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Canton sees uptick in new eateries

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Subs, dating back to 1956 in Point Pleasant, N.J., are coming to town.

The latest eatery news comes as National Coney Island prepares to open its latest restaurant on Ford Road east of Canton Center.

Riding their Basement Burger Bar success in Farmington, brothers Jamil and David

Azar are hopeful they can open by mid-November; if they can get their liquor license by then, where Real BarBQ closed at Ford and Lilley roads.

"We love the area. It has a lot of potential," Jamil Azar said. "It's an all-around good area. We've been looking for a new place and we heard that Real BarBQ had closed. It just

happened to work out."

Azar promised hand-crafted burgers, specialty sauces and other menu items, including vegetarian choices.

In the same shopping center, Jersey Mike's Subs plans to move into the site of a former dry cleaning business. Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet said.

Next up, Bagger Dave's Legendary Burger Tavern, which has locations in Indiana and Missouri as well as Michigan, is expected to appear before the Canton Township Board of Trustees as early as mid-November to seek a site plan approval for a new build-

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Canton: No jurisdiction on smart meters

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Rejecting pleas to adopt a moratorium on DTE Energy smart meters, Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said local officials have no jurisdiction to halt their installation.

"We are not going to take any action," LaJoy said Tuesday evening, addressing a small but vocal group of smart meter critics who have repeatedly sought to spur the township board to action.

"I appreciate your point of view," he told the group, but added he has not received a request from any board member to place the issue on the agenda for a vote.

LaJoy said any move to halt installation of smart meters or impose a moratorium would have to come from state lawmakers or the Michigan Public Service Commission.

His remarks came Tuesday as residents from communities such as Shelby Township and Ypsilanti continued to lobby local officials for a moratorium, alleging that smart meters pose health threats, invade home privacy, increase fire risks and could escalate electricity costs.

A report last year by the Michigan Public Service Commission concluded risks are "insignificant."

"In addition, the appropriate federal health and safety regulations provide assurance that smart meters represent a safe technology," the MPSC said.

Smart meter critics have made their rounds to local

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Linda McMaster, horsing around with daughter Lisa in 2011, walked the walk of cancer battles for five years. BILL BRESLER (STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

STARTING THE WALK

STEM students helping to raise awareness of childhood disease

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Linda McMaster walked the walk for five years as her precocious daughter Lisa battled neuroblastoma before finally succumbing, after a valiant battle, in

May.

On Thursday, McMaster was onstage at the Gloria Logan auditorium in Salem High School, urging nearly 400 high school students to join her in the walk in the hopes that, soon, no one will have to make the walk again.

McMaster and Canton High School junior Christine Wall, who has beaten back malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumor but still suffers side effects from

the treatment, were on hand to urge the students in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools STEM program to take part in a fundraiser the group's student leaders chose as a community service project.

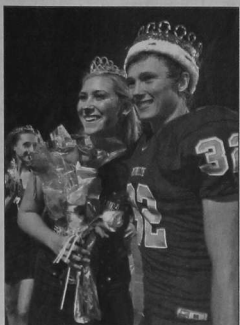
"We need to raise awareness, so we can raise the funding for our kids," said McMaster, who a few years ago founded

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The 'Cats' meow

Socially, Friday night went well for Elizabeth Guglielmi and Connor Stella, chosen Plymouth High School's homecoming queen and king for 2013. The news wasn't as good for Stella and his teammates, who lost to Canton 34-23.

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Canton weighs in on 4 a.m. bar closing

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A state Senate bill proposal to allow Michigan bars and restaurants in certain areas to stay open until 4 a.m. has drawn sharply opposing views in Canton, but the issue is far from resolved.

"It's probably a bad idea," resident Laura Lowder said. "It's early in the morning, so people drinking would probably be drunk or close to the limit when they leave the bar. It's not safe. It's not healthy."

Others say they don't oppose the measure as long as bar customers drink responsibly or find a safe ride home. "I think they should stay open until 6 a.m.," resident Richard Weix said. "The peo-

ple who need to drink, let them stay in the bar. It doesn't bother me. I'm a non-drinker."

State Sen. Virgil Smith, D-Detroit, has proposed a bill to allow bars to stay open later in central business districts such as downtown Detroit, much like cities such as Chicago, Louisville or New York City. As initially introduced in the Senate Regulatory Reform Committee, it wouldn't necessarily apply to communities such as Canton.

However, Smith's chief of staff, Dennis Denno, told the Observer the proposed legislation is expected to be amended to allow extended bar hours in municipalities that have Downtown Development Authority districts, as Canton does along the Ford Road busi-

ness strip.

Denno said local township boards and city councils likely would have to pass an ordinance permitting a 4 a.m. closing time before local bars and restaurants could apply through the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

"To be sure, the bill faces a potentially long and perhaps contentious battle before it could become law. Under SB 247, businesses seeking to stay open later would have to buy an after-hours permit for \$10,000, with 85 percent of the money going to local police departments, 10 percent to the Liquor Control Commission and 5 percent to local governments.

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Officials see changes on tap for water system

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

After decades of political battles over rates and how Detroit's massive water and sewer system should be run, state Rep. Kurt Heise sees "dramatic action" coming, much of it positive for suburban water customers.

Detroit's bankruptcy and work by Gov. Rick Snyder and Keyvn Orr, the city's emergency financial manager, could result in suburban communities having more say in the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, save money through greater efficiencies and make rate-setting methods more transparent.

Meanwhile, Heise, a Republican from Plymouth Township, has two bills waiting in the wings that call for a regionally run department, plus a third that would subject water rates to state approval.

"Clearly, we all want Detroit to succeed... If Detroit suffers, we all suffer," Heise told about 30 people Thursday during a town hall at the Livonia Civic Center Library. "Let's cooperate. Let's work with each other."

Heise, who represents the Northville and Plymouth area and eastern Canton Township, is the former director of the Wayne County Department of Environment. His experience with DWSD dates back nearly 20 years, to when he was a municipal attorney for Dearborn Heights.

Also speaking Thursday were Laura Toy, the Livonia City Council president, whose attempts as a state legislator to put DWSD under regional control were met with a veto by then-Gov. Jennifer Granholm, and Vyto Kaunelis, a civil



State Rep. Kurt Heise, Livonia City Council member Laura Toy and Vyto Kaunelis speaking on the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

engineer with Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment Inc., who talked about Detroit's current rate-setting methods.

The Detroit system supplies water to about 125 communities, treats the sewage from 76 communities and serves more than four million people, about 40 percent of the state's population.

Shared optimism

Toy shared Heise's optimism about DWSD customer communities getting more say in how the system is managed. "Kurt has the ear of the governor and Keyvn Orr... and he's doing a very fine job," she said. "I think we're going to get somewhere."

Kaunelis, a former co-worker of Heise's in Wayne County government, said communities are charged differently for water based on their distance from Detroit, their elevation and the amount of water used, plus water usage during periods of maximum demand.

Sewage treatment rates are based largely on flow, but measuring or estimating flow is difficult, he said.

Heise indicated Orr's emergency manager powers and Detroit's

bankruptcy proceedings have made it more likely that changes in the water department will come soon.

"This environment that we're operating in now is radically different than it was in March and it's changing by the day," he said. "We're all in uncharted waters now."

Heise said his bills regarding DWSD are in the state House Committee on Natural Resources, but are pending action by Orr and Snyder. One would create a nine-member regional water authority with representation from Detroit, Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties and the customer communities, though Detroit would retain ownership of its system. Another would create a looser "alliance" with less control, but still a means of regional input. The third would subject DWSD rate increases to approval by the Michigan Public Service Commission.

Water caveats

Heise did object to Orr's proposal, floated a couple of weeks ago, to use some DWSD assets to pay some of the pension obligations the city owes. He said water rate-payers shouldn't have to pay



A small crowd listens to the water and sewer presentation. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

the city's debts.

Heise also said that, in

his opinion, the region is not in full compliance

with the Clean Water Act, despite the dismissal earlier this year by Sean Cox, a federal judge, of the 1977 lawsuit brought to force compliance.

Heise said the sewage system, in some areas, still has untreated sewage flowing into rivers and that fixing that problem will be costly.

"Somebody's got to fix that, somebody's got to clean that up and, ultimately, that's going to be us," he said.

Five years ago, the cost of remedying Detroit's combined-sewer overflows, which allow sewage to be dumped into streams in some areas during periods of heavy rain, was estimated at between \$1.2 billion and \$1.5 billion, Heise said.

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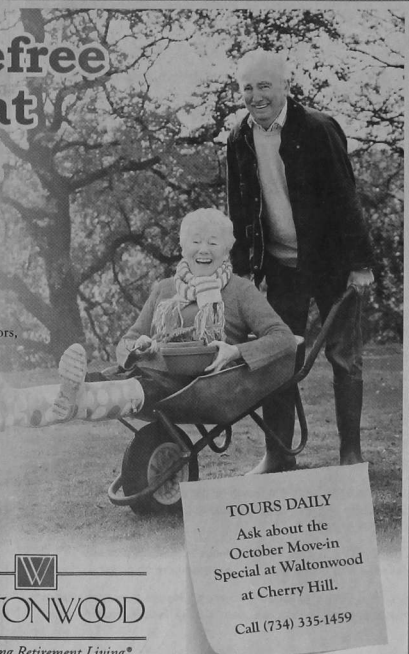
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Plymouth Christian Academy fifth-graders made their annual trek to Crystal Mountain recently.

PCA students take annual trip

Elementary students at Plymouth Christian Academy look forward to it and high school students who went look back on it with fond memories. That's because fifth grade at PCA begins with a Northern Michigan Experience Trip. This year, the PCA fifth-grade classes traveled to Crystal Mountain Resort, located near Lake Michigan.

In addition to experiencing what teachers call "God's magnificent creation," during this two-day excursion, this educational trip supports the Michigan curriculum taught to PCA's fifth-grade students. Students have the opportunity to learn about the history of the Manitow Islands and its natural features. The hikes and activities along Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive allow them to experience the forests, beaches and dune formations.



The trip to northern Michigan ended with some quality time on the vast sand dunes.

A highlight of the trip is the visit to the Maritime Museum in Glen Arbor. This museum is a fully restored U.S. Life Saving Service Station. While there, the students had the opportunity to see the Park Ranger demonstration, Heroes of the Storm.

Following a scavenger hunt in the boathouse and barracks

at the Maritime Museum, it was off to the Empire Bluff Nature Hike and Glacier Deposit. In addition to the educational opportunities this trip affords, it also provides a great opportunity for team building among the students.

The trip ended with the entire fifth grade playing out on the sand dunes.

Montessori celebrates 40th

Marking its 40th year of providing preschool and kindergarten programs, Plymouth-Canton Montessori School invites the community to attend an open house celebration 4-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at the school, located at 45245 Joy Road in Canton.

Representatives of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will assist with a special 40th anniversary ribbon cutting at 4:30 p.m. Teachers and staff will be available to give classroom tours and answer questions. Refreshments will be provided and children are welcome.

"We are very proud of our long history in this community, which has enabled us to offer families high-quality educational options," said Kay Neff, the school's founder. "It has been rewarding to watch the school's growth over the years."

First opened as Plymouth Montessori School in the fall of 1973, enrollment increased rapidly and Hines Park Montessori School was created in 1975 to serve additional students from Plymouth Montessori. In 1991, the two schools merged to form Plymouth-Canton Montessori School.

In addition to providing authentic Montessori preschool and kindergarten programs that are specially designed for children in this age group, Plymouth-Canton Montessori School offers half-day and full-day programs, along with before and after school care as needed. A themed summer day camp is also available.

For more information about the open house celebration and Plymouth-Canton Montessori School, visit www.pcmontessori.org or call 734-459-1550.



Plymouth-Canton Montessori School marks its 40th year with an Oct. 24 open house.

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Third Circuit Court implementing new process for jury duty

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Plymouth and Canton residents have a new process to follow if selected to be a juror at the county's Third Circuit Court, which if not followed correctly could result in penalties.

The Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan, with jurisdiction over criminal, civil and family matters in Wayne County, announced Sept. 26 that it is changing its prospective juror notification from a two-step to a one-step process at the end of this month. "Our most important piece of advice for Wayne County residents who receive the new one-step jury duty form is not to throw it out in the trash like they may have done with the old questionnaire," said Ronald R. Ruffin, executive court administrator, Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan. "A summons is an order from the chief judge to appear for jury service and throwing it out could mean a court hearing, a fine and even jail."

According to the Circuit Court, the new process has a new combination questionnaire and summons sent out to save time for jurors and money for taxpayers, while

making juries in Wayne County more efficient and reflective of the county's diversity.

The new One-Step Form will include a questionnaire that must be completed either online at <http://www.3rdcc.org> or using the traditional return mail process, plus a summons to appear on a specific date.

"Because the One-Step Form represents in one document both the court's official jury questionnaire and an order of the court to appear on a specific day for jury duty, the juror receiving the One-Step Form must both answer the questionnaire and appear on the scheduled day," according to the court.

"Jurors who fail to answer the questionnaire or appear on the scheduled day are subject to penalties, including fines or even imprisonment."

The Third Circuit Court switched over to the new One-Step Form in late September and will use the new system for all juror summonses from now on.

For more information visit, www.3rdcc.org

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OfficeMax makes W-W teacher's day 'better'

By **Sue Mason**
Staff Writer

Christmas came a little early to Corina Caird's sixth-grade classroom, thanks to a group of "elves" from OfficeMax in Westland.

Caird, a teacher at Marshall Upper Elementary School in Westland, was on the receiving end of the presents after being selected as a recipient of OfficeMax's "A Day Made Better" program. Held Oct. 1, Caird was among 1,000 teachers around the country who received classroom supplies and whose schools also received additional supplies.

"I had a lot of mixed emotions," Caird said. "When my principals and the deputy superintendent walked in my classroom, I thought 'Oh, my God, they only come in when you're in trouble.' I was so shocked."

It was the idea of co-Principals Bobby Kelly and Kelly Kaminski to have the staff nominate a teacher in the building for the "A Day Made Better" program and write something about that teacher. The consensus was that Caird deserved the honor.

"It's the biggest honor I have ever received," said the Livonia resident, who was nominated for the award by her fellow teachers. "I work with the most fabulous teachers and knowing this comes from them means a lot."

Caird received a "very comfy" leather desk chair and a large box containing \$1,000 in



Corina Caird, a sixth-grade teacher at Marshall Upper Elementary School, has the seat of honor after being named a top teacher by the OfficeMax in Westland. She was awarded a new chair and \$1,000 in classroom supplies, including a digital camera and Kindle. On hand for the surprise presentation were co-Principals Bobby Kelly and Kelly Kaminski (on the left), Deputy Superintendent Paul Salah (right) and staff from OfficeMax.

school supplies, including a Kindle Fire, digital camera, label maker, markers, notebooks and folders. The school also received \$5,000 in supplies.

Since her students were so excited about her surprise, Caird shared the bounty, pulling out the "cuties pencils and eraser buds" and raffling them.

"I started pulling out their names. It was like Christmas, they were so excited," she said.

She also invited other teachers to take something from the box of supplies. The school supplies the school received were divided up among the teachers, but a lot went into the school store, where students spend the Marshall bucks they earn for good behavior.

Caird loves her new chair and has already put the digital camera to good use, taking photos for thank-you cards.

Her favorite photograph is one of her in her chair, surrounded by her students holding up some of the supplies and sheets of paper spelling out the words thank you. She also had several get in the box.

She also plans to use the Kindle in the classroom. She's taken it out of the box and charged it, but before letting students use it, she wants to get a "heavy duty cover."

The "A Day Made Better" program is a national initiative that aims to relieve and support teachers who spend their own money on much-needed classroom supplies. OfficeMax consumers and business clients contributed nearly

\$700,000 in additional school supplies through this summer's in-store supply drive. The additional supplies were donated to the schools where teachers were honored.

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Colbeck hours

Date/Time: Friday, Oct. 18, 8-10 a.m.
Location: George's Senate Conerly Island, 39430 Dun Rovin Drive in Northville.
Details: State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, announced that October coffee hours have been scheduled for the 7th Senate District. District coffee hours provide residents with the opportunity to meet with the senator or a member of his staff to address issues related to state government. No appointment is necessary.

Contact: For more information or to contact Colbeck, please visit www.senatorpatrickcolbeck.com or call 517-373-5173.

Grief to New Hope

Date/Time: Each Tuesday (Oct. 22 through Dec. 10), 7-8:45 p.m.
Location: First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church Street, Plymouth
Details: New Hope Center for Grief Support is presenting an eight-week grief workshop that will be titled "From Grief to New Hope." The workshop, which is offered at no cost to participants and is open to anyone grieving after the death of a loved one, will be presented by New Hope's

speaker team led by Executive Director Karen Laing. Each session will begin with an informational presentation about one aspect of grief, followed by small group participation guided by trained facilitators. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses.

Contact: To register, call the Rev. Emily Cammell at 734-453-6464. For more information, contact New Hope Center at 248-348-0115.

Puzzle class

Date/Time: Tuesday, Nov. 5 and 12, 10 a.m. to noon
Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth
Details: The Plymouth District Library hosts a Sudoku Puzzle Intro to class to teach folks in a few easy steps how to enjoy the popular Sudoku puzzles. It's a free class, but registration is required.

Contact: Call 734-453-0750, ext. 4.

Heise coffee

Date/Time: Friday, Oct. 18, 7:30-9 a.m.
Location: Panera Bread, 2040 Haggerty, Northville.



Nearly 80 Canton seniors brought home 57 medals in the ninth annual Western Wayne County Senior Olympics. Gold medalists included Barbara Bak, William Farmer, Virginia Gardner, Jerry Gawura, Linda Granfeldt, Dolores Hric, Barbara Kemper, Bud Krukowski, Ann Lineberry, Carolyn Pearson, Dorothy Skupinski, Kim Thrans, Chris Walls and Tsai Yu. Silver medalists included Janetette Janette, Jerry Binstock, Gerald Bodenmiller, Janet Brady, Lee Camilleri, Deb Chamulak, Donna Freeman, Richard Freeman, John Groske, Mike Hora, Christine Jarski, Chuck Lbert, Peter Lioi, James MacDonald, Eugene Miklovich, Robert Olmstead, Dennis Poet, Bob Porterfield, May Sidick, Judith Smyczynski, Tom Smyczynski, James Thomas, Deborah Rose and Melvin Viny. Bronze medalists included Laura Anderson, Carol Bodenmiller, Flo Champagne, Ed Grimm, Phillip Jarski, Theresa Kain, Irving Kemper, Richard Koch, Chuck Lbert, Robert Olmstead, Deborah Rose, Don Winters and Hal Winters.

Details: State Rep. Kurt Heise sponsors coffee hours to give residents a convenient opportunity to meet with him locally. No appointment is necessary. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his

Lansing office.
Contact: Call toll free 1-855-REPLUG or visit www.theheisehouse.gov to schedule an appointment.

Auction 'FRIENDZY'

Date/Time: Wednesday, Oct. 16, 6 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth
Details: Canton Newcomers and Neighbors sponsors a night of socializing, raffles and prizes for every age/interest, complimentary finger desert buffet, and beverages for purchase all to support the social and charitable efforts of the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors Club and you are invited. Scope out the over 50 raffles prizes and determine bidding strategy for items such as Bud's baskets, an Asha gift certificate or tickets to the Purple Rose Theatre.
Contact: Call 734-981-0486.

Hearing loss seminar

Date/Time: Wednesday, Oct. 30, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Hilton Garden Inn, 14600 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.
Details: Learn how to identify if you have a hearing problem, how to enhance communication and listening skills, understand common hearing issues and see the latest advancements in hearing technology. Complimentary refreshments will be served.
Contact: To register for the event or to find out more information, call at 734-451-0800.

Registration for the event closes Oct. 25.

Blues @ the Elks

Date/Time: Tuesday, Oct. 22, 7 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth
Details: Blues @ the Elks starts this month in cooperation with the Detroit Blues Society. The event highlights David Vest on keyboard with local favorites George Bedard on bass and R.J. Spangler on drums. These are all seasoned professional performers. Donation at the door is \$5. To learn more about David Vest's extensive entertainment career, go to his website www.davidvest.ca
Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1780 or visit www.detroitbluesociety.org or www.plymouthelks1780.com.

Delta Kappa Gamma craft show

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 19 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail, 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. Jaded crafters will display handmade jewelry, pottery, clothing, seasonal decor, meat substitutes, gourmet foods and more. Breakfast and lunch items will be available in the cafeteria.

Admission is \$2.

Contact: For more information, contact Debbie Cortellini at debcortellini@comcast.com or Alice Chrenko at dachrenko@hotmail.com.

Miller Woods tours

Dates/Times: Sundays, Oct. 20 and 27, 2-4 p.m.
Location: Miller Woods, entrance on Powell Road between Ridge and Beck, Plymouth Township.
Details: The Friends of Miller Woods host fall tours through the nature preserve. Tours are free, last about 60 minutes and include historical information about the Miller family as well as facts about the ecosystem, fall colors and the unique trees in the woods. Dogs and strollers are not allowed in the woods.

Blind drives

Dates/Times/Locations:
 » Sunday, Oct. 13, 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church in Plymouth.
 » Monday, Oct. 14, 1:45-4:45 p.m., C.C. of Christ, 9301 Sheldon in Plymouth.
 » Friday, Oct. 18, 2:45-5:45 p.m., Friendship Church, 1240 N. Beck in Canton.
 » Saturday, Oct. 19, 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., NorthRidge Church, 49555 N. Territorial in Plymouth.
 » Monday, Oct. 28, 1:30-7:15 p.m., VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill in Plymouth.
 » Monday, Oct. 28, Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.
Details: The American Red Cross hosts Blind drives at these times and places. Appointments are available, but walk-ins are welcome.
Contact: Call Diane Risico at 313-549-7052 or email Diane.Risico@redcross.org to set up an appointment.

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Date/Time: Second Monday of each month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
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In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bleske has written a book for attorneys about the

subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bleske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bleske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bleske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-75. Their New office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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Colbeck to host senior seminar

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck and Susan Peters, a representative from the attorney general's office, host a free seminar for area seniors in conjunction with the attorney general's Senior Brigade program to discuss the serious implications of identity theft and how seniors in particular are vulnerable to such scams.

The seminar takes place at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth.

Identity theft is a growing crime in Michigan. There are many different ways for people to have their identities stolen, which include, but are not limited to, phone scams, mail order scams and Internet fraud.

Sadly, identity theft is a growing concern for everyone, most especial-

ly seniors," Colbeck said. "I hope that our meeting with local seniors can make them more aware of the scams that are out there and arm them with the knowledge to avoid them and their often costly consequences."

Knowing what to look for in order to outsmart these criminals is paramount in preventing losses of savings, damage to credit records and a number of other costly implications brought on by identity theft, Colbeck said.

To help Colbeck explain the issues surrounding identity theft, Peters - of the Senior Brigade program out of Attorney General Bill Schuette's office - will give a presentation outlining the dangers and how individuals can prevent them.



State Sen. Patrick Colbeck will host a seminar for seniors.

The Senior Brigade helps Michigan's aging population, which faces increasingly complex decisions related to health care and financial matters. The attorney general's Consumer Protection Division has developed information

resources including guides, fact sheets and how-tos in order to assist in making complex decisions.

For more information on the event, contact Colbeck's in-district manager Penny Crider at 517-373-5713.

United Way seeking hats for homeless

Before long, the cold temperatures will have Michigan residents shivering. Not everyone is lucky enough to afford hats, scarves, mittens and gloves to keep them warm this winter.

The Plymouth Community United Way has kicked off its 2013 drive to collect Hats for the Homeless and those struggling financially. Through the end of the year, the agency is accepting new hats, gloves, scarves and socks for men, women and children. New blankets are needed as well.

Last year, the Plymouth Community United Way distributed more than 1,900 items. Donations can be dropped off at Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, in

Plymouth, or arrangements can be made for pickup of large quantities.

For information, contact Randi Williams at 734-453-6879, ext. 7, or randi.williams@pcuw.org

Plymouth Community United Way raises funds year round for a variety of services from food pantries to an emergency dental fund, bus transportation for seniors, housing for adults with developmental disabilities, programs and a shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children and opportunities for youth to develop skills and become valuable members of the community.

Visit www.plymouthcommunityway.org to learn about a variety of ways to give and volunteer.

Broyles appearing Canton Goodwill

Detroit Lions wide receiver Ryan Broyles will visit the Goodwill Canton store (41937 Ford Road in Canton) 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, to meet and greet fans.

Goodwill shoppers and Detroit Lions fans alike will have the opportunity to browse store merchandise, meet Broyles and purchase T-shirts to help raise funds to feed families in metro Detroit this Thanksgiving.

Shoppers can purchase a Ryan Broyles Foundation T-shirt for \$25 each. Each shirt sold will feed one metro Detroit family this Thanksgiving. Broyles, who wears No. 84 on his jersey, strives to provide 84 families with Thanks-

giving dinners this season through his foundation.

Event attendees will also have the opportunity to purchase Goodwill and GalaxE Solutions exclusive "Love, Detroit" T-shirts and Ink Detroit "Detroit Diehard" bracelets, each which support Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit's job education, training and placement programs to help the region's unemployed overcome employment challenges and earn jobs

"This event is a great opportunity to connect with fans and communicate the mission of Thanksgiving in Detroit," Broyles said. "All families should have the opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of Thanksgiving dinner. By supporting this event, we can work together as a community to ensure that at least 84 of De-

troit's families in need enjoy that experience."

"When a family member is unemployed, it affects the entire family," Goodwill Industries President and CEO Lorna G. Utley said. "Goodwill strives to address the long-term needs of families by providing job opportunities and putting metro Detroiters back to work, while the Ryan Broyles Foundation, through its Thanksgiving campaign, is addressing the immediate needs of local families who face food insecurity. Together, we are addressing the needs of our friends and neighbors in southeast Michigan."

Metro Detroiters attending the event are encouraged to bring donations of new or gently used clothing to the Goodwill Canton store. Call 313-964-3900 for more information.



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GHOST HUNTERS

Spirits found at Masonic Temple

By JoAnne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

The 137-year-old Masonic Temple Lodge in downtown Farmington has its share of orbs and shadow figures. But the ghost in the basement has been officially named Fred.

Fred was named after the many times members, who spent considerable time in the building, would tightly close the door leading to the basement, only to find it open again not long after.

"We would say, 'It must be Fred.' We don't know why we called him Fred. But Fred is a friendly guy," said Hal Groat, president of the Masonic board of directors.

For some time, members had sensed that something was going on in the historic building, so when community activist Vera Lucksted, owner of Grow Farmington, asked if she could bring in the Motor City Ghost Hunters in Canton for an investigation Aug. 17, it seemed perfectly fitting.

"There were approximately three spirits we made contact with," said John McCormick of Motor City Ghost Hunters. "We had a great investigation. We found great evidence."

Findings revealed

The ghost hunters' findings were revealed



Masonic Lodge 151 is the oldest continually operating Masonic Lodge in Michigan, dating to the 1870s. VERA LUCKSTED

Thursday night at an Old Town Hall gathering at the Masonic Temple.

The event was a fundraiser for the proposed Riley Park Ice Rink. "I just thought it would be cool to have it done," Lucksted said.

As it turned out, the ghost hunters thought it was pretty cool, too. "They were eager to explore the building," she added.

The ghost hunters, who do not charge for their services, spent about four hours in the building Aug. 17. The results of their investigation

and the audio component are on the organization's website at www.motorcityghosthunters.com. "They presented the evidence," Lucksted said. "They played the evidence for us."

According to the ghost hunters, "A shadow person was seen by two investigators in the kitchen. A motion detector was set off in the kitchen when there was nobody around it," according to the investigation. "Two different investigators, on two separate teams that night, were sitting in



Hal Groat, president of the Masonic Temple board of directors, talks about the history of the building in downtown Farmington. VERA LUCKSTED

the same seat, unbeknownst to one another, and both investigators reported a feeling of being touched by a ghostly presence."

The ghost hunters use a host of equipment when investigating for paranormal activity, including a controversial audio device that often states words that fit what is being said during the investigation. They also use a motion detector and a balanced flashlight placed on a flat surface, allowing any spirits to respond by tapping it to flash it on.

Believe it or not, McCormick said, that even with the expensive equipment the hunters use, the flashlight works the best.

Not a surprise

Evidence of spirits in the lodge wasn't a surprise to the Masons. "We already had suspicions

that something was afoot," Groat said. "Most members come for meetings and then leave. They aren't in the building as much as some of us."

About two years ago, the Masons decided to remodel the facility to rent it out for activities. Before that, the walls on the main floor were literally covered with photos — dating back to 1863 — of the lodge's Mason Masters. It was decided to remove the photos, repair the walls and add crown molding.

"When you are here in the building at 2, 3, 4 a.m., the place takes on a little different ... well, you sense something is with you," Groat said.

During the investigation, Groat was in the basement when all of a sudden his glasses landed on the floor. "It was a little startling," he said.

MORE OLD TOWN HALL

Spiritualists Robert and Pamela Taylor will provide readings at an Old Town Hall event at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at the Masonic Temple, 2271 S. Farmington Road at Grand River Avenue. Pamela Taylor is an ordained spiritualist minister and accomplished astrologer. She uses her psychic skills and astrological insights in readings.

Robert Taylor, who is from Carmarthen, Wales, near the famed Stonehenge, spent seven years as a Hindu monk. He is an accomplished palmist and astrologer. Tickets for the event are \$25 per person, \$30 at the door.

"With the spirits and ghosts, I was personally a little freaked out. But now I am comfortable with it. We are all a little more at ease with them."

The ghost hunters encountered positive flashlight responses and some names on the vocal device. "We did record both males' voices and the voice of an adolescent girl. The only thing that we are certain of is that if there is a consistent presence in the building, it has no malicious intent and it may be continuing to visit the Lodge because of the Masons or because the building was such a vital part of the Farmington community for generations," the ghost hunters concluded.

Farmington resident JoAnne McShane contributed to this story.

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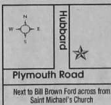
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Barbara Munn of Farmington Hills and LuDean Peters of Livonia review documents for the Three Flags chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. JOANNE MALISZEWSKI

THREE FLAGS

Local DAR chapter plans 75th anniversary in 2014

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Members of the DAR — Daughters of the American Revolution — are very aware that non-members likely have long considered the organization a center of snooty and elitism.

Nothing could be further from truth, Farmington Hills resident Barbara Munn said. "It is not your grandmother's DAR."

True, membership is based on lineage — an ancestral connection to the American Revolutionary War. But the organization isn't about setting members apart from the crowd. It's about ensuring and celebrating patriotism. Members also support and promote education and historic preservation.

"We are trying to celebrate America and perpetuate patriotism and the men and women who gave us our freedom," said local chapter president LuDean Peters of Livonia.

Just ask the more than 70 women — members of the Three Flags Chapter — who this past weekend celebrated their chapter's 74th anniversary with a birthday luncheon and a Civil War presentation by Michael Golden, a re-enactor.

Already members are planning to celebrate the chapter's 75th anniversary in 2014. And leading up to that commemoration are a number of events and activities.

"It will be a lot fancier," Peters said.

The local chapter was formed in 1939 in what was once called Lathrup Townsite. Nine women arrived at Ruth Davison's home on Sunnybrook Avenue to talk about forming a new chapter.

The Three Flags Chapter today includes women from Farmington, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Novi, Plymouth, Beverly Hills, Lathrup Village, Bloomfield Hills and Dearborn.

"The chapter was



Patriotism, as displayed in this presentation at the Livonia Community Library, is a big part of the Three Flags chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

actually a spinoff of the Royal Oak chapter. Gas was expensive in those days because it was rationed," Munn said.

Another myth to dispel about the DAR — of which there are chapters in each of the 50 states — is that membership is not based on whether ancestors traveled on the Mayflower to the new continent or whether your ancestor was a decorated hero during the Revolutionary War.

Munn began tracing her genealogy because her grandmother had an unfulfilled wish to join the DAR. She started digging into genealogy records and made a number of trips to Indiana, Connecticut and Massachusetts.

"I was able to trace back to two ancestors who served in the Revolutionary War on my grandmother's side of the family," said Munn, the chapter's registrar. "I picked up the threads of what my grandmother had worked on."

Munn traced her family roots in America to the 1600s. Her husband Harold was able to do the same. Both have now visited the cemeteries where their ancestors are buried and heard from local historians about family members' roles in their communities and in the fight for independence.

Peters has done the same, tracing relatives back to the Revolutionary War. Harold Munn even traced relatives back to the signing of the Magna Carta, some 800 years ago.

In addition to providing members and potential members the opportunity and the help to dig into family history and lineage, the DAR is a service organization. Education, veterans affairs, national defense, women and family issues are the organization's chosen areas, Peters said.

"We give support to schools, one is a residential school, another is in the South, one in Massachusetts and another that is for disadvantaged children," Peters said.

Members of the Three Flags DAR chapter provide hours of service in their communities. Some members volunteer at VA hospitals or provide wreaths at the Great Lakes Cemetery. Annually, the chapter makes a donation to the John Dingell Veterans Hospital in Detroit, Munn said.

"We really are about service," Peters said.

"We reach out to the community in any way that services the community."

Patriotism and service guide the Three Flags chapter, as well as all DAR chapters.

Each meeting is concluded by singing *God Bless America*.

Members also gather to learn about history and to learn about researching genealogy. Every now and then, the Three Flags group hosts a workshop to help anyone interested in preparing an application for membership, Munn said.

"Every year each member brings in a family treasure," Peters said.

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The Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for the fiscal year of 2014 on November 12, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Charter Township of Plymouth offices located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the above address in the Clerk's Office weekdays from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Tuesday, October 22, 2013

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that a Public Hearing will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170, on Tuesday, October 22, 2013, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate request for real property improvements and equipment investment at DADCO, Inc., 43850 Plymouth Oaks Blvd. The request is available for inspection from 8-4:30 PM at the Clerk's Office. During the public hearing which begins at 7:00 pm., any resident of Plymouth Township or members of the Legislative Board of any affected taxing unit in the Township shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments addressed to the Clerk will be considered. Following the public hearing, the Board may decide on the request by resolution.

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Runners set course records at Red October Run

Runners laced up their shoes and took off running and in the process set several course records for Oakwood Healthcare's 23rd annual Red October Run.

Held in the city of Wayne, the event attracted 1,333 runners and walkers of all ages. They competed in four events this year, said Cynthia Cook, community benefits coordinator for Oakwood Healthcare.

"We had a great turnout and there were a number of course records set this year," said Cook, who organizes the event every year.

The top finishers were:
 » In the men's 10K run, Colby Lowe of Southlake, Texas, set a course record with a time of 31:20, which is a pace of 5:03 per mile.
 » For the women's 10K run, Stephanie Smith of Detroit also set a course record with a final time of 38:57, good for a 6:17 per mile pace.

» Eric Loveland of Dundee set a course record in the men's 5K with a 16:17 finish, a pace of 5:15 minutes per mile.
 » Kimberly Peterson of Farmington Hills was the top female finisher in the 5K run with a time of 16:17.

» Rick and Shelly Huber of Montrose were the top finishers in the



Runners wait for the start of the 23rd annual Oakwood Red October Run held Oct. 5 in Wayne.

men's and women's 5K walks, respectively. Rick Huber's 28:06 finish also was a course record. Shelly Huber came in at 34:02.

Cook said the event was designed to promote health and fitness to families and attract runners and walkers of all ages and abilities. It did just that.

The youngest 5K run finisher was 6-year-old Kenna Farmer of Canton, while the oldest was 81-year-old Michigan running legend Harrison Hensley of Pinckney. Hensley is the founder and director of the popular Run Thru Hell event. He's run about 80 races so far this year.

The youngest 10K finisher was 13-year-old Nicole Gaden of Canton. The oldest was 74-year-old Virendra Mehta of Wayne, who finished the race in 1:18:00.

The event, which starts in front of Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne and follows a course through the nearby neighborhoods, is popular with regulars



Youngsters were all over the one-mile 1K. October race.

and beginners alike. "It's always such a great event," said Jerry Mittman, 68, of Northville, Mittman, a former top finisher in his age group, returned to the event after a one-year hiatus.

"They really do a good job with it. It's a great course, a great community. It is always a good time."

For complete race results, visit www.oakwood.org/redoctober.

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Worthy: Rape kits show '25 years of neglect'

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

Wayne County Prosecutor Kim Worthy started her speech before the Garden City Rotarians affirming the fact that it was indeed sentencing day for former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.

During her speech, she stopped to glance down at her phone and then announced that the judge had ordered him to spend 28 years in federal prison on corruption charges.

The larger-than-average crowd of Rotary Club members and guests applauded and cheered at the sentence.

"Is 28 years enough for him?" President Peggy Sexton asked.

"I think that it is a good sentence," Worthy said. "This is a federal crime."

This was the third time that Worthy has spoken before the club and the crowd appeared to hang on her every word. Worthy spoke primarily about a project she was "passionate" about for several years.

Worthy, who has worked with half a dozen police chiefs, said that the "rape kits" scandal followed the fallout of

the Detroit Police fire-arms scandal. At one time, Detroit Police had its own crime lab. When the Michigan State Police took over and began its inventory, officials were shocked at what they discovered.

In 2009, more than 11,000 boxes of potential evidence in rape cases were found left completely unprocessed. It was untouched on shelves in a police evidence room for years.

"This represents more than 11,000 rape victims," Worthy said. The time line is 25 years.

More evidence

When she was prosecuting cases earlier in her career, she wondered why there wasn't more evidence from that area, only the word of the victim.

"Now, I know why, they never bothered to bring it over," she said, adding that it amounts to "25 years of neglect."

"Women who were raped went through four to five hours of examination, where, excuse my candor, every orifice of a woman's body is pried and poked for hours, trying to find evidence, fibers and DNA," she said.

She had difficulty



Rotarians Wilma Healy (sitting, from left), David Stapleton and Peggy Sexton listen to Wayne County Prosecutor Kim Worthy. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

getting the police department engaged in the problem. Following a letter to the then-police chief, who she wouldn't name, she saw that letter printed in a newspaper.

"It became a national story overnight," she said.

Worthy thought the Detroit situation was unique until she learned that there were similar situations which popped up in Chicago, New York and Los Angeles.

A backlog of cases doesn't bother Worthy if somebody is working on them.

"Ours was evidence

that was ignored," she said. "There was no database."

Identifying rapists

It costs \$1,200 to \$1,500 to process a rape kit, so the governor and state attorney general's office freed up about \$4 million to use toward processing the rape kits. About 1,600 of the 11,000 rape kits so far have been processed.

"Of that number, we have already identified 50 serial rapists," she said. "A rapist doesn't

stop at Eight Mile Road, the county line or the state line."

The rapists went on to 12 other states and the District of Columbia, she added.

In order to investigate, victims and defendants need to be found, along with witnesses.

"All of these victims have a story and in many of these cases there is an amazing story," Worthy said.

After about 15 calls to Congressman John Conyers, Worthy was asked to testify in front of the Judiciary Committee. She learned across the country how some law enforcement officers felt and dealt with rape victims by the notes they wrote in their reports, calling a woman a "ho" or the "that officer didn't believe anything the victim said. Another commented that they weren't going to investigate this case."

"They felt free to write these things," she said.

Going forward, she wants rapists to be considered seriously.

Mayoral endorsement

Worthy briefly discussed her endorsement of Benny Napoleon for Detroit mayor.

"I am a supporter of Benny Napoleon, not because I dislike Mike Duggan," Worthy said. "My issue is the crime. For Detroiters, the No. 1 issue is crime."

Worthy called that issue fixable, if the right people are in place who are willing to do what's needed.

"We haven't had that. The only time that the police go to a 'fresh' crime scene is if there is a homicide," she said.

"If you have a shooting and the person doesn't die and there are shell casings, no one comes to pick them up. Where is the forensic evidence?"

She added that studies across the country say that the focus should be on breaking and entering and the other related crimes.

"Those are the breeding grounds for your rapists and your other violent crimes," Worthy said.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE #2013-04

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 78, THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ZONING ORDINANCE IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF REQUIRING SPECIAL USES FOR COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS SERVING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

The City of Plymouth has revised proposed regulations for bars, lounges and restaurants within Commercial Zoning Districts including the B-1, B-2, B-3 and ARC Zoning Districts. The new revisions will require that a Special Use Permit for Establishments serving alcohol be processed and reviewed by the City Commission rather than the Planning Commission.


This Ordinance Amendment was introduced to the City Commissioners on Monday, September 16, 2013, at their regular meeting and the first reading was approved. The second reading was introduced on Monday, October 7, 2013 at their regular meeting and was approved and the Ordinance Amendment Adopted.

Any interested person can view the document in its entirety at the City Clerk's Office, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, during regular business hours.

DANIEL DWYER
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LINDA LANGMESSER
CITY CLERK

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THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICH.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH ACCURACY TESTING FOR VOTING EQUIPMENT WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

The City of Plymouth has scheduled and will be conducting the Accuracy Testing for the Optical Scan Voting Equipment, as well as the Hearing Impaired Equipment, for the GENERAL ELECTION to be held on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2013. Testing is scheduled for WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

This is an open testing session and any interested person is encouraged to attend. Election Source will be conducting the testing to assure that the voting equipment has been programmed appropriately.

If there are any questions, please direct them to the City Clerk's office at 734-453-1234. The Plymouth Cultural Center is in compliance with the American Disabilities Act and is handicapped accessible.

Linda Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

Observer & Eccentric Newspaper

Here's how to donate IRA distribution to charity

Q: Dear Rick: I read your column where you discussed donating one's minimum required distribution to a charity. I have about \$100,000 in my IRA and I would like to donate about \$5,000 of that to charity. The problem is I am not yet 70½. I turn 70 February 2014. Even though I am not 70½, can I still donate a portion of my IRA without any tax consequences? I no longer itemize my



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

deductions; I just use the standard deduction.
A: Unfortunately, you are too young to take advantage of that treatment this year.
However, that doesn't mean you can't take money out of your IRA and donate it to a charity.

Next year, when you turn 70½, you will be able to take your required minimum distribution and have that directly transferred into a charity.
For those who are generous in nature and who are required to take minimum required distributions, there is a very good tax break available. Donate your minimum required distribution to a charity and avoid having to recognize that distribution as taxable in-

come. For people who do not itemize deductions, this is a way to donate to a charity and, at the same time, receive a favorable tax break.
I believe people who donate to charities are doing so not for the tax breaks, but rather they are trying to accomplish a charitable purpose. However, if you accomplish a charitable purpose and receive a tax break, all the better. Like most things re-

garding our tax laws, you have to make sure you dot the I's and cross the T's to take advantage of this break. The key to accomplishing this is a direct transfer of the money. If your IRA custodian issues a check directly to you and then you write a check to the charity, you do not qualify for the break.
As we approach the end of the year, IRA custodians get very busy. Therefore, if you are

going to do this transaction this year, don't wait much longer. The transaction must be completed by Dec. 31. If it's not, you lose on the favorable tax treatment. There is no time to delay.
Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

Folk society hosts open mic night

The BaseLine Folk Society presents its second open mic night of its ninth season Saturday, Oct. 19.
BaseLine Folk Society is a group of talented musicians promoting and preserving the fine art of traditional acoustical folk music.
Open mic welcomes performers who can sign up between 6:15 and 6:45 p.m. the third Saturday of every month through May.
There are as many as 10 openings for open-mic performers to perform two songs, original or cover.
The event takes place at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 1774 N. Sheldon, in Plymouth. Featured performers

are Dean Barnett and Mary Foley, both of whom have appeared at BaseLine several times as part of the group Circle of Friends.
Host for the evening is Tony Tocco, a Westland-based regular of BaseLine who has hosted several open mics and will perform a couple of songs during the evening.
Tickets are \$5 at the door, including performers. Annual memberships are available for \$25 per individual.
BaseLine Folk Society is a nonprofit group. Learn more on Facebook with information, pictures, a schedule, etc. For more information, email society president Scott Ludwig at BFSpresident@aol.com.

Program honors servicemen, women

Canton will once again honor area servicemen and service women who have served and who are currently serving in the armed forces in a special "Salute to Service" ceremony Monday, Nov. 11, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.
Organizers said the Veterans Day celebration will recognize military personnel currently in active duty in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserves, as well as veterans of the armed services, for "their exceptional commitment and dedication."
The public is encouraged to attend this free event, presented by Canton Township. Doors



Canton Township hosts a "Salute to Service" tribute Nov. 11 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

will open at 6 p.m. for the public to enjoy exhibited military memorabilia displays prior to the start of the formal stage presentation at 7 p.m.
The program will feature the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund, whose mission is to support Michigan-based soldiers who serve and protect our country. Founded in 2006, this organization assists injured soldiers in paying their living expenses and provides assistance to the families of the fallen.
Proceeds from corporate and private donations, as well as events, are used to support the organization's mission. The Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund is wholly

staffed by business people and volunteers who believe in giving back to our armed forces and their families. Fundraising activities of this group include an annual dinner with silent auction, a golf outing, comedy nights and other community events.
In addition to the formal presentation, items for service men and women will be collected by the Michigan Military Moms, including individual size or travel size: beef jerky/slim jims; baby wipes; Q-tips; packs of gum/cafeinated gum; cheese and crackers; granola bars; canned fruit/soups/tuna (pull tabs); sun block (SPF 45); gel deodorant; flip flops or shower sandals, like

cross; small combat pillows; and decks of cards/Uno.
Children's books are also being collected as part of a "United Through Reading Program," where soldiers are videotaped reading a book to their child or someone they are close to. Then, the recording is given to the soldier to mail to their loved ones back home.
Musical tributes will be sung by the Workman Elementary Choir, under the direction of Keri Mueller.
The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.
For more information, call 734-394-5460 or visit Cantonfun.org.

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The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a proposal for Purchase of Musical Instruments. Specifications of the Request for Proposals (RFP) are available by contacting Tiffany Brindza, Purchasing and General Ledger Associate, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools at tiffany.brindza@pcssmail.net or (734) 416-2975. Proposals will be accepted as specified in the Request for Proposals at PCSS - E. J. McClelland Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before **Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.** The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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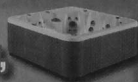


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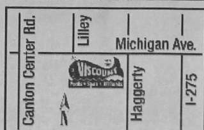
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SPORTS

PREP FOOTBALL

Stingy Chiefs clinch division

Canton spoils Plymouth's homecoming, 34-23

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

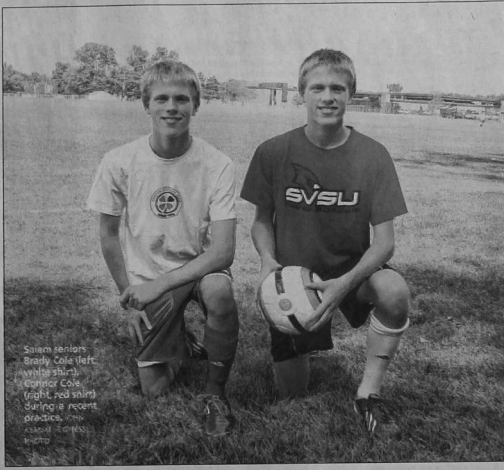
For more than 31 of 48 minutes of Friday night's football game, Canton's offense was on the field with the Chiefs moving the chains in workmanlike fashion. And although the host Plymouth Wildcats took the lead on a couple of occasions in their homecoming game, they just weren't able to mount enough of a comeback, falling 34-23 in a KLAAs South Division football matchup. The victory gave Canton (7-0, 5-0) the division championship for the first time since 2010, while Plymouth dropped to 5-2, 3-2.

"They were on fire, they were moving bodies left and right." Canton senior running back Westen Price (13 carries, 73 yards, one TD) said about the offensive line's yeoman efforts. "It was awesome. We kept their offense off the field, which is a good part of the game plan."

Chiefs head coach Tim Baechler praised the O-line, but added that the running backs "blocked well, too, and ran the ball hard. They controlled the game for us and that's their job. They know first downs turn into touchdowns."

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PREP SOCCER



Salem seniors
Brady Cole (left, white shirt)
Connor Cole
(right, red shirt)
Smiling in recent district games.

COLE ENERGY

Salem twins seemingly everywhere with blend of skill, determination

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

THE COLE FILE

Who: Brady and Connor Cole, three-sport varsity athletes at Salem High School. They turned 18 on Oct. 5 and live in Plymouth with parents Roy and Elizabeth Cole.

Versatile: The twins are senior co-captains on Salem's varsity boys soccer team, along with goalkeeper Collin Hewitt and defender Josh Dillon. The Coles also play varsity boys basketball and boys golf for the Rocks.

Good sports: Brady and Connor played recreational soccer in Plymouth until they were 10 and then played for the Plymouth Reign and Canton Celtic travel teams. They also played rec baseball together in the Plymouth-Canton area and were on the YMCA and West Middle School basketball teams.

What's next: They will move from soccer to basketball and then golf and then focus on finding college opportunities where they can continue their respective soccer careers. Brady carries a 3.5 grade-point average; Connor's is 3.67.

They don't seem to mind that they cause opponents a lot of double vision and confusion. "Yeah, I've had two people guard me because they think

they're guarding both of us and then they'll think I'm their man that they're guarding," Connor said. "So, it leaves him (Brady) wide open and it gets tough for

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Canton's Chase Winningham (No. 4) eludes Plymouth tackler Connor Stella (No. 32) en route to a touchdown Friday night. BILL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

KLAAs GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Plymouth nabs Kensington Lakes trifecta

Division, conference and association titles won

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Going into Tuesday's Kensington Lakes Activities Association girls golf tournament, Plymouth coach Dan Young and his team leaders weren't worried too much about trophies. They wanted to do the best they could. Let the chips fall where they may. The defending Division 1 state champion Wildcats did very well, indeed and those "chips" were on target at Edgewood Country Club in Commerce Township as Plymouth topped the 22-team field with

347 strokes, besting runner-up Brighton's five-player total of 352.

In fourth with 356 was Canton, while Salem finished 10th with 389.

Plymouth wound up sweeping the awards field by not only winning the association title, but by nabbing the KLAAs South Division and Kensington Conference trophies in the process. The Wildcats actually earned a share of the conference prize with South Lyon.

"We were talking about how it's going to be a tough course, we're going to have to play team golf," first-year Plymouth coach Dan Young said. "Meaning if you get into trouble, take

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Proudly displaying their trophies for winning the KLAAs South Division, Kensington Conference and association championships at the Plymouth Wildcats. From left are Alaina Strzalka, Megan Brace, Sydney Murphy, coach Dan Young, Kayla Whatley, Katie Chipman and Ariana Strzalka.

Soccer set for districts

Salem lost 2-1 at Grand Blanc in Wednesday's KLAAs association championship boys soccer match and the Rocks now turn their attention to the Division 1 districts.

Just two days after blanking Canton in the Kensington Conference championship contest, Salem and Grand Blanc were deadlocked 1-1 through regulation and the two subsequent 10-minute overtime periods, but the Rocks were outscored 4-3 in penalty kicks for the decisive score.

Salem next faces Livonia Churchill at 7 p.m. Tuesday in a district quarterfinal at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Also Tuesday, Plymouth visits Livonia Franklin.

The winners of those games will play each other at 7 p.m. Thursday at P-CED.

Canton, meanwhile, will wait until 5 p.m. Thursday to go up against either Westland John Glenn or Wayne Memorial.

The Chiefs turned up for the districts with a 2-0 win over Walled Lake Northern. Scoring were Sam DeJoy (a great individual play to beat two players in the box) and Aiden Shennan, who took a feed from Matthew Causley and sent a shot inside the post.

Stellar defense was turned in by Sam Belcher and Andrew Newton while goalkeepers Brandon Pickert, Andrew Loehnis and Jay Krebs shared the shutout.

Canton improved to 16-1-3, while the Knights dropped to 12-4-2.

Glo golf challenge

PGA professional Tami Bealert will stage a Glo Golf Putting Challenge and Fish Fry beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, at the Green-side Tavern at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier Road, Superior Township.

The format is two-person teams. Youths 13-and-up are encouraged to participate with an adult. Included in the \$30 per person cost is a fish fry, golf ball, glo necklace and prizes. The registration deadline is Sunday, Oct. 13 (limited to the first 24). Call 734-927-3265 to register.

You can also register for private putting lessons from noon to 1 p.m. each Thursday and Tuesday at Hickory Creek.

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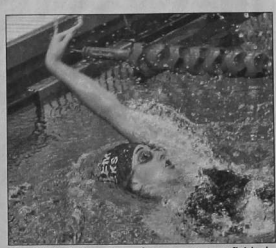
GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING RESULTS

WAYNE COUNTY GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING MEET
Oct. 5 at Salem
Team standings: 1. Cranston Pointe South, 368.3 points; 2. Salem, 329.3; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 323.4; Northville, 321; 4. Canton, 179; 5. Plymouth, 156; 7. Livonia Laywood, 106; 8. Grosse Ile, 100; 9. St. Clair, 95; 10. Dearborn, 97; 10. Gibraltar, Carlisle, 94.

50 freestyle: 1. Cassandra Marie (SPS), 25:16; 2. Erickson (LS), 25:26; 3. Barmore-Hicks (C), 25:32; 4. Tamaoki (LL), 26:54.
100 freestyle: 1. Jessica Weick (LS), 55:55; 2. Patterson (C), 1:02:59; 3. Meghan McFarhan (P), 28:80; 4. Alexa Zukowski (LS), 28:45; 5. Samantha Ellis (LS), 28:50; 6. Elizabeth Henderson (P), 23:40; 7. Molly Griffin (LL), 23:17; 8. Tamaoki (LL), 23:17.



Finishing fifth at the county meet in the 100 freestyle was Canton's Destinee Barmore-Hicks, shown from earlier this season. BILL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Salem's Julia Sarkato, shown from a recent meet, finished fourth in the 100 backstroke at the county meet. BILL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

200 freestyle: 1. Sarah Donkubowski (P), 1:50:42; 2. Arakalian (LS), 1:58:04; 3. Patricia Freitag (SP), 1:59:78; 4. Sutoraro (S), 1:59:88; 7. Morgan Jones (LS), 2:00:94; 8. Meeri Penney (LS), 2:07:53; 9. Claire Green (C), 2:02:86; 10. Melissa Flannagan (LS), 2:02:11; 11. Madison (C), 2:03:14; 12. Alison Leming (P), 2:03:60.

GIRLS GOLF

Regional champ Plymouth returns to finals

Plymouth's varsity girls golf team for the second season in a row is headed to the Division 1 state finals. The Wildcats — just two days after winning the KLAAs championship — eclipsed all competition at Thursday's Division 1 - Region 2 tournament at the University of Michigan Golf Course.
"We're on a roll," said Plymouth head coach Dan Young, in a happy understatement. Spearheaded by second-place finisher Sydney Murphy's 74 (seven strokes behind overall medalist Emily White of Saline), the Wildcats finished with a team score of 335 to edge Saline (339) and Ann Arbor Pioneer (347). All three of those teams qualified for the state finals at Michigan State University's Forest Akers West.
"Miss justifying the cut as a team was Canton, finishing fourth with a total of 351. But the Chiefs do have individual qualifier Kelsey McDougall headed to MSU; she finished with a 78 and is one of three additional qualifiers (along

with Ann Arbor Skyline's Jami Laude and Bedford's Hannah Kochoenderfer, who registered scores of 75 and 85, respectively.
Plymouth's top five scorecard, in addition to junior Murphy, featured sophomore Katie Chipman (82), senior Kayla Whatley (84), sophomores Ariana Strzalka (95) and Alaina Strzalka (105).
Another Canton golfer with a strong performance was senior Chloe Luyet. She tallied an 85, just missing out on qualifying as an individual. Junior Alyce Krumm scored a 91 for the Chiefs with three scores including sophomore Madelyn Mans (97) and senior Rachel Pisano (99).
In sixth place among teams was Salem with a total of 411. Top performers for the Rocks were seniors Amanda Bennett and Christine Lu, with scores of 96 and 99, respectively. Sophomores Kiley Flynn (105), sophomore Hope Warkozeski (111) and freshman Darby Scott (115) rounded out the Salem scorecard.



Plymouth's varsity girls golf team celebrates after winning Thursday's Division 1 regional. From left are coach Dan Young, Ariana Strzalka, Kayla Whatley, Sydney Murphy, Katie Chipman and Alaina Strzalka.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds stymie Plymouth Whalers, 3-2

Whalers unable to plug in power play against Soo
The early season struggles for the Plymouth Whalers continued Friday night against host Sault Ste. Marie. Plymouth dropped a 3-2 decision to the Greyhounds

before a 4:32 at Essar Centre. With the loss the Whalers dropped to 3-6-0 to open the Ontario Hockey League season. Getting the visitors off to a good start just 1:43 into the game was defenseman Alex Peters. He scored his first of the season, on assists by Victor Cruz Rydberg and Zach Lorentz. But the Soo responded with

a goal just 56 seconds later (by Jean Dupuy) and carried a 2-1 edge into the first intermission, following Jorgen Kartevrud's goal at 18:23. At 9:10 of the middle stanza, a goal by Tyler Gaudel made it 3-1 and chased Plymouth starting goalie Alex Nedeljkovic (14-11) in favor of Whalers rookie Zach Bowdman. The Greyhounds (5-1-0-1, first in the OHL West Division) could not solve Bowdman,

stopped all 12 shots he saw. However, Plymouth could not dent the scoreboard again until Lorenz beat Soo goalie Matt Murray (18-16) with just 4:03 to play. Assisting on the power play marker were Francesco Vilar-di and Mitch Jones (Rochester Hills). Unfortunately for the Whalers, who went just 1-for-5 with the manpower advantage, that would be all the offense they

could muster. Plymouth did show some late life by outshooting the Greyhounds 10-4 in the third period. Following Saturday's home game against Kitchener (which took place after his issue of the Observer went to press), the Whalers return to the road for three games in three nights next weekend (at North Bay, Sudbury and Barrie).

GOLF

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your medicine, do the best you can. Get a bogie instead of a double bogie.
"We were talking about all those types of things. If you get in trouble, remember to thank the assistant. Every stroke counts. That's

what our captains kept talking about."
Even keel helps
Those team leaders also got it done on the course, despite difficult conditions. Junior co-captain Sydney Murphy finished second overall (and first among Kensington Conference golfers) with a 74; senior co-captain Kayla What-

ley finished 14th with a 90. They were joined by the team's third returning player from the 2012 champions, sophomore Katie Chipman (12th, 88). Rounding out the top five were sophomores Ariana Strzalka (24th, 94) and Megan Brace (35th, 97). Canton's top performer was senior Kelsey McDougall, third overall with a 77. In 12th for the Chiefs with an 88 score was Chloe Luyet, followed by Madelyn Mans (24th, 94), Alyce Krumm (35th, 97) and Rachel

Pisano (57th, 103). In 31st overall for Salem was Kiley Flynn (96), followed by Darby Scott (35th, 97), Amanda Bennett and Keista Elda (tied for 41st, 98 each) and Christine Li (44th, 99). "I definitely think that our three returning varsity players, Sydney, Kayla and Katie Chipman, their confidence and their demeanor ... our three top players are really good leaders as far as how they approach golf," Young said. "And how they don't get too high or too low, and just

kind of do their best and call it a day. That over time has calmed everybody down.
"We know we're good, but there's also a lot of other good teams. We knew we were one of five or six teams that had a chance. That was our approach."
Work pays off
Going into the KLAAs tourney, the Wildcats were fighting against campus rival Canton for the division championship and were three points behind South Lyon in the quest for the con-

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Take a guided nature tour and see autumn color at its peak

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Cheryl Bord says there's no better time than fall to head into the woods.

There's a crunch underfoot along the trail and an earthy scent — drying leaves mingled with damp soil — permeates the air. Red and yellow leaves swirl and dance in the breeze, falling from tree tops to the forest floor. Ruby-colored berries gleam like gems on green spicebush shrubs. Deeply-etched bark on hophornbeam and smooth beech tree trunks invite hands to touch.

"It's so quiet and pleasant," said Bord, president of the Friends of Miller Woods, the organization that tends to the 10-acre tract of sugar maple-beech tree forest, at Powell and Ridge roads in Plymouth Township. "We don't have enough places like this to go to anymore. We've chopped it all down."

"There's one other sugar maple-beech forest on Beck and Ann Arbor Road, but otherwise this is it for Southeast Michigan."

Autumn tours

Miller Woods, a fenced nature preserve owned by the Plymouth-Canton school district, is open to the public year-round, but Friends members conduct public, guided tours twice annually, in the spring and fall.

"In the spring you're going to see all of the native wildflowers. I think people love that," said Bord, a tour leader. "In the fall we focus on some of the mushrooms and the trees."

Tours are free and last approximately one hour. They



Cheryl Bord, president of the Friends of Miller Woods, carries a book with information about the trees and shrubs found inside the Woods.



Fungus on decomposing trees PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Spicebush grows near the entrance to Miller Woods. Various birds, raccoons and opossums are known to eat its bright red berries, which are called drupes.

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start every half hour from 2-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 20 and 27. No dogs are allowed in the nature preserve.

The trail through Miller Woods stretches approximately one-third of a mile starting and ending at the Woods' entrance. Benches are stationed along the path. Bord, who works as a nurse for the University of Michigan Health System, carries a thick binder of facts and photographs to enhance what she already knows about the trees and their histories. She started volunteering for Friends of Miller Woods after attending one of its public tours.

"There are about eight or nine of us now," she said, referring to tour guides. "We actually had a Ph.D. from U of M come out and train us. Another of his associates helped us label trees."

Beech and sugar maple are among 12 species of trees in Miller Woods. Visitors also see oak, basswood, and elm, among others.

"U of M brings their students out to use the property. Because a beech-sugar maple forest is so rare, this is actually their first field trip," Bord said.

"They've been using it for over 40 years. The Woods also has been mentioned in several books."

Becoming a preserve

Norman and Cornelia Miller bought approximately 1,100 acres of farm land and forest—including Miller Woods—in 1902. They farmed the land and tapped the sugar maples in the forest, until Norman's death in 1958. Ten years later, the family sold 40 acres to the school district, stipulating that Miller Woods remain protected



Father and daughter bicyclists, Jason and Sarah Ellsworth of Plymouth Township, head out to the road after making a quick stop to walk the nature trail at Miller Woods.

as a nature preserve. Community members formed the Friends of Miller Woods in 1975 to preserve and protect the property, as well as offer educational programs. Friends members clean litter from the trail, remove invasive plants, maintain the benches, and keep fallen trees from the path.

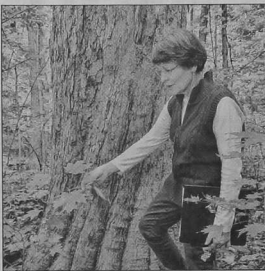
"We try to keep everything as natural as possible," Bord said.

"Garlic mustard plant is one of the invasive plants we fight. Whenever we see it we pull it. We usually have a garlic mustard pull in the spring. Someone showed up at one of the pulls, he had picked a bunch of it, made salsa with it and brought it in as a treat for the volunteers. It is in the mustard family."

Bord hopes the upcoming tours will draw both nature lovers and residents who are wary of the forest.

"I think some people are afraid of woods. They think they're going to get mugged or that people are hanging out in here, but they're not. Once you get them in, I think they see there's nothing to be afraid of," she said.

For more information about Miller Woods, visit the Friends' website at www.millerwoods.com.



Cheryl Bord walks near the base of a Sugar Maple, thought to be 350 years old. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

FALL NATURE

Here's a sampling of our fall nature tours:

• See fall color from horseback at Maybury Riding Stable, 20303 Beck at Maybury State Park in Northville. Rides are three miles, guided and open to ages 8 and over. Fall hours are noon to 4 p.m. Thursday-Sunday. Call 248-347-1088.

• Celebrate with the Holiday Nature Preserve Association as it unveils a monument at the nature preserve, 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Cowan entrance on Central City Parkway, west of Wayne Road, north of Warren Road, in Westland. The event will include refreshments, guest speakers and a hike. Holiday Nature Preserve is a part of the Wayne County Park system and includes more than 500 acres of forest and wetlands along River Rouge tributaries. Take a guided late fall hike at noon, Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Hix Park entrance, on Hix at Warren Road. www.hnpa.org

• See fall colors from aboard the Island Queen, a 37-passenger pontoon boat at Kensington Metropark in Milford. Sunday, Oct. 13, is the last day of the season. The boat departs every half hour from noon-8 p.m. Afterward, lace up your hiking boots and trek over seven miles of scenic trails through woodlands, wetlands and fields around the park's nature center. www.metroparks.com

Animal rescues set seasonal events

Howlson Bowl-A-Thon

Guardian Angel Animal Rescue is gearing up for its Halloween-themed bowling event, 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20, at Novi Bowl, 21700 Novi Road, Novi.

Admission is \$18 per person and includes two games, shoes, pizza and pop. The event also will include a 50/50 raffle, goodies, prizes and awards for the best costume. Call 734-788-6857 for more information.

Mew-Loween Open House

Don a costume and head out to New Beginnings Animal Rescue's "Haunted Adoption Center" 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, 2502 Rochester Road, in Royal Oak. There will be trick or treating for the kids and lots of cute cats and kittens in the center's Free-room cat rooms. For more information, visit nbarMichigan.org.

Compassionate Feast

Mark Tuesday, Nov. 12, on your calendar for the Humane Society of Huron Valley's HSHV vegetarian feast, silent auction and roast of University of Michigan softball coach Carol Hutchins.

The event will start with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres (limited to 50 individuals) with Hutchins from 5:30-6:15 p.m.



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followed by a reception and silent auction, from 6:15-7 p.m., and dinner and roast at 7 p.m., at Barton Hills Country Club, 730 Country Club Road, Ann Arbor.

"Coach Hutchins has many achievements in her illustrious career and is asked to speak at many engagements so we are especially grateful that she was so quick to agree to be our honoree at this major fundraiser for HSHV," said Tanya Hilgendorf, HSHV president and CEO.

Hutchins recently completed her 29th season at the helm of the University of Michigan softball team. She's an animal lover who supports the Humane Society of Huron Valley.

All proceeds from the event support homeless, abused, abandoned and injured animals at HSHV.

Tickets range from \$55-200. Pay and register online at hshv.org. For more information, call Joy Johnson at 734-661-3536 or email to joy@hshv.org.

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Now folks, what's wrong with this email Barb recently sent me? I would say not a thing but there is something wrong with having this kind of a problem with a new product. This is a very common problem reported by homemakers who have replaced their old kitchen range with a new one. The old range would have just a slight fluctuation of oven temperature to what they set on the dial. It simply was not an issue and in the old days, if it needed adjustment, you could pull off the temperature knob and move a little dial behind the knob to make the adjustment. You didn't need a service technician, you did it yourself. Today, there is no way to make any adjustment and in many cases the electronic motherboard needs to be replaced. The service industry will not change parts for a 50 degree variance because this is permissible. I can tell you that it is not approved by the person who takes pride in their cooking skills.

Difficult to do-it-yourself

For some 30 years I have been appearing at Home Shows and I sit at a table decorated with my picture all over the front and trust me, that table is a huge magnet for people walking by. Not too long ago I could give consumers an answer to solve their problem in the majority of cases. That is not true today. Manufacturers produce a major home appliance loaded with electronics that perform with pin point accuracy. That is not true either as evidenced by Barb. Today the people who make these appliances don't want you to be a do-it-yourselfer. They make it very difficult to even

get into the product. Service technicians today arrive on the scene and have to admit to consumers that they have never worked on the particular product. It's sort of like job training without the benefit of a service school to at least make you look smart. My job is becoming harder. The recall in products of today and my frustration grows with so many complaints filed by the typical homeowner.

My own complaint today has to do with the surge protectors sold throughout this country. I have always thought they were a piece of junk and last night on the local news, I viewed a story that proved my point. Again, another product made in China comes under a national recall. Some 15 million surge protectors sold between 1993 and 2002 are prone to catch fire. The recall involves APC 7 and APC8 series and you can call 888-437-4007 for a free replacement. Let me give you a service tip that can better serve your intent to protect anything electronic in your home. Call an electrician and have them install a whole house surge protector right at your circuit breaker box. This will do a much better job of saving you heartaches than the surge protector. It should be a manufacturer reading this column, let me say something. I don't see a refrigerator that does not get cold enough, a washer with 15 cycles or a dishwasher with eight different settings. I want a stove that is accurate and boils water fast. It should be a dryer which is safe to use.

Stick your technology into producing products that last a reasonable amount of years and watch how quick Americans will love buying the American made product. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@tvmi.rc.com

GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Dargay, Observer & Eccentric, sdargay@hometownlife.com

Jr. naturalist

The Junior Naturalist club meets from 10-11:30 a.m. the second Saturday of the month, at Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills. It's designed for ages 5 to 11 and is a "drop-off class." Upcoming topics include "Preparing for Winter" on Nov. 9 and "Rocks & Fossils" on Dec. 7. The fee is \$10 per class in advance and \$12 per class, paid at the door. Register online at <https://recg.thgvo.com>. For more information call the Heritage Park Nature Center at 248-477-1135.

English Gardens

English Gardens stores in metro Detroit offer a variety of programs and workshops for gardeners.

"Putting Your Garden to Bed" includes information on preparing the garden for winter. It's free and starts at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 19, at all stores.

Get holiday decorating tips, 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26 at all stores.

The store's Halloween party for kids is 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

Oct. 26: It's free. Youngsters can wear costumes and bring a pre-ordered pumpkin for judging.

All English Gardens stores are at 355 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, 734-332-7900; 22650 Ford Road, Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433; 4801 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, 248-851-7506.

Bible garden

The Louis and Fay Wall Memorial Bible Garden is open sunrise to sunset from spring through fall, on the campus of Congregation Beth Aham, 5075 E. East River Road, in West Bloomfield. The garden contains plants mentioned in the Bible and is meant to serve as a place of inner reflection, of education and for social and community gatherings. It is available for group tours as well as for informal individual visitation. Group tours can be arranged for any day of the week, except on Saturdays. If interested in a group tour of the garden, along with a visit to the sanctuary with a Beth Aham dozent, call Rabbi Steven Rubenstein at 248-851-6880, Ext. 17, or email raevest@bethaham.org. Garden visits are free, although dozent tours are accepted. www.wallbiblegarden.org

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Botsford Commons program looks at health care reform

Botsford Commons, a senior living community in Farmington Hills, will present an informational session on the Affordable Care Act, 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, in the Town Commons Dining Room. A social hour precedes the program at 4 p.m.

Margaret Lightner, Botsford Commons president and CEO, will talk about the legislation and related health care reform topics with an emphasis on the impact to those who use Medicare and other governmental assistance. There will be an opportunity for audience members to ask questions.

"With the rapidly changing health care landscape, it is impor-

tant for people to get reliable information to help them make the best decisions," said Lightner, in a press release. "We are looking forward to addressing the questions people have, and helping make the changes understandable. It will be invaluable for anyone who is concerned about Affordable Care Act's implications for seniors and their families."

For more information, contact Camille Grendon at 248-798-3003. Botsford Commons is located between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Road, north of Eight Mile and south of Grand River Avenue and M-5.

NEW FACES

Garden City Hospital appoints new VP of administration

Saju George, M.B.A., PT, has been appointed Garden City Hospital's new vice president of administration.

George is returning to the metro Detroit area after working seven years in northern Michigan. He has 10 years of health care leadership experience, most recently working as an administrative director of operations at St. Joseph Health System in Tawas City. He also is a trained physical therapist and spent the first part of his career in various roles within both inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation centers. He has a bachelor's of physical therapy from MGR Medical University and a master's degree in health care management from Baker College.

As the vice president of administration, George will be involved in various administrative duties and oversee departments such as



George

Surgical Services, Imaging, Physical & Occupational Therapy, Cardiology, Wound Care, Biomedical Services and the Center for Sleep Disorders. Working with individuals with similar strategic direction and an opportunity to set and achieve measurable goals within multiple service lines was what attracted George to the position.

"I was immediately impressed by both the passion that the senior team displayed for enhancing Garden City Hospital, as well as the welcoming, friendly environment that was portrayed by all," he stated in a press release.

President and CEO Gary Ley is eager to see what new ideas George will bring to Garden City Hospital. "Saju's enthusiasm and energy is very exciting and his personality will be a perfect fit for Garden City Hospital and our senior leadership team," Ley stated. "With his background operating as a leader within a hospital system and numerous health care facilities, we feel he is the perfect fit for Garden City Hospital and our focus on growth."

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

OCTOBER CELIAC SUPPORT

The Tri County Celiac Support Group will meet Oct. 17 at the First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting, featuring the group's dietician adviser, Lana Corton, begins at 7 p.m. Corton will talk about "Gluten-free Living—using the Holidays." For more information, visit tcgnet.net.

HOARDING

Joanne Cruz of the Tri-County Hoarding Task Force, will talk about the roots of hoarding behavior, how it manifests itself, and how friends or family members can help a person with hoarding issues. 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at Calvary Lutheran Church, 9101 Highland Road, White Lake Township. The program is free. RSVP at 586-757-5551.

NUTRITION WORKSHOP

Learn how to make healthier food choices at the "Healthy Eating with Diabetes" workshop led by Gina DeAngelis, Botsford Hospital registered dietitian, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 24445 Drake, Farmington Hills. Cost: \$5. Includes handouts, recipes, activities, and a \$5 Busch's coupon. Tickets available from Busch's Guest Services Counter or by phoning 248-427-7400. Limited seating. Tickets sell out fast. Registration required.

SUBSTANCE AND DOMESTIC ABUSE

Dawn Farm will offer a free program addressing the intersection of substance abuse and domestic violence, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center auditorium, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. Presenters include Christine Watson, legal advocate at SafeHouse Center, and David J.H. Carvin, LMSW, founder of Alternatives to Domestic Aggression, and chief operating officer for Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County. For more information, call Dawn Farm at 734-485-8725.

WALK WITH A DOC

Dr. Nathan Foster, cardiologist, will discuss how to prevent sudden cardiac death, during Botsford Hospital's monthly nature walk and discussion, noon, Thursday, Oct. 17, at Heritage Park Nature Center, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills. The most common cause of sudden cardiac death in adults over age 30 is a build-up of cholesterol plaque in the arteries. Meets rain or shine. Call to register: 877-477-Doc (3621), option 1.

NOVEMBER

ADDICTION & RECOVERY

» Jeff and Debra Jay, intervention specialists, chemical dependency therapists and trainers, and authors of "Love First: A New Approach to Intervention for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction" and other books, will present "Intervention," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19. This program will describe how the "Love First" process of intervention can help chemically dependent people find recovery. Admission is free.

» Herbert Malinoff, M.D., president and founder of Pain Recovery Solutions, will present "The Doctor's Opinion on Alcoholism," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26. This free program will describe a physician's view of alcoholism, as presented in the literature of Alcoholics Anonymous and updated with the modern neurobiology of addictive illness. Both programs are free, sponsored by Dawn Farm, and will be held at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Educa-

tion Center Auditorium, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. For more information, call Dawn Farm at 734-485-8725 or visit dawnfarm.org.

NUTRITION WORKSHOP

Learn how to make healthier food choices at the "Healthy Eating with Diabetes" workshop led by Gina DeAngelis, Botsford Hospital registered dietitian, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia. Cost: \$5. Includes handouts, recipes, activities, and a \$5 Busch's coupon. Tickets available from Busch's Guest Services Counter or by phoning 734-779-6100. Limited seating. Tickets sell out fast. Registration required.

TEENS AND DRUGS

Dawn Farm presents a two-part workshop for families and others who are concerned about a young person that may be involved with alcohol or other drug use. "Teens Using Drugs: What To Know" is set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5 and "Teens Using Drugs: What To Do," will be held 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12. Both programs are free and will be held at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, classroom EC4, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. Call 734-485-8725.

WALK WITH A DOC

Dr. Patricia A. Schmidt will discuss stress and burnout, which can affect emotional and physical health, noon, Thursday, Nov. 21, at Heritage Park Nature Center, located on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Meets rain or shine and includes a nature walk. Register at 877-477-Doc (3621), option 1. This will be the final walk of the 2013 season. Walks will resume in March 2014.

ONGOING CLASSES

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-4:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. To join or for more information visit www.ymdetroit.org.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT

Meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levitt), Livonia. Call 734-655-1100 or visit www.ourladyofhope.org.

BLOOD PRESSURE

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, cholesterol (\$5), and lipid panel (\$10) testing, 10 a.m. to noon the first Tuesday of each month in the main lobby of the hospital's 45000 Drake Road, Garden City. No registration is required. Senior citizens can have their blood pressure tested monthly, free of charge, at 8:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesday and second and fourth Thursday of each month at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, Westland, 10:15 a.m. every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City, and every second Tuesday at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford Township. For more information, call 734-458-4330.

CHOIR THERAPY

The Therapy Choir of Michigan extend an invitation to individuals with any kind of special needs or disabilities and their able-bodied family and friends, to participate in singing. Call Len McCulloch at 248-474-2763, Ext. 22, or visit www.therapychoir.org.

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Dr. Singh

Radiology

Q: How often do I really need to do a self-exam?

A: You know your breasts best, so really a breast exam is just about noticing changes in the way your own breasts look and feels. There is no need to follow a fancy routine, but it's best to do the exam only once a month, typically the week after your period. Pick a comfortable space—in the shower, when dressing in front of the bathroom mirror, standing up or lying down. If you find anything unusual, or are worried, see your physician as soon as possible. For a step-by-step guide go to www.gch.org/breastcare.

Q: My mother, sister, and aunt are all breast cancer survivors. What are the odds I will get it too?

A: Having a family history of breast cancer does increase your personal risk. However, only 10 percent of all breast cancers are related to inheriting an abnormal gene. A risk assessment screening, like the one we perform at the GCH Center for Breast Care, takes into account your family history, lifestyle and personal history and is a great way to determine your actual risk, as well as develop a plan to monitor your unique situation.

Q: Can deodorant or antiperspirant impact my breasts at all?

A: While there has been some conversation about an association between chemicals in skin care products, specifically deodorants, and breast cancer, there have been no research studies to confirm this association to date. In general, I personally try to use natural products when possible.

Q: When should I get a mammogram and how often?

A: Despite recent controversy about this topic, the American Cancer Society and most medical organizations still recommended women get a mammogram once a year starting at the age of 40. Some women obtain a baseline mammogram at the age of 35 depending on their personal risk and a discussion with their doctor.

Q: Do Lumps Always Mean Breast Cancer?

A: No, not all lumps are breast cancer. Most women will notice a lump in their breasts at some point in their life. If you are performing your monthly breast examinations, a lump will not take you by surprise, and is not necessarily a cause for alarm. You should, however, have your physician check out any lump that is new. Many are benign, but if not, early detection and prompt treatment offer the best chance for a successful outcome.

For information on how you can receive a breast health risk assessment, or to make an appointment at the GCH Center for Breast Care, call 734.458.4366.

Join Garden City Hospital every month at Westland Mall, for our wellness lecture series. Saturday, November 16, join us for Wake Up to Multiple Sclerosis (MS), an empowering interactive educational program for women and their caregivers. Learn about the latest MS treatment options, MS and Women's Health, and the importance of ongoing therapies and exercise. For more information, go online to GCH.org.

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Come to the Fair -- Prepared!

Kate Lorenz
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Job fairs are a great way to shop for new job opportunities, network and make personal contacts with recruiters at various organizations.

Here are some techniques recommended by experts to ensure that your performance at the fair doesn't turn into a circus:

Do some scouting.

If you've never been to a job fair, attend the next one that comes to your city for observational purposes. Pay attention to recruiters and fellow job seekers to pick up some pointers on how to dress, how to approach a company's booth appropriately and how to successfully work the room.

Do some research.

Find out which companies will be represented and learn about them in advance through corporate Web sites or other tools. The more you know, the more you can converse with the company representative in the booth and the more memorable you will be. You will also appear much more professional than unprepared job seekers who make the mistake of starting off their conversations with

company representatives by asking, "What does your company do?"

Deliver your key messages quickly.

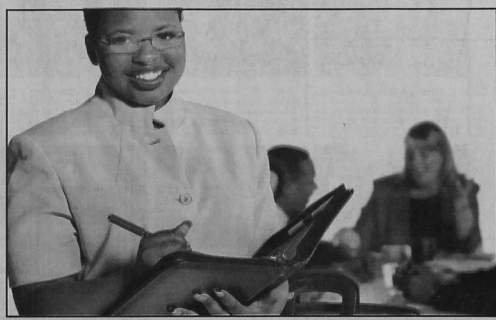
Interviewers are very busy, so don't waste their time. Work on a "sound bite" that says what your skills are, the type of work that interests you and the kind of company with which you want to associate.

Plan some questions.

If you have additional time, be ready to ask intelligent questions. Ask how departments are organized and how your skills might be utilized within the framework of the company. Also show you know something about the company by asking questions about a recent product release, acquisition or other relevant news. And make sure to ask the interviewer what he or she likes best about the corporate culture to better assess if this company is right for you.

Get the interviewer's business card.

If an interview goes well, you will want to follow up with a letter that reinforces the facts you learned. If you made a good impression



at the fair, the interviewer probably has made a note to that effect and will remember that you passed his or her on-site screen.

Take advantage of the obvious.

Sometimes recruiters will post job openings at their booth and provide written information. Grab all of the information you can on site before you get in line for an interview so you won't waste precious time discussing the obvious.

Dress appropriately.

You are going to a job interview, so dress the part. Break out the business attire and shine your shoes. It's better to err on the side of

the conservative than to be too casual.

Show your pearly whites.

Smile when you meet the interviewer. Give a firm handshake. (If you are prone to sweaty palms, bring a handkerchief to use as a towel.) Keep breath mints on hand and make eye contact.

Be organized.

Bring plenty of resumes with you. Keep them in a nice folder so you don't get fingerprints all over them. Have a notebook for memos to yourself.

Avoid the shopping spree.

Many companies give out freebies at their booths. It's OK to pick up an item

or two, but don't leave the impression that you are shopping for your kids. The main impression you want to make is that you are very interested and very qualified for a job.

Keep lively.

The lines may be daunting, but don't fail to maximize this opportunity. Talk to every company that fits your experience and ambitions. If you meet with 20 recruiters, at the end of the day you will know 20 people by name. That sure beats sending a blind resume to "Personnel Director."

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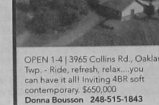
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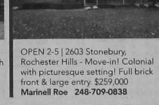
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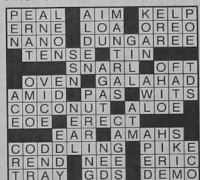
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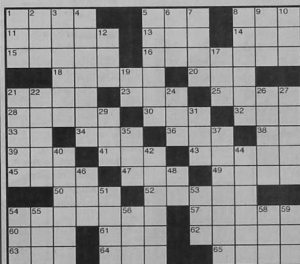
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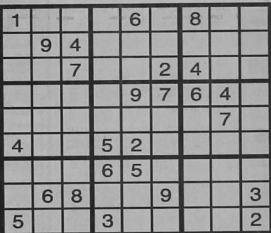


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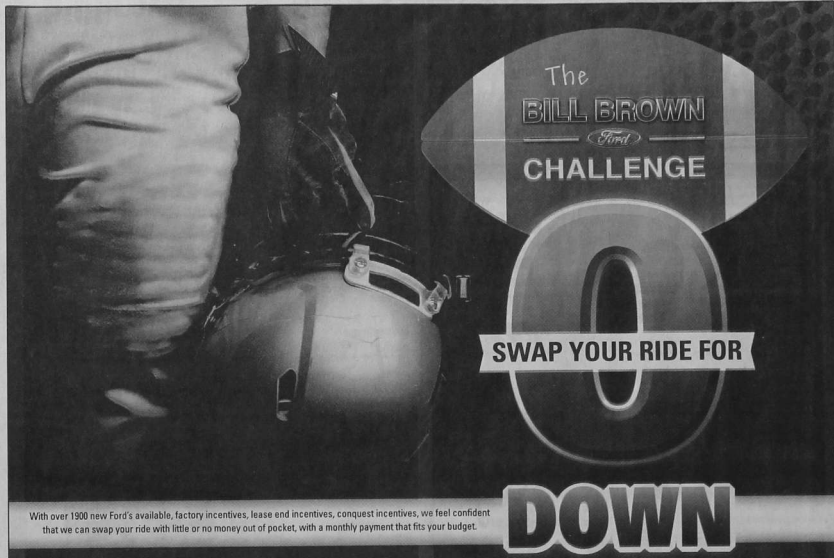


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