seeking proposals for Assessing Services from qualified bidders.

Quotes: Vendor will deliver one (1) original and 2 copies to the following address:

**Charter Township of Plymouth**  
Richard M. Reaume, Supervisor  
9955 N. Haggerty Rd  
Plymouth, MI 48170

**By 3:00 PM ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2013**

This submission shall include the complete RFQ, completed bid sheet and signature page.

Copies of requirements and specifications may be obtained at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or after September 26, 2013 or on the MITN (Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network's) website [www.mtin.info](http://www.mtin.info).

Michigan State Act PA 517 of 2012, Iran Economic Sanctions Act, requires notification that Iran-linked businesses may not bid on this Contract. Successful bidders will be required to provide certification that they are not an Iran-linked business.

The right is reserved by the Owner to reject any or all proposals, either in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities therein.

Proposals received after the above-cited time will be considered a late proposal and are not acceptable unless waived by the Township Supervisor.

The envelope must be clearly marked "RFQ Assessing Services"

Please direct purchasing, procedural and technical questions regarding this RFQ to Richard Reaume, Supervisor at 734-354-3201 or [rreaume@plymouthtwp.org](mailto:rreaume@plymouthtwp.org).

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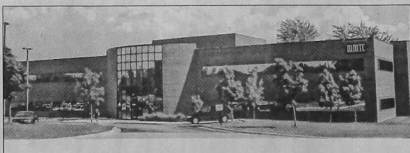
36600 Schoolcraft Road  
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## Plymouth firm gets jobs contract

The Plymouth-based Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center has won a \$2.27 million contract from the National Institute of Standards and Technology to support advanced manufacturing job creation across Michigan.

The contract will fund the center through June. MMTIC President Mike Coast called the contract "great news for the MMTIC."

"It allows us to continue to work with Michigan's small- and medium-sized manufacturers in the areas of increasing capacity and profitable growth," Coast said in a release. "We are proud of our proven track record



The Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center is headquartered in Plymouth, with affiliate offices in Grand Rapids, Marquette, Saginaw and Traverse City.

of being measured solely by the business impact we have on our client companies' business." The Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center helps connect small- to medium-sized

manufacturing firms with new product developers and assist manufacturers with tools and resources to bring new products to market and to train workers. The Michigan Manu-

facturing Technology Center is the Michigan affiliate of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Holdings Manufacturing Extension Partnership, a public-private network of

centers to support new advanced manufacturing jobs.

The center is headquartered in Plymouth, with affiliate offices in Grand Rapids, Marquette, Saginaw and Traverse City.

U.S. Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow released statements supporting the MMTIC and the awarding of the contract. Stabenow said the MMTIC is "helping manufacturers across our state bring new cutting-edge products to market and create high-tech jobs."

"We have seen consistent job growth in manufacturing over the past few years thanks in part

to the Manufacturing Extension Partnership, which helps our manufacturers grow their businesses and stay competitive in the global economy," she said.

Levin said he feels as though Michigan workers are capable of anything, given the resources.

"Michigan manufacturers and Michigan workers can compete with anybody around the world if we give them the support and training they need," Levin said.

"This grant will help the MMTIC continue its great work of helping world-class Michigan innovators thrive and grow."

## Redford Jewelry & Coin opens new location

Redford Jewelry & Coin recently held a grand-opening celebration and ribbon-cutting ceremony at its new store located at 15386 N. Haggerty Road in Northville Township.

The business moved from Redford Township, where it had been a fixture on Six Mile Road for nearly 30 years. Located on the northeast corner of Haggerty and Five Mile in the Haggerty-Five Gateway Center, the new store is larger with more than 3,600 square feet of retail space.

"We had many wonderful years in Redford Township and we are now looking forward to this next chapter serving

a new community with our quality jewelry and coins along with our expertise," owner/operator Cathy Scabassi said. "Our mission is simple," she said, "provide excellent customer service and quality products at competitive prices."

"We are dedicated to providing an unparalleled experience for each and every one of our clients."

Northville Township Trustee Fred Shadko welcomed Redford Jewelry & Coin to the area on behalf of the Northville Township Board of Trustees and Supervisor Robert Nix. "This area is prosperous and energetic and



Surrounded by loyal employees and customers, owner Cathy Scabassi (center) does the honor of cutting the ribbon for the grand opening of Redford Jewelry & Coin. To her right is her mom Anna Hazen.

Redford Jewelry and Coin's show of confidence in Northville Township is genuinely appreciated. Let the business begin," he said. Redford Jewelry &

Coin specializes in diamonds, fine jewelry, watches, jewelry repair and rare coins, with one of the largest rare coin inventories in the Detroit Metropolitan area.

Its staff includes a master jeweler with more than 30 years experience in design and repair and numismatists specializing in coins, precious metals and

paper money. For more information, visit [www.redfordjewelryandcoin.com](http://www.redfordjewelryandcoin.com) or call 866-341-3617 or locally 313-667-4204.

### PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### New doctor

Physicians at Oakwood Healthcare Center-Canton welcomed Dr. Tiffany Sanford of Belleville to their medical staff.

An internist, Sanford completed her residency at Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center in Dearborn before coming to Oakwood Healthcare Center-Canton. Sanford



received her medical education from Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. Prior to attending medical school, she earned a bachelor of science in biology from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

Throughout her medical training, Sanford held several leadership roles, including serving as an instructor for a science program for middle school students, tutoring student-athletes and providing educational assistance to first-year medical students. She was appointed resident

director and chief of ambulatory medicine for the residency programs at Schaefer Internal Medicine and Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center, respectively. She has also participated in a number of research projects.

Sanford is a member of the Detroit Medical Society, the American College of Physicians and the American Medical Association. She is on staff at Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center.

Oakwood Healthcare Center-Canton is located at 7300 N. Canton Center Road. To schedule an appointment, call 734-454-8001.

#### Cookbook launch

Old World Olive Press is getting ready to launch its collaboration cookbook with the Twice Baked Twins titled *The Judy and Joy of Pasta*.

The Twice Baked Twins are 2012 Food Network Challenge winners, identical twins, national television personalities, food bloggers and authors of the *Judy and Joy* cookbook series. Officials said this new partnership and cookbook will benefit The Pink

Fund and Breast Cancer Awareness.

Visitors can meet the Twice Baked Twins from noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, during their Michigan book-signing tour in Plymouth at Old World Olive Press on Forest Avenue.

#### 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 44567 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.

Visit one of the NCI locations to fill out an application. Candidates may also email [hring@nationalconeyisland.com](mailto:hring@nationalconeyisland.com).

### PLYMOUTH-CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

#### Business awards

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual Business Awards Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday Oct. 2, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, in Canton.

The luncheon honors the Business Person of the Year and Ambassador of the Year, along with chamber members celebrating 10-, 25-, 30-, 35- and 40-year anniversaries as chamber members.

Cost is \$25 for members. RSVP by calling

734-453-4040. Atechinson Ford Sales, Inc., is the event's major sponsor.

#### Committee needs

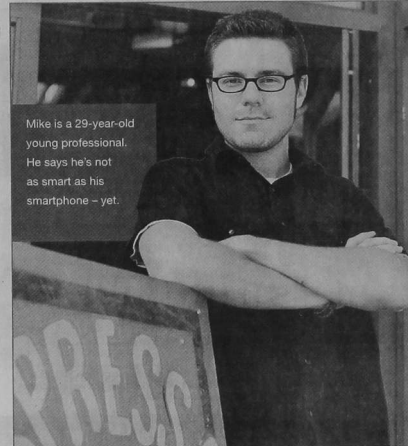
The Canton Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers to serve on the auction committee. The auction will be held Saturday, March 15, at Burton Manor.

The auction committee will meet monthly beginning at 8:15 a.m. Oct. 3 at the chamber office, 45525 Hanford in Canton. Local bankers Amy Miller (TCF Bank) and Judy Wetmore (PNC Bank) are heading up the

2014 Auction Committee.

The committee is looking for volunteers to make the auction "bigger and better than last year's event," chamber officials said. Volunteers are needed to:

- Solicit gifts and donations.
  - Decorations (once a theme has been determined).
  - Sponsors, publicity and ticket sales.
- Anyone who would like to be part of the committee can sign up by contacting the Canton Chamber of Commerce at 734-453-4040.



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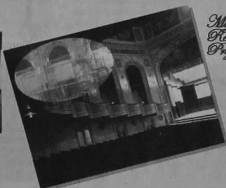
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# OBAMACARE 101 *A practical guide to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*

## KEY TERMS YOU SHOULD KNOW

### Affordable Care Act

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is known as the Affordable Care Act and Obamacare. The comprehensive federal health insurance reform law was passed by Congress in March 2010.

### Coinurance

Percentage of charges you pay when you receive a covered service. Your health insurance provider pays the rest. Copayments vary depending on your plan and type of service.

### Copayment

Fixed dollar amount you pay for certain covered health care services or prescriptions. Your insurance provider pays the rest. Copayments vary depending on your plan and the service.

**Cost share**  
Portion of charges for a service or prescription that you must pay, such as copayment, coinsurance or deductible payment. Cost share does not include premium payments.

### Deductible

Fixed amount you must pay in a calendar or contract year for certain health care services before your health insurance kicks in. Under the Affordable Care Act, certain preventative services will be fully covered regardless of deductible.

### Dependent

A family member, such as a spouse, child or partner, who is covered under your plan.

### Grandfathered plan

A group health plan that was created, or an individual health insurance policy that was purchased, on or before March 23, 2010. Grandfathered plans are exempt from many of the changes required under the Affordable Care Act as long as they have not been materially changed since then.

### Health care

Prevention, treatment and management of diseases and injuries, as well as preservation of mental and physical health. This is done by services provided by trained and licensed professionals such as doctors, dentists and psychologists.

### Health insurance

A contract that requires your health insurer to pay some or all of your health care costs in exchange for a premium you pay.

**Health insurance exchange**  
Government-run websites where individuals and small businesses can go to compare and enroll in health insurance plans, get answers to questions and determine if they are eligible for financial assistance or special programs. Also known as exchanges and marketplaces.

### Large employer

Usually a company with more than 50 employees (or full-time equivalent employees). May vary by state. Beginning in 2016, employers with up to 100 employees will be allowed to buy insurance through the exchanges for small businesses.

### Medicaid

Government insurance plan for poor and disabled people.

### Network

All facilities, providers and suppliers that your particular health insurer is contracted with to provide health care services.

### Out of network

Any facility, provider or supplier that your particular health insurer is not contracted with to provide health care services.

### Out-of-pocket expenses

Includes copayment, coinsurance and deductible payments for health care services you receive. Does not include premiums.

### Pre-existing condition

Medical conditions that someone has before he or she applies for a health insurance policy.

### Premium

Amount you and your employer pay, typically on a monthly basis, for health care coverage.

### Provider

Physician, health care professional or health care facility that is licensed, certified or accredited to provide care and services.

### Small employer

Usually a company with 50 or fewer employees (or full-time equivalent employees). May vary by state. Beginning in 2016, employers with up to 100 employees will be allowed to buy insurance through the exchanges for small businesses.

### Subsidy

Financial assistance the government may provide to help people pay for health insurance or care. Subsidies can come in the form of direct payments to the insurance company or tax credits to the consumer when they file their federal income tax return.

Source: Kaiser Permanente

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Will everyone buy health insurance?

Starting in 2014, most people will be required to have health insurance, or pay a penalty if they don't get it.

### What's the penalty?

Eventually, the penalty for people who forgo insurance will be the greater of \$695 per year (up to \$2,085 for a family) or 2.5 percent of income. Penalties are phased in over time, starting at the greater of \$95 or 1 percent of income in 2014, \$325 or 2 percent of income in 2015 and \$695 or 2.5 percent of income beginning in 2016.

### How many Americans will be penalized?

Congressional Budget Office projects 3.9 million people will pay the penalty in 2016.

### Will the Affordable Care Act affect small businesses?

Businesses with fewer than 50 employees are exempt from penalties faced by larger employers that do not offer coverage. Penalties for larger employers (50 or more employees) do not go into effect until 2015, a full year later than originally scheduled.

### What is the health insurance marketplace?

Also known as exchanges, these are organizations set up to create more organized and competitive markets for people buying health insurance. They will offer a choice of comparable health insurance plans (via a website), certify plans that participate and provide information to help consumers better understand their options.

### Who gets help from these changes?

Beginning in 2014, exchanges will mainly serve people buying insurance on their own and small businesses with up to 50 employees (100 beginning in 2016), although states can choose to include larger employers in the future.

### What about subsidies?

In 2014, tax credits will be available to people who buy coverage in the new exchanges and who have income up to 400 percent of the federal poverty level (\$43,320 for an individual or \$88,200 for a family of four in 2009). To be eligible, you must not be eligible for public coverage — including Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, Medicare or military coverage — and must not have had access to health insurance through an employer.

### What happens to employers that don't provide health benefits?

The health reform law does not require employers to provide health benefits. However, it does impose penalties in some cases in larger employers (those with 50 or more workers) that do not provide insurance to their workers or that provide coverage that is unaffordable. Larger employers that do not provide coverage will be assessed a penalty if any one of their workers receives a tax credit when buying insurance on their own in an health insurance exchange. The enforcement dates take effect in 2015, a year later than originally scheduled.

### What will be the employer penalty?

Equal to \$2,000 multiplied by the number of workers in the business in excess of 30 workers (with the penalty amount increasing over time). Penalty is not applied to the first 30 workers.

Source: Kaiser Family Foundation

## TIMELINE

» Oct. 1: Open enrollment begins on health insurance exchanges website, healthcare.gov

» Dec. 15: Deadline for enrolling for coverage that takes effect Jan. 1, 2014

» Jan. 1, 2014: New BadgerCare Plus coverage changes that affect 90,000 current enrollees

» March 31, 2014: End of open enrollment through health insurance exchanges

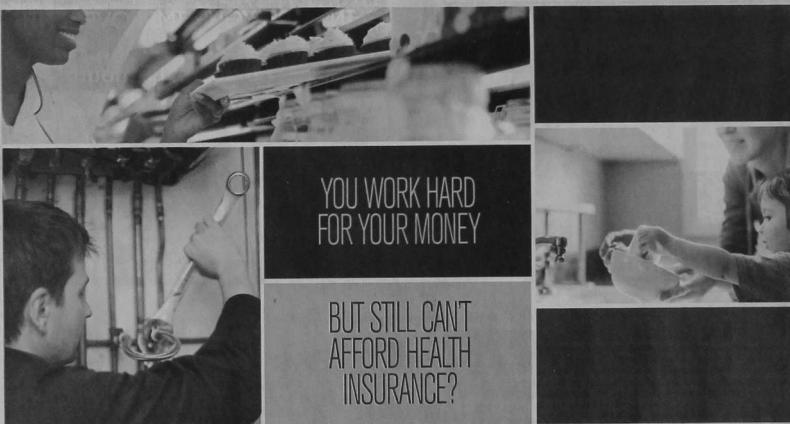
## HAVE QUESTIONS?

For more details about the upcoming changes and their impact on you, click on [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).



## WHERE DO YOU FALL?

The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation has an online calculator to help people figure out whether they will benefit from subsidies to buy insurance at [kff.org/interactives/subsidy-calculator](http://kff.org/interactives/subsidy-calculator).



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# Price to chair water board task force

Amid ongoing interest in creating a new regional water and sewer authority, Wayne County Commission Chairman Gary Woronchak has appointed a special Water Board Task Force to monitor Wayne County's efforts in joining Oakland and Macomb counties in establishing the new authority.

Commissioner Shannon Price, R-Canton, will chair the task force, which also includes Commissioners Raymond E. Basham, D-Taylor, and Irma Clark-Coleman,

D-Detroit. "I am pleased to be appointed to chair this task force," said Price, who also represents Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

For years, communities throughout Wayne County have been frustrated with rising water rates and have called for more suburban representation on the board of the Detroit Water

and Sewer Department. "With the city of Detroit's financial difficulties, it appears we may finally have that opportunity."

The city of Detroit has expressed an interest in establishing a new authority for DWSRD rather than selling the facility, Price's press release said.

As a result, the Wayne County Commission has voted to move forward with efforts to create a new regional authority and, along with Macomb

and Oakland counties, has entered into a memorandum of understanding to retain the services of UHY, LLP to evaluate information related to the DWSRD.

While the memorandum of understanding does not create a new authority, it does provide the basis to move forward with one. UHY will provide all three counties with a valuation of the DWSRD's assets and liabilities.

The information will then be used to determine if moving forward

with an agreement is in the best interest of all parties, should the new authority purchase the DWSRD or just operate it.

"I am glad to see the Wayne County Commission is going to be fully engaged in this process," said James Fausone, a Canton resident who chairs the DWSRD Board of Water Commissioners. "It is imperative that Wayne County play an active role as we move forward with these discussions."

Woronchak, D-Deerborn, said Price "will set

the agenda and direction of the task force. The opportunity is now to look into creating a new authority that brings all three counties together to ease the burden of rising water and sewer rates."

Price said, "It is my goal that this new task force will work with the administration to ensure that all of the communities are properly represented in the new authority, there is proper oversight and that there will be full transparency in the new DWSRD."

Price

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# Boo! Judge ready to scare with ghost stories

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Ron Lowe remembers the time he told a ghost story that left a young boy so scared he couldn't shake his fears or sleep in peace.

It involved TallyPo, a tale of a hunter's ordeal after he bit off and ate the tail of a strange creature that showed up at his house.

Lowe's vivid storytelling session to a group of children came back to haunt him when the frightened boy's mother contacted him to say she couldn't convince the child that the tale wasn't real.

Lowe, as a 35th District Court judge, had become more accustomed to scaring criminals than young children. "This boy couldn't sleep," Lowe said, "so I had his mother bring him to the courthouse."

Only after much discussion did Lowe convince the boy the TallyPo story wasn't real.

**First time**

Just in time for Halloween, Lowe is bringing

his scary storytelling talents to Summit on the Park's ballroom during "Ghost Stories," an event 6-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27, to benefit the Canton Historical Society.

"This is the first time we've done this," said Bill Tesen, historical society president, discussing the event with Lowe in the judge's chambers.

Tickets are \$10 per family or \$4 for individuals. Tesen said they're available at Summit on the Park, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sundays at the pole barn at Preservation Park, or online at [www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org).

Lowe believes his storytelling skills came from his family's history in the South. He fondly recalls childhood trips to his Aunt Edna's house in western Kentucky, where she poured hot tea and told ghost stories as rain pelted the tin roof of her home.

Lowe recalls his aunt

scaring children when she warned that if a figurine fell off her mantel, someone in the family would die.

He also remembers stories he heard during visits to his Uncle Leon's house in eastern Tennessee. Lowe has a theory of why people like ghost stories.

"It's the fact that you can be scared, but you're in a safe environment," he said.

**Story teller**

Lowe has told stories at the Cherry Hill Village Theater, Canton festivals, camping outings and even in his own backyard when his children and their friends were youngsters.

"There has to be something in the story with a big bang," he said. "You have to make your audience jump."

To that end, Tesen said the Oct. 27 program is recommended for children ages 8 and up and young people must be accompanied by an adult.

When guests step into the Summit ballroom, it'll be like stepping into a cemetery gate. Lowe will

be the caretaker on a stage; each gravestone he passes by will be used to reveal another tale. He

expects to tell eight to nine stories during the 90-minute session.

"The stories will get progressively scarier,"

Lowe said.

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Plymouth Township residents Frank and Gina Schremser enjoy a glass of wine. TOM BEAUDOIN



Katie English of Novi and Cindy Huston of Novi enjoy food and pastries prepared by Schoolcraft culinary students and chefs at Sunday's VIP reception for sponsors. TOM BEAUDOIN



Mary and Dan Ryan of Redford Township enjoy dessert at the Schoolcraft Culinary Extravaganza. TOM BEAUDOIN

## Culinary event draws rave reviews, benefits student scholarship program

Some 800 guests sampled food, pastries, wine, coffee and hand-crafted spirits from more than 30 area restaurants and beverage vendors Sunday at the 22nd annual Schoolcraft College Foundation Culinary Extravaganza.

More than \$68,000 was raised for student scholarships and the culinary school by sponsorships, tickets sales and a silent auction.

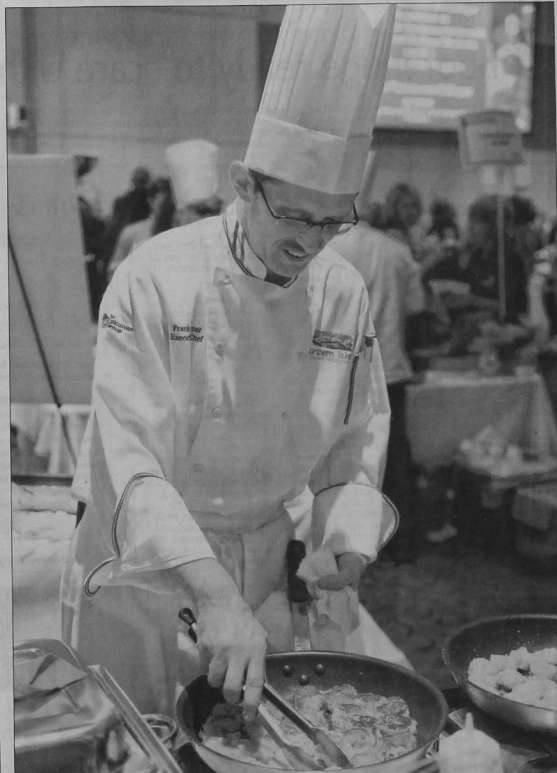
"Outstanding, delicious and innovative" were some of the brief comments guests managed to share in between samples of oysters from Mitchell's Fish Market and pot de crème with bacon bits from Sive

Restaurant/the Inn at St. John's and pastries prepared by the Schoolcraft culinary students.

Eager bidders left the silent auction with sporting events packages, weekend getaways, fine dining, gift baskets and more.

Nancy Rancour won the top raffle prize of \$1,500.

"While our patrons and sponsors are enjoying the best of Metro Detroit, they are supporting the students and programs of Schoolcraft College. It's a win-win for everyone," said Beth Kohler, director of development for Schoolcraft College.



Executive Chef Frank Turner from Northern Lake Seafood Restaurant in Bloomfield Hills prepares crabcakes for guests. TOM BEAUDOIN



Extravaganza sponsors enjoyed a VIP reception at Schoolcraft. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Students Annmarie Gross, Alyssa Mulka and Loribeth Hamilton served many of the fine foods. TOM BEAUDOIN



Christina Tacoma and Brandon Long from Mitchell's Fish Market in Livonia serve up delicious carrot cake to the crowds at the Culinary Extravaganza. TOM BEAUDOIN



Jaclyn and Rick Noetzel of Canton said they enjoyed the variety of wine and food. TOM BEAUDOIN



Livonia residents Linda Fenton of the Schoolcraft College Foundation, left, with former college president Dr. Richard McDowell and his wife, Ann. TOM BEAUDOIN



Northville residents Ken and Barbra Wagner along with Rich and Kathy Krisunas of Northville enjoy the Lions football game. TOM BEAUDOIN

# Two new directors focus on Learn To Skate at local arena

By Joanne Maliszewski  
Staff Writer

Hockey seems to be a driving force for pre-schoolers who are learning to skate at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

Kezzie Chudler's son Owen, 4½, began asking for lessons when he was 2. But his mom made him wait until he was 3½. "He probably got it from watching hockey," the Berkley resident said.

The Manley kids, Anastasia, 5, and Gabe, 3, are sharing the ice with Owen. "Daddy plays hockey, so they want to do what daddy does," said mom Michelle Manley of Farmington Hills.

The arena's two new directors of the popular Learn To Skate program aren't surprised. Whether the ultimate goal is hockey or figure skating, directors Liz LaBurn and Barbara Miller want to be sure that the tots learn to skate safely and correctly, while having fun and making new friends.

"We really have a passion for the Learn To Skate program. We offer quality instructors to all different ages and different skill levels," said LaBurn, a Farmington resident, who has coached at the ice arena for eight years.

## A small world

In addition to LaBurn and Miller, the Farmington Hills Ice Arena has 18 professional coaches who work with kids of all ages and adults.

Miller, a Plymouth resident, has coached at a number of ice arenas, including Compuware in Plymouth Township. "The skating world is very small and Liz and I know each other."

LaBurn and Miller, who coaches the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's high school figure skating team, wanted to work together as the directors at the Hills Ice Arena. "Our programs run seven days a week. We felt it important for a director to be here," LaBurn said. "We really have a passion for the Learn To Skate program and kids. We offer quality instruction to all ages and different skill levels."

The two longtime skaters and coaches are sharing duties and taking turns on weekends. Their main focus is the Learn To Skate program and all teaching and coaching complies with the U.S. Figure Skating Program's rules and requirements.

That means that classes are limited in size to allow instructors to work one-on-one with each student and to be sure all are safe.

LaBurn and Miller, a Redford native, oversee the host of skating lessons, including Snowplow Sam for the little ones, ages 3-5, and basic lessons for older kids, ranging through teens and on to adults. Classes in the Learn To Skate program are 50 minutes long and run for seven weeks.

And the adults love it as much as the tots. "Skating is something you can do lifelong," LaBurn said.



Coach Stacy Barber works with Quinn Raymond and Gabe Manley during the Snowplow Sam class. PHOTOS BY JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Coach Michelle Sibley helps Gabe Manley get his skating legs.

Adults love the exercise involved with skating, the music and the social aspect of the sport, the directors said.

The arena, which is under the direction of Brian Moran, offers not only a plethora of Learn To Skate programs, but open skate times for the community, as well. Following the Snowplow Sam classes for tots, the kids will move on to other classes, in which basic skills are reinforced and their skills are expanded, Miller said.

## Standards

As children progress in their skating knowledge and ability, they can test under standards set for the U.S. Figure Skating. The testing is not only good if a skater wants to build up credentials for competitions and eventually perhaps coaching, but it also

teaches discipline and time management.

The testing and competing is something the new directors experienced in their youths. "I used to skate every morning before school and after school. I skated every day. Barb and I have probably skated every rink in the metro area," said LaBurn, who was raised in Livonia. LaBurn and Miller also work closely with the Farmington Hills Skating Club, which boasts some 150 members. LaBurn is a former club board member. "One of our goals is to work hand-in-hand with them in the programming," LaBurn said.



Anastasia and Gabe Manley (on left) and Paige Williams and Owen Chudler try some new skating skills.



A future Olympian? Quinn Raymond listens to the coach.

Already, skaters are looking forward to the skating club's annual ice show, which is scheduled for May 9-10, 2014. It is a joint effort of the city's ice skating programs and the skating club.

"The kids love the ice shows. There is no pressure of competition. They get to wear costumes and skate to music," Miller said.

The next round of Learn To Skate is coming up soon, from Oct. 29 through Dec. 21. Registration for the classes — for all ages — will begin the weekend of Oct. 5. Registration is available online at the city's website, [www.flgov.com](http://www.flgov.com) or in person at the ice arena on Eight Mile.

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## LEARN TO SKATE

The Farmington Hills Ice Arena's Fall Free Open Skate With Us is scheduled for 5:45-7:15 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 2. Learn To Skate instructors will be available for skating tips. Complimentary rental skates, older and doughnuts will be available.

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## OUR VIEWS

## Now is time for redistricting reform

Michigan's process for drawing legislative districts is blatantly partisan and inherently unfair to voters. Now, long before it's time to draw them again, would be a good time for elected leaders to address the issue.

States are required to redraw district lines, for everything from Congress to county boards of commissioners, every 10 years following the national census to reflect demographic changes.

Ideally, such redistricting ensures every vote counts by drawing boundaries that reflect natural communities with common geography and interests. In reality, however, redistricting too often rewards the political party that happens to be in power.

Politicians, in effect, choose their voters. Look at the 11th Congressional District, which winds from western Oakland and Wayne counties east to Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills. Those communities have little in common with western Oakland County and even less with Livonia or Canton.

Consider the 2012 election, in which President Barack Obama carried Michigan by 9 percentage points. Democratic candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives received about 240,000 more votes than their Republican counterparts, yet won just five of 15 congressional seats.

The tilt was no accident, of course, and is not

unique to Michigan. In a remarkably candid report titled "How a Strategy of Targeting State Legislative Races in 2010 Led to a Republican U.S. House Majority in 2013," the Republican State Leadership Committee credits gerrymandered maps in Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin with allowing Republicans to overcome a 1.1 million popular-vote deficit.

The report's authors explained their rationale this way: "Drawing new district lines in states with the most redistricting activity presented the opportunity to solidify conservative policy making at the state level and maintain a Republican stronghold in the U.S. House of Representatives for the next decade."

Gerrymandering districts is nothing new and, given the opportunities, Democrats have proven no less nefarious than their GOP colleagues. Politics can be a dirty game.

But it doesn't have to be. Across Lake Michigan, citizens in Wisconsin are calling on leaders to allow hearings on bills that would create a system for redistricting modeled on the successful non-partisan approach taken for more than 30 years in Iowa.

The bills are mostly Democrat-backed, but the push for reform is coming from a united front of

newspaper editorial writers, nonprofit groups and engaged citizens and have the editorial endorsements of the *Wisconsin State Journal*, *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, *Green Bay Press-Gazette*, *Appleton Post-Crescent*, *Beloit Daily News*, *La Crosse Tribune*, *Chippewa Herald*, *Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune*, *Oshkosh Northwestern* and *Janesville Gazette*.

According to the *Journal Sentinel*, the bills would task a "non-partisan Legislative Reference Bureau with drawing maps that are compact, contiguous, 'strictly non-partisan' and bow to established municipal and county boundaries as much as possible. Iowa has used a similar process since 1981 and the process has been smooth — and cheap."

We would add "fair" as well, and we believe that it's something that Michigan should be doing, too.

We understand that we're asking Republicans to give up an advantage, which is why now would be a good time to start this process. A lot can happen in six years and implementing a new non-partisan process would ensure fairness to both parties.

Most importantly, it gives voters a stronger voice and could alleviate some of the rancor so typical of our Legislature today.

That's something every elected leader should support.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Greed and lies

I read an interesting, and very biased, article on the editorial page of one of our daily papers.

The editor wrote that the Affordable Care Act will hurt Michigan businesses. He cites two corporate tycoons — the first said he would fire workers and the second will not hire full-time employees.

Now, remember, these are two of the CEOs who were given a fortune in your tax dollars by Rick Snyder and the tea party — \$4 billion and counting. Snyder assured us that due to this giveaway, we would be in the land of milk and honey.

Surprise!  
This did not happen because they pocketed the money, honey. To add insult to injury, they are now planning to put the screws to the very people whose taxes were raised to pay for Snyder's folly.

Greed, lies and right-wing extremism — these words should be in the tea party anthem and sung at the next Republican convention.

James Huddleston  
Canton



The writer says CEOs who took billions in "giveaways" from Gov. Rick Snyder are now claiming the Affordable Care Act will hurt businesses in Michigan.

## Health care costs too high

Over the last few weeks, there have been a couple of letters and articles published in the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Hometown Newspapers* that suggested a "free market" answer for a perceived national health care dilemma. Unfortunately for those proposing a private enterprise solution for health care needs, the facts do not support their position.

## SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

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The private sector has been present in American health care for a long time while other advanced democracies have embraced public intervention in the health care marketplace. The result, according to the Organization for Economic Development and Cooperation data, is that we pay roughly twice as much per capita for

health care than those who have gone the public route. Ditto for gross domestic product.

In 2011, the United States spent \$8,508 per capita on medical care, while the average among OECD nations was \$3,339. Canada spent \$4,522. France, which, according to the World Health Organization has the best health care system in the world, spent \$4,118 per capita.

Beyond that, in 2011 the United States spent 17.7 percent of its gross domestic product on health care. The closest country to the U.S. was the Netherlands, which spent 11.9 percent of GDP on health care. Canada spent 11.2 percent. The average among the 35 OECD countries was 9.3 percent. France spends 11.6 percent of GDP on health care.

Clearly, public intervention in the field of medicine can be efficient and effective. It is not by accident that so many nations with public systems spend much less on health care and often have better outcomes than we do.

Al Churchill  
Livonia

## Quite a stretch

Frankly, I nearly choked on my morning coffee reading that freshman U.S. Republican Rep. Kerry Bentivolio "dreams of impeaching" President Obama. I cannot figure if this reinder farmer is arrogant, stupid or just audacious.

This guy has been in office less than one year, yet his major claim in a recent town hall meeting is about his dreams. Of course, Bentivolio offers not a shred of evidence to support impeachment and admits to finding no evidence to support impeachment.

Bentivolio claims to oppose all that President Obama stands for. Well, reinder farmer, you do not have to agree with President Obama. But impeachment is a bit more serious than conflicting political belief.

Perhaps Bentivolio missed his pants in making such outrageous comments. In so doing, he only makes himself look foolish. This has got to be a bit of a stretch even for his tea party supporters.

Gerald Maxey  
Farmington Hills

## COMMUNITY VOICE

## How many hours a week do you spend on social media such as Facebook and Twitter?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"Less than an hour. I use it to search for a job. I'm not on Facebook. I'm on Linked In for networking purposes only."

Torrence Greene  
Ypsilanti



"Maybe three."  
Northville

Nancy Morris  
Northville



"Zero. I'm not on Facebook or any of that. You should talk to my wife."

Ron Gothard  
Canton



"Very little."  
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Christina Richards  
Canton

## GUEST COLUMN

## Green infrastructure visioning process under way in southeast Michigan

SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, in cooperation with county and local government partners, is developing a regional green infrastructure vision for southeast Michigan. Green infrastructure is a network of green space and natural areas in our communities, along with built techniques such as rain gardens and bioswales, that preserves the functions of the natural ecosystems to benefit residents of the region.

As part of this study program, Wayne County conducted a Green Infrastructure Visioning Session in August at the University of Michigan Dearborn campus. I participated in the visioning exercises. Participants representing many communities in Wayne County, after hearing about the overall study, then assembled in breakout sessions to look at Wayne County's most recent Environmental Assets Map. Each community participant studied the map and identified areas where they wanted to increase green infrastructure and what elements they would like to increase.

The potential ways to increase green infrastructure in Wayne County communities include: additional parks or adding onto existing parks; buffering around rare/high-quality areas; linkages between green infrastructure (e.g., along riparian areas, trails); more public access sites to waterways; opportunities to protect certain environmental assets (areas of high impervious surfaces directly discharging storm water runoff to streams) such as along roadways to reduce storm-water; and increase buffers around waterways in agricul-



Joe Neussendorfer

tural areas. Metropolitan Detroit readers may obtain additional information on the program and how to participate in future visioning sessions by visiting the SEMCOG website at www.semcoq.org. If you are a big proponent of "non-motorized transportation" such as bicycling, readers may also want to contact Brian Pawlik at SEMCOG, who is doing research work and public visioning sessions on this topic. You can communicate with him about this study area. His email address is pawlik@semcoq.org.

Continuing on with regards to the environment, have you or your business experienced the skyrocketing "retail" water rates? Because there is no mechanism at the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department to conserve water by usage or by individual green infrastructure initiatives (like those suggested above) progress is not being made because DWSD continues to stiff local governments with unsustainable high "wholesale" water rates.

Under the current arrangements, the local governments pass along these increases to "retail" customers. Until a new system is developed, this unsustainable madness will continue to be the breaking point. With these ever-increasing water rates, both business owners and the Detroit-area public on fixed incomes will continue to suffer. Again, this is totally unsustainable.

In closing, remember the words from classic literature: "Water, water everywhere ... but not a drop to drink." With all of the fresh water surrounding us, you'd think that there would be some ways of decreasing storm water runoffs and providing us with fresh water at a reasonable rate. While there is all this talk about selling off the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, unless we create true incentives for retail water rate payers, the rates may not change or may even go even higher so the private investors can profit from their investment.

Detroit should take a lesson from Milwaukee, Wis., that is rapidly becoming "The Capital of Water." Milwaukee is changing its aged industrial areas into a new water technology industry. The city has more than 150 water-related companies. You'd think that with all of the business know-how and great civil engineering firms and civil engineers located in the Detroit area, that Detroit could also develop new water-related technologies and green infrastructure innovations that would create jobs and turn the water problems right now in to fantastic economic opportunities for our region.

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# Stand Down aids homeless veterans

**By Sue Mason**  
Staff Writer

Norm Wilcox is a former gunnery sergeant and, like the U.S. Marine Corps that he served in, he's looking for a few good men and women.

Wilcox, better known as Gunny, is in need of volunteers to help with Stand Down 2013, a two-day event for homeless veterans that will be held Thursday and Friday, Oct. 9-10, at the Detroit Rescue Mission in Detroit.

Sponsored by the Southeastern Michigan Veterans Stand Down Inc. and the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center, Stand Down is a one-stop program that brings in homeless veterans and provides them with a variety of services and rest and relaxation.

"Our motto is to give a hand up not a hand out," said Wilcox, president of Southeastern Michigan

Veterans Stand Down Inc. "It's like one-stop shopping. Instead of going all over, we bring them to one place and help them."

**'A hand up'**

The organization has been doing stand downs since 1997 and it takes almost 200 volunteers to make them happen. Last year, it helped 698 veterans who were homeless or at risk of being homeless.

According to Wilcox, Stand Down provides a secure place where homeless veterans can be with other homeless veterans to rest from the stresses of life on the streets. Like a soldier in combat, the homeless veteran must continue to "do battle." It is an opportunity to step away from the struggles, fears and anxieties of living on the streets long enough to reconnect with other people and with them-

selves.

At each Stand Down event, veterans are provided with a hot lunch and a bag lunch to go, haircuts, health care, dental and eye care, VA benefit counseling, information on local benefits like Social Security; substance abuse and mental health counseling, picture ID services and housing assistance, such as referrals to housing programs.

Wilcox added that the Detroit VA Center will help identify who are veterans and who are not among those who show up for Stand Down.

People can sign up to volunteer at the Southeastern Michigan Veterans Stand Down Inc. website at [www.4vets.org](http://www.4vets.org)

The Detroit Rescue Mission is at 3606 E. Forest Ave. in Detroit. For more information, call Wilcox at 248-808-0929 or visit [www.4vets.org](http://www.4vets.org).

# Jury says 'not guilty' on intent to commit murder in shooting case

**By David Veselenak**  
Staff Writer

The jury in the trial of a Livonia man accused of shooting another man this spring has found him not guilty of the most serious charges he faced.

Gregory Ely, 21, was found guilty Wednesday of assault with a deadly weapon and felony firearm. He was found not guilty on the more serious counts, including assault with intent to murder and assault to do great bodily harm less

than murder.

Ely was accused of shooting at a Canton man back in May in the 19300 block of St. Francis.

The trial started Monday in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit after being delayed two weeks. The jury began deliberating at about 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Sentencing is scheduled for 9 a.m. Oct. 9 in Judge Dana Hathaway's courtroom. Ely faces up to four years in prison, the maximum sentence for felonious assault, according to state sentencing guidelines. Had he been convicted of assault with intent to murder, he would have faced up to life in prison.

Livonia police responded May 28 to St. Francis Street after reports of shots being fired. Police said Ely shot the victim with a pistol as the victim tried to ride away from the area as a passenger in a vehicle. Police said the incident started as a result of an argument over a woman.

The victim suffered non-life-threatening injuries and was released from a local hospital shortly after.

Ely was bound over to circuit court after waiving his preliminary examination in June before 16th District Judge Kathleen McCann.

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# W-W Literacy Corps helps kids read

**By Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer

Greg Baracy, Wayne-Westland Community Schools superintendent, tips his hat to former school board member Cynthia Schofield for the district's Literacy Corps.

The new program was her brainchild, Baracy told Westland Rotarians at a meeting at Joy Manor in Westland last week. The idea is volunteers "teaching and enhancing literacy among our students of all ages," Baracy said.

Paul Salah, deputy superintendent, came on board at the time. "It is thriving," Baracy said of the program for grades K-6. "It takes a community to raise all

children."

Following a couple of hours of training, volunteers "pass on the gift of literacy to our students."

Salah, also at the Rotary meeting, spoke with pride of the training of more than 200 volunteers, about 150 of whom are active.

The goal is to train 100 more this year.

"The testimonies I hear from participants are just heart-warming," Salah said. "It does take a village to raise a child."

Adult volunteers, who undergo a security check, have flexible schedules, based on their availability. Westland Shopping Center employees are visiting classrooms to read, as are district staffers in their

free time. There's also a partnership with General Electric for math and science tutoring.

Volunteers work during the school day and/or year, including reading to children and having children read.

"Any help our teachers can get with struggling readers is welcome," Baracy added.

A literacy volunteer form is available from the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, Human Resources Department, 36745 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185.

More information is available on the Wayne-Westland Community Schools website at [wcds.net](http://wcds.net) under the district tab.

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# CROP Walk brings faiths together to help needy

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Gary and Becky Copenhaver of Canton had started work on the benefit CROP Walk when their church was in Redford. It became Living Peace Church in Plymouth, changing its name with the move, and the Copenhavers are chairing this year's Plymouth-Canton CROP Walk.

The Plymouth-Canton benefit will be Sunday, Oct. 13, beginning at St. John's Episcopal Church on Sheldon in Plymouth. Registration will be at 1:30 p.m., the walk at 2 p.m.

"Last year, we walked through downtown Plymouth," said Becky Copenhaver, a retired Livonia Public Schools elementary teacher. Proceeds support Church World Service and the Plymouth Corps of the Salvation Army, serving Plymouth, Canton, Belleville and Northville.

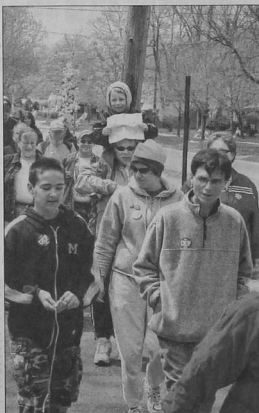
Last year's local CROP Walk raised nearly \$5,000.

The main churches include Living Peace Church in Plymouth, St. John's Episcopal, Geneva Presbyterian in Canton and the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

"It's a community-wide event that includes all churches and mosques," she said. "It's just trying to get the community aware, to end hunger."

This is the 23rd year for the walk, the Copenhavers said. Donations are welcome at [www.crophungerwalk.org/plymouthmi](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/plymouthmi).

Victims of the Gulf Coast hurricanes, as



The Plymouth-Canton CROP Walk takes place Sunday, Oct. 13, beginning at St. John's Episcopal Church on Sheldon in Plymouth.

well as Hurricane Sandy and projects overseas, benefit from the CROP Walks, held around the country. "It would be nice to have a lot of people just to bring awareness to the walk," she said, noting last year had some 65 walkers.

The Plymouth Salvation Army offers its canteen to walkers for water and snacks, with walkers choosing two- or four-mile walks.

"We hope for good weather that day," said Gary Copenhaver, a mechanical and design engineer on contract

with Burroughs. "We'll walk in any kind of weather."

Additional information on the Plymouth-Canton CROP Walk is available from the Copenhavers at 734-981-6023. All walkers are welcome and needn't have an affiliation with a congregation.

The Copenhavers noted many people walk far for water overseas, as well as food and fuel. "All those stories are fairly common in foreign lands," Gary Copenhaver said.

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## PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### 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 workshops to help family historians of all levels research their American ancestors. This seminar features Amy Johnson Crow and Laura G. Prescott, both genealogy speakers on the national level. Crow is a genealogical content manager with Ancestry.com. Prescott is a professional researcher, writer and speaker. She offers a unique mix of history, genealogy and technology to find answers and answers. 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, "BATV" during lunch and the afternoon break. Tickets are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum or on its website at [http://www.plymouthhistory.org/events/Genalogy-Seminar\\_ET119.html?Sort-Box=201309](http://www.plymouthhistory.org/events/Genalogy-Seminar_ET119.html?Sort-Box=201309).

**Contact:** For more information, call the museum at 734-455-8940.

### Health expo

**Date/Time:** Oct. 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Location:** Livingword Church, 46500 N. Territorial in Plymouth.

**Details:** Livingword Church partners with Oakwood Hospitals for a health fair, featuring vendors from the University of Michigan. Free blood sugar screenings and blood pressure checks will be offered, cholesterol checks will be available for a \$10 cost. There will also be a nutritionist on hand for free counseling. Admission to the event is free to the public.

**Contact:** For more information, call the museum at 734-455-8940.

### Plymouth-Canton AAUW Book Sale

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

**Location:** West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. The sale will be part of

the Delta Kappa Gamma craft show.

**Details:** The purpose of the American Association of University Women is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. Proceeds will benefit the Plymouth-Canton Branch scholarship fund. The group is now collecting gently used fiction and non-fiction books, children and adults (please no encyclopedias, textbooks or damaged books).

**Contact:** For more information or to donate books contact Becky Copenhaver at 734-981-6023 or [bogpanhaver@plymouth.com](mailto:bogpanhaver@plymouth.com) or Shirley Zaetta at 734-455-6366 or [sztaetta@wow.com](mailto:sztaetta@wow.com).

### Diesel Club luncheon

**Date/Time:** Thursday, Oct. 17, 11 a.m.

**Location:** Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft in Livonia

**Details:** The Detroit Diesel Retiree Club hosts its annual luncheon and business meeting. It's primarily a social club that provides information to its members about items which may impact all retirees of Detroit Diesel Corporation from GM, through the current ownership. Guests enjoy social interaction beginning at 11 a.m., a buffet luncheon at 12:30 p.m. and brief business meeting with discussion on any topics of current interest to the attending guests. Cost to attend the lunch is \$23.

**Contact:** For information on the luncheon and pre-registration contact Robert Pavol, membership director, at 734-455-2668, email [rpavol@prodigy.net](mailto:rpavol@prodigy.net) or John Leidlein, president, 313-863-8850, e-mail [sejmi@aol.com](mailto:sejmi@aol.com).

### Delta Kappa Gamma craft show

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

**Location:** West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth.

**Details:** Delta Kappa Gamma, an international society of women in education that provides scholarships for Plymouth-Canton students pursuing a degree in education, hosts its 29th annual craft show. Juried crafters will display handmade jewelry, pottery, clothing, sentimental decor, metal 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 St. Peninman 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 [debortellini@comcast.com](mailto:debortellini@comcast.com) or Alice Chrenko at [dahchrnk@hotmail.com](mailto:dahchrnk@hotmail.com).

### Medicare/Medicaid counseling

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, Oct. 23, 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 MMAP (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 MMAP website at [www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html](http://www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html).

### Mom 2 Mom

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Oct. 19, 9:30 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 75 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 \$1 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.stemops.org](http://www.stemops.org) or on Facebook at St. Edith St. Kenneth Mom-to-Mom Sale.

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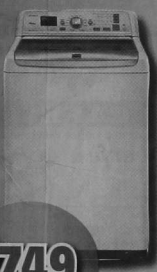
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## SPORTS

## Depth carries Rocks past Chiefs

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Tuesday's girls swimming and diving dual meet between Salem and Canton didn't count in the standings of their respective divisions.

Yes, visiting Salem came away with a 103-80 victory at Canton High School's jam-packed natatorium.

But it counted in every other way. Coaches experimented with their lineups to see whether any of their girls might surprise in new events and had chances to see what kind of depth they really have on their rosters.

And, of course, the competition itself was all-out between

the longtime rivals, with the Rocks finally pulling away from the Chiefs in the final events to improve to 3-0 in dual meets.

Canton lead 69-68 following the 200-free relay only to falter down the stretch in the team's first dual meet of the season.

"The backstroke definitely sunk us," Canton coach Ed Weber said. "We'll keep working at that part of our lineup and try to get a little stronger by that point of the meet."

"But Salem has a great group of girls and I'm proud we were able to hang in for so long."

In the 100 back, Salem swept the top three places to earn 13 of



After Canton's Hannah Jenkins (right) wins the 100 fly Tuesday, she exchanges a hug with Salem's Claire Amin. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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## Golf and triathlon

PGA professional Tami Bealbert will be staging a 5-kilometer run-walk, 20K bike and nine-hole golf scramble at 9 a.m. Sunday at Hickory Creek Golf Course. The cost is \$75.

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

## MU women golfers 2nd

The Madonna University women's golf team opened its 2013 Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference schedule Saturday with a runner-up finish at WHAC Jamboree No. 1, hosted by Siena Heights at Lenawee Country Club.

Indiana Tech edged MU for first place, 340-342. Rounding out the field was Siena Heights 9354, Aquinas (356), Lourdes (357) and Davenport (359).

Senior Kaitlyn Brasher (Grand Blanc) led the Crusaders with an 83 as the All-WHAC first-team selection placed fourth overall.

Other MU finishers included junior Chelsea Collura, tied for sixth (85); freshman Natalie Blazo and sophomore Jordan Shepherd (Livonia Churchill), tied for 10th (87 each); freshman Ayla Bogle, 13th (88); and junior Becca Porter, 14th (89). The Crusaders return to action the Saturday with WHAC Jamboree No. 2 at Scott Lake Country Club — the site of MU's then-record setting round of 315 at last spring's conference tournament.

## Hines races for heroes

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 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 registered by Oct. 3. For more information, visit heroesonhines.com.

## MU softball earns honor

The National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) announced the organization's Scholar Teams for the 2012-13 school year and the Madonna University softball team ranked second in the NFCA's list of NAIA scholar teams with a 3.606 team grade-point average.

Taylor University (Ind.) took home top honors in the NAIA, edging out with a 3.615. This marks the second straight year that the Crusaders were in the top 10 of the NFCA rankings as MU placed 10th following the 2011-12 school year.

## VAULTING TO THE TOP

Canton teen won't stop until she reaches her ultimate goal: 2016 Summer Olympics

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Here's how a potential Olympic gymnast is discovered.

Others could see Vanasia Bradley's incredible talent just from watching her on the playground during recess nine years ago.

"It was kindergarten recess and the teachers saw me doing flips and stuff," recalled the now-14-year-old Bradley, a freshman at Canton High School. "So they told my parents (Sherry and Sann) I should join gymnastics and I did."

Fast forward to August 2013. Bradley, who trains out of Splitz Gymnastics in Canton, won a silver medal on vault in the Junior Division at the P&G U.S. Championships in Hartford, Conn.

"I was a little disappointed that I didn't get first," she added. "But I was still happy."

And with that came a ticket to further competition in October with the USA Gymnastics National Team.

## On a quest

It could all lead to what the soft-spoken Elite-level gymnast really wants as a payoff to many weeks, months and years of extensive, excruciating training — a chance to compete in the 2016 Summer Olympics to take place at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

"I want to make the 2016 Olympic team," said Bradley, who listed the uneven parallel bars as her favorite event. "I'll just keep working. I still have some weaknesses I have to work on and I have to get stronger." Splitz Gymnastics co-owner and head coach, Eileen Spicher, has no doubts about that.

"Oh my goodness, she's gone from coming here as a Level 5, and she now she's an Elite gymnast, that's amazing," Spicher said. "There's a lot of training, she's doing two-a-days. It's like a full-time job, she's training 30 hours a week."

Spicher nods and smiles about that incredible work ethic, but she knows what the biggest key to Bradley's success is.

"She has a lot of talent," Spicher said. "Desire, drive and a lot of talent. She doesn't show much emotion, but she's out there. Silent but deadly. I am (proud of her)."

Spicher stressed that her star pupil has a big challenge — and opportunity — in front of her.

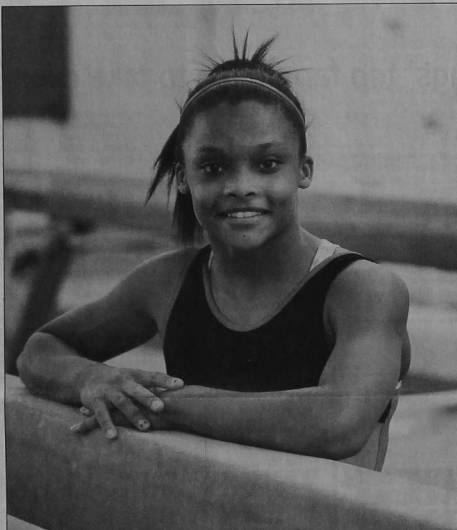
"Right now, she's made the national team, she's going in October down to The Karolyi Ranch in Houston, Texas," Spicher continued. "(It's) a special team comprised of these Elite girls."

"And now she can get invited to international competitions, so that's a big, big deal."

## Helping her through

That may be true. But Bradley doesn't let on.

The Canton resident just goes about her day-to-day business, with encouragement from trainer Justin Laury. He is the per-



Canton's Vanasia Bradley is working to take on the gymnastics world by storm. She wants to someday be an Olympian. JOHN KEMSKI/EXPRESSION PHOTO

## PARENTAL GUIDANCE

For about five years, Vanasia Bradley literally has been growing by leaps and bounds at Splitz Gymnastics in Canton.

But she credits her dad, Sann, for finding Eileen Spicher's gym — the place she has blossomed into an Elite gymnast and silver-medal winner at the recent P&G (Proctor & Gamble) U.S. Championships. Vanasia began her gymnastics career at a studio in the Downriver area. In 2008, the family decided Canton was the place to be.

"Found out my dad does a lot of research," she said. "He wasn't really pleased with the results I was getting from the other gym, so he started looking." Turned out to be a winning move.

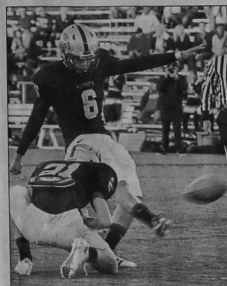
son Bradley credited with helping her get over the hump at the P&Gs.

"It was my first championships and Justin kept telling me I don't have anything to lose," Bradley said. "It's my first championships. So I don't have to prove anything. "Getting the silver was pretty much the work I did before and trusting my training."

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Practicing a balance beam routine at Splitz Gymnastics in Canton is Vanasia Bradley. JOHN KEMSKI/EXPRESSION PHOTO



Plymouth senior Viet Nguyen (No. 6) follows through on a field-goal attempt during a recent contest. ANN ESPINOZA

Plymouth kicker Nguyen continuing soccer-football connection

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Viet Nguyen is the latest in a string of soccer players who found themselves thrust into the important job of kicking for Plymouth's varsity football team.

The senior doesn't mind because he's following up highly successful soccer-football athletes in Kyle Brindza and Brenton Zuzo — who now are kickers at Notre Dame and the University of Nevada, respectively.

"That's what I'm hoping to do," said Nguyen, following a recent Wildcats' boys soccer contest. "Back when I (just) played soccer I had always had a leg. I thought, 'You know what?' Brindza talked me into kicking football."

"So I came out to practice one day, gave it a go. And I nailed a 35-yarder first shot, and I never kicked a ball before. I thought I had

## In their footsteps

something special. That's where it all started."

It's a happy pattern as far as Plymouth football coach Mike Sawchuk and boys soccer coach Jeff Neschich are concerned, too.

When Sawchuk took over as Wildcats' football coach, he got together with Neschich to make sure to let him know about any soccer players with potential to do double duty as football kickers.

The successes have certainly underscored that it was a pretty good idea. "We have a franchise going," Neschich joked.

Plymouth isn't the only place where the two-sport connection is working.

In recent seasons, Connor Sheenan at Canton played soccer while also kicking footballs. This year, the Chiefs' Andrew Loehnis is doing double duty as a soccer goalie and football kicker.

It's just that the Wildcats (with Brindza) seemingly pushed the concept to the front

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OHL HOCKEY

# First win eludes Whalers in home opener

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Before Saturday's home opener at Compuware Arena, Plymouth Whalers coach and General Manager Mike Vellucci reminded his young team that winning games in the Ontario Hockey League is no cakewalk.

Sixty minutes later, the players who are new to the OHL saw for themselves as Erie rallied with two goals in the third period to earn a 2-1 victory before 2,085 fans.

"I said it before the game, it's hard to win hockey games in this league," Vellucci said. "You've got to learn how to do it."

A strong and often-spectacular display by Plymouth's second-year goalie Alex Nedeljkovic nearly helped the Whalers (0-2-0) at least eke out a point.

Nedeljkovic stopped the first 32 shots he faced and finished with 35 saves, once again showing the dazzling form that sparked Ply-

mouth in 2012-13. But with 13:55 left in the game and the Whalers still clinging to a 1-0 lead, the Otters (1-0-1-0) drew even when center Dane Fox chipped in a shot from the doorstep.

Erie netted the winner at 10:53 on the power play.

Center Connor McDavid fought off a pair of Plymouth checkers behind the Whalers' net and passed the puck to winger Connor Brown for a one-timer from the bottom of the left circle.

"He (Nedeljkovic) played great, their goalie (Oscar Dansk) played great," Vellucci said. "We had our chances, too. But Ned kept us in it even to have a chance to tie it up at the end."

Nedeljkovic really kept the Whalers afloat in the second period, when he stopped all 20 shots to help Plymouth maintain the 1-0 lead it forged in the first period.

With about 2:30 to play in the second, the goalie slid to his left to flash a lightning-fast glove to



Goaling paddy-down to thwart Erie's Connor McDavid Saturday night is Plymouth Whalers goalie Alex Nedeljkovic (No. 39). (RENA LAVERY) | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

deflect McDavid's glorious scoring chance. McDavid was on the receiving end of a cross-crease feed from left wing Andre Burakovsky.

**On the board**

Scoring Plymouth's only goal of the game and season so far is right wing Connor Chatham, at

the 14-minute mark of the opening period. Chatham took a crisp centering feed from linemate Francesco Viardi and sent the puck five-hole against Dansk, who stopped 29 of 30 shots.

Momentum might have changed early in the second, however,

when Chatham got into a fight with Erie's Cory Genovese.

Both players were tagged with majors and misconducts, with Chatham also receiving a game misconduct for yanking Genovese's helmet off his head during the melee.

"It doesn't help," Vellucci said about Chatham being ejected. "He scored a goal and he's a big player on our team."

Making his season debut for Plymouth was center Ryan Hartman, who was just returned to junior by the NHL Chicago Blackhawks.

"You know, this is his third game in a row," Vellucci said. "He played two for Chicago, so last night (Friday) he was on the road and then he drove all the way here today."

"He's probably pretty tired, but I thought he played OK."

Plymouth looks for better things Thursday at Peterborough.

The game begins a five-game road trip. The next home game is at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, against Detroit Red Wings goaltending prospect Jake Paterson and the Saginaw Spirit.

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AHL PRESEASON HOCKEY

## Red Wings' top farm team to take over Compuware ice

Calder Cup champ Griffins, Monsters set for Saturday night tilt in Plymouth

Plymouth Whalers fans know Saturday night is Hockey Night at Compuware Arena.

Compuware will shift focus from the Whalers to the American Hockey League, hosting the Grand Rapids Griffins and the Lake Erie Monsters in an AHL pre-season game. Tickets for the 7 p.m. contest run \$10

and are available at the Compuware Arena box office by calling (734) 453-8400.

"The game should be a lot of fun for our fans," said Compuware Arena President and Plymouth Whalers General Manager and head coach Mike Vellucci. "They'll be able to watch players who are a half-step away

from the National Hockey League. And they may be able to see Mitchell Heard and Garrett Meurs again, who were very good players here in Plymouth."

"We appreciate the cooperation of (Detroit Red Wings Assistant General Manager and Grand Rapids General Manager) Ryan Martin and (Lake Erie Director of Operations) David Oliver."

"The Griffins are the AHL-affiliate of the Detroit Red Wings and are defending Calder Cup champions, clinching their first league championship in franchise history last June.

"This game gives Red Wings fans a chance to see the current Calder Cup champions and future Red Wings," said Martin. "The opportunity to have the game close to Detroit and at a great venue like Compuware Arena makes for a great fit."

"The Griffins are also playing in the Hockeytown Winter Festival later this year, so fans will get a preview of that game (Dec. 30 against the Toronto Marlies at Comerica Park)."

**Familiar names**

Many of the Detroit prospects participated in the early part of Red

Wings' training camp last January at Compuware Arena. The arena was filled with Red Wings fans during the training camp, which culminated in a sold-out crowd for the Red-White scrimmage on January 15.

In addition, Plymouth fans may see other players with recognizable names.

OHL alum Petr Mrazek (Ottawa 67's) backstopped the Griffins to their championship, posting a 2-31 goals against average, 915 save percentage and 15-9 won loss record over 24 playoff games.

Grand Rapids was led offensively in their

championship run by Thomas Tatar (16-5, Landon Ferraro (5-11) and Riley Sheahan (3-13), among others.

Red Wings Danny DeKeyser, Gustav Nyquist and Joakim Andersson also played in the Griffins' championship run after Detroit was eliminated in the 2013 National Hockey League playoffs by Chicago. Former Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds defenseman Ryan Sprout may also play in the game.

As the AHL affiliate of the Colorado Avalanche, the Monsters could have a definite Whalers flavor in the game.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

**Plymouth YMCA fall offerings**

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of youth instructional programs and leagues this fall.

The focus will be on fun, exercise and social interaction through sports instruction. Programs include Preschool Soccer, Preschool and Youth Basketball and Martial Arts. They will run from Sept. 16 through Nov. 2 and are open to YMCA members and community members.

Ages vary by program but there is something for children ages 3-12.

» YMCA Basketball leagues are forming for boys and girls ages 4-11.

The first session will run from Oct. 28 through Dec. 20. Registration is now open. There will be one practice per week and one Friday night game per week. The Y

rate is \$84 or \$15 for community participants.

The second session runs from Jan. 20 through March 14, 2014. Cost is \$96 or \$128. Programs are filled on a first come-first serve basis.

For more information on any of the offerings, contact the YMCA at 734-453-2904 or visit [www.ymcadetroit.org/plymouth](http://www.ymcadetroit.org/plymouth).

**Fall hoops registration**

Registration for Northville Parks & Recreation fall youth basketball has opened.

Registration will continue through Sept. 30 or until the leagues are full.

The boys and girls leagues are for grades 3-8. All players must complete a player form which will be used to formulate teams.

Emphasis is on improving basic skills and developing team play and a passion for the game.

Practice will be held 1-2 times weekly beginning Oct. 14 with an eight-game schedule primarily on Saturdays from Oct. 24 through Dec. 16.

Register online at [www.northvilleparksandrec.org](http://www.northvilleparksandrec.org) or at the Northville Parks & Recreation office.

For more information, contact Alan Kruck at (248) 349-0203, ext. 1405.

» Also, adult coaches are needed for Northville's Parks and Recreation youth basketball leagues. If interested, call Alan Kruck at (248) 349-0203, ext. 1405. The coaches meeting and clinic is set for Oct. 8.

**Color Splash 5K**

The Color Splash 5K Dash will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12 at Randolph Elementary School, 14470 Norman, Livonia.

Registration starts at 9 a.m.

Five-kilometer participants will run through the neighborhood while getting splashed with colorful paint. Proceeds will support the acclaimed Leader in Me program kickoff at Randolph Elementary.

Registration fees are: \$8 (ages 10 and under); \$15 (ages 11-18); \$30 (19 and up).

To register, visit [www.runsignup.com](http://www.runsignup.com).

**Souls4Shoes 5K**

The Souls4Shoes 5-kilometer walk will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5 at Holmes Middle School, 16200 Newburgh, Livonia.

Sponsored by several Livonia schools, the event will raise funds for Souls4Shoes, a nonprofit that helps fight poverty by distributing shoes and clothing to communities in need around the world.

Registration is \$10. To register, call Holmes Middle School at 734-744-2675 (by Sept. 26).

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BOYS SOCCER

Canton pays quick start into 5-1 KLAAs South win

Canton scored four times in the first eight minutes Tuesday night in a KLAAs South Division varsity boys soccer match against visiting Livonia Franklin, en route to a 5-1 win.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Poised vets lead Plymouth to victory

Plymouth's seniors spearheaded Tuesday's KLAAs South Division girls volleyball win over host Livonia Franklin.

The Wildcats won in straight sets, 25-14, 25-16 and 25-18 to improve to 10-4 overall and 3-1 in the division.

Haylee Weber (21 service points including six aces, 10 defensive digs) and Emily Burkman (12 kills, 12 digs) really set the pace for the Wildcats, head coach Sarah Marody said.

Another senior making a big contribution to the win was setter-outside hitter Shayla Smalls (25 assists, eight kills, 10 digs).

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Varsity Canton Lions clobber Westland Meteors for third victory of season, 47-18

The Canton Lions varsity football team improved to 3-1 with a 47-18 victory over Westland Meteors Sunday.

The offense spread out opportunities to score touchdowns to Rubin Williams, Colin Troup, Spencer Brown and Jayden Dunham.

BRADLEY

Continued from Page B1 It wasn't all smooth going, however.

ting. Give them credit for the shutout.

The onslaught that made it 4-0 before 10 minutes had elapsed included one goal by Sam Delroy, two by Carter Schenk and one by Griffin Parks.

Collecting one assist each were Delroy, Schenk and Parks while goalies Brandon Pickert and

Chief's surge to win On Tuesday, KLAAs South Division leader Canton (10-2, 4-0) upended Livonia Churchill, 25-16, 25-8, 24-26, 25-14.

Warriors falter In a MIAC Blue Division match Tuesday, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian swept Lutheran High Westland (5-9, 1-2) in straight sets, 25-18, 25-18, 25-14.

Salem swept Visiting Livonia Stevenson took it to Salem Tuesday night, winning 25-19, 25-11, 25-22 in a KLAAs Central Division contest.

Beadle and Alex Azzouz and carries by Matthew Stefes, Michael McMullen and Kevin Pieper pushed the ball toward the goal.

Andrew Loehnis shared the shutout.

The win upped Canton's record to 12-0-2 overall and 7-0-0 in the KLAAs South, Franklin dropped to 3-4-1, 3-3-1.

BOYS TENNIS

Wildcats capture another Canton Invitational

Despite having two players out for ACT testing Saturday, Plymouth's varsity boys tennis team took first place at the Canton Invitational.

It marked the third consecutive Canton title for the Wildcats, who already clinched the KLAAs South Division championship with a dual-match record of 5-0 (6-0 overall).

Canton placed second with Harland in third place as the teams geared up for this week's KLAAs Kensington Conference cross-overs.

Overall All games start at 7 p.m. unless noted Friday, Sept. 27 Harrison (4-0, 3-0) at Southfield (1-3, 1-0), 5 p.m.

Youth football schedule continued from page B1

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Steelers freshmen outrun OLG Crusaders, 34-13

Running game yields dividends, points The Plymouth Canton Steelers freshmen football squad hosted OLG for a mid-week scrimmage on Sept. 19 and upended the Crusaders, 34-13.

Nine different Steelers carried the ball for a total of 189 yards. Nate Cain led the ground

assault with 46 yards and a touchdown. Also making major contributions were Luke Janack (43 yards), and Garrett Geyer (35 yards).

RESET BUTTON

Spicher has seen plenty of high-octane girls run out of gas from time to time.

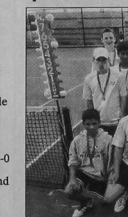
Rocks fell to 6-1-0 in the KLAAs Central while the Mustangs improved to 5-2-0.

Shutout for 'Cats Alex Decker and Nathan Harris teamed up for goals in the 41st and 79th minutes Tuesday, lifting the host Wildcats (5-7, 5-1) to a 2-0 KLAAs South Division triumph over Westland John Glenn (4-8, 1-6).

Dividing the shutout for Plymouth were Kevin Favero and James Gibbs, who each played a half.

PCA struggles Plymouth Christian lost 3-1 Saturday at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, following Thursday's tough 3-2 loss to Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

Scoring for the Eagles



The Plymouth varsity boys tennis team celebrates after winning Saturday's Canton Invitational.

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. The Wildcats were dominant in singles play,

as 1, 2 and 6 doubles.

Canton captured both wins at 2 singles and the Chiefs really excelled in doubles action with 2-0 records at 3, 4 and 5 doubles.

Hardt could only muster splits at two positions, 1 and 3 doubles.

Plymouth's roster features seniors Jared Hoff, Charlie Anderson; Juniors Chris Hou, Ani Hadagali, Adam Schackit; sophomores Jordan Lu, Kevin Hou, Evan Kopp, Alex Tskoff; freshmen Matt Decker, Deven Patel, Justin Kapke, Yogesh Mohanraj, Matt McDonald, Ramana Ramathan and Sam Ramtas.

Plymouth going 2-0 (defeating opponents for each of the other two teams) at 1, 3 and 4 singles as well

PREP FOOTBALL GRID PICKS

Table with 5 columns: Team, Opponent, Date, Location, Time. Rows include Emmons vs O'Meara, Smith vs Wright, Harrison vs Southfield, RU vs RU, Garden City vs Garden City, Thurston vs Thurston, Edsel Ford vs Thurston, Stevenson vs Northville, Salem vs Salem, Canton vs Canton, Franklin vs Franklin, Plymouth vs Plymouth, Luth. West vs Luth. West, Oak Park vs Oak Park, Clarenceville vs Clarenceville, Groves vs Groves.

SEPT. 14 RECAPS

The 13 improved to 2-1 with a 33-13 win, Justin Reynolds had a touchdown run on the opening kickoff He finished with three touchdowns, an interception and multiple tackles.

A touchdown by quarterback CJ Harding and extra points by Cameron Arnold added to the score.

The Canton freshmen Lions beat the Cougars 49-28. Leading the way was a strong running game led by Malcolm Clements, Justin Johnson, Redwan Mphisen, Xavier Walker, Spencer Korsch, Daniel Baldwin and Marco Johnson.

intercepted passes, with the latter being returned 25 yards for a score.

The Steelers' special teams had several highlights in the first half, including fumble recoveries by Tafelski and Willis on kickoffs, and a late-yard touchdown by Geyer for a touchdown. The Steelers held a commanding 27-6 lead at halftime.

scored following a Canton fumble. But Anderson and Kyle following a fumble recovery by Bryant Okunilwoji logged the lead to 26-7 at halftime with TD.

Scoreless ties in the second half for Canton was Daniel Johnson, with Preston Lions also tied.

In his third game of the season, the Lions' junior tight end shutout the Cougars, scoring four touchdowns. Strong blocking by the offensive line, led by center Muhammad Beyahon, helped to pave the way for two long touchdown runs by SCSA tight end Kevon Early.

responsibility for the fourth touchdown, with interception returned by linebacker Quintin Sidiavanti.



RELIGION CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

BIBLE STUDY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. second and fourth Thursday of the month, beginning Sept. 26
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Catholic author and apologist, Gary Michuta leads a study of 1 and 2 Peter. Attendees should bring their own Bibles
Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200 or www.livoniatstmicahel.org

BIBLE STUDY

Time/Date: 10:30-11:45 a.m. Tuesdays and 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays
Location: St. Priscilla Church, 19100 Purlingbrook, Livonia

Details: Tuesday session began Sept. 10 and focuses on Prophets and Epistle to the Philippians/ Epistle of James. Thursday session begins Sept. 26 and includes Acts of the Apostles and Epistle to the Romans
Contact: 248-476-4700

FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sept. 27
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills
Details: "Thou Shalt Laugh" is a comedy about their stand-up comedians and their laugh-out-loud routines. Admission is free. A dinner of fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, and green beans will be offered for a free will donation. Call the church to reserve a dinner spot
Contact: 248-553-3380

FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28
Location: Connection Church, 3855 Sheldon, Canton
Details: Free screening of the movie, "Home Run," which tells the story of a former major league baseball player who finds God and recovers from alcoholism through Celebrate Recovery Ministry
Contact: 734-397-1777

GRIEF WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 7-8:45 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26-Nov. 21, excluding Oct. 31
Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: The eight-week workshop, "A Grief to Live With: Hope," is free and open to anyone grieving the death of a loved one. Call the church for registration information
Contact: 734-427-1414

MOMZMOM SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28
Location: St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Admission \$1, strollers after 10 a.m.
Contact: sttimothyusa.org

MOMZMOM SALE

Time/Date: 8:30am - noon Saturday, Sept. 28
Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia
Details: \$2 early bird admission; \$1 after 9 a.m., strollers after 10

a.m. Tables available to rent.
Contact: betsy-everett@gmail.com

NEW SUPPORT GROUPS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sept. 26
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills
Details: One workshop is "Hope for Tomorrow" and is a grief support for those struggling following the death of a loved one. Topics include roller coaster of emotions, tasks of mourning, grief's effect on the whole person, a "new" normal, and more. The second workshop, "Through the Fire," is a divorce/separation recovery covering topics of good grief and feelings, handling guilt, dealing with stress, co-dependency, forgiveness, children of divorce and more. Space is limited. Call the church office to register
Contact: 248-553-3380

QUILT SEWING BLITZ

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28 and Oct. 3 and 12
Location: Timothy Church, 8920 Wayne Road, at Ivy, in Livonia
Details: Quilts will be constructed for Lutheran World Relief. Instruction in cutting and sewing will be available
Contact: 734-427-2290; www.timothy.lutheranchurch.com

OCOTBER BLOOD DRIVE

Time/Date: 1-7 p.m. Oct. 14
Location: K of C Council Monahan Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Donors will receive free Gummy Ice Cream instead of the traditional juice and cookies. Call to make an appointment to donate blood
Contact: Dan at 734-591-3237

BOOK SALE

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 4-5
Location: Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township
Details: This annual used book sale includes hardcovers for \$1 and paperbacks for 50 cents, along with DVDs and CDs covering a variety of subject matter and popular authors
Contact: 734-453-5252 or Dean at 734-455-3536

CONCERT

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5
Location: St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Glen Luther between Grand River and Freedom Road, Farmington
Details: The Birmingham Concert Band opens St. John's concert series. The band will present "A Musical Passport," under the direction of Jason Rose. Admission is free. A free-will offering will be collected
Contact: The Rev. Lauren Kirsh-Carr at 248-474-0294; pas.torlkc@gmail.com

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Oct. 5
Location: Unity of Livonia, 28650 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Kim-Char Meredith, Chicago-based recording artist, will perform. Meredith sings

both secular and faith-based music. She has performed everywhere from coffee houses to convention centers and has opened for Melissa Etheridge. Suggested donation is \$15. Tickets are available at the church
Contact: 734-421-1760

GUEST SPEAKER

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3
Location: St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton
Details: Hear Gary Michuta speak on "Mary, the Mother of Jesus." Michuta is a contributor to "The Catholic Answer" magazine and is a frequent guest on EWTN's "Deep in Scripture" and "The Journey Home." His latest book is "Making Sense of Mary's" Free admission, open to all. Faiths and child care will be available. Light refreshments will be served. Call church office to register
Contact: 734-455-5910

HEALTH EXPO

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 5
Location: Livingword Church, 46500 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth
Details: Livingword Church is partnering with Oakwood Hospitals to provide free blood glucose screenings and free blood pressure screenings. Cholesterol checked on site will cost \$10. Includes exhibits from the University of Michigan and a nutritionist to answer questions about dietary needs
Contact: 734-207-9673

LIVING ROSARY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Contact: 734-261-1455

MASS OF ANOINTING

Time/Date: 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 13
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: The annual Mass is designed for Catholics who are in need of physical, mental, or spiritual healing. Those planning to attend should register with the church office
Contact: 734-261-5331

ROSARY RALLY

Time/Date: Noon-1 p.m. Oct. 12
Location: Madonna University, located at Levan and I-96, in Livonia
Details: The Rev. Bernard Luedtke will lead the praying of the rosary.
Contact: 734-591-0360

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3; 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4; 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Oct. 5
Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh and Wayne Road, Livonia
Details: \$2 admission per adult Thursday only; Free admission Friday & Saturday. Half-price sale
Contact: Church office at 734-422-0149

Church celebrates patron saint's feast

St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia plans a week of events, Friday, Sept. 27-Friday, Oct. 24, to celebrate its patron saint.

The lead-off event is the third annual St. Michael School's All-Class Reunion, 6:30 p.m., Sept. 27 at the Huron River Club, 22575 Farmington Road, Farmington, where all alumni, 21 and older, can share food and reminisce with friends.

St. Michael School homecoming games, including football at Catholic Central High School and volleyball at St. Michael's are celebration highlights on Saturday, Sept. 28.

The actual feast day, Sunday, Sept. 29, will family activities, begin with Masses at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon, and will include a food collection for the food pantry and soup kitchen at St. Christine's in Detroit, a RSVP to bid a luncheon at outreach site. A parish picnic follows from 1-5 p.m. at Mies Park, at Hubbard and W. Chicago Road, in Livonia. It will feature food, bounce houses, crafts, and games for all ages. A Feast Day Pasta Dinner runs 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria, featuring Italian cuisine at family-friendly prices. The day will conclude with Benediction and recitation of the Chapter of St. Michael at 7 p.m. in the church, located at 11441 Hubbard.

Other events are:
» A guided tour of St. Christine's facilities, 9 a.m., Monday, Sept. 30. Participants will get an opportunity to work on one of the on-going projects that St. Christine's provides for the homeless
» Family Game Night is set for 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, at the church. The event is free. Participants must RSVP to bid a luncheon@bcglobal.net

with their family name and number of people who plan to attend.
» On Wednesday, Oct. 2, the fifth session of the church's "Why Be Catholic" program kicks off at 7 p.m. Psychologist and radio host, Ray Guarendi, will share the story of his journey home to the Catholic church.
» The program, "Catholicism" starts 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 3 and runs for 10 sessions. It focuses on the PBS series by the Rev. Robert Barron.
» Family Movie Night caps the week-long celebration Friday, Oct. 4, in the school cafeteria with screenings of VeggieTales: It's a Meaningful Life, at 5:30 p.m. and "Facing the Giants" at 7:30 p.m. For more information and advance ticket sales, call the parish office at 734-261-1455 or see the parish website at www.livoniatstmicahel.org.

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# Livonia native sings unique, true stories at Trinity House

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

"I'm driving through Indiana and it looks like a Van Gogh painting — all the yellow and gold."

Michael Colone was behind the wheel and on the phone, describing the countryside — and possibly creating a future song lyric — as he headed to his next gig. He'd log hundreds of miles — heading first to Bloomington, Ind., then west to Iowa, then east to Chicago, Ill., — before setting foot back in Michigan. He'll perform Saturday, Sept. 28, at one of his favorite local venues, Trinity House Theatre, in Livonia.

"If I could just play at Trinity House seven nights a week I'd do that," Colone said, in a recent phone interview. "But this is the work I have to do. I could be the best real estate agent in the U.S. because I know what this country looks like."

"And the stories I pick up are magnificent. Be careful what you say to me because everything is now in my arsenal to write a song."

## Always on tour

Colone, who grew up in Livonia and graduated from Stevenson High School, has spent approximately 350 days a year on the road for the past 20 years, doing what he loves best. He calls his act, Michael on Fire, and sings original songs, in the Americana folk style.



Michael Colone is "Michael on Fire."

## MICHAEL ON FIRE

**What:** Michael Colone performs original songs and plays acoustic guitar; Americana with a jazz approach and Detroit edge

**When:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28

**Where:** Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

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Greg Sadler Photography

"That is a lot of road time. That's the reason my ex-wife probably let me go," said Colone, who says he still has a "magnificent" relationship with his two grown children. "It's intense. A lot of people think they can do this, but they can't live on that edge."

"I've got a little place

in Keego Harbor. I have a place to put my stuff. But I don't live here a whole lot. There isn't a lot of work in Michigan for me. I don't do cover music and I don't go into bar rooms and take requests. The two places I mostly play in Michigan are the Ark (in Ann Arbor) and Trinity House Theatre."

Colone will perform solo at Trinity House Theatre, although he often plays with other musicians. When he's in Los Angeles, Calif., he works with a six-piece band. When he performed in England — and recorded a live CD — eight other musicians played with him.

He applies a "jazz approach" to his sessions with other musicians, skipping rehearsals and encouraging them to "add what you are doing to what I do," while on stage.

## True stories

Colone said a childhood spent listening to everything from pop to country, jazz to Motown — "spices in the creative cupboard" — helped shape a foundation for his own sound.

"Most of my songs are true stories, almost like today — God, Indiana looks like a Van Gogh painting. I try to keep everything I say and do original."

Colone, who is "younger than Springsteen but older than Prince," first picked up the guitar when he was 9 years old, and later asked one of his fellow cadettes at Plum Hollow in Southfield if he would teach him to play. "He gave me a few lessons. I had some natural musical tendencies."

Colone played in a rock garage band while in school and majored in music theory and composition at Wayne State University.

"One of my professors told me I was the worst student at Wayne State.



Michael Colone performs at the Ark, in Ann Arbor.

He called me an amoeba. I was working with a producer at United Sound at the time and I was going to school and being an amoeba," he said, with a laugh.

In his final semester at school, he left Wayne State to tour with his group, Old Buck, figuring "Wayne State would always be there." Don Davis, the producer from United Sound, took Colone under his wing and gave him the opportunity to record with the Muscle Shoals Rhythm Section in Atlanta, Ga.

Colone also founded the progressive music group, Prismatic, which released several records, performed nightly throughout southeastern Michigan and toured with Stanley Clarke.

Peter Frampton and others.

## New name

When he moved to Los Angeles, Calif., 25 years ago, he began performing as Michael on Fire. Stephen Stills produced his first record under that name.

It was at that time Colone decided to strike out on his own and become a "authentic troubadour" who would play for audiences from coast to coast.

"It was never in my stars to become rich and famous. Part of the freedom I have is I don't have to go out there and play any hit songs exactly the same way."

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## Art club plans guest speaker, exhibit Oct. 7

Margaret Prizer, a trained volunteer of the Detroit Institute of Arts' Speaker Bureau, will talk about frames at the next meeting of the Three Cities Art Club. The program will start at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7, in the lower level meeting room A of the Canton Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill.

The event is open to the public and light re-

freshments will be served.

Three Cities Art Club also plans its Festival of the Arts Oct. 18-20 at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 W. Warren, Westland. In addition to works by the club, the exhibit also will include art by members of Garden City Fine Arts Association. The festival will offer face painting for children, art lessons and demonstrations, along

with music and dance performances throughout the weekend. For more information, visit [www.threecitiesartclub.org](http://www.threecitiesartclub.org).

Club membership is open to individuals, 18 and over. Dues are \$25 annually. To learn more about Three Cities Art Club, contact Marilyn Meredith via email at [marilynmeredith@wow-way.com](mailto:marilynmeredith@wow-way.com) or call 313-231-3939.

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. 25.  
**Location:** The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.  
**Details:** Nicholas Wilson shows paintings and half-screen-printed wood box panels in this mixed media show called "Technology and the Immortal Condition."  
**Contact:** 734-394-5300; cantonvillageheater.org

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 1:15 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Sept. 28.  
**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville.  
**Details:** Terry Lee Dell's solo exhibition, "Dimorphism" consists of elaborate drawings in black ink and gold leaf. For the past 20 years, Dell conceptualized fantastical buildings as metaphors of his daily life. His work shows hints of Dr. Seuss, M.C. Escher and Erich Mendelsohn.  
**Coming up:** "Under the (Inspired) Influence" will run Oct. 4-26 and will include works by Anita Andersons, Renee M. Dooley, Mary Fortuna, Diane Hawkey, Leann Melixer, Juana Moore, Kate Paul, and Mike Slavk. The show will offer visitors a glimpse of what inspires the artists and compels them to create. An artist reception is set for 6-9 p.m. with an artist talk at 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 4.  
**Contact:** 248-344-0497; http://www.northvillearts.org

**BOOK READING AND SIGNING LAUREN DANE**  
**Time/Date:** 1:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28.  
**Location:** Paperbacks n' Things, 8027 N. Wayne Road, Westland.  
**Details:** "New York Times" bestselling author Lauren Dane releases her new book, "Drawn Together," early for attendees of this event. She'll be on hand signing copies.  
**Contact:** 734-522-8018

**FILM MAIN THEATRE**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. Oct. 16  
**Location:** 118 N. Main, at 11 Mile, Royal Oak.  
**Details:** The Committee to Ban Fracking in Michigan and Michigan Citizens for Water Conservation present the film, "Gasland II" along with a Q and A with film director Josh Fox. The event is free.  
**Contact:** www.letsbanfracking.org; www.landmarktheatres.com

**PENN THEATRE**  
**Time/Date:** 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  
**Location:** 760 Pennington Ave., Plymouth.  
**Details:** "The Way Back," admission \$3  
**Contact:** 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

**REDFORD THEATRE**



"The Guardian" by Diane Hawkey of Royal Oak, will be on display beginning Oct. 4 at Northville Art House.

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Sept. 27 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sept. 28  
**Location:** 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit.  
**Details:** "The Graduate," with Anne Bancroft and Dustin Hoffman, along with the Pink Panther in "The Pink Panther," \$5 admission  
**Coming up:** Vincent Price film festival with "Diary of a Mad Man" and "The Ravens," 8 p.m. Oct. 4; "House of Wax," 2 p.m. Oct. 5; "The Masque of the Red Death" and "The Tingler," 8 p.m. Oct. 5. Tickets are \$5 per show or \$13 for all three shows.  
**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, B4TV, highlights leisure activities that families and individuals engaged in before television. The exhibit runs through Nov. 10. Admission \$5 for adults and \$2 for students 6-17  
**Contact:** www.plymouth-history.org; 734-455-8940

**MUSIC BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY**

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. the third Saturday of the month through May  
**Location:** The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth  
**Details:** The event includes open mic performers and featured musicians. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and include free monthly admission  
**Contact:** Scott Ludwig at sl@baselinefolk.com

**CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT**

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5  
**Location:** Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile, at Lahser on the campus of Detroit Country Day School in Beverly Hills  
**Details:** Emerson String Quartet performs of Mozart, Britten and Beethoven. Single tickets range from \$30-\$60, and student tickets are priced at \$15-\$24  
**Contact:**



Jennifer Bétz of Northville plays "Lucy" and Rick Micky of Keego Harbor as "Dracula" in the Farmington Players' production of the classic horror story, "Dracula," Oct. 11-Nov. 2 at the Players' Barn in Farmington Hills. By WILLIAM M. SOULE

**JAZZ AT THE ELKS**  
**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month—except December  
**Location:** Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth  
**Details:** There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds from Jazz Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans.  
**Contact:** 734-453-1780 or email to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

**MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC**  
**Time/Date:** 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9  
**Location:** The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton  
**Details:** Season opening concert, "The Golden Flute," features flutist Eric Lamb and award-winning composer, Chen Yi. General tickets are \$30;

seniors, 62 and over, pay \$25 and students with ID pay \$10. Buy them at the Michigan Philharmonic office, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth, by phone or online at michiganphil.org  
**Contact:** 734-451-2112

**PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN**  
**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:** Seth Abram, Sept. 28: The Flying Mud Brothers, Oct. 21; Danielle Ale The Sandwich, Oct. 25. Featured performer concerts start at 8 p.m.  
**Contact:** 734-454-0178

**SENATE THEATER**  
**Time/Date:** 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29  
**Location:** 8424 Michigan Ave., Detroit  
**Details:** Bob Milne and Bob Seely, veteran piano players, perform "Piano Ragtime and Boogie Woogie Blast!" Tickets are \$15  
**Contact:** 313-894-0850

TRINITY THEATRE

**Time/Date:** Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.  
**Location:** 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Mike Mangione and the Union with Ian Brooks, Sept. 27; Michael on Fire, Sept. 28; Sarah McQuaid with Neptunes' Car, Sept. 29; Chris McCall, Oct. 4. The Michigan Fingertyle Guitar Society presents Ed Gerbard, Oct. 5; Empty Chair Night with Annie and Rod Capps, Joel Palmer, Robin Montross and Sigrid Christiansen, Oct. 6. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted  
**Contact:** 734-464-6302

**VILLAGE THEATER**  
**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 cantonvillageheater.org or by calling 734-394-5460. Tickets also are available at the door beginning an hour before show time  
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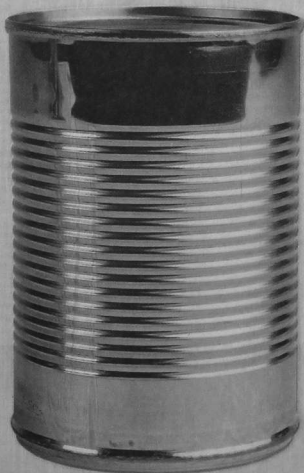
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Prep time: 20 minutes  
Cook time: 20 minutes  
Serves: 4

- 1 (16 ounce) can Bush's Garbanzo Beans, drained
- 4 or 6 (8-inch) flour tortillas
- 1 cup romaine lettuce, shredded
- ½ cup Italian or Greek dressing
- ¼ cup plain yogurt
- 1 cup chicken, cooked and shredded
- 1 small cucumber, peeled, seeded and diced (about ¼ cup)
- ½ cup red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 small tomato, cored and chopped (about ½ cup)
- ½ cup crumbled feta cheese
- 6 Kalamata olives, pitted and chopped or sliced

Place half the beans in a saucepan; mash gently with a potato masher or the back of a fork. Stir in remaining whole beans; heat through. Cover and set aside. Arrange tortillas on counter, place lettuce evenly in the center of each. Mix yogurt and dressing in a small bowl. Combine remaining ingredients with bean mixture, adding the yogurt and dressing mixture last. Divide mixture onto prepared tortillas. Fold in sides of tortilla and roll up tightly. Serve warm or cold.



### PUMPKIN CHILI MEXICANA

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 40 minutes  
Serves: 6

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- ¼ cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 1 pound ground turkey
- 2 (14.5-ounce) cans diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 (15-ounce) can pure pumpkin
- 1 (15-ounce) can tomato sauce
- 1 (15.25-ounce) can dark red kidney beans, drained
- 1 (4.5-ounce) can green chiles, chopped
- ¼ cup canned whole-kernel corn
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- ½ teaspoon ground black pepper

Heat vegetable oil in large saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onion, bell pepper and garlic; cook, stirring frequently, for 5 to 7 minutes or until tender. Add turkey; cook until browned. Drain. Add tomatoes with juice, pumpkin, tomato sauce, beans, chiles, corn, chili powder, cumin and black pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Cover, cook, stirring occasionally, for 30 minutes.



### CHICKEN AND WILD RICE CASSEROLE

Prep time: under 30 min  
Cook time: 1 hour  
Serves: 6

- 2 (6-ounce) packages long-grain and wild rice blend with seasonings
- 1 (10-ounce) can chunk breast of chicken, drained and flaked
- 1 (10 ½-ounce) can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 (10 ½-ounce) can cream of chicken soup
- 1 (4-ounce) can sliced mushrooms, drained
- ½ cup chopped celery
- ½ cup Hormel Real Bacon Pieces
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- ¼ cup breadcrumbs
- ½ cup silvered almonds

2 tablespoons butter, melted  
Heat oven to 350°F. Lightly grease 2-quart casserole. Prepare rice according to package directions. In large bowl, combine rice, chicken, soups, mushrooms, celery, bacon pieces and pepper. Transfer rice mixture to casserole. Bake 30 minutes. Meanwhile, in small bowl, combine breadcrumbs, almonds and butter; mix well. Sprinkle over casserole. Bake 5 to 10 minutes or until topping is golden brown.





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