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Study could help Canton go 'national'

Consulting firms present plan for township to boost business districts by attracting big-money investors

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Armed with a bold new vision to redevelop and market the Ford Road and Michigan Avenue corridors, Canton officials hope to lure investors to create pedestrian-friendly areas touting major retailers, restaurants, hotels, outdoor

gathering spots, research centers and possibly a satellite college campus.

The latest road map follows a year-long study by two consulting firms, OHM Advisors and Danter Co., which have compiled a far-reaching plan to boost Canton's already thriving business districts. Danter's president, Kenneth Danter,

called it "a real opportunity to compete on a national scale."

Canton officials say the blueprint could potentially coincide with a proposal by the Michigan Department of Transportation to transform Ford Road into a boulevard. They conceded the real work lies ahead by using the study to market Canton's strengths and embark on a campaign to attract deep-pocketed investors.

The study touts Canton — Michigan's 11th largest com-

munity and one of its fastest growing — as a place offering top-tier services where local residents, transient shoppers and occasional visitors to places like IKEA have, cumulatively, as much as \$71 billion in buying power.

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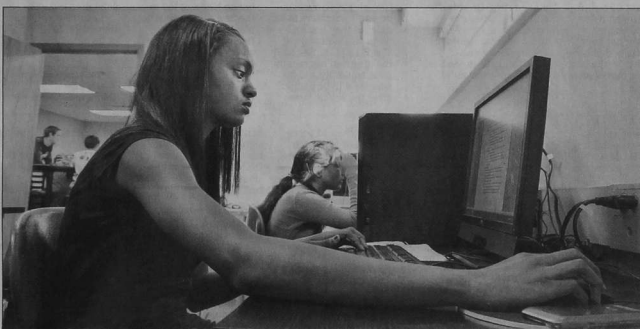
"The drumbeat all along is how do we attract and guide new development," Aaron Domini, OHM senior planner, said Tuesday evening during

talks with Canton township trustees and Economic Development Manager Kristen Thomas.

OHM's study honed in on five key areas Thomas and other local officials intend to promote during national and regional gatherings that attract shopping center investors and other key development executives. Those areas:

» More than 17 acres south-

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Crystal Hardaway works on her homework. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton youth center off to positive start

New location draws good reviews from students and staff members alike

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton's new home for The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center has drawn positive reviews since it opened this school year inside a third-floor area of township hall.

"We've seen a steady increase (in attendance) since we opened," Canton Leisure Services recreation specialist Stephanie Pav-

Her remarks came as a steady flow of youngsters arrived after school to do their homework, play pool and video games, talk with counselors, watch television, study in a computer lab and snack in the cafeteria.

The B.L.O.C.K., Building Leaders Out of Canton's Kids, is aimed at giving youths 11-17 years old a supervised environment where they can study and socialize, often while their

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Chance Seller has been taught to play piano. by B.L.O.C.K. counselor Aron Bell.

District eyes TAG testing changes

Incoming third-graders could face new criteria

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Incoming third-graders trying to get into the Talented and Gifted program in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools next year are going to face new criteria to qualify.

District officials are taking a look at the guidelines for entry into the TAG program, which includes some 400 students each year and is housed at Dodson and Miller elementaries and East Middle School.

According to Jeanne Farina, the district's assistant superintendent for teaching and learning, the cognitive abilities test they've been using to select TAG students might have kept the program from accurately representing the demographics of the district.

"We believe the cognitive abilities test is discriminatory to students," Farina said. "Students in TAG aren't a good cross-representation of the demographics of our entire district. There are a lot of students who are gifted who don't get into the program based on this test."

"We want to expand the opportunity and have a program that's more inclusive and possibly available in all of our buildings," she added.

It's that last part that had dozens of parents at last week's Board of Education meeting. The idea of changing the TAG program came up at a meeting of the Advanced Learning Parents Advocacy Committee, when Dr. Carolyn Washington, the district's executive director of elementary education, announced the district would not be testing new third-graders for the 2014-15 school year.

While the district has not said anything about changing the method TAG programming

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O&E Media, Goodfellows seek 'Pennies'

The Canton Goodfellows have a mission of making sure every child has a good Christmas and later this month local residents get a chance to make that happen.

The Canton Goodfellows, in partnership with O&E Media, Inc., the parent company of the Canton Observer will be accepting "Pennies from Heaven" as part of O&E Media's annual Make a Difference Day.

The event takes place Sat-

urday, Oct. 26, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Representatives of the Canton Goodfellows and the Canton Observer will be on hand to accept donations of pennies or other spare change — or additional donations — from 10 a.m. to noon. Residents should feel free to stop by, have a doughnut and some cider and make a donation. Proceeds will benefit the Canton Goodfellows, a group

of community volunteers dedicated to providing food, clothing and Christmas gifts to families with young children. Donated funds are used to purchase new clothing, toys and food to provide Christmas gifts and food for the holidays.

Many of the children are "adopted" by members of the community who purchase and donate new clothing and toys for those children.

The need has grown over the years. According to in-

formation on the Goodfellows' website, the group helped 42 families as far back as 1985. By 2012, 473 children in 181 families were recipients of Goodfellows baskets.

The group expects to help some 500 children in 200 families in 2013.

The Goodfellows work out of the Canton Township office, located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Contact the Canton Goodfellows via email at cantongoodfellows@gmail.com.



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Supporters rally ahead of gay marriage ruling

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

George Belvitch wants the same thing all parents want for their children — a happy life, success and a good marriage.

Unfortunately, at least to this point, that last thing won't come for Belvitch's son, who is gay. Unless U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman rules Michigan's ban against same-sex marriage unconstitutional, there will be no marriage for him.

"I strongly believe in marriage equality," said Belvitch, a Plymouth Township resident and former administrator with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools who has been outspoken on issues of equality. "I have a gay son and I hope someday he and his partner can be married legally."

That's why Belvitch and his wife are in front of U.S. District Court in the Eastern District of Michigan in Detroit on Wednesday, just hours before Friedman is supposed to make a ruling on the lawsuit filed in January 2012 by April DeBoer and Jayne Rowse of Hazel Park, a same-sex couple asking the court to overturn a 2004



Alanna Maguire, Kristen Foster and Mary Maguire of Plymouth and Jeffrey Suhre of Livonia were on hand at the rally to support the elimination of a Michigan ban on same-sex marriage.

law that prohibits same-sex couples from marrying in the state.

The rally featured a variety of speakers in addition to Belvitch, including the Rev. Douglas Van Doren, pastor at Plymouth United Church of Christ in Grand Rapids; the Rev. Nathan Danison, pastor of First Congregational Church of Kalamazoo; and the Rev. Jamie Hawley, chaplain at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, perhaps the day's most animated speaker.

"The God of justice and the God of love and the God of mercy has written this script," Hawley said. "Jeffrey Suhre of Livonia, who carried a sign telling Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette it's 'not your duty' to decide this issue, said it's time for the ban on same-sex marriage to end.

"We're here to say we want (the issue) to move forward," Suhre said.

Not everyone at the rally was there in favor of ending the nine-year-old ban. Christine Weick, an author from Hopkins, Mich., made the two-hour trip to voice her support for the ban, suggesting people read Romans 1:24-32 in the Bible. "God needs a voice," Weick said. "I'm not a hater of gays. I'm here to warn them that judgment will come."

But Cindy Clardy of Southfield, who went through a marriage ceremony with her partner Jocelyn Walters that isn't legally binding, was at the rally in support of the ban. "I think it's in the best interest of their kids," Clardy said.

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parents work. Crystal Hardaway, a 17-year-old Salem High School senior, had never gone to The B.L.O.C.K. when it was housed inside a now-shuttered site at Michigan Avenue and Sheldon Road. She joined two weeks ago and spent Monday afternoon working on a speech for her public speaking class.

"I do my homework here and hang out with everyone," she said, adding she has made new friends. "Everyone's so friendly and the counselors are so helpful."

Pavlo said attendance, still growing, has averaged 40-50 youngsters a day since the new site opened in early September. That compares to a wider range of 25-75 youths each day at the old site.

"It has been more steady here," she said. "We have more kids come here on a daily basis. That gives us a chance to get to know them and connect with them on a deeper level."

Canton Leisure Services Director Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz said steps have been taken to address minor issues at township hall, such as urging youngsters to be quiet as they use hallways and stairways at The B.L.O.C.K. She said the program has mostly gone smoothly and its success will be gauged after the school year



Damon Hardesty tries a trick shot while playing with Nicholas Aloia. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ends. Program coordinator Jennifer Porter said it's easier to tell parents where the new program is housed because it is centrally located near Summit on the Park, Heritage Park and the Canton Public Library — places where youths can now visit.

"We've gotten a much better response from the parents," Porter said.

Students can get a shuttle ride from school to The B.L.O.C.K. The program's hours are 2:30-8:30 p.m., though the times are extended each Friday when students socialize later on or on field trips, recently to a Milan court maze.

Chance Seller, a Salem 11th-grader, said he still misses the old teen center because he had gone there for years, but he has adapted to the new digs, where he plays pool, meets friends, does homework and practices piano and guitar.

"I like the new place," he said. "I like how the rooms are split

up." The new center has a music room, a computer lab, a homework room, a cafe area, an office and an activities area with televisions, a pool table, a foosball table, board games and other amenities. Pavlo oversees the program with eight part-time counselors, program supervisors and shuttle drivers who represent a diverse group based on their background, age and ethnicity.

"We're trying to mirror the population we serve," Pavlo said. Tyler Montgomery, an 11-year-old East Middle School student, just joined The B.L.O.C.K. this school year. On Monday, he had not one but two friends vying to challenge him at pool.

"I like it because it's a place where we can do our homework and hang out with friends," he said.

Fall and winter sessions cost \$225 for residents and \$282 for non-residents, but the program offers scholarships and is free to youngsters identified through an outreach effort, such as risk.

The B.L.O.C.K. accepts students ages 11-17 from the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and also from Canton-based charter schools.

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west of Ford and Haggerty — an area consultants say Canton can market using IKEA as an anchor. The vision casts this area as a town center, or retail hub, including a parking garage, upscale and mid-range retail shops, full-service restaurants, electronics stores, shoe shops and

outdoor green space, among other amenities. Investors would have to buy property already in use to assemble such a plan.

"If somebody wants to do it, has the money to do it, we're ready (with the marketing plan)," Thomas said.

Eighty acres northwest of Ford and Lilley roads, an area the study indicates is ripe for entertainment venues, retail shops, restaurants,

offices and high-end townhomes and multi-story apartments. This proposal already has one huge stumbling block, with single-family homes already planned behind a retail area along the north side of Ford Road.

Nearly 120 acres southwest of Ford and Lilley roads, near I-275, an area that could pose some environmental restrictions.

OHM's study envisions another pedestrian-friendly area with restaurants, office space, more high-end multi-family housing, recreation trails, retail stores and a hotel — all to capitalize on the I-275 corridor.

More than 36 acres northwest of Michigan Avenue and Morton Taylor Road, a site OHM says is suitable for research and development such as pharmaceutical, medical and laboratory testing companies, along with light-industrial and manufacturing businesses. Some of which could potentially support University of Michigan facilities.

"This could actually be a satellite campus for a college campus," said Tony Slaneer, director of planning and urban design.

More than 15 acres northeast of Michigan Avenue and Canton Center, potentially attracting

a full-service car dealership supported by ancillary automotive uses. OHM's plan also envisions residents' medical offices and restaurants.

Investors sought

To be sure, OHM's vision would require investors to buy property already in use, but local officials say they believe companies with financial resources would recoup their money.

The study by OHM and Dantec Co. follows talks the consultants had with real estate officials, attorneys, community leaders, MDOT developers, landowners and other community representatives. The study didn't focus much on Cherry Hill Village, with consultants

and local officials saying they believe development there will evolve on its own as new housing occurs.

Dantec said the Ford Road corridor already has 319 stores, similar to what would be found in nationally known shopping hubs such as Eaton Town Center in Columbus, Ohio.

Local officials appeared invigorated by the new study.

"It is time to think big," Canton Planning Commission Chairman Greg Greene said. "Treasurer Melissa Meigs, while somewhat skeptical, said, 'It can happen. It would be great if it did.'"

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Canton police: Obey all rules during hunting season

With hunting season approaching, Canton authorities are urging hunters to brush up on local and state rules that govern the season.

"People have to use common sense and they have to be aware of all the laws," Canton police Lt. Dave Schreiner said. "We've always had limited hunting in Canton. It's nothing new. People are still obligated to obey all laws."

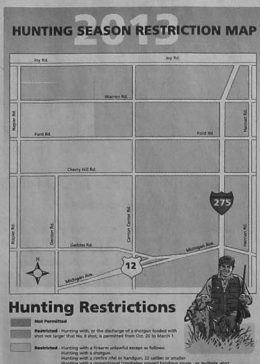
The Canton Public Safety Department has issued guidelines.

Canton is divided into areas that are classified as either closed or restricted for hunting. In areas designated as closed, hunting is prohibited. This includes the entire eastern side of Canton and a couple of small areas in northwestern Canton.

In the majority of western Canton, hunting has been designated as restricted, with two different types of restrictions. In a small portion of the northwestern corner of Canton, hunting with or the discharge of a shotgun loaded with shot no larger than No. 6, is permitted from Oct. 20 to March 1.

For the majority of the western side, hunting with a firearm is unlawful except as follows:

- » Hunting with a shotgun
- » Hunting with a rim fire rifle or handgun, 22 caliber or smaller.
- » Hunting with a conventional (smokeless powder) handgun single- or multiple-shot using a straight walled



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cartridge only.
 » Hunting with a muzzle loading rifle, shotgun or black powder handgun.
 » Discharge of a firearm for target shooting while using a recognizable target.
 In restricted areas, verbal permission from the property owner is required for hunting to be permitted. In addition, Michigan's Safety Zone State Law says that a person will not hunt or discharge a firearm within 150 yards of an occupied building, dwelling, house, residence, cabin, barn or any other type of building used in conjunction

with farm operations, without obtaining written permission of the owner, renter or occupant of the property.
 Careless and reckless discharge of a firearm is a misdemeanor, punishable by 90 days in jail and/or a \$500 fine.
 The Canton Police Department will strictly enforce all state and local hunting ordinances for the 2013 hunting season. A map of Canton's hunting restrictions and the ordinance are available for viewing at www.cantonpublicsafety.org. Canton's hunting restrictions can also be found online at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

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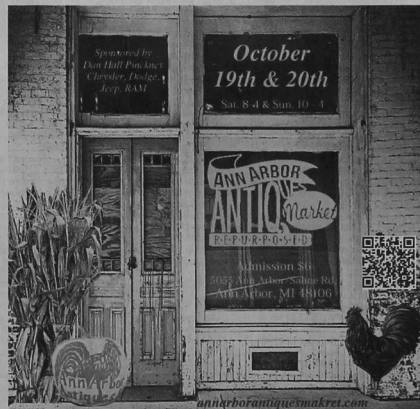
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is delivered, parents were responding to rumors the district was considering moving TAG students back to general education classrooms.

Farina wouldn't comment on any of that, preferring to talk about the near-term changes in testing.
 But Washington's announcement at the ALPAC meeting was the first any TAG parents had heard of potential changes and their swift and angry response prompted the district to put up an announcement on its website (www.pccs.k12.mi.us) saying that incoming third-graders would be tested, but that a new committee is studying exactly how to do that.
 "We have received many parent inquiries regarding the District's Talented and Gifted program and will use this feedback to help improve

communication and process in the future," the statement read. "Please note that there will be no changes to the Talented and Gifted program offerings for current students during the 2014-15 school year. Students will continue receiving programming at Dodson, Miller and East at a similar level of student participation."
 "The identification of new students to the program has created some confusion and we apologize for this lack of clarity," the statement read.
 "Program enrollment criteria for new students (second-grade or students new to P-CCS) for the 2014-15 school year will be determined and finalized by Dec. 1, 2013."
 TAG mom Leigh Schamp of Plymouth said she considered invitations from three different charter schools before setting on Plymouth-Canton because of its TAG program.
 "My daughter's mind has exploded since joining the TAG program,"

Schamp told school board members last week. "I attribute that to her being with great TAG teachers and other students who can explore and discuss ideas on a level not found in a general education classroom."
 Farina said testing next year could be based on the district's Northwest Evaluation Association test, which she said is more aligned with common core subjects and "gives an accurate picture of our students' growth."
 She said administrators are gathering a group that will include parents for a steering committee that will help the district design a program that "offers greater opportunities for all students." That steering committee will make a recommendation to the district's Student Performance and Achievement Committee by the end of the year.
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Appeal possible in Canton child predator case

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Walled Lake man is considering an appeal after he was sentenced to prison for 6-20 years for charges he tried to have sex with a Canton woman and her 3-year-old daughter. Jesse Adam Hermann, 35, has ordered a transcript of his plea and sentence, imposed Sept. 5 by Wayne County Circuit Judge Lawrence Talon. "He has filed his appeal papers," defense attorney David Cripps said. Hermann plans a review of

the transcript to determine if he wants to try to appeal his case. He would need a court ruling in his favor to appeal.

Hermann was imprisoned after he pleaded guilty to one count each of child sexually abusive commercial activity and using a computer and the Internet to communicate with the Canton girl's mother to commit a crime.

Cripps had said "this chapter is closed for Jesse Hermann" after he pleaded guilty and was sentenced Sept. 5, but Cripps said Hermann has decided to review court trans-

cripts to determine whether he might have reason to appeal.

Described in court as a former truck driver and self-employed artist, Hermann could potentially serve 20 years in prison barring a successful appeal. He was charged in February after the Canton woman told authorities she and Hermann struck up a conversation on Facebook instant



Hermann

messaging, leading to allegations Hermann tried to initiate sex with her and her daughter. Hermann was arrested Feb. 13 by Canton police outside the Holiday Inn Express near Lotz Road and Michigan Avenue, where authorities say he had gone to meet the mother and daughter.

A Canton detective testified during a preliminary hearing in 35th District Court that he posed as the mother and communicated online with Hermann, after police learned of the allegations against him.

Canton Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh has called the investigation "a great effort by our patrol officers and our investigative group." He also commended the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for securing a guilty plea. Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller has said anyone who is approached by a child predator should do exactly what the Canton mother did - notify authorities to let them handle the matter.

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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Threatening calls

A 47-year-old Canton woman notified police to report she had received threatening phone calls and text messages from the 36-year-old wife of a Ypsilanti man with whom she works at a Chrysler facility in Sterling Heights.

The Canton woman was asked why she had been calling the man, a police report said.

The Canton woman went to the police station about 9:35 a.m. Monday, saying she had received numerous phone calls that evening. Some of the calls came from the suspect's phone, the report said, while sometimes the identity of the caller was blocked. During one call, she said she was called a b--h.

Then she began to receive texts and one allegedly said, "Be a woman, show yourself. God see u. It's called adultery." The Canton woman told police she replied and asked to be left alone, but when the texts continued, she told police she replied with texts of her own, such as, "U are going to be sorry."

Police advised the Canton woman not to contact the suspect anymore and advised her how to get a personal protection order. Police also called the suspect and left a message

advising her not to contact the Canton woman again.

Huffing incident

Police arrested a 56-year-old Canton man after he was caught getting high by inhaling from a can of chemical inhalants, a police report said.

An officer on patrol near Michigan Avenue and Canton Center was waded by on a 55-year-old woman who said her husband was addicted to inhalants, the report said. Police approached a car, saw two cans of inhalant in the man's lap and three more cans in a passenger seat.

Police saw the man inhale from a can before knocking on a window and asking him to get out. He refused, inhaling again. Police, fearing he might fatally injure himself, broke out a window of the car, took him into custody and transported him to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Police also cited the man for use of chemical inhalants.

Credit fraud

A woman who lives on Meadowlake, near Cherry Hill and Lotz, notified police to report that her husband's Dearborn Federal Credit Union card had been stolen.

The woman notified police Oct. 10, saying two purchases

had been made with the stolen card online at an auto parts store. She said the purchases apparently had been made in California for \$409 and \$285, respectively.

The woman told police three other attempts had been made to use the card before it was canceled.

Extortion probe

Canton police were investigating reports of possible extortion after a 49-year-old man living near Ford and Haggerty roads became the victim of a stolen iPad, a police report said.

The victim contacted police Oct. 9. He said he had set up the iPad so that, if it went missing, his phone number would appear on the screen if anyone tried to access it. He then received a call from someone asking for the access code.

The victim refused and was told that the caller had purchased the iPad for \$290 from someone else. The caller offered to return the iPad for that price.

The two men corresponded by texts and emails. Police talked with the man, who allegedly had bought the iPad and who said he had proof of it. The investigation was continuing.

—By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Neighborhood hit

Two Ford Escapes were targeted in crimes - one a break-in, the other an auto theft - on the same night this month in a township residential area near Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road.

A 2012 Escape that had been parked in the driveway of a house on Brookwood Drive was stolen between 8 p.m. Oct. 8 and early the next morning, a police report said. The vehicle had been left unlocked with the keys inside, police said.

The other Escape, a 2008 model, had been parked in the driveway of a house on Brookside Road when it was broken into between 10 p.m. Oct. 8 and early the next day, a police report said. A window on the vehicle had been smashed; the owner's manual was the only thing stolen.

The responding officer reported finding a department store shopping bag, with a woman's blouse and a tire warranty booklet in it, near where the burglarized Escape had been parked.

Reports indicate there were several other car burglaries nearby, in the city of Plymouth, in the parking area for the Sheldon Park Apartments, at the same time.

Shoplifting charge

Mouthwash, a knee brace and a bottle of Visine were among the things reportedly stolen by a man arrested Friday on a shoplifting charge in Plymouth Township.

The arrest occurred around 7 p.m. at the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said. The 40-year-old from Wayne was later released and is due in 35th District Court on a shoplifting charge later this month.

A Kmart security guard told police he had witnessed the man, via the store's security video system, put some items in his pockets and the waistband of his pants. The man purchased an item, the guard told police, but left without paying for the other things and the guard confronted him and recovered some of the merchandise.

When a responding officer patted down the suspect for weapons, several other items, including a bottle of Listerine and a bag of cough drops, were found, police said.

The suspect told police he didn't know why he stole the items.

—By Matt Jachman

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Mark Kritzman gets a hit during Miracle League play. PHOTOS BY MARCEL MADONNA

Performing 'Miracles'

League caps another special season

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Jim Kritzman is like any other dad. He loves being able to watch his son having fun playing America's pastime on a fine summer day.

But until his son Mark started playing with the Miracle League of Plymouth two years ago, Kritzman didn't have much opportunity to do that. Mark, a special-needs player, had nowhere to play.

Now, though, like hundreds of other special-needs kids, he's played four seasons (the league plays two seasons a year) of baseball at Bilkie Field. And Kritzman has done more than sit back and watch.

"Parents get to sit back and watch their kids play and have fun and have success out on the field," said Kritzman, who actually developed a tool to help kids hit the ball. "You don't always get a lot of opportunities for that. The kids get a chance to play when they normally wouldn't. Everybody gets to play, they all have the same successes and fun on the field. Everybody gets cheered for and everyone has a blast with it."

The Miracle League of Plymouth just completed its 2013 seasons (they play spring and fall campaigns). Each season drew more than 90 players and involved at least that many volun-

teers, from announcer Jonathan Weid to the folks who man the concession stand and the "buddies" on the field with the players.

"Every person plays an important part in the league," commissioner Deb Madonna said. "Whether someone volunteers each week or it's their first time, it's their smile and their time. Each of our volunteers seems to find a way to get to know each player (and their family) during the game. How in the world could every single moment of the last three years be so great if it weren't for all the great people who show up on Miracle Saturdays?"

League officials have turned their attention to 2014. Registration for

the spring season begins in mid-to late January, with not only player openings, but chances to volunteer as buddies, umpires and game-day helpers. Anyone who wants to volunteer can email info@miracleleagueplymouth.org.

But as she prepared for next year, Madonna reflected on 2013.

"Dozens of wonderful things happen every single moment," she said. "Baseball is very orderly and predictable, but Miracle baseball has extra elements. There's excitement about every player, every play, good cheer. Everyone gets a chance to play the great game, be part of a team. And everyone is welcome and safe. That's pretty good, don't you think?"



Jamie Jones takes a whack at it during a Miracle League game.

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Firefighters open doors to kids

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Firefighters were in 3-year-old Gavin Dyer's classroom earlier in the week, talking about fire safety, which was great for Gavin, since he tells his mom all the time he wants to be a firefighter.

So naturally, when Gavin found out about Saturday's open house hosted by the Canton Fire Department, he wanted to be there.

"He tells me all the time he wants to be a firefighter," mom Sarah said of Gavin. "When I asked him if he wanted to come (to the open house), he said yes. He loves this stuff."

Apparently, Gavin was not the only one. Kids brought their parents in droves to the event, the second year the department has hosted the open house. Last year, Fire Chief Josh Meier said the open house drew some 400 people all day.

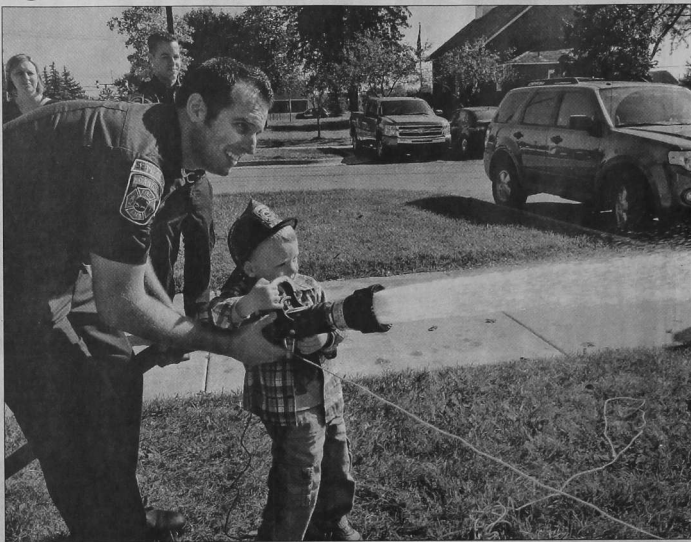
This year, less than halfway through the five-hour open house, Meier figured some 500 people had already gone through. He firmly believes that's a good thing.

"It builds a relationship between the department and the community," Meier said. "It's a good opportunity to let the community know what services we offer. It's a good opportunity for our firefighters to interact with the community and it's a great opportunity for the community to interact with the firefighters."

In fact, Meier pointed out, firefighters manning the various static displays and even dishing out popcorn were there on their own time. The open house was totally organized by the firefighters union membership and none of them were being paid for taking part.

That didn't seem to matter to them. Firefighter Tom Muller said the chance to reach fire safety - kids were lined up to go through the fire prevention house - is too good to pass up.

"It seems like basic stuff," he said of fire safety. "But having the kids go through that house and learn what it's like and what to do ... it's good to see them learning that."



Canton firefighter Bill Tucker helps 2-year-old Cole Muller put water on a "fire" during the Canton Fire Department's open house Saturday. Cole is the son of Canton firefighter Tom Muller.



Samantha Skavery (left) builds a tool box with her aunt, Colleen Engelbrecht, at the Home Depot display.



Declan Dyer climbs onto the bumper of a fire truck under the watchful eye of Canton firefighter Rick Stone.



Caleb Fielder shows what he might look like as a firefighter.

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Pursuant to state law, Notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held at **STOW & GO SELF STORAGE, 41999 ANN ARBOR ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI** on **October 19, 2013** at **10:00 a.m.** on past due tenants listed below. The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each individual unit.

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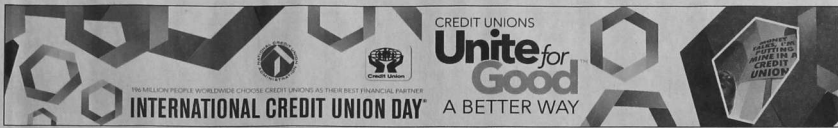
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Modest inception brings global change

The credit union idea arose centuries ago as people worked under a common effort without thought of profit — they put out fires, harvested crops and avoided high-priced loans by lending to one another.

In the 1850s, hard times hit Germany and people turned to each other for help. They removed small savings from under mattresses and made reasonably priced loans to one another, forming the original credit unions. In the 1920s, Edward Filene took cooperative finance to the next level in Boston, as a means of lifting working people out of debt and creating a better life.

On Jan. 17, 1927, the Credit Union League of Massachusetts celebrated the first official credit union holiday. Jan. 17 is the birthday of Benjamin Franklin, America's "Apostle of Thrift," who credit union founders believed to symbolize the purpose and spirit of credit unions. During this time, the credit union movement was new and spreading. People involved only began to recognize the celebration's significance and were unable to devote the time required for sufficient planning. Credit Union Day quietly faded away.

The U.S. Credit Union National Association and CUNA Mutual Insurance Society initiated a new national Credit Union Day celebration in 1948. The third Thursday of October was set aside as the national day of observance. This occasion brought members together to promote the credit union philosophy nationally and reflect upon credit union achievements and history. Members raised funds for the movement and paid homage to loyal supporters and pioneers.

The World Council of Credit Unions, established in 1971, assists credit union movements and supports their development around the world. WCCU observed the first International Credit Union Day more than 30 years ago and continues to endorse global celebrations. The credit union movement has grown to 196 million members in 100 countries. Celebrate the credit union difference today during this year's ICU Day.

— Courtesy of Credit Union National Association Inc.

The day credit unions speak out

International Credit Union Day has been celebrated on the third Thursday of October since 1948. The day is recognized to reflect upon the credit union movement's history and to promote its achievements. It is a day to honor or those who have dedicated their lives to the movement, recognize the hard work of those working in the credit union industry and show members our appreciation.

The ultimate goal is to raise awareness about the great work that credit unions are doing around the world and give members the opportunity to get more involved. Credit unions and associations throughout the world celebrate the day with open houses, contests, picnics and parades.



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serve their members, providing a safe place to save money and access affordable loans.

Each year on International Credit Union Day, the event affords the opportunity to remember credit unions' proud

history and promote awareness of and support for the credit union difference. This year's theme, "Credit Unions Unite for Good: A Better Way," emphasizes the

benefits of cooperation among credit unions worldwide. It also speaks to the powerful global network of 56,000 credit unions, which no other financial institution can claim, and the advantages that result from sharing challenges, experiences and solutions with one another to better serve members.

Credit unions are recognized as a force for positive economic and social change and have provided significant value in both developed and emerging nations. World Council of Credit Unions, the international trade association and development agency for credit unions, as well as numerous national credit union trade associations and federations around

the world sponsor the International Credit Union Day.

Today, credit unions from around the world will join forces to celebrate the day with membership drives, contests and fundraisers to help out their local communities. Credit unions will share their activities with the global community on Facebook and LinkedIn as well. This year's message speaks to the powerful global network of credit unions, which no other financial institution can claim, and the advantages that result from sharing challenges, experiences and solutions with one another to better serve members.

For questions about ICU Day, contact Joanne Sepich at icuday@cuna.coop, jsepich@cuna.coop or 800-356-9655, ext. 4867.

— Courtesy of Credit Union National Association



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Who is the CULAC?

The Credit Union Legislative Action Council is a vehicle through which a credit union advocate can actively participate in advancing the future of the credit union industry.

CULAC is the federal PAC for the Credit Union National Association. CULAC's purpose, as defined in its Articles of Association, is to "provide the opportunity for individuals interested in the future of the credit union movement to contribute to

the support of worthy candidates for federal office who believe, and have demonstrated their belief, in the principles to which the industry is dedicated."

CULAC accomplishes its mission by contributing to and supporting federal candidates and committees that support the Credit Union Movement. It is your continued support and involvement that provides us with the resources to elect credit union advocates to Congress. Individuals who are

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Attending last week's meeting were (from left) Giving Hope board members Kathy Males and Debbie Maloni and guests Sheryl Labon and Deb Conner. PHOTOS BY KATHY MALES

Skillman leader: Philanthropy is helping to transform lives

Change is possible and can happen — if everyone steps up. That was the message Carol Goss, president of the Skillman Foundation, brought last Wednesday to more than 100 women gathered at the annual meeting of Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle.

Giving Hope provides grant-making initiatives that address the needs of women and families in Canton and Plymouth, creates an endowment fund for the future and strives to build a community of women philanthropists.

Goss addressed how new roles for philanthropists can transform lives and communities and specifically how philanthropy can and is saving the city of Detroit.



Goss

The Skillman Foundation is a private independent foundation whose mission is to improve the lives of children in metropolitan Detroit by strengthening schools and neighborhoods.

Goss helped launch "Excellent Schools Detroit," which promotes schools that work and is funding new educational models. She is considered a national leader in education reform. Under her leadership, Skillman has moved toward recruiting nonprofits to collaborate with each other and create programs that would target students and their families.

"Today's philanthropy requires risk-taking," Goss told the group at the Cherry Hill Village Theater in Canton. She said "philanthropy works when groups — including government — collaborate, share a vision of what can happen and listen to residents."

"We need everyone at the table," she added.

Goss said the Skillman Foundation, with other nonprofits, has worked to improve the lives of children and families in six Detroit neighborhoods, providing comprehensive services and resources needed to improve graduation rates and safety for students. Services such as after-school recreation, tutoring and social services are part of the overall plan.

"Fifty percent of students said they don't feel safe in schools," Goss said, adding that the reality of change is more complex than any one organization working independently can solve.

Goss noted that while there are a lot of positive things going on in Detroit, she fears the city is becoming two separate parts — "Midtown and downtown are attracting younger people" and is improving, while other areas in the city face immense problems. The recent bankruptcy and poverty paint a grim picture of life in Michigan's largest city.

From 2000 to 2010, there was a 17-percent decline in households with children under 18. She noted that since 2007, the number of children living in the U.S. in poverty has increased from 35 to 60 percent.

"Living in poverty causes toxic stress and makes catching up that more difficult," Goss said, adding that change can and is happening with a focus on education and graduation rates.

"Children have the capacity to learn and families have the capacity to change," said Goss, who noted there is reason for optimism.

She cautioned that it is a long-term strategy, but one that is showing results. Graduation rates are up 8.5 percent in the targeted schools and neighborhoods. She said the improvement plans are strategic, comprehensive and collaborative, noting that goals are set and a specific set of metrics is gauging progress through 2016.

Goss encouraged the audience to think big and "don't be afraid of new ideas."

"Hope does not disappear," she added. "We need everyone to step up."

Goss, a native Detroit, holds a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. She will retire at the end of the year and head to Harvard University on a fellowship.



The Village Theatre, decorated with the work of area artists, was a perfect venue for the annual meeting, as evidenced by this group of local women.



Funds raised from the sale of mums helped support the Detroit Diaper Bank, the Giving Circle's Pass the Purse targeted charity last week.



Getting ready to greet members and guests at last week's annual meeting are (from left) Mary Ann Foss, treasurer; Debbie Cortellini, secretary; and Barb Rodenberg, membership chair.

GIVING HOPE 2013

The goal of Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle is to build a community of women philanthropists. It provides grant-making initiatives that address the needs of women and families in Canton and Plymouth and has created an endowment fund for the future. Giving Hope is a fund of the Canton Community Foundation. For more information, visit cantoncommunityfoundation.org.

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SIGNATURE CHARITY 2013

Give the Girls a Boost is the group's signature charity for 2013. The 2013 goal was to raise money to support the purchase of undergarments for girls and women in Plymouth and Canton for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools' Clothing Bank. The April 2013 sold-out event at the Plymouth Cultural Center raised nearly \$8,000 for the clothing bank and \$262 for Girls on the Run, a development program for girls that teaches life skills through interactive lessons and running games.



Kathy Ripley Leo, regent of the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, conducted a commemorative ceremony at the group's namesake's grave site at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. **LONNIE HUHMANN**

Group connects towns by channeling American Revolution

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution helps provide the Northville, Plymouth and Novi communities a deep connection with this critical point in history.

"We're a service organization with the goal of preserving the American spirit and our history," said Kathleen Ripley Leo, regent of the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the DAR. "Its objectives are historic preservation, promotion of education and patriotic endeavor."

The group recently went out to the Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville to commemorate its namesake, who is buried there.

The chapter is named for Sarah Ann Cochrane, who was a daughter of a pioneering Michigan family and a direct descendant of five Revolutionary War soldiers. In 1843, Sarah, with her family, came to Northville when her father, the Rev. Sylvester Cochrane, was asked to become the minister of a new Presbyterian Church in the village.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 and is a service organization

dedicated to service to the nation. It's composed of 51 state societies and more than 2,900 chapters in the United States, as well as many units overseas.

At a meeting in Novi late this summer, the local chapter was recognized by the city council for its efforts going into Constitution Week.

"We provide philanthropy, including scholarships to schools, funds to Native Americans, monument preservation and support to veteran and active military and much more," vice regent Deborah Davis said.

One mission it has is to supply a patriot's grave with a bronze marker that honors that particular person.

"One might think there are no American Revolutionary War patriots buried in the state of Michigan, but one would be wrong," Ripley Leo said.

There are more than 300 patriots buried in the state. Most of these individuals moved to Michigan after the war with their families.

In the Novi Cemetery, there are two such graves. Caleb Carr and Hooper Bishop both served in the war and are buried there. The group is planning to commemorate these graves and men next year with a

marker. "The fact that there are two buried in Novi is remarkable, given that many parts of our state, indeed our nation, do not have one," Ripley Leo said.

Another part of the group's mission is to reach out to local schools and students.

The DAR conducts a yearly American History Essay Contest for students in fifth through eighth grades. It was established to encourage young people to think creatively about America's great history and learn about it in a new light.

Davis said this contest is open to students in public, private and parochial schools and registered home-study programs.

Each student receives a certificate of participation from the chapter and the chapter winners receive bronze medals and certificates. State winners receive certificates and silver medals, while national winners receive special certificates, medals and a monetary award.

To learn more about the group or to inquire, go to <http://www.cochrane-michdar.net/index.html> or call Ripley Leo at 248-349-4827 or email at KRLEO@comcast.net.

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CROP walk draws faithful crowd

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Inderjeet Kaur of Canton was glad to participate Sunday, Oct. 13, in the 23rd annual Plymouth-Canton CROP Walk.

"We brought our interfaith group," she said of Interfaith Community Outreach. Kaur worships at Singh Sabha Gurdwara of Michigan in Canton.

"This is one of the many events that could bring kids of all faiths together," Kaur said. She did the shorter two-mile walk.

Walkers in her group included her mom, Davinder Talwar of Dearborn Heights, along with her congregation's Sukhjeet Kaur Matharu of Canton. The Hindu Temple in Canton had walker Sumita Tewani of Canton with Kaur's group. The women had a couple of 7-year-olds, so they didn't do the four-mile walk.

Proceeds from the event, which includes many faith-based groups, support Church World Service and the Plymouth corps of the Salvation Army.

"I really like it," Kaur

said. "We did it last year." She and the others like being with Christians.

"Oh, for sure," said Kaur, who attended a convent school while living in India. "This is a really good cause."

As the event's 2 p.m. start approached, co-chairs Becky and Gary Copenhaver of Canton were putting signs on their car, just in case a walker needed a ride along the routes through Plymouth. "We said we ordered up good weather," said Gary, who worships with his wife at Living Peace Church in Plymouth. "We're very grateful."

The sunny skies and warm temperatures brought out some 92 walkers who had raised \$5,596.11 as of Sunday. Donations are still welcome at www.crophungerwalk.org/plymouthmi.

Other participating congregations included Geneva Presbyterian Church of Canton, St. John's Episcopal, where the walk began and ended, First United Methodist Church of Plymouth and Plymouth's Gurdwara. The local Salvation Army had walkers, too.



The annual Plymouth-Canton CROP Walk brought out some 92 walkers who had raised \$5,596.11 as of Sunday.

"It's something we've been involved with and enjoy," Gary Copenhaver said of their first year as co-chairs. "It's always fun to take your turn and have responsibility."

They noted all the teamwork, including Geneva's Keith Christenson being treasurer. "Our church tradition comes out of a service tradition or mentality," Gary Copenhaver said of the CROP (Communities Responding To Overcome Poverty) Walk. He learned the local Salvation Army, which also serves Canton, Northville and Belleville, gives out much food locally.

"That's a lot of assistance going out to people. To me, that's kind of an eye-opening thing where you might not think the need exists."

Maj. Colette Bailey of the Plymouth Salvation Army did the two-mile walk with volunteer coordinator Sandy Kollinger, a colleague. "It's very exciting because we can use all the assistance from the community we can get," Bailey said.

"Our pantry shelves go bare very quickly," Westland resident Kollinger agreed, noting the corps receives 25 percent of CROP Walk funds. The Salvation Army canteen was at the school district office on Harvey, about midway, with water and snacks.

"They're extremely important," Kollinger said of such benefits. "It allows us to get the word out on programs we're involved in."

Chris Cook of Plymouth, a First United

Methodist worshiper, was walking in her second CROP Walk. "I think I'm going to try the four-mile," she said. "The youth group gets involved at our church, so we walk with our families."

She likes the opportunity to fight hunger here and overseas "and show our kids that you can be active and do something." Cook walked with her son Devon, 12.

The Rev. Lisa Tucker-Gray of St. John's Episcopal, priest in charge and an Ann Arbor resident, has been at the Plymouth church 14 weeks.

"I think the CROP Walk is a great thing," she said. The church likes hosting, said member Bill Brave of Plymouth, a past chair for the Plymouth-Canton walk.

"I think I'll do the four-mile," said Brave, who walked with his wife, their 15-year-old daughter and 12-year-old son. "I've got a dog." He agreed the good weather, prayers answered, helped.

Rebecca Styron of Canton is a First United Methodist member who

did the four-mile with her son Adam, 12, who ran. She'd done another CROP Walk years back in college in Kansas.

"He's excited to participate," she said of her son. "He collected quite a bit of money. It worked out great."

Adam, a Discovery Middle School seventh-grader, is in the confirmation class at church. That requires fundraisers and mission work, his mom said.

"I believe in this cause as well," she added. "I thought it would be fun to do this with my son."

The Interfaith Community Outreach representatives included organizer Anne Marie Graham-Hudak. "We're just trying to grow around the area," said member Dawn Christenson of Canton, also with Geneva. "We're trying to get together based on what we have in common."

CROP Walk organizers were pleased and hope to boost turnout next year.

"It'd be fun to see this grow in terms of community participation," Gary Copenhaver said.

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Livonia's Greenmead hosts Civil War living history event

Livonia's Greenmead Historic Village will host a Civil War Sesquicentennial Living History Event this weekend.

Sponsored by the 17th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Company E Inc., the event will feature scenes of camp and family life from the Civil War, including campfire cooking, military drill and field hospital, civilian needlework demonstrations and children's toys and games.

Admission and parking are free.

Hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Following is the schedule of events:

Saturday
10 a.m. - Military Weapons/Uniform Inspection / Drill and Firing Demonstrations

11 a.m. - Fashion Show
Noon - Mourning Practices of 19th century

1 p.m. - Children's Drill in Military Camp
2 p.m. - Temperance Meeting/ March at

Friends Meetinghouse
3 p.m. - Military Surgical Field Hospital

4 p.m. - Dance Demonstrations/ Lessons
5 p.m. - Readings from Civil War Soldiers' Letters

Sunday
10 a.m. - Military Weapons/Uniform Inspection followed by Drill

11 a.m. - Temperance Meeting/ March at Friends Meetinghouse

Noon - Military Surgical Field Hospital
1 p.m. - Mourning

Practices of 19th century
2 p.m. - Dance Demonstrations/ Lessons

3 p.m. - Readings from Civil War Soldiers' Letters

Greenmead is at 20501 Newburgh, just south of Eight Mile. The 17th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Company E Inc. is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to preserving the heritage of the turbulent days of the Civil War.

For additional information, visit <http://17mie.org>.



Edward Vitex, portraying an ordnance sergeant, stands with a Gatling battery gun at a previous Civil War re-enactment at Greenmead. FILE PHOTO

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What do you buy online?

Researching high-cost items such as houses, apartments and cars is nothing new. Comparing prices on TVs, cell phone plans and computers is the new first step in today's buying process. But did you ever think you would buy something as small as a single dinner or groceries online?

For years, consumers could order a pizza from the comfort of home and, more recently, from the comfort of their mobile phone. Our society has become so connected we can now order items like Manwich, cheese puffs and Charmin online and have them delivered to our door.

Seattle and Los Angeles residents can now buy staples, food and even DVDs through a new offering called Amazon Fresh. The service is available to residents who have Amazon Prime memberships (includes free Amazon shipping and streaming video, similar to Netflix).

For an extra \$299 per year, these Amazon Prime members can have groceries or the latest Tyler Perry flick without leaving home. At first, the price sounds steep, but for those who take weekly trips to Meijer or Kroger, that's \$2 less. Add to the store. That's \$2 fewer times fighting the slow pokes in the cereal aisle and \$2 less chances of door dings. It also saves about an hour



Jon Gunnells
TECH SAVVY

52 times per year. Amazon isn't the only company capitalizing on online food ordering. While a bit different, Omaha Steaks and Schlotzsky's get a majority of their business from the Internet. Need food for a party? You can search online, input your credit card order and have gourmet items with-out calling a caterer.

Meals delivered
More innovative companies even have daily meals that can be ordered and mailed to your home. Plated (www.plated.com) creates weekly, chef-created menus that members can order. Weekly menus contain up to four meals like grilled pork, steak tacos, potato-crust pollock and barbecue chicken burgers and zucchini fries. Meals cost \$10 each. Buy enough of them and you can get shipping for free. Plated delivers to the midwest (including metro Detroit) and the northeast.

The membership plan at Plated is rather secretive, but users are allowed to cancel at any time or opt to not receive meals. I tried Plated for free in July and was pleased with the ease and the overall quality of

food. However, if I had to pay or remain a member, I'd be signing a different tune. Still, for \$10 a meal, you can order dinner a week in advance online and cook them in less than 30 minutes.

For those who have less expensive dinner tastes, there's a more "Seamless" option. There's actually an app called Seamless that lets folks order food from their favorite restaurants and have it delivered (even during late night).

Seamless is a hit in big cities such as New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. Unfortunately, Seamless isn't available in Detroit — but that could change. Seamless has already partnered with more than 12,000 places, so eaters can order delivery or even pick up their own food. There's also an app for ordering on your phone and deals and discounts for users.

If you're ever in a hotel and trying to avoid room-service or getting lost in an unfamiliar area, Seamless could be for you. And if you wait a few months, who knows, maybe you can even order a single grape from your table. We're not that far away from that being reality.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON CHAMBER CHAT



DRESS held a ribbon cutting recently at its new location at 550 Forest Ave., in downtown Plymouth. Owner Lena Porter cut the ribbon and was joined by her husband Mike, friends, family and other members of the community. Porter was voted "Best Personal Stylist in Detroit" by CBS News.

After Hours

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors its next after-hours event 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, at E.G. Nick's, 500 Forest Ave., in downtown Plymouth.

The event is designed as a night of networking with fellow chamber members. There will also be a cash bar available. Chamber officials believe E.G. Nick's "has a cozy atmosphere that will be conducive to a great evening of networking." Chamber after-hours events average between 60-100 attendees.

There is no fee to attend this event. RSVP by Oct. 21 to 734-453-1540 or email ter@plymouthcham.org

Consumer Expo

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Downtown Development Authority present the annual Consumer Expo 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at the Summit on the Park. The expo will be held in the Grand Ballroom.

The Consumer Expo is an initiative of the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Canton DDA to encourage

the public to get to know their business neighbors," said Thomas Paden, president, Canton Chamber of Commerce.

The Consumer Expo is held annually in October and features more than 50 businesses from the community who display their products and services to the public. Participating businesses include banks, insurance, travel agents, pet services, carpet cleaning and many more. Each vendor gives away a door prize, admission is free and the expo is open to the public.

The Consumer Expo is sponsored by the Showroom of Elegance and Jack Demmer Ford.

First Friday

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its next First Friday Club meeting at 8:15 a.m. Friday, Nov. 1, at the chamber office, 45525 Hanford.

Chamber officials said the event is an opportunity for one-on-one networking in a small group setting. This networking event is limited to 10 separate businesses plus a sponsor. Participants should bring business cards, fliers,

etc., to share with the group. Participation in this event is limited to once per quarter.

Admission to the event, sponsored by Showroom of Elegance, is free to chamber members. To make a reservation, call 734-453-4040.

Chamber events

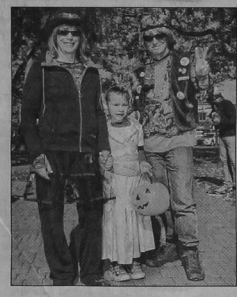
» Scarecrows in the Park are up along Main Street in downtown Plymouth.

» The Plymouth Farmers Market is still taking place from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 26. Enjoy fresh produce, baked goods, jams and jellies, mum plants, pumpkins and much more on Penning Avenue in downtown Plymouth.

» The 2013 Wicked Halloween Run is set for 8 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 27, featuring 10K, 5K Run/Walk and the Monster Mile. The race is sponsored by the Kona Running Co.

For more information and to register, go to www.wickedhalloweenrun.com.

» The Old Village Halloween Party runs from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27, on Liberty Street in Old Village.



Trick or treat

Jayne and Tom Rossiter, of Northville, brought granddaughter Lilah-Kai Harper to Pumpkin Pooza and they'll get another chance when Pumpkin Pooza returns to downtown Plymouth from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20. Downtown streets will be closed off for games, contests, activities, entertainment and a Haunted Alley. The event will feature age-based costume contests and even a pet costume contest. For more information, visit www.plymouthcham.org/events.html BILL BRESLER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

New JAG

Tully Rinckey PLLC has added Army Reserve JAG attorney Tim MacArthur to its military law practice group. MacArthur is the ninth member of the group and, with 11 years as a JAG attorney, he brings a wealth of military law experience with him.

MacArthur's JAG career has taken him to many different places, including duty as the deputy staff judge advocate for Joint Force-Guantanamo at the U.S. Naval Station in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. As part of JTF-GTMO, he served as staff judge advocate in the absence of the SJA, worked on JTF-GTMO policies and procedures, oversaw legal aspects of detention operations and supervised daily operations of the largest deployed Joint Staff Judge Advocate Office in the U.S. armed forces.

MacArthur, a Plymouth native, received his juris doctorate from Michigan State University/Detroit College of Law in 2001. He received a bachelor of science degree in psychology from Madonna University in 1998. Currently he is a major in the U.S. Army Reserve JAG Corps.

Grand re-opening

Comfort Inn Plymouth hosts a grand reopening 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at the hotel's location at 40455 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

The event is designed to show representatives of businesses with travel into the Plymouth-Canton-Livonia area the newly renovated hotel.

There is no admission cost. RSVP by Oct. 21 to corporate sales manager Lois Offerman at 734-455-8100 or email lois@trussdevlopmentllc.com

Ashtin moves

Plymouth-based JB Ashtin Group, Inc., has announced the following personnel moves:

» Lori Bainbridge has been promoted to vice president, Strategy & Innovation. Bainbridge will use her 20-year experience in global pharmaceutical marketing and deep understanding of the future needs of our customers to manage new business development process from concept identification to final release. She will also cultivate a broad range information sources to identify market needs and technology trends to provide insights into new business service solutions.

» Autumn Coy is the new senior director, Client Services. Coy, a former manager in the department, will be respon-

sible for cultivating and maintaining key stakeholder relationships while managing the day-to-day operations of JB Ashtin's Client Services team.

» Shelly Asiala, Pharm.D., has been promoted to senior scientific writer. Asiala has been a part of the Company's Scientific Services team for a year. In her new position, she will continue to provide her in-depth knowledge of pharmaceutical and her medical writing expertise to JB Ashtin's clients to help them distill complex medical data and communicate their scientific and health care information with credibility, integrity, relevance and impact.

» Val Harmon is the new client services manager.

» Melissa VanLangen is the company's new office manager/accounting coordinator. She will deliver multiple levels of support to the JB Ashtin team in the company's effort to deliver a high-quality service experience for its clients.

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OUR VIEWS

TAG changes could present problems

District officials should proceed with caution

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administrators and Board of Education members considering major changes to the district's extraordinarily popular Talented and Gifted program are playing with fire.

The program has served the district well for some 25 years and proponents are among the most supportive, vocal and active parents in the district. TAG serves hundreds of students who pass the stringent qualification test and are moved from their home schools to one of three TAG homes—Dodson and Miller elementary schools in Canton and East Middle School in Plymouth Township.

The program, expanded just 18 months ago, is now facing changes announced rather clumsily at a committee meeting last week that could create financial problems for the district and political problems for board members who approve them.

Administrators are considering a change that would disband the units at the three magnet locations and have TAG students taught in general education classrooms. Dr. Michael Meissen, the district's new superintendent, apparently favors that method of teaching—espoused in a method developed by educational psychologist Joseph Renzulli.

But problems are almost certainly going to surface on several fronts if the district pushes such changes. Some of those problems began cropping up last week, when Dr. Carolyn Washington, the district's executive director of elementary education, announced at a meeting of the Advanced Learning Parents Advisory Committee that testing of third-graders for the 2014-15 TAG program wouldn't be held.

It was the first parents had heard of potential changes and it set off a firestorm of criticism that resulted in a roomful of anxious parents at last week's Board of Education meeting.

The reaction was so swift that by the end of the week, the district had posted a message on its website that "criteria" for new students would be finalized by Dec. 31 so that incoming third-graders could be included this year.

The communications of the potential changes was handled so badly, district officials had to put an apology—and rightly so—on its website. Those kinds of communications issues can be expected, particularly with new people in the superintendent's office and the community relations office. The problem was recognized and addressed quickly, much to their credit.

Besides, that's not the biggest problem the district will face if it changes the magnet model of the TAG program. Administrators and board members sold parents on the TAG program as an attractive piece of the district's educational repertoire when they expanded it just 18 months ago. There are parents who brought their kids back from charter schools or other districts to take advantage of it (one estimate put it at 15 percent of last year's total enrollment).

At more than \$7,100 per student, that's a lot of state foundation grant money at risk if administrators decide to drastically alter the program. Some TAG parents hinted at a mass Exodus last week, making mention of both charter schools and a new TAG program being piloted in Wayne-Westland schools this year. That program is housed at Walker-Winter Elementary School, which is in Canton and is made up of a large percentage of Canton students.

Wayne-Westland is a schools-of-choice district and parents could opt for that model—or for charter schools—if Plymouth-Canton makes changes.

The political price for any changes could also be steep. There's a school board election in a little more than a year and TAG parents are among the most vocal in the district.

Board members having to run for election next year, while potential voters are having to rearrange their children's lives because of changes to the TAG program, could find themselves struggling for votes.

If the district's professional educators believe a new way of teaching TAG is necessary and would be beneficial to all students, then by all means they should take a look. There could be hidden benefits, perhaps to students who could be mentored by TAG students in their general education classrooms.

But administrators should also be mindful of the strain they could be putting on teachers forced to deal with a wide array of students, all of whom learn at different levels, all in the same classroom. It would be more difficult to meet everyone's needs, which should be of paramount importance here.

If there's a better way of teaching TAG students that would benefit all students, the district should study it. After all, "because we've always done it that way" isn't a reason to ignore possible upgrades. But there's another adage administrators should keep in mind, as well.

If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you think certain Michigan bars should be allowed to stay open until 4 a.m., as one proposed bill would allow?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I think they should stay open until 6 a.m. The people who need to drink, let them stay in the bar. It doesn't bother me. I'm a non-drinker."

Richard Weix
Canton



"It depends on the area. If it's residential, then no. And not in Detroit; they've already got enough problems."

Kim Carson
Livonia



"It's probably a bad idea. 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."

Laura Lowder
Canton

"I think given the stringency of drinking and driving laws, it could exacerbate the situation further. Who would take on the increased insurance to help the person manage what they are drinking?"

Marion Wells
Novi

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TAG changes

Parents of talented and gifted students (including me) received a blow from the Plymouth-Canton School District on Oct. 7. At a parent meeting, the district announced it would be "improving" the TAG program by eliminating it and sending the children to general education classes.

Addition by subtraction is sometimes possible. But closing a popular and successful program, considered one of the jewels of the district, makes no sense. Less than 24 hours after the announcement, the school board meeting was overflowing with parents showing their support for the TAG program and expressing their concerns.

School board members offered that changes have not yet been formally discussed or approved. However, no testing is planned for admitting students into the program for next year. Obviously, without students, there is no program.

It is prudent to consider new options that may offer improvements to the educational process for students. However, it is difficult to understand how the Plymouth-Canton district becomes more competitive with other districts or charter schools by not offering a talented and gifted program.

Some may assume these kids will be fine no matter where they are taught. These are bright kids and their giftedness is an opportunity for advanced learning, but they also have unique needs and challenges.

Failing to meet these needs can diminish their enthusiasm for learning and weaken their study skills and habits they will require later on in their academic careers. A great way to address these needs is through

classroom interactions with peers who share their interests and aptitudes, facilitated by a teacher trained and experienced in how gifted kids learn. This is a big factor in the TAG program's long-time success.

These are young kids who deserve to learn something new each day and look forward to going to a school that addresses their needs. This is an opportunity to move beyond the past divisiveness in district leadership and for the school board and administration to come together by listening to the parents of the impacted students.

My son has enthusiastically embraced the TAG program and I am impressed with its quality. The possibility of having to tell him that his program is being taken away from him is something I don't even want to imagine.

He's an inquisitive boy and I know he'll ask "Why?"

I don't have an answer.

Steve Renaldi
Plymouth

Loyal to bosses

According to published reports, our state treasury is about to take another multimillion-dollar hit thanks to Patrick Colbeck and his Tea Party shills in Lansing.

When they failed to give immediate effect to the expansion of Medicaid, the Department of Community Health lost \$70 million. This shortfall will now have to come from our state coffers.

How many police officers or firefighters could be hired or how many miles of roads could be paved with this \$70 million? But you have to give Patrick Colbeck credit. He is staying loyal to his bosses, the Matty Marouns, the Koch Brothers and all the other multi-billionaires

who pull his chain and own the Tea Party.

James Huddleston
Canton

Stop advocating war

Who is protecting the people in our country? Our property, life and freedom to be safe? Our jobs, economy, security, schools and law enforcement? Our teachers, voting rights? Pay our taxes and trust our security to elected officials?

Do we know our Constitution and Bill of Rights as "we the people and for the people of the United States"? To send our men and women overseas on borrowed money to war to kill or be killed to protect our country?

Is it to protect our investment and trade routes in another country overseas? Who's guarding our country and safety? Who supports us and our own problems? Charities? In God we trust? Let's deal with our own country and stop advocating the evils of war. Protect our own doorstep.

Mary Ruth Clark
Redford

Use diplomacy in Syria

To the resident, vice president and U.S. Congress: I beg of you not to send a "limited strike" to Syria. Violence will only beget violence. Their people are suffering enough. A limited strike will only kill and maim innocent people.

Please try diplomacy and other nonviolent actions with Syria and the United Nations. Any attack on Syria would put the U.S. in jeopardy of another attack on our soil like Sept. 11, 2001.

Karen and Bryna Broder
Livonia

GUEST COLUMN

Michigan open for business

With the federal government shutdown in its second week, I'd like to remind residents that unlike our counterparts in D.C., lawmakers in Lansing are working hard to make sure that Michigan is still open for business.

While the standard in Washington continues to be working without a budget and continuing resolutions that are put off until the last possible moment, we here in Michigan have been working to produce balanced budgets. Not only that, but we are getting them done four months before the start of the new fiscal year and offering local governments and school districts greater stability in planning their own budgets for the coming year. This may seem incredibly early by Washington standards, but it is now the new normal in Michigan.

Washington should pay attention to what's happening in Michigan. They could learn a thing or two. Strong leadership in Michigan has led to difficult, but necessary, decisions being made. Decisions that, while initially unpopular, are helping our state rebound from a very severe economic downturn.

We have worked hard in Michigan to take a look at all of the problems preventing our economy from growing and have



John Walsh

taken steps to find the solutions. We've reduced our unfunded liabilities and created budgets that aren't balanced by using gimmicks, but that contain real solutions to very real problems.

Now, while Washington suffers from a complete lack of leadership, we are beginning to see the results from the tough decisions made by strong leadership in Michigan and what those results are providing for all residents of Michigan. Since 2010, we've reduced our unfunded liabilities by more than \$21 billion. Average home values have risen by more than \$20,000 in the past three years, while personal income is up more than \$2,500 in the same amount of time. And more than 200,000 jobs have been added in Michigan, helping us bring our unemployment down from double digits. All of this has been done while adding upward of \$30 million to our rainy day fund. We've reduced unnecessary and burdensome regulations, making life easier for everyone in Michigan. When problems arise, we've taken action and made the dif-

cult decisions, delivering results to Michigan's hard-working taxpayers.

It wasn't long ago that Michigan was suffering from the same lack of leadership and inaction that is currently paralyzing our federal government. We've experienced two shutdowns in Michigan. I remember the shutdown of 2009 that took place during my first term in office. The change that has taken place since that time is incredible and provides a lesson for Washington. In order for things to change and in order to avoid further crises, our leaders in D.C. need to step up and provide actual leadership. Pointing fingers and playing the blame game didn't work in Michigan and it will continue to prevent the possibility of real solutions coming from our federal government.

By balancing the budget, reducing unfunded liabilities and not being afraid to make the difficult, but right, decision, Michigan has been able to overcome the lack of leadership that held us back before. Now, it's time for Washington to step up and show that there are strong leaders who are willing to do what it takes to make government work again.

John Walsh is speaker pro tempore of the Michigan House of Representatives.

Craft show focuses on education

With the leaves rapidly changing colors and the days getting shorter, Delta Kappa Gamma is gearing up for its annual fall craft show, the yearly event that raises money to provide college scholarships for community students.

The 29th annual craft show runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 19, at West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail (at Sheldon) in Plymouth. The event will feature more than 60 artisans.

Included will be hand-crafted soaps made of natural ingredients by Shari, vintage jewelry, buttons, keys and belts by Heiga Henn, pottery by Beth Hazen and photography by Terry Odell, as well as seasonal decor and gourmet foods. Proceeds from the annual event help to provide scholarships to Plymouth-Canton students. Admission is \$2.

Delta Kappa Gamma is a professional, international honorary society of women who work in the field of education. Established in 1929, the society, whose Greek letters mean "key women educators," is made up of teachers, counselors, administrators and para-professionals, both retired and employed, who support the international society's mission statement of "promoting the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education."

The Michigan state organization of Delta Kappa Gamma is called Alpha Iota. The local chapter is Gamma Gamma, a group of 34 women from Plymouth, Canton and neighboring commu-



Delta Kappa Gamma chapter members include (back, from left) Gerry Dugan, Sandy Baxter, Jan Kavulich, Alice Chrenko, Rachelle Benner, Debbie Cortellini, Nancy Navarre, Debbie Maloni, Mary McGrath, Barb Marshall, Sandy Downs, Linda Piggett, Jan Carne, Pam Morgan and Jan Migyanka; and (seated, from left) Anne Schlich, Jodi Ring, Liz VanWesterburg and Kay Koch.

nities. Members meet once a month during the school year, with a planned program and guest speaker followed by a business meeting.

Guest speakers have included physicians, the superintendent of education, district teachers and administrators, school board members, legislators and senators, authors, a chef, a district court judge and fellow members. Meetings are held at local restaurants, libraries and club houses.

According to chapter officials, DKG members work on various community projects and support charitable groups. Some philanthropic projects include First Step Shelter for women and children, the Salvation Army, Ronald McDonald House, the Plymouth Miracle League, the Clothing Bank, the high school choir and the Literacy Council. Members also provide school supplies each year to community children and provide scholarship money to Plymouth-Canton students who are pursuing a

career in education.

During the past 30 years, officials point out, the chapter has provided more than \$100,000 in scholarship money to more than 60 students. Currently eight students are receiving funds and attending Eastern Michigan University, Michigan State University, Saginaw Valley State University and Hope College. Students interested in Delta Kappa Gamma scholarships should contact their high school counseling office.

This year's craft show will also offer a special drawing for several prizes: a hand-stitched Amish quilt, a quilt and picnic package, tickets to a 2014 Tigers game with parking pass and concession certificate, a golf package at Pheasant Run Golf Club, a golf package at Fox Hills Golf Club, a 932 Bed & Breakfast package and gift certificates to a number of restaurants in the Plymouth-Canton area.

Returning again this year is the American Association of University

Women, which features a book sale in collaboration with the craft show. Proceeds from the book sale will also help to fund scholarships for community students.

Delta Kappa Gamma has also honored Friends of Education, people within the community who have been supportive of excellence in education. Past recipients include Beth Stewart, Judge Ronald Lowe, Margaret Dunning, Officer Jamie Senkbeil, Dan LeBlond, Debra Madonna, Rod Jenkins, Sharon Belobraidich, Marilyn Tatterton, Joanne Hulce, Gene Overholt and Robert Zaetta. The chapter also recognizes Women of Distinction within the local organization. Gamma Gamma continues to achieve excellence in all its endeavors.

Anyone interested in attending a meeting, supporting local charities and making improvements in the school and community can contact Barb Marshall at 734-475-9743 or email WaldoRd2@aol.com.

Medicare enrollment period ends Dec. 7



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

Medicare Drug Finder (www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan/). This is an excellent resource to help narrow your search.

Seniors, it's that time of year to review Medicare D Prescription Drug Coverage. It is a once-a-year opportunity to change your prescription drug plan, if necessary.

The open enrollment period just started and ends Saturday, Dec. 7. Of course, like anything that deals with health care, the decision is not necessarily easy. But it is extremely important. The key is take your time, get the necessary facts and make the right decision for yourself. There's no one plan that's good for everyone. The key is which one is good for your individual situation.

It's important when comparing different plans that the drugs you need are on the plan's list. The drug list is referred to as a formulary. Not only do you need to make sure your drug is on the formulary, but you need to make sure that your dose and quantity also are covered.

A drug plan won't help pay the cost of a drug not on its formulary. If you are later prescribed a drug not on the formulary, it may be possible talk to your doctor and he/she may be able to prescribe a different drug that works just as well.

If your drugs, quantity and dosage are on the formulary, make sure the pharmacy you use is listed as well. Unfortunately, some plans only work with certain pharmacies.

Start search here
The best place to start your search is the

Many people will select the least expensive plan, making the assumption that all plans are generally the same. This is not the case. Plans differ dramatically and cost, although an important element, is just one to consider when making a selection. You can have the least expensive plan, but if it doesn't cover the drugs that you need, then it's worthless.

In comparing plans, you may find that there is no one plan that covers all the medications you need. In those situations, I recommend focusing on the medications that cost the most when you factor in the quantity and dosage.

Also, keep in mind a plan that is good for you may not be good for your spouse. If you take different medications, you may need a different drug plan.

We all recognize the state of health care changes dramatically. You can't assume that what was good last year will work for you this year. It's almost like every year you have to start from scratch to find the best plan for you.

There is no one perfect plan. Narrow it down to a handful of different plans and then choose what's best. By doing it this way, no matter what plan you choose, it will work for you.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Firefighter fundraiser

Date/Time: Sunday, Oct. 20, 1-3 p.m.
Location: The Rusty Nail, 43845 Ford Road in Canton

Details: The Rusty Nail and the Canton Fire Department sponsor a live and silent auction, along with a 50/50 raffle. Items available for auction include sports memorabilia, limited-edition beer mirrors and pictures that were located within the Rusty Nail. All proceeds will go to the Canton Fire Fighter Foundation, which aids local Canton families in crisis. The charity houses, clothes and feeds families in need of assistance following a tragic fire. Donations will also be accepted.

Jazz @ the Elks

Date/Time: Tuesday, Oct. 29, 7-10 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Ply-

mouth

Details: Johnny Trudell and his Quartet - with Trudell on trumpet and flugelhorn, Ray Tini on bass, Billy Cairo on drums and Chuck Smermetaro on keyboard - will be featured. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

Daughters of Union Vets

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 Main in Plymouth

Details: Native American soldiers who fought in a Michigan regiment during the Civil War will be the focus of discussion at the annual District Meeting of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (1861-65). Guest speakers Michael Perez, com-



Final performances

Barefoot Productions presents "Murder by Poe" for the final three showings of its run at the Barefoot Productions Theatre, 240 N. Main in Plymouth. Final performances take place at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18-19, with a final 2 p.m. matinee Sunday, Oct. 20. All seats are \$15 and can be reserved by calling the box office at 734-560-1493 or visiting <http://www.justgobarefoot.com/>.

mander of the Anishnabe Ojibchewad Veteran and Warrior Society, and Chris Czopek, Lansing historian and mem-

ber of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will give presentations about the little-known or forgotten 139

Native American men of Co. K, 1st Michigan Sharpshooters. Perez, a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, is featured in the award-winning documentary *Road to Andersonville*. Czopek is the author of a recently released book *Who Was Who in Company K*.

Lions Club euchre

Date/Time: Saturday, Nov. 9, 6 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth

Details: The Canton Lions Club hosts a euchre tournament featuring cash prizes and a 50/50 raffle. A \$20 registration is payable at the door. New this year is quarter cups, get euchred, pay quarter.

Bring your quarters for the Got Euchred, cups-quarters will be available for purchase. Also, pizza, snacks and a cash bar. Money raised from the tournament will allow Lions to meet pressing needs in the community, including those who need assistance during the slow economy. The Canton Lions Club has 42 members and meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month.
Contact: Preregister your team and last name by calling 734-358-4280 or emailing CantonLionsEuchre@yahoo.com by Oct. 30.

Medicare/Medicad counseling

Date/Time: Wednesday, Nov. 13, 1-3 p.m.
Location: United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Ste 250, Canton

Details: United Home Health Services offers free individual counseling with a certified Medicare/Medicad Assistance Program counselor. The counselor can help understand Medicare/Medicad eligibility and the various plans, apply for Medicaid, research and enroll in Medicare Part D Drug Insurance, understand

Medicare supplemental plans, find pharmaceutical assistance programs, identify and report Medicare/Medicad fraud and abuse. No appointment necessary.

Contact: United Home Health Services at 734-981-8620 or visit the MMAP website at www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html

Colbeck hours

Date/Time: Friday, Oct. 18, 8-10 a.m.

Location: George's Senate County 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 Canton 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 517-373-5713.

Heise coffee

Date/Time: Friday, Oct. 18, 7:30-9 a.m.

Location: Panera Bread, 20140 Haggerty, Northville

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-REPKURT or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

Grief to New Hope

Date/Time: Tuesday, Oct. 22 through Dec. 10, 8-8:45 p.m.

Location: First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church Street, Plymouth

Details: New Hope Center for Grief Support is presenting an eight-week grief workshop this fall 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 Campbell at 734-453-6464. For more information, contact New Hope Center at 248-348-0115.



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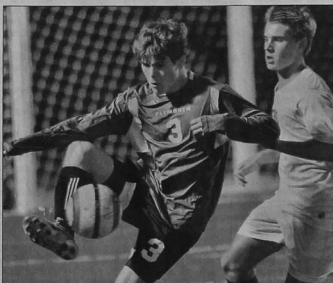
BOYS SOCCER DISTRICTS

It's a keeper: Patriots oust Plymouth, 2-1

Fast start lifts Rocks

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer



Plymouth's Nicholas Freda (No. 3) uses fancy footwork against Livonia Franklin's Zach Brokaw on Tuesday night. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"By far it was his best game all season," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "The goal Viet (Nguyen) scored... I mean we were laughing at it in the locker room afterwards. Spencer knew that was something he should have had, but by far it

was the most outstanding game he's played. The whole team is proud. He was the key savior in this game."

Mandrink's goal was unassisted with 17:29 left in the

It's never a bad thing for a soccer team to come out firing on all cylinders.

Such was the case Tuesday night, as state-ranked Salem scored three early goals and hung on for a 3-1 victory over visiting Livonia Churchill in a Division 1 varsity boys soccer district quarterfinal.

Even so, Rocks' head coach Scott Duhl did not call it a flaw-



Salem's David Schroeder (No. 18) gains a step on Churchill's Brian Cavichio. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

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Blazo lifts MU golfers

The Madonna University women's golf team wrapped up the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference fall season with a pair of first-place finishes on Saturday at WHAC Jamboree Four held at Hawthorne Hills Country Club in Lima, Ohio.

As a team, MU took first with a two-day total of 338-310-648, while freshman Natalie Blazo (Dearborn Divine Child) shot 77-76-153 to earn individual medalist honors for the first time in her career.

Rounding out the WHAC field was Indiana Tech (657), Siena Heights (682), Aquinas (687), Davenport (715), Lourdes (716), Northwestern Ohio (775) and Cornerstone (848).

And for her efforts, Blazo was named WHAC Golfer of the Week (Oct. 7-13). She is the first MU golfer to win the award this season.

Other MU finishers included Chelsea Callan, fifth, 83-77-160; Ayla Bogie, tied for sixth, 91-74-165; Holly Lagrange, 13th, 87-86-173; Jordyn Shepler (Livonia Churchill), tied for 14th, 91-83-174; Becca Porter, tied for 20th, 96-85-181.

Blazers fall in playoffs

Birmingham Marian went to a shootout Friday to oust Livonia Ladywood, 2-1, in a Catholic League girls field hockey semifinal.

The Blazers struck first early in the second half as junior Kendall Romano tipped in a shot from senior Christina Meyer to give Ladywood a 1-0 lead.

Marian responded by turning up the pressure and midway through second half and tallied the equalizer to tie the match and force overtime. In the shootout, the Mustangs outscored Ladywood, 2-0.

Sophomore goalie Maddie Hass made seven saves during regular time, including three spectacular saves during the shootout for the Blazers (5-6-3).

Glo golf challenge

PGA professional Tami Bealier 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, golf 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 Tuesday and Thursday at Hickory Creek.

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

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

PREP FOOTBALL

'Cats, Rocks capture weekend invitationals

Harriers now gear up for KLAAs Championship meet

Spearheaded by a second-place finish by senior Zane Berlanga, Plymouth's boys varsity cross country team finished first at Saturday's Gabriel Richard Invitational at Hudson Mills Metropark in Ann Arbor.

The Wildcats tallied 48 points, to exceed runner-up Birmingham Seaholm (56) and Clarkston (third, 67 points).

Berlanga's time of 16 minutes, 36.10 seconds was good for second overall, only trailing medalist Dennis Mitchell's time of 16:22.20.

Not too far behind Berlanga were Plymouth teammates Matthew Pahl (sixth, 17:08.00), Liam Cardenas (10th, 17:14.80) and Mayur Patil (12th, 17:21.90).

Finishing 19th for the Wildcats was Jonny Dalton (17:33.50), followed by Blierim Mema (24th, 17:55.70) and Max Rogowski (26th, 17:57.60).

Plymouth, as well as Canton and Salem, will compete Thursday at the KLAAs Championship meet at Huron Meadows.

Rocks prevail at TC

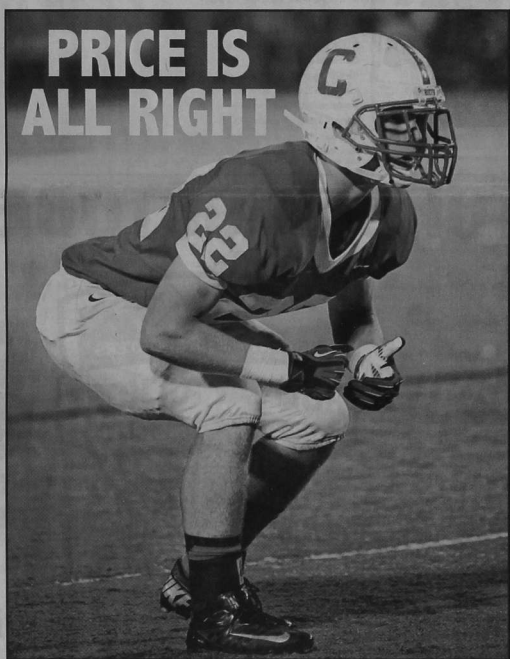
Salem's varsity boys cross country team continues to peak at the right time of the season, winning last weekend's Traverse City Invitational with 30 points.

The Rocks topped the 14-team field, with sophomore Chaz Jeffress fourth overall. Jeffress had teammates right behind him in places 5-8: Senior Brenden McCann, juniors Noah Engerer and Jason Rogers.

Placing 11th for the Rocks was junior Nabil Ahmed. Other Salem finishers included juniors Peter Sonnega, Patrick Casey, Paul Vander (16th, 19th, 24th, respectively) and freshman Alex Kroll (30th).

"We are rounding nicely into form for the final couple of weeks of our season and I am excited to see how we compete in the upcoming meets," said coach Steve Aspinall. "The strength of our team is our pack and they did a great job of moving up during the second mile

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Canton senior Westen Price is primed and ready for the next snap during a recent game. ANN ESPINOZA

Canton senior happy to do his part to help football team succeed

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Westen Price epitomizes what Canton Football is all about.

The senior fullback and defensive back pulls the rope along with everybody else, doing whatever it takes to help the Chiefs succeed on the gridiron.

According to the speedy, versatile Price — who is one of the catalysts behind Canton's 7-0 record, good enough to clinch the KLAAs South Division — it all starts at the top, with head coach Tim Baechler.

"It's basically to never quit," said Price about the Baechler blueprint. "Just do your 1/11th and everything. It's a refuse-to-lose attitude, basically.

"Every play, give everything you've got, no matter



Intensity is etched on the face of Canton senior football player Westen Price. ANN ESPINOZA

what." Price is more than willing to do his part, especially if it helps the Chiefs move up the

"It is very refreshing to have a running back with the personality of an offensive lineman."

TIM BAECHLER,
Canton football coach

charts in the KLAAs and Division 1 with the postseason looming.

He said it's gratifying the way the season is unfolding, particularly for the seniors who he said have put pressure on themselves to go out strong.

There is extra pressure on those players "because we kind of had a shaky season last season (6-4 record)" and they want to help the Chiefs continue to be one of the best pro-

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OHL HOCKEY

Whalers back on track with 4-2 win



Plymouth Whalers goalie Alex Nedeljkovic, shown from a recent OHL game, rebounded from a loss with a strong performance Saturday against Kitchener. RENA LAVREY

The Plymouth Whalers struck for three unanswered goals in the second period to overcome a 1-0 Kitchener lead, and the Whalers went on to defeat the Rangers, 4-2, on Saturday night at Compuware Arena.

The Whalers improve to 4-6-0-0. Kitchener has lost three straight and is now 3-4-0-0.

After Ryan MacInnis

scored at 12:50 the first period for Kitchener, the Whalers came back on Victor Cris Rydberg's goal on the power play at 0:23 (second of the year), Gianluca Curcuruto's first of the year, short-handed at 4:02 and Zach Lorentz's goal at 13:05 (fourth of the year and

fourth in four games) to lead, 3-1 after forty minutes.

Kitchener's Matia Marcantuoni cut the Plymouth lead to 3-2 on the power play at 11:42 of the third period, but Carter Sandlak iced the game for the Whalers with an empty net goal at 19:46.

Kitchener outshot Plymouth, 39-26. Whalers goaltender Alex Nedeljkovic — pulled Friday night in Sault Ste. Marie in a 3-2 loss to the Greyhounds — rebounded with a strong performance tonight as the game's third star.

Plymouth is on the road all week, playing in North Bay on Thursday, Sudbury on Friday and Barrie on Saturday.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

P-C Steelers ground Comets in WSJFL sweep

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Plymouth-Canton Steelers running back Lou "The Bull" Baechler spent more time in the end zone than the red zone Saturday night against the Westland Comets — and he was in the red zone a lot.

Baechler stampededed for four touchdowns to lead the Steelers to an emphatic 64-38 victory to cap a perfect homecoming day for the hosts at Central Middle School. The Steelers improved to 6-0 in the Western Suburban Junior Football League heading into Saturday's final home game against Lincoln.

Leading Baechler to paydirt was the blocking of Seth Trozak, Dean Kaye, Thomas Noble and Danny Lanava. Defensively, the Steelers were paced by Nick Prevo, Chase Cunningham and Chase Every. Andrew Davis and Connor Engel both returned intercept-

tions for touchdowns while Nick Plydoras also picked off a pass.

In a showdown featuring a pair of 4-1 teams, the junior varsity Steelers topped the Comets, 22-15. The Steelers set the zone early when Ben Wright powered into the end zone from one yard out. Carson Miller's two-point conversion kick made it 8-0.

Wright's TD was set up by a key third-down pass from Jake Cain to James Hanson.

With the game knotted at 8-8, the Steelers seized the lead for good on their initial third-quarter possession when Miller rumbled into the end zone from 1 yard out before adding his second two-point kick. Nick Downs, Luke Fisher and Hanson provided pivotal blocks on the drive.

Miller provided a 4-yard insurance TD in the fourth quarter. Defensively, the Steelers were spearheaded by strong efforts from Liam Radomski, Tyler Overai-

tis, Ben Bennett, Cooper Donline, Zach Sweet, Cain and Jason Perko.

Jack Vespasiani made the most of his three carries in the freshmen Steelers' 53-6 romp over the Comets. The speedy running back racked up 100 yards and two touchdowns to lead the winners' 370-yard rushing effort. Also making huge contributions were Brayden Willis (95 yards, one TD) and Garrett Geyer (93 yards, two TDs).

Other players who scored were Dylan DeSantis, Luke Janack, Nate Cain and Andrew Uhlman, while Andrew Iaquaniello and Aidan Tafelski hooked up for a 30-yard scoring pass. Offensive linemen Brendan Jankowski, Spencer Vos, Colin McAuliffe, Adam Nicholas and Nolan Mathew were stellar, as were defensive standouts Uhlman, Lucas Tafelski, DeSantis and Acelino Villanini. Willis and Vespasiani recovered Comet fumbles.

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Last week	8-3	9-2	8-3	8-3
Overall	69-20	70-19	56-33	66-23
All games start at 7 p.m. unless noted Friday, Oct. 18				
Cesar Chavez (3-4) at Luth. West (1-6), 3:45 p.m.	Luth. Westland	Chavez	Chavez	Chavez
Farmington (1-6, 1-5) at Harrison (6-1, 5-1)	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
S. Lyon (5-2, 4-1) at Plymouth (5-2, 3-2)	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
Northville (6-1, 5-0) at Canton (7-0, 5-0)	Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton
Thurston (4-3) at Goodrich (3-4)	Thurston	Thurston	Goodrich	Thurston
S. Lyon East (0-7, 0-5) at Wayne (10-7, 0-5)	East	East	Wayne	East
Crestwood (2-5) at RU (1-6)	Crestwood	Crestwood	RU	Crestwood
Garden City (3-4, 2-2) at Romulus (3-3, 1-3)	Romulus	Romulus	Garden City	Romulus
Novi (4-3, 3-2) at John Glenn (4-3, 3-2)	John Glenn	John Glenn	John Glenn	Novi
Stevenson (3-4, 2-3) at Churchill (2-5, 2-3)	Churchill	Churchill	Stevenson	Churchill
Salem (1-6, 1-4) at Franklin (3-4, 2-3)	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin
Annapolis (4-3, 2-2) at Clarenceville (7-0, 5-0)	Cville	Cville	Cville	Cville
Hazel Park (0-7, 0-6) at N. Farm. (4-3, 3-3)	N. Farm.	N. Farm.	N. Farm.	N. Farm.

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SOCCER

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first half.

"As soon as we got that first goal we decided to drop another forward back and play with one forward," Rodopoulos said. "We had three in the mid (field), one being defensive, and just try and flood the middle. Our big key was the reaction time, not let them control the ball and not letting them figure out what they're going to do next. We just had to get in their face and it worked."

The Patriots also scored with 10:38 left in the half on Curtis' goal off a feed from Robert Jiga.

"They scored a couple of good goals," Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich said. "We had a lot of opportunities in the first half, but just didn't capitalize on them."

The Wildcats tried to apply more pressure in the second half and sent a series of dangerous floaters into the Franklin box off long free kicks.

"We definitely tried to defend during the game," Livonia Franklin's said. "They like to go outside. They like to go through the middle. That's what caught us last time is their counters. They're real quick on the counters. We made sure we had guys back. We made sure we dropped an extra midfielder back."

"The man (Nguyen) has so much control on the ball. It was to see him back on the



Plymouth players Michael Blake (No. 19) and Jason Liguori (No. 15) converge on Livonia Franklin's Matt Freed during Tuesday's district soccer contest. BILL BRESLER / SHOOT PHOTOGRAPHER

field again. Other than that it was a 'Hail Mary.' It was hoping to get rid of it and we got rid of it."

But the Patriots' defense remained stingy and held the fort thanks to Lewandowski, who had faced the Wildcats in two previous meetings which resulted in a 0-0 tie and a 3-1 setback.

"You learn how they play, just how they move the ball

and how they shoot, when they shoot," Lewandowski said. "You're just able to catch on."

In the final five minutes, Mandrink rang a short free kick off the crossbar and Stephen Barczuk also just missed high for the Patriots, who tried to pad their lead.

Plymouth, meanwhile, ends its season at 6-12-1 overall. "We've been up and down a little bit during the course of

the game," Neschich said. "We had a couple of really strong games and we had a couple of weak ones."

The Wildcats lose eight seniors to graduation. "Vikas (Kaneganant) and Viet (Nguyen) were both highly trained players and good leaders for us," Neschich said. "But I think all the seniors stepped up for us and played well for us this year."

ROCKS

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less performance, even though his team (12-2-6) advanced to play Livonia Franklin on Thursday night at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"We talked about the importance of getting off to a good start, (and) we scored a couple of early goals," Duhl said. "But part of it was also a downfall late, because we became too relaxed and calm and thought the job was done."

"So I'm a little frustrated with the performance, happy with the way we came out the first half, but we need to be better if we think we're going to advance."

On target

Starting the ball rolling for Salem was senior Connor Cole, who was senior directly off a long throw.

Soon thereafter, senior Matt DeMoss beat Churchill senior goalkeeper Colton Robison on a perfectly placed shot to make it 2-0.

"(It) was just Brady Cole dribbling down the (left) line and he played a perfect ball in," DeMoss said. "A great ball near post and I was able to get a nice little touch on it to put it far post."

"So just great teamwork to get the ball up there."

Sophomore midfielder Max Kneider's marker opened up an insurmountable 3-0 halftime edge for the Rocks.

"For me, I thought the player of the game for us Max Kummer," Duhl said. "He



It's a footrace between Churchill's Tyler Piotrowski (left) and Salem's Connor Cole during Tuesday's district contest. JOHN KEMSKI / EXPRESS PHOTO

scored the (third) goal, with a great little touch, and touches it with the outside of his foot and ripped it far post."

"Maybe one of the best goals we scored in terms of just finishing and from distance."

Seeing red

Livonia Churchill head coach Matt Grodzicki said it was tough for his team (11-8-1) to give up a couple quick goals, not to mention a red card against senior midfielder TJ Deyoung in the first half that cost the Chargers a key performer.

"I think it (the red card) was a lot of things, but it was a retaliation thing," Grodzicki said. "I don't know, I didn't see it. But I thought in that particular instance that it didn't merit a red card. A yellow

would have been enough." With Deyoung out of the picture, however, it took a while for the Chargers to regroup. By that time, it was a three-goal deficit.

"We came out and won the second half ... but (Deyoung's ejection) was huge, especially against Salem," Grodzicki said. "You can't play a man down. And he takes all of our throw-ins, all our re-starts, he's kind of the engine in the middle."

"To our credit, a guy called off the bench, Brendan Dilloway, and stepped up and filled the void that we needed. I was proud of my guys in the second half."

Churchill nearly got on the board early in the second half following a giveaway by the Rocks in their end of the pitch.

But junior Daniel Jones' lengthy drive missed the right post.

The Chargers finally were rewarded a few minutes later for putting extra pressure on the Salem defense.

Senior Tyler Piotrowski booted a free kick from about 35 yards out that senior Brian Cavicchio neatly finished for the goal.

Cavicchio, perched near the left post, sent the ball over the opposite corner, past Salem senior goalkeeper Colton Hewett.

"We got to be better on free kicks," Duhl said. "The formula is not give up goals on free kicks if you want to advance in the state playoffs."

Nice sendoff

With about 25 minutes remaining, Brady Cole was bumped in the 38-yard box, resulting in a Salem penalty kick.

Taking the kick was Connor Cole, but his low drive was smothered by the diving Robison — who made several spectacular stops.

Churchill could not garner any momentum out of that save, however. And with less than 10 minutes remaining, Grodzicki pulled Robison in favor of senior goalie James Hague Jr.

As Robison trotted to the sidelines, Chargers' fans gave him an ovation.

"Colt deserved that, he's our captain, he's our leader, the guy who's always in the back line," Grodzicki said. "He just deserved that standing O that he got. I just wanted to recognize him for all the work he's done."

MEN'S SOCCER

Cincinnati State slips by Ocelots

The Schoolcraft College men's soccer team had its four-game winning streak snapped Sunday at home by No. 8-ranked Cincinnati State, 2-1, in overtime.

The loss leaves the Ocelots at 9-5 overall and 9-5 in NJCAA Region 12, while the first-place Sarge approved to 12-1-2 overall and 11-1-1 in the region.

Kevin Walker's ninth goal of the season just two minutes into overtime proved to be the difference.

Bradley Gale, who assisted on the game-winning goal, tallied his 10th of the year in the 11th minute to stake the Sarge to a 1-0 advantage, but Schoolcraft then tied it up in the 28th minute on Romario Georgis' unassisted goal, his 15th of the year.

MIAMI, FL. (October 17, 2013) On Monday, host Rochester College (10-2-1) will play in a 1-0-1 tie in a draw in a non-conference match at Ultimate Soccer Arena in Florida.

Ryan Williams' goal in the 13th minute off an assist from Tom Sepey-Gabre gave MU a 1-0 lead in Ryan Kame's goal from Bryan Kane and Justin Seagrang in the 81st minute forced overtime.

MU goalkeeper Marcel Schmidt made nine saves, while Rochester's Alex Brown made seven saves.

SCHOOLCRAFT & CUYAHOGA (OHIO)

On Saturday, Victor Anzures scored twice, while Romario Georgis, the NJCAA Men's Soccer Player of the Week, added his 14th to go along with an assist in a Schoolcraft College (9-4-4) victory over visiting Cuyahoga Community College (10-1-1).

Cuyahoga got its only goal in the 82nd minute when Richard Van Horn scored his seventh of the year.

Schoolcraft goalkeepers Ryan Tikly (Livonia Franklin), who played the 9-5-1 tie, and Matthew Crowe, who finished up, combined for three saves.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Schoolcraft wraps up berth

Samantha Jarrett's first goal of the season came at opportune time as the Schoolcraft College women's soccer team wrapped up an NJCAA Region 12 playoff berth Sunday with a 2-1 victory over visiting Cincinnati State.

Jarrett, a sophomore midfielder, broke a 1-1 tie in the 80th minute when she tallied the game-winner off an assist from Kelley McKelvey.

The first-place Lady Ocelots (12-1 overall, 11-1 in Region 12) took a 1-0 lead in the 19th minute on McKay's 13th goal of the season from Jessica Parry. Cincinnati State (9-5-6-5) tied it on Jacqueline Cain's third of the year from Britanni Abner in the 60th minute.

Schoolcraft goalkeeper Tara Gessler made seven saves, while Kelsie Lee had nine stops for the Sarge.

The Region 12 quarterfinals will be played at the highest seed Wednesday, Oct. 30 followed by the semifinals and finals, Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 2-3 at Owens Technical CC (Ohio).

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grams around. "There's always room for improvement," Price said. "I'm happy with what we've got so far."

"His coach also is pretty happy to have Price in the fold."

"He is a quiet guy who just does his job," Baechler said. "It is very refreshing to have a running back with the personality of an offensive lineman."

Whatever it takes

Price — following the path of older brother Braden Price by being a standout player at Canton both in football and baseball — pointed to a couple of games that underscored that the 2013 team is on the right track.

"Driving down the field in a minute to score the winning touchdown (against Livonia Churchill) or against (Westland) John Glenn, when it was supposed to be a close game and we beat them up pretty good," he said, listing what he thought were this season's highlights so far.



Conferring during a recent game are Canton seniors (from left) Jake Boucher (No. 11) and Westen Price (No. 22). ANN SPINHOZA

Price stressed that the team isn't getting overconfident, even with such successes. Players know the benefits of putting all their energy into every play, every series, every game and not looking too far ahead. "I think it humbled us," said Price, about the close call against Churchill. "We hadn't had a close game in a while."

And down the stretch and into the playoffs, it figures

every game will be just like it.

It also figures that Price will be in the mix, making a series of important defensive plays or busting through the D-line — finding a seam and turning a short gainer into a TD romp.

Yep, he's just doing his job.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Liggett tailback does in Warriors

By Brad Emmons

Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett's Thomas Jackson proved to be a major thorn in Lutheran High Westland's side in Saturday's Michigan Independent Athletic Conference football game.

The 5-foot-10, 155-pound sophomore tailback scored three touchdowns, including a 98-yard kickoff return to start the game, leading the host Knights to a 42-20 MIAC victory over the Warriors.

"He (Jackson) had four carries over 20 yards, and when they needed a big play, he gave it to them," said Lutheran Westland coach Paul Gusew, who's team topped to 1-6 overall and 1-4 in the MIAC.

The Knights led 7-0 after one quarter and increased their lead to 14-0 on Jackson's 33-yard second-quarter TD run.

The Warriors responded on Jacob Davernport's 1-yard run to cap a 12-play, 53-yard drive to cut the deficit to 14-7 at halftime (following P.J. Gusew's extra point).

"We were down 14-7 and still felt pretty good about our-

selves," Paul Gusew said.

After three straight holding calls and backed up on a third-and-32, the Warriors were forced to punt coming out of the third quarter.

And Liggett made the Warriors pay as quarterback Connor McCarron hit tight end Nick Gawel over the middle for a 71-yard TD pass.

By then, Lutheran Westland responded with a 14-play, 53-yard drive resulting in a 12-yard TD run by Davenport to trim the deficit to 20-14.

"And at that point we were still feeling pretty good about ourselves," the Lutheran Westland coach said.

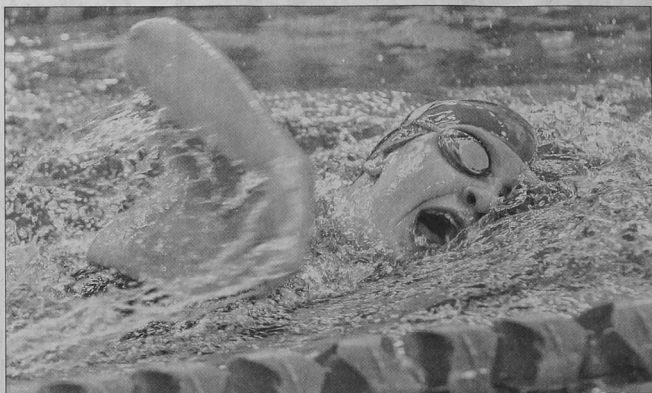
But in the final quarter, Liggett scored three straight TDs on 7, 4 yards by Jackson, along with a 25-yard run by Darryl Lewis to build a commanding 42-14 advantage.

The Warriors then scored in the final minute when freshman D.J. Nickels ran in from 38 yards to complete the scoring.

Liggett, which improved to 4-3 overall and 4-1 in the MIAC, had 294 total yards to Lutheran Westland's 222.

Jackson led all rushers with 170 yards on 17 carries.

MISCA SWIMMING & DIVING MEET



Canton's Claire Green, shown from a recent meet, won the 500 freestyle at the MISCA meet. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tankers make splash at MISCA meet

A number of girls swimmers from Canton, Plymouth and Salem enjoyed top 20 success at Saturday's MISCA meet at Bloomfield Hills High School.

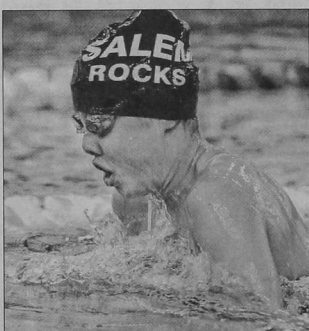
Undoubtedly the top event featuring local swimmers was the 500 freestyle, where Canton junior Claire Green and Plymouth senior Sarah Dombkowski finished 1-2, respectively.

Green eclipsed the field with a time of 5:04.62, finishing ahead of Dombkowski (5:07.11) and Zeeland's Rachel Hoeve (5:07.16).

Dombkowski and Green also were in a close battle in the 200 freestyle. Dombkowski's time of 1:56.07 was good for fifth place, edging sixth-place Green (1:56.56).

The only other P-CEP swimmer to finish first in an event was Salem's Linda Zhang, who won the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:05 flat, followed by Hannah Jenkins of Canton (eighth, 1:08.55) and Katie Xu of Salem (14th, 1:09.87).

Linda Zhang also nearly won the 200 individual medley. Her time of 2:06.73 was good for second place behind Zeeland's Morgan Bullock



One of Salem's top performers at the MISCA meet, Katie Xu, is shown from earlier this season. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

(2:04.95).

Also distinguishing themselves in the 200 IM were Plymouth's Alexa Earls (13th, 2:13.09), Salem's Stephanie Solterman (15th, 2:13.78) and

Salem's Xu (2:14.25).

Almost a double winner was Salem's Lisa Zhang, who finished tied for fourth in the 50 freestyle (24.42) and third in the 100 butterfly (57.68).

Making the top 10 in the 100 backstroke was Salem freshman Molly Rowe, who finished with a time of 59.90. Not too far behind Rowe was Plymouth's Alexa Earls, whose 1:00.40 was good for 14th.

The Rocks also showed they are strong in relays, with third-place finishes in the 200 medley and 400 free relays.

Combining to finish with a time of 1:49.45 in the former were Solterman, Linda Zhang, Xu and Lisa Zhang.

In the 400 free relay, both Zhangs teamed up with Patricia Freitag and Julia Suriano to finish in 3:37.93.

Canton's combination of Emily Meier, Emily Hagan, Jenkins and Destinee Barmore-Hicks finished 13th in the 200 medley relay (1:54.69) while Plymouth's Allison Lennie, Caylin Waters, Earls and Dombkowski boasted a 15th-place finish in the 400 free relay (3:46.14).

The MISCA meet was considered a worthwhile gauge for swimmers and coaches as they progress toward earning MHSAA cuts.

SALMIA, NOV. 22: Last Thursday at Salem, the Rocks prevailed in this KLAAC Central Division varsity girls swimming and diving meet. **Swimming state cuts for the Rocks were:** Lisa Zhang (50 free, 24.94, Linda Zhang (500 free, 5:14.33) and Katie Xu (100 back, 1:00.83).

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Crusaders win Big Guns Classic

The No. 4-ranked Madonna University women's volleyball team captured its fifth tournament title of the season picking up a pair of victories Saturday at the Big Guns Classic in Joliet, Ill.

MU, now 30-0 overall, rebounded from a rough second set to down Trinity Christian (Ill.) in four, 25-21, 16-25, 25-22, 25-18, before sweeping host University of St. Francis (Ill.), 25-21, 25-11, 25-18, to go 4-0 on the weekend.

Emilie Freeman (Livonia/Lutheran Westland) and Stacey Catalano were the big guns in the victory over St. Francis with 16 and 14 kills, respectively.

Senior setter Evia Prieditis contributed 37 assist-to-kills and a team-best 12 digs, while Payton Maxheier also had 10 digs.

Danielle Conrad and Brittany Showalter combined for 28 assists for St. Francis (19-8).

The 6-foot-3 Freeman finished with a career-high 20 kills, while Catalano, Kayla Vogei and Katie Breault added 10 apiece in the victory over Trinity.

Prieditis collected 48 assists, while Amanda Obyrcki and Catalano led the defense with 21 and 12 digs, respectively.

Jessica Wiltjer and Lauren Macaluso had 11 and 10 kills, respectively, for Trinity (26-5).

After beating Viterbo (Wis.) 3-0 in Friday's opener, the Crusaders the downed Carroll College (Mont.) in straight sets, 25-21, 25-20, 25-19, as Freeman finished with 14 kills.

Other leaders for MU included Catalano (11 kills, 13 digs); Prieditis (43 assists, 15 digs); Obyrcki (15 digs); Maxheier (13 digs); and Breanna Geile (11 digs).

Elli Graf had 10 kills for Carroll (10-13).

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Huron Valley Lutheran soars to win

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran got 14 kills and seven aces from senior Lexus Medina en route to a 25-19, 25-13, 25-19 MIAC Blue Division girls volleyball triumph Tuesday.

The Hawks over next-door neighbor Lutheran High Westland. "Lutheran Westland's always a tough team to play and we had to play well to to get this match to night," said HVL coach Mike Dett, whose team improved to 20-7 overall and 5-4 in the division. "We're really been working hard on our defense."

Others leading the way for the Hawks were Madison Dett (nine kills, five aces), Dayna Schroeder (seven kills, three blocks), Anne St. John (30 assist-to-kills), Sarah Setian, (six kills, three blocks), Bethany Schaffer, (six digs), and Nikki Alcini, (five digs, three aces).

Meanwhile, the Warriors (8-14, 3-5) got five kills and 10 aces over next-door Refenes, along with 12 digs from Julia Yancy, Allie Lange and Emily Brown each added four kills.

"We played very poorly tonight," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said, "and against a good team you can't afford to do that and expect to win. I thought HVL beat us in every phase of the game tonight."

On Saturday, Lutheran Westland went 1-2-1 in the Romulus Dig Pink Tournament.

The lone victory came against Belleville (25-15, 25-21) along with a split against Wayne Memorial (28-26, 25-27). The Warriors suffered losses to Dearborn (18-25, 18-25) and Westland John Glenn (17-25, 18-25).

Refenes had 23 kills, 21 assists and 13 digs on the day, while Lange finished with 14 kills and 15 digs.

Digs leaders included Sabrina Morrison (30), Yancy (24), Bethany Hoehne (23) and Madison Conley (19).

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Chiefs make 'Senior Night' one to remember

Senior Night couldn't have been any better for Canton's varsity girls volleyball team Tuesday night.

That's because the Chiefs defeated visiting Westland John Glenn in straight sets (25-13, 25-13, 25-18) to capture the KLAAC South Division championship for the fourth time in school history. Canton (24-6-1 overall, 9-1 in the KLAAC South) went right to work against the Rockets, as soon as festivities honoring seniors Lauren Kahrs, Lauren Bedro, Chelsea Janice, Madison Kelly, Rachel Buzenberg and Sasha Cucuz concluded.

"After a dismal performance last week against (Livonia) Churchill, I am happy to see my team bounce back," Canton head coach Steve Johnson said. "Our seniors really stepped up and lead the

way tonight. "They are a tough bunch, and I see that rubbing off on our nine juniors."

All six seniors made key contributions to the victory, with Kiely contributing 24 defensive digs, Janice chipping in with 24 assists and Buzenberg adding 14 helpers. Cucuz (nine kills), Kahrs (nine digs) and Bedro (four blocks) all made their presences felt.

Also helping the cause were junior Haley Diedrick (eight kills, 10 digs), junior Lauren Schornack (nine kills) and junior Courtney Kurkie (five kills).

Rocks victorious on Senior Night

Salem also posted a Senior Night win Tuesday, 25-23, 25-17, 25-21 over South Lyon

East. "It was a great way to end with a victory in their last home game," Rocks head coach Amanda Nies said. "They played together and never let up."

Salem's quartet of seniors were instrumental to the win, which upped the Rocks record to 6-12 overall and 3-6 in the KLAAC Central Division.

Nikki Manser tallied 26 digs and "really passed well tonight," Nies said.

Also sold were Nicole Jablonski (16 assists, three aces, five digs), Taylor Jaaska (six digs, 15 assists) and Kelly Whalen (six kills, two aces).

Other Salem players of note included sophomore Tess Ganich (12 digs, 16 kills) and junior Kate Leon (13 kills, three aces, seven digs).

Cats claw Wayne

In a KLAAC South match Tuesday, host Plymouth (20-7, 6-4) came away with a 25-15, 27-25, 25-22 win over Wayne Memorial (5-28-5, 0-1).

Leaders for the Zebras included Danielle Robbins (eight kills, 10 digs, two aces); Karley Buford (seven kills, five blocks, five digs); and Deja Tamlin (eight kills, four blocks, seven digs).

"After the first set we decided to mix things up and start a whole new lineup because we have nothing to lose," Wayne coach Samantha Dye said. "So our sophomore setter Kaitlyn Lees took over setting and we moved Deja Tamlin to the outside. We came together and stepped up the competition for Plymouth."

RUNNERS

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Chiefs 3rd at River Rat Invite

Canton finished third out of 13 teams at Saturday's River Rat Invitational win 110 points, trailing Saline (47) and Ann Arbor Pioneer (51).

In fourth place was Wayne Memorial, with 132 points, followed by Ann Arbor Huron (145).

Spearheading the Chiefs was Evan Dunklee, seventh overall with a time of 16:31.9. That enabled Dunklee to tie for the fourth fastest time in Canton boys cross country history.

In 17th for the Chiefs was Ammar Chishti (17:11.2), with Billy Teth 24th (17:21.9). Other Canton finishers



Plymouth's varsity boys cross country team celebrates after winning Saturday's Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard invitational.

included Evan Childs (40th, 17:35.7), Mike Roberts (43rd,

17:39.3), Nick Socha (46th, 17:43.9), Sean Carey (75th,

18:07.0) and Tom Walkinshaw (85th, 18:24.9).

RELIGION CALENDAR

OCTOBER

ANNIVERSARY MASS

Time/Dale: 11:30 a.m. Oct. 20
Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Archbishop Allen Vigneron will serve at his 50th anniversary Mass. Dinner, entertainment and guest speaker are also planned at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Cost is \$60
Contact: 734-425-5590

BREAKFAST

Time/Dale: 8:30-11:30 a.m.
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: St. Theodore Men's Club serves an all-you-can-eat breakfast of pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice and milk. Adults pay \$3; children, 2-10, pay \$1.50
Contact: 734-425-4421

CONCERT

Time/Dale: 7 p.m. Oct. 19
Location: St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 48000 Warren Road, Canton
Details: Composer Paul Tisio will perform his own music. The event is free and designed for all faiths and ages. Fellowship and refreshments following the performance. RSVP preferred, although last minute walk-ins welcome
Contact: 734-455-5910

DINNER, MARRIAGE

Time/Dale: 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18
Location: School cafeteria at St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: The Rev. Leo Patalinghog, chef, author, parish priest and host of EWTN's "Grace Before Meals," will cook dinner and offer advice for strengthening marriage and family life. Cost is \$40 per couple, which includes dinner, dessert, and wine. Maternity and gluten-free options are available. Reservations required
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 207; www.livoniastmichael.org

MASS OF ANOINTING

Time/Dale: 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 19
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: The annual Mass is designed for Catholics who are in need of physical, mental, or spiritual healing. Those planning to attend should register with the church office
Contact: 734-261-3331

PUMPKINS

Time/Dale: 10 a.m.-dusk, Oct. 19-31
Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: The church is selling pumpkins from Blake Farms in Armada. Half of all proceeds benefit the Livonia Carez Assistance Program, which offers

help to the poor and vulnerable in Livonia
Contact: 734-464-0211
SPAGHETTI DINNER
Time/Dale: 5-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25
Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City
Details: Includes a silent auction. Dinner prices are \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children, 4-11 and free for children, 3 and under
Contact: 734-427-3660

TRUNK 'N TREAT

Time/Dale: 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26
Details: Children can trick or treat from car trunk to truck for goodies and paint and take home a pumpkin for \$1. Youngsters, 5-8, also can make crafts. Baked goods will be sold and coffee, cider and hot chocolate will be served
Contact: Mary at 248-471-1322

TRUNK OR TREAT

Time/Dale: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23
Location: Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road, 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Youngsters wear costumes and trick or treat from car trunk to trunk in the church parking lot
Contact: 248-474-6170

NOVEMBER

CONCERT

Time/Dale: 6-8:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 10
Location: St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 53 Mile, Livonia
Details: "Praisefest," will include performances by five praise bands, with free will donations to help their local charities
Contact: 734-422-6038

CONCERT

Time/Dale: 11 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 17
Location: Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell, Southfield
Details: Laurie Berkner will bring her "The You & Me Tour" to the congregation.
Contact: 248-357-5544; shaareyzedek.org/education/laurie-berkner

MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Time/Dale: 8:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Nov. 2
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: "Beyond the Homonym," a marriage conference focused on the practical and spiritual aspects of Christian marriage and family life. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Reservations are required
Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200 or 207; www.livoniastmichael.org

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ADKINS, Edward Paul

Oct. 12, 2011, age 54, of Westland. Beloved son of Mac and the late E. Paul. Dear brother of Ned, Pauletta (Clifford) Wilcox, Eva (Douglas) Hagedorn. Uncle of Douglas Paul Hagedorn II, Alan Hagedorn, Lauren Wilcox. Family had visitation at The Funeral Home. Please visit and sign a tribute at www.uthfh.com

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MOORE, ROBERT EDWARD

Born February 18, 1932 in Detroit. Passed away October 13, 2013 in Ann Arbor. Survived by wife Elizabeth; children, Michael (Kerry) Moore and Debra (Jack) Stewart; brothers, Gordon and George Moore; seven grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren. Bob was employed with Ford Motor Company Michigan Truck Plant in Wayne. He was a proud member of the United Auto Workers Local 900. Cremation has taken place through Southern Michigan Services in Livonia. Michigan. His cremains will be inurned at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock. Friends may gather from 2:00pm until 6:00pm, Saturday, October 19, 2013 at the UAW Local 900, 38200 Michigan Avenue in Wayne, Michigan. Memorials for those who desire are suggested to the American Cancer Society. Online guests may leave words of inspiration and comfort, share a photo, or make a donation, by visiting www.merklife.com and then selecting the Online Tributes page.

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KALINOWSKI, ALEXANDRA T.

Age 81, passed away October 11, 2013. She was born on June 2, 1932 in Poland to the late Jan and Veronika (Kurzy) Rusnicka. Alexandra was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She loved music, and enjoyed the outdoors, taking walks and noticing the trees and all the nature around her. She loved animals, especially her loving cat Boris. She was an excellent host. Alexandra was selfless, and always put others needs before her own. She was known for her cheescake and cherry pie. She worked at the Clinique counter in Hudson's at Westland Mall for 23 years prior to her retirement in 1959. She was preceded in death by her husband, George in 2013. George and Alexandra would have celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary on October 16, the day of her funeral Mass. Alexandra is survived by her loving children: Mark (Patrice), Christopher (Anna), Brittany, Christine, Michael, Nick, Ava, Melody (Tony), and Paul Overly; great-grandchildren: Chris Jr., Marcos, Elijah, and Leah and her two nieces: Christine (daughter Carrie) and Barbara (Patrice); cousins: Jim (Jeanne) Kurzym, George (Cindy) Kurzym, and Henry (Kater) Kurzym. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Roman in 1941 and her grandson, Ricky in 1990. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, October 15 from 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 16 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Online guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com

HANSON, DALE SVEN

Passed away on September 29, 2013, from surgical complications. He would have been 75 years old on November 10th. With Dale when he died were his devoted wife Elizabeth (Libby) Dickinson and his son Dr. Tim Hanson. Dale was a resident of Sanibel Island, Florida, and he spent portions of the summer in Bay Harbor, Michigan and St. Paul, Minnesota, which was his home state until retirement. Dale lived a vital, adventurous, and fun life, right up until his death. A former Commodore of the Captiva Island Yacht Club, he was a lifelong and passionate boater. In recent years, Dale and Libby discovered touring by motor coach throughout the United States. Most of all, however, Dale found special joy in being a husband, father and grandfather and in his many friendships. Dale was a graduate of Albert Lea High School in Albert Lea, Minnesota, and was recently awarded its Distinguished Alumni award. In 1960, he was graduated from Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota with a B.A. in Economics. Dale served with the Minnesota Army National Guard from 1962 through 1968, completing his service as a First Lieutenant. For over 25 years, Dale was employed by US Bank and its predecessors. He was President and a director of First National Bank of St. Paul and later an Executive Vice President of First Bank System.

While with First Bank System, Dale became a director of C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc. in Eden Prairie, Minnesota. When Dale retired from First Bank System, he joined C.H. Robinson in 2000. Dale was active in corporate, civic, and charitable boards throughout his life, most notably: Edwards Mfg. Co. (a family business in Albert Lea), Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, St. Paul Chamber of Commerce, St. Paul United Way, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, St. Paul Council of Arts and Sciences, Twin Cities Public Television, Somerset Country Club, Captiva Island Yacht Club, The Sanctuary Golf Club, and BIG Arts. He also was appointed by St. Paul Mayor George Latimer to chair the St. Paul Riverfront Development Corporation. Dale and Libby loved their life together on Sanibel Island and supported the arts, marine research and education, and the preservation of the natural beauty and wildlife of Sanibel and Captiva Islands. Dale is survived by his wife Libby, by his brother Kim Hanson and wife Alice Deane Hanson, his son Tom (Tucker) Hanson, wife Beth Kabak, and children Lizzy, Ben and Caroline; his son Tim Hanson, wife Mimi, and children Tea and Lars, step-daughter Debbi D. Kelly, husband John, and children Jack and Julia; and his first wife Joan Benton Hanson. In memory of the life of Dale Hanson, donations may be made to the Hanson Ethics Fellowship at Carleton College, One North College Street, Northfield, Minnesota 55057. Dale and Libby were founders of this program, which recently was described by the President of Carleton as "a special, distinctive, and important feature of Carleton's profile... [and] something rare and valuable." Celebrations of Dale's life will be held at 4:00 p.m. on November 10, 2013, at Chapel by the Sea on Captiva Island, Florida and in the spring of 2014 Dale's life will be announced at the House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, Minnesota.

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NEW BLUES SERIES DRAWS LOCAL, INTERNATIONAL MUSICIANS

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

R.J. Spangler, drummer and record producer, says blues fans are in for a treat when the new series, *Blues @ the Elks* debuts in Plymouth.

Spangler, vice president of the Detroit Blues Society, is coordinating talent for the series and will perform along with pianist David Vest of Canada and guitarist George Bedard of Ann Arbor at the upcoming show.

"David is a lively and exciting performer — the real deal," Spangler said. "David is a good friend of mine from Vancouver.

"And as far as blues is concerned, you'll not find a better guitar player than George Bedard anywhere."

The show will start at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, at the Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road. Donation at the door is \$5.

It comes a week before the Lodge's monthly Jazz @ the Elks concert, which will feature Johnny Trudell and his quartet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29. The \$10 donation includes hors d'oeuvres. The Jazz @ the Elks series started a few years ago and runs the last Tuesday of the month.

Judy Butler, Lodge manager, suggested the new blues series.

"We have jazz here every month and one of the members here does the newsletter for the Blues Society. I talked to him about maybe trying a blues series. It's something a little different," she said. "We'll see how it goes. If it



Bedard

takes off and people start requesting stuff, then we might do the same (as jazz nights) and have hors d'oeuvres."

Drawing new members

Butler said the blues series likely will continue to run on Tuesdays, but will move to the second Tuesday of the month. The Steve Nardella Band is the featured performer on Nov. 12.

She hopes the series will attract potential new members for the Elks Lodge.

"It's something to do, to come out to and enjoy. We're hoping if they like that (the series) then they make like the rest of the club. I'm hoping people will come in and ask questions about the Lodge," she said.

Spangler said he's excited to produce the music series for the Plymouth Elks Lodge.

"It's a nice space and blues music needs a home there," he said. "I hope it draws from everyone. I hope hardcore blues fans show up and I hope everyone shows up.



Vest

Blues musicians

Spangler has promoted and played music for many years in the metro area. He co-founded the Anti-Freeze Blues Festival in Ferndale, was involved with Jazz on Jefferson and created a music series at the Scarab Club in Detroit. He also co-founded the band, the Sun Messengers and ran a band for Detroit blues guitarist, Johnnie Bassett. He performs in a swing band and jazz trio and has performed at blues and R&B concerts with Thornetta Davis, Marcus Belgrave, Shirley King, and many others.

Bedard, a self-taught guitar-



R.J. Spangler will perform at the debut of Blues @ the Elks, Tuesday, Oct. 22, in Plymouth. He also is coordinating the new blues series.

ist, teamed up with blues harpist and guitarist Steve Nardella in the 1970s to form the Silvertones, a blues/rockabilly band in Ann Arbor. He played with Tracy Lee & the Leonards in the 1980s and formed his own band, the Kingpins, in the early 1990s. They recorded three CDs together. Bedard also released two solo albums, including *Further On*, which became available this year.

Vest grew up in Birmingham, Ala., and played his first

gig in 1957, opening for Roy Orbison five years later. He sang lead vocals for the Paul deLay Band from 2002-06 and later co-founded the group, Northwest Panoramas. While in Portland, Ore., he won five Monday Awards from the Cascade Blues Association.

For more about Blues @ the Elks visit mlyb180.tripod.com/. For the Detroit Blues Society, visit www.detroitbluessociety.org.

Transform into a monster or beast at makeup workshop

The Motor City Theatre in Livonia will offer a workshop in makeup artistry just in time for Halloween.

"Zombies, Monsters & Beasts! Startling Makeup FX Transformations for Beginners" will run 3-5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Grand Street Playhouse, 27555 Grandland.

The workshop costs \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door if space is available. Jeffrey Ferreri of Livonia, an art teacher at Sampson Academy in Detroit and a professional makeup effects artist, will teach the class.

Students will learn simplified versions of the techniques used in Hollywood to turn people into zombies, monsters and other creatures of the night.

Ferreri has created makeup effects for video, theater, haunted houses, and films including *Robin Hood: The Beginning and Exposure*.

"This workshop is aimed at those people who have bought or looked at makeup at Halloween but didn't quite know what to do with it. We'll cover everything from simply looking a little creepy all the way to becoming a terrifying monster and even methods for creating blood and gore," Ferreri said, in a press release.

Participants should wear an old shirt, bring a mirror

and whatever makeup they have. A three-dimensional skin material will be provided for a hands-on experience as well as printed materials.

"We're letting you have the opportunity to experiment a bit and gain an awful lot of information in a fun format. We'll have fun getting messy and getting scary."

"In the past few years zombies have become extremely popular, so I'm providing some focus on this type of character. There is so much variety possible from simply looking dead to having terrible holes in your face or your jaw hanging off. Zombies aren't the only use for gory techniques — one person may want to dress up as a werewolf and their companion could be made up as their victim."

The Motor City Theatre offers an adult troupe, Motor City Players, and youth productions through the Motor City Youth Theatre.

"We're very excited about expanding beyond the plays that we've become known for, and this workshop is just the first of many new things we'll be offering the community," stated Nancy Florkowski, the group's founder, executive director and artistic director.

Register for the makeup workshop at 313-535-8962, www.mct.org/ or through the theater's Facebook page.

Michigan Phil gets into Halloween spirit

The Michigan Philharmonic will perform Halloween-themed music in an old auto garage decorated for a "scary" concert, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, at Steppingshane School, 30250 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills.

"The Phantom, a Witch and a King," will include well-known classics, including *Night on Bald Mountain* and *Hall of the Mountain King*, along with music from movies and Broadway plays,

such as *Wicked*, *King Kong*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *The Addams Family* and *Spider-Man*. The audience will get a chance to participate on the finale, *Ghostbusters*.

Audience members may wear costumes to the concert. Tickets are \$30 general admission; \$25 for seniors, 62 and older; and \$10 for students with ID. Season tickets also are available. Call 734-451-2112 or visit www.michiganphil.org.

GALLERY@V

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, during public performances, or by appointment, through Oct. 28

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: The 21st annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition includes 47 pieces, including paintings, sculptures, mixed media, charcoal drawings, pastels, ceramics and photography.

Contact: 734-394-5300, Ext. 8

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Oct. 26

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: Terry "Under the Inspired Influence" includes works by Anita Andersons, Renee M. Dooley, Mary Fortuna, Diane Hawkey, Leann Meixner, Juana Moore, Kate Paul, and Mike Sniak. The show will give visitors a glimpse of what inspires the artists and compels them to create.

Contact: 248-344-0497

UPPER HALL GALLERY

Time/Date: Through Oct. 7, pub hours are 3 p.m.-midnight Monday-Thursday, 3 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Saturday, and noon-midnight, Sunday

Location: Liberty Street Brew Pub, 149 W. Liberty, Plymouth

Details: Amy Lockard exhibits photos of Michigan's Upper Peninsula

Contact: 734-207-9600

DANCE MUSIC HALL

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Oct. 20

Location: 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

Details: The Shanghai Ballet performs the classic Chinese folk tale, "The Butterfly Lovers." Tickets range from \$30-\$250 at the Music Hall box office or at ticketmaster.com

Contact: 313-887-8500

FILM MJR DIGITAL CINEMAS

Time/Date: "Turbo," Oct. 19-20 and "Despicable Me 2," Oct. 26-27

Location: Nine MJR theaters, including the Westland Grand Digital Cinema 16, 6800 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Full children's film festival; parents pay \$1. Advance tickets are not available, and tickets are distributed on a first-come, first served basis until theater is at capacity

Contact: 734-298-6257

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 18-19, and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "The Spectacular Now," admission \$5

Coming up: "Planes," 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26-27

Shock-tober Series: "Phantom of the Opera," with Nelson Edley and Susanna Foster, Oct. 17; "Abbott & Costello Meet

GET OUT! CALENDAR

The cast of "Murder by Poe" will bring Edgar Allan Poe's works to life. Oct. 18-20 at Barefoot Productions Theatre, 240 N. Main, Plymouth. Tickets are \$15, 734-560-1493.

Frankenstein, with Lon Chaney Jr. and Bela Lugosi. Shows start at 7 p.m. Admission is \$3

Contact: 734-453-0870, www.penn-theatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18

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

Details: "The Shining" with Jack Nicholson and Shelley Duvall; tickets, \$5

Coming up: "He Who Gets Slapped," with Lon Chaney and live accompaniment by John Lauter; 8 p.m. Oct. 19 tickets \$6; Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho," starring Anthony Perkins and Vera Miles, 8 p.m. Oct. 25 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Oct. 26; tickets \$5

Contact: 313-537-5560

HISTORICAL HISTORIC HALLOWEEN

Time/Date: Every half hour from 6:30-9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 6:30-8 p.m. on Sundays, weekends through October

Location: Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakman Blvd., Dearborn

Details: The Halloween event is modeled after the holiday as it was celebrated during the first half of the 20th century and includes a jack-o-lanterned path, costumed characters, storytelling and 1930s cartoons. Tickets are \$12.75 for members and \$15 for non-members, children under 2 are free

Contact: 313-9872-6007; www.thehenryford.org

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: The current exhibit, B47, highlights leisure activities that families and individuals engaged in before television. The exhibit runs through Nov. 10. Admission \$5 for adults and \$2 for students 6-17

Tea Time: The annual Masquerade Tea runs 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3. Liz Kersters, museum executive director, will portray Mary Seelye Davis, who was a Plymouth resident from the late 1820s-1895. Kersters also will show her extensive collection of Victorian mourning items. The event includes a Victorian-style tea. Tickets are \$20 for members and \$25 for nonmembers if purchased by Oct. 18; after that date add

\$5 to the price. Get tickets at plymouth-history.org

Contact: www.plymouthhistory.org

734-453-8940

MUSIC**BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY**

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the third Saturday of the month through May

Location: The IWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: The event includes open mic performers. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and include free admission

Contact: Scott Ludwig at BFSPresidents@comcast.com

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18

Location: The Jazz Cafe at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

Details: Classical Jam opens the Society's inDepth music series. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$40 the day of the concert

Contact: www.musicdetroit.org or call 248-855-6070

FARMINGTON PLAYERS BARN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9

Location: 23332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Magic Toys plays classic rock of the 1960s and 1970s. Tickets are \$19 for adults and \$17 for students and seniors. Buy them at https://reeg.ihogw.com/ or call 248-473-1848 or buy in person at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Contact: 248-473-1856

JAZZ AT THE ELKS

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

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1470, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Johnny Trudell and his quartet perform Oct. 23. The band includes Trudell on trumpet and flugelhorn, Ray Tim on bass, Billy Cairo on drums and Chuck Shmetariak on keyboard. \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans.

Contact: 734-453-1780 or email to [plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com](mailto://plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com)



MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

NATIONAL DAY OF DOING GOOD

Saturday, Oct. 26



See how YOU can make a difference

Join Observer & Eccentric Media, in support of Make A Difference Day - the largest day of volunteering in the USA. For more than 20 years, Gannett Inc. has mobilized millions across the country for this national day of doing good. As part of our commitment to the communities we serve, Observer & Eccentric Media is partnering with your local Goodfellows in the

"Pennies from Heaven" project. Several area Goodfellows have joined the project as part of their commitment to ensuring every child has a Christmas.



Our Goal is to collect one million pennies

Bring your pennies to the following locations on Saturday, Oct. 26th.

Canton:

10 a.m. - Noon
Canton's Summit on the Park
Community Center
46000 Summit Pkwy.

Livonia:

10 a.m. - Noon
Civic Senior Center Lobby
15218 Farmington Rd.

Novi:

10 a.m. - Noon
Fire Station #1
42975 Grand River Ave.

Redford:

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
The Marquee - 5145 Beech Daly Rd.
(at the SW corner of Five Mile Rd. and
Beech Daly behind the Township Hall)

Garden City:

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Garden City High School
6500 Middlebelt Rd.

Milford:

10 a.m. - Noon
Milford Fire Department
325 W. Huron St.

Plymouth:

9 a.m. - Noon
Farmers Market - In front
of Penn Theatre
760 Penniman Ave.

Southfield:

12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
21477 Bridge St., Ste E
(off of the north side of 8 Mile
/ west of Telegraph Rd.)



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salt

KNOW THE REASONING BEHIND YOUR SEASONING

Salt may be the original seasoning, but its current uses and applications can be as varied as the variety of salts that are available, leaving many in the kitchen wondering which is the best salt to use for various purposes. Fortunately, you don't need to be a gourmet chef to use salts in ideal ways to help unlock the full flavor of your favorite dish.

No matter what salts you love most, always keep several types on hand and try to use each for its ideal purpose.

SEA SALT: As its name suggests, water is harvested directly from the sea and allowed to evaporate until only salt remains. All-purpose sea salt can be measured like table salt and used in your favorite recipe. The smaller crystals of fine sea salt blend easily into dishes, helping to unlock the flavor of food. A sprinkle of coarse sea salt is ideal for finishing vegetable dishes and desserts.

KOSHER SALT: The compact crystals of coarse kosher salt adhere well to food and dissolve slowly, imparting a well-rounded flavor. That makes it great for brining meat, rimming margarita glasses, roasting, barbecuing, marinating and making rubs. Its flakes are much bigger than table salt, and chefs like that it can be easily pinched for measuring. So, why is it called kosher? It originally received its name because of its role in the process of making meats kosher, but it has many more uses.

TABLE SALT: This go-to kitchen staple is a must for baking because the uniform crystals allow for precise measurements. Its crystals are also fine, making it perfect for filling salt shakers, spreading evenly over food and unlocking the flavors of your favorite meals and desserts.

Once you become familiar with the distinctive sizes, flakes and flavors of various salts, you will quickly become an expert at pairing each with your favorite dishes. Coarse sea salt provides the perfect finish for Sea Salt Caramel Brownies, while a fine sea salt seasons side dishes, such as One Pot Easy Cheesy Vegetables & Rice. So, fill your pantry with several different kinds and start sprinkling away. Visit www.MortonSalt.com for recipes and more information about various types of salt.

— Courtesy of Family Features

ONE-POT EASY CHEESY VEGETABLES & RICE

- 1/2 tablespoons vegetable or canola oil
- 1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 1 cup extra-long grain rice (15 minute variety)
- 2 cups frozen mixed vegetables
- 3 cups chicken stock
- 1 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

Heat oil in medium saucepan over medium-high heat. Add remaining ingredients, except for cheese. Bring to boil for 1 minute. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer for 10 minutes, or until liquid is absorbed. Add cheese and stir until melted and serve immediately.

ROASTED PARMESAN CRISPED POTATOES

- 1 (24-ounce) package frozen potato wedges, skins on
 - 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
 - 4 garlic cloves, minced
 - 1 teaspoon paprika
 - 1/2 teaspoon Morton Coarse Kosher Salt
 - Nonstick cooking spray
 - 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
 - 1/2 cup crushed croutons (about 1/2 cup croutons)
- Place frozen potatoes in a large self-sealing plastic bag. Combine oil, garlic, paprika and kosher salt. Drizzle over potato wedges. Seal bag and shake to coat potatoes. Lightly grease a 15- by 10- by 1-inch baking pan with nonstick cooking spray. Arrange potatoes in single layer in prepared pan. Bake potatoes according to package directions, turning once. In a separate bowl combine cheese and croutons. Sprinkle over potatoes, continue to bake an additional 10 to 15 minutes to crisp topping. To maintain crisp texture, serve potatoes in a single layer.

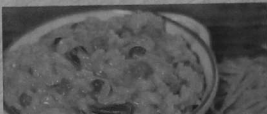
SEA SALT CARAMEL BROWNIES

- 1 package fudge brownie mix
 - Eggs
 - Vegetable oil
 - Water
 - 20 pieces Individually wrapped caramels
 - 2 tablespoons milk
 - 1 teaspoon coarse sea salt
- Heat oven and prepare brownie mix per on-pack directions. Place brownie mix in 8-inch by 8-inch baking pan and set aside. Place unwrapped caramels and milk in microwave-safe bowl and microwave on high for 1 minute, then 10-second intervals until the caramels are easily whisked. Whisk caramel sauce until caramel mixture is smooth and thoroughly combined. Drizzle caramel sauce on top of brownie batter. Bake brownies from oven. Sprinkle coarse sea salt over brownies. Cool brownies before cutting.



WHITE FISH WITH CRISP GARLIC CRUST OVER SAUTEED SPINACH

- 4 fresh whitefish fillets (1-1/2 pounds)
 - 1/2 cup olive or vegetable oil, divided
 - Juice of 1-1/2 whole lemons, cut in half and divided
 - 1-1/2 teaspoons Morton Coarse Kosher Salt, divided
 - 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
 - 8 garlic cloves, minced and divided
 - 1 cup dried plain bread crumbs
 - 1 pound fresh spinach, washed, stems removed
- Place fish in oven proof shallow baking dish. Brush each fillet with 1 tablespoon oil. Squeeze juice from one fresh lemon over fillets. Season with 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt and pepper. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes or up to 1 hour. Meanwhile, heat 2 tablespoons oil in medium skillet. Add bread crumbs and 4 cloves minced garlic; cook and stir until crumbs are light golden brown. Season with 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt. Cover and reserve until needed. Drain fish fillets of any marinade; discard marinade. Top each fillet evenly with garlic crumb crust. **Cooking:** Bake fish at 350° F for 20 to 30 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork. In large skillet, sauté remaining 4 minced garlic cloves in remaining 2 tablespoons oil until garlic is soft and aromatic. Add spinach; cook and stir until spinach is wilted. Season spinach with remaining fresh lemon juice and 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt. Serve fish immediately on bed of sautéed spinach.





Development has begun on Pinnacle, the Mocer Development community which will be the site of the 2014 Homearama luxury homes row. Shown at the site (left to right) are Dave Pawlaczyk and Dominic J. Mocer of Mocer Development, Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, Terry Gosner, Oakland Township supervisor, and Tim Berger, Oakland Township building director.

Homearama for 2014 features upscale homes

Homearama at Pinnacle in Oakland Township is a single site showcase of new homes built especially for public display by members of the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan. There will be six to eight luxury homes open to the public.

Pinnacle in Oakland Township is on the north side of Silverbell Road, east of Adams and adjacent to The Wyndgate Golf & Country Club. For a preview of the community, visit www.2014Homearama.com.

Monthly media events will begin at the site with a groundbreaking this fall. The media preview of the site is set for Aug. 27, 2014, the Charity Preview that evening.

The homes will be open to the public Aug. 29 through Sept. 14, 2014, with hours to be announced. On-site and advance ticket sales will be available.

Mocer Development, Dominic J. Mocer, is the developer. Builders are: Cranbrook Homes, Sebastian Lombardo, MJC Companies, Michael Chirco, Mocer, Frank Mocer (two homes); and Artega Homes, Brian Szlitter and Vito Terracciano.

Each home will be designed, built, fully decorated and landscaped by top local professionals. Homes will feature amenities, the latest technology and energy-saving features.

Organizers punt out that new home construction spurs productivity, cre-

ates jobs for millions of Americans and generates revenues for all levels of government.

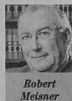
The estimated one-year impact of building 81 luxury, single-family homes includes: \$5.1 million in local income; \$5.3 million in taxes and other revenue for local governments; and 787 local jobs.

After that first year, new homes continue to contribute local income, government revenue and local jobs, they add. The ongoing benefits also include the effect of increased property taxes, based on the difference between the value of new land and the value of completed housing on a finished lot.

Food, drinks can boost turnout

Q: We have a problem with apathy at our annual meetings and I am wondering if you have any suggestions with respect to getting people to attend?

A: Over the years of representing hundreds of community associations, I have often tongue-and-cheek suggested that the way to get people at an annual meeting of the association is to either levy an additional assessment or have the meeting at an open bar. Frankly, sometimes that works, but other incentives such as a lottery or offering freebies such as soft drinks, hamburgers, etc. may induce people to come, as well as the age old attestation that it is in the best interests of the association and you as a homeowner if you participate in the clerical process of electing the leaders of your association.



Robert Meisner

Q: My association has a no dogs policy, do you think that violates the Federal Fair Housing Act?

A: No, it is perfectly permissible to have a no dogs policy, but if there is a disabled person, the association may well have to make an exception. It is my understanding that HUD is increasing its surveillance of condominium associations who do not allow persons with disabilities to have dogs. Obviously the person seeking an exception has to establish their disability and provide reasonable medical testimony to that effect. This is going to be a hot issue in the future and you should consult with your knowledgeable community association attorney regarding this matter.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and Barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 10-14, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.	2360 E Hamond Lake Dr \$250,000	MILFORD 735 E Huron St \$258,000	24823 Purlin Ct \$95,000
1711 Bowers St \$226,000	620 Fox River Dr \$187,000	1110 Riverstone Cir \$234,000	22250 Quail Run Cir \$147,000
1725 S 14 Mile Rd Unit D \$50,000	3175 Morningview Ter \$375,000	4291 W Highland Rd \$254,000	61860 Richfield St \$165,000
1435 Hazel St \$245,000	420 Rounsloe Dr \$740,000	1258 Charleston Ct \$160,000	23548 Spy Glass Hill N \$361,000
770 Henley St \$419,000	1955 Applebrook Ln \$120,000	20834 E Glen Haven Cir \$68,000	23651 Spg Lakes N N \$363,000
1533 Holland St \$465,000	2470 Wildbrook Run \$316,000	20834 E Glen Haven Cir \$68,000	838 Talon Ct \$200,000
1947 Holland St \$329,000	COMMERCIE TOWNSHIP 420 Rounsloe Dr \$740,000	956 Garca Dr \$455,000	403 W Lake St \$75,000
885 N Old Woodward Ave # 16 \$181,000	635 Annapolis St \$50,000	21546 Holmby Rd \$605,000	783 Westhills Dr \$285,000
1050 Norfolk St \$340,000	3977 Loch Bend Dr \$418,000	43633 Serenity St \$121,000	19685 Coventry Gables St \$45,000
1944 Stanley Blvd \$262,000	2355 Palmetto \$40,000	37977 Tralee Trl \$253,000	23071 Coventry Woods \$148,000
1027 Surfside Ave \$596,000	1992 Portlock Ave \$145,000	NOVI 41765 Chesterfield Ct \$535,000	89 Dr Franklin Pointe \$44,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS 238 Marlborough Dr \$138,000	FARMINGTON 33808 Glenview Ct \$176,000	41390 Clinton Dr \$128,000	17332 Gateway Cir \$90,000
1050 Norfolk St \$340,000	32015 Valley View St \$190,000	28376 Cymmer Dr \$116,000	15933 Goldwin Pl \$105,000
1944 Stanley Blvd \$262,000	FARMINGTON HILLS 635 Annapolis St \$50,000	50441 Drakes Bay Dr \$850,000	24550 Lafayette Cir \$130,000
1027 Surfside Ave \$596,000	28839 Bannockburn St \$204,000	50792 Gladex Ct E \$50,000	16233 Mayfair Dr \$70,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS 238 Marlborough Dr \$138,000	37642 Burton Dr \$234,000	24010 Greening Dr \$320,000	27689 Shagbark Dr \$65,000
1050 Norfolk St \$340,000	3051 Club House Ln \$208,000	44759 Huntington Dr \$230,000	20400 Westhaven Ave \$44,000
1944 Stanley Blvd \$262,000	31030 Evergreen Ct \$325,000	30913 Jasper Rdg \$117,000	WHITE LAKE \$303,000
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1207 Club Dr \$1,025,000	29739 Monterey Cir \$127,000	40584 Mill Road Ct E \$217,000	239 Horizon Rd \$95,000
	29866 Mullane Dr \$205,000	24910 Reeds Pointe Cir E \$186,000	10030 Lakeside Dr \$188,000
	32116 Staman Cir \$114,000	35482 Westminister Cir \$285,000	601 Overlook Dr \$52,000
	27689 W Echo Vly Unit 103 \$65,000	42583 Whitman Way \$260,000	8935 Sandycrest Dr \$230,000
	26427 Westmeath St \$245,000	SOYLVN 58670 Castle Ct \$383,000	900 Sunnybeach Blvd \$173,000
	FARMINGTON 42487 White Hart Blvd \$259,000	1177 Fountain View Cir \$105,000	8865 Sussex St \$172,000
	43583 Yorkville Dr \$109,000	59141 Peters Barn Dr \$81,000	

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

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

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. These days at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email jane.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Seminar on Tuesdays, Thursdays

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 2 p.m., held at various locations.

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

Email Georgia@dedevaluecreality.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum for investors to answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. each first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate. Members are from over \$20, which will be applied to their membership.

Any questions or concerns, call Wayne Koehler at 313-277-4168.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 1-5, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.	46842 Spinning Wheel Dr \$195,000	9848 Milburn St \$135,000	46670 Rockledge Dr \$275,000
2971 Stanton St \$252,000	19019 Myron Dr \$128,000	19019 Myron Dr \$128,000	48989 Tuscan Hills Dr \$527,000
42487 White Hart Blvd \$259,000	37589 Newburgh Park \$218,000	REDFORD 15890 Lennane \$23,000	34936 College St \$109,000
43583 Yorkville Dr \$109,000	37917 Parkhurst St \$170,000	15987 Lexington \$45,000	15584 MacArthur \$27,000
GARDEN CITY \$25,000	35550 Southampton St \$164,000	11383 Nithal \$38,000	11383 Nithal \$38,000
28844 Block St \$36,000	19463 Susanna Cir \$252,000	11447 Nathalie \$80,000	11447 Nathalie \$80,000
31473 Brown St \$146,000	38820 Trillium Ct \$113,000	23901 W Chicago \$351,000	23901 W Chicago \$351,000
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6862 Lathers St \$80,000	29088 Wayne Rd \$365,000	WAYNE 32255 Michigan Ave \$9,000	
580 Merriman Rd \$74,000	20525 Wentworth St \$95,000	15890 Lennane \$23,000	35125 Barkwell St \$13,000
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32201 Balmoral Dr \$270,000	18154 Clairmont Cir E \$127,500	11447 Nathalie \$80,000	289 Brookfield Dr \$87,000
28070 Dorset St \$118,000	1170 Bellwood Ln \$162,000	23901 W Chicago \$351,000	35718 Castlewood Ct \$49,000
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