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BACK-TO-BACK 'CATS

Canton high on best places list

Township earns No. 6 ranking based on amenities and quality-of-life issues

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton has earned a high ranking among Michigan's top 100 communities from an independent website that ranks the state's — and the country's — best places to live.

AreaVibes.com ranked Canton as the sixth best place to live in Michigan based on its amenities, cost of living, crime index, education, employment and housing.

"I think we should be No. 1 instead of No. 6," township Trustee John Anthony said, though he and other officials are flattered Canton continues to draw praise.

The Lake Michigan resort town of Saugatuck ranked first on the AreaVibes.com list, followed by Plymouth Township, Northville, Plymouth, Beechwood and Canton.

The latest study comes after Canton ranked No. 3, behind only Midland and Novi, on a

national MoveTo Blog, a real estate site that chose the best places for non-Michigan residents moving to the state.

Top-tier amenities

AreaVibes.com gave Canton an A for amenities such as grocery stores, restaurants, bars, shopping, coffee shops, schools, parks, libraries, bookstores, entertainment, public transportation and fitness centers.

"The No. 1 factor Canton has going for it is the Public Safety Department," Anthony said.

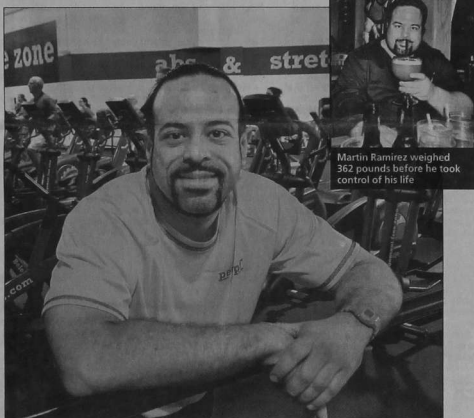
"That stands out when you talk

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Canton scored an A for a wide array of amenities on a national list. Here, The Village Theater at Cherry Hill hosts a sold-out show celebrating Bollywood music.

LIFE-SAVING CHOICE



Martin Ramirez weighed 362 pounds before he took control of his life

Martin Ramirez's commitment to getting healthy and losing weight led to a job as a fitness trainer at a local health club. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton man sheds 170 pounds to 'keep myself alive'

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Martin Ramirez had lost his self-control and faced escalating health problems when he weighed 362 pounds.

He was racing toward diabetes. He had high blood pressure. He had surgery for sleep apnea because the fat around his neck caused him to stop breathing at night.

"It was a totally deadly

and desperate situation," said Ramirez, a 38-year-old Canton resident. "I felt trapped under all the fat. I knew I had to do something to survive, to keep myself alive."

Indeed he did. He shed about 170 pounds in just over two years after he adopted better eating habits and joined the Planet Fitness health club on the northwest corner of Canton Center and Hanford.

He found help — not judgmental stares — from employees like club manager Brandon Naif and regional manager Riaz Sheriff.

"They're like a second family to me," said Ramirez, now employed there as a personal trainer and fitness instructor. He is working on his national certification. "Martin is a huge success story for us," Sheriff said.

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Canton explores new water-storage option

Township might be able to use existing water tower instead of building a new one to ease rate hikes

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

In a move aimed at easing water rate hikes, Canton intends to investigate a water-storage option by using an existing Detroit Water and Sewerage Department facility southeast of Joy and Morton Taylor roads.

Supervisor Phil LaJoy said the proposal, if feasible, could prove much cheaper than building a new water storage tower that, by last estimates,

could cost at least \$8.3 million.

The water-storage dilemma comes as the Canton Township Board of Trustees, responding to complaints about ever-increasing rates, has embarked on a mission to find the most cost-effective solution.

The board opted Tuesday evening to spend \$170,000 to hire OHM Advisors to investigate the engineering aspects of partnering with DWSJ at the Joy-Morton Taylor site.

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O&E, Goodfellows seeking '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 Saturday, 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 for the families.

Many of the children are

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"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 information on the Goodfellows website, the group helped 42 families as far back as 1985. By 2012, 473 children in 181 families, along with 30 seniors, 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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historical Society offers Halloween gatherings

Children are invited to hear ghost stories, while adults can attend afternoon tea party

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Proving it is an eclectic group, the Canton Historical Society is offering a Halloween season ghost stories and afternoon tea parties amid a 1900 setting – all to raise money to help preserve the community's history.



Lowe

First up, 35th District Judge Ron Lowe, perhaps better known for putting the fear in criminals who appear before him than for scaring law-abiding folks, is bringing his ghost stories to Canton's Summit on the Park ballroom 6-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27.

Lowe has a reputation for scaring children and adults alike by channeling storytelling talents he traces back to his family's trips down south, where as a child he listened to ghost stories in his Aunt Edna's house in western Kentucky.

Bill Tesen, Canton Historical Society president, said cider and doughnuts will be offered Sunday at the Summit, where the grand ballroom is expected to take on the appearance of a graveyard.

Chilling tales
Lowe has said his stories will get progressively scarier, so parents are allowed to bow out early if the tales get too frightening for their children.

The event is for youngsters 8 years old and up, but they must be accompanied by a guardian. Tickets are \$10 per family or \$4 for individuals. They are available at the Summit or at the door, Tesen said.

Lowe shared his theory of why people like ghost stories. "It's the fact that you can be scared, but you're in a safe environment," he said, adding later, "There has to be something in the story

with a big bang. You have to make your audience jump."

Tea parties
Meanwhile, Anita DePentu of the Canton Historical Society has announced two sessions of "A Holiday Afternoon Tea" at the Bartlett-Travis House, a historic home on Ridge Road north of Cherry Hill on Canton's far west side.

The teas are scheduled 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, and Saturday, Dec. 7. No more than 30 tickets will be sold for each session to maintain a comfortable atmosphere in the home.

"We can't really get any more in the Bartlett-Travis House than that," DePentu said.

Tickets are \$20 for historical society members and \$25 for non-members. They are available at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, DePentu said. Afternoon tea guests may partake in a variety of sandwiches, scones, desserts and teas prepared by Vicky O'Neil of Victoria's Tea Salon. The Bartlett-Travis House will be decorated circa 1900 and it is handicapped accessible.

Proceeds from all Canton Historical Society fundraisers help to preserve Canton's history, its archives and also to provide educational programs in the community. For more on the group, go to www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org.

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Drive designed to keep kids warm

The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps is collecting new gloves, scarves, hats and mittens for this year's Coats for Kids program. Local residents can "share the warmth" by donating gloves, scarves, hats and mittens anytime before Nov. 27. Donations will be accepted at The Salvation Army,

9451 S. Main, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. This year's program is made possible by a donation from the "Warming Hearts and Homes" programs with Community Financial Credit Union and with the support of Walmart Store No. 3476.

Coats, gloves, scarves, hats and mittens will be distributed to families in Plymouth, Canton, Belleville and Northville throughout the fall and winter season. For more information, contact Laurie Aren at laurie_aren@us.salvationarmy.org or 734-453-5464.

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to new people arriving in Canton. They feel very safe because we have a low crime rate. We have a nationally accredited police department."

He cited "an excellent public school system" and a cooperative township government as other reasons Canton draws new residents.

Canton saw an 18.1-percent spike in population, with 90,173 residents reported, when the 2010 U.S. Census results were revealed.

AreaVibes.com gave Canton a B-plus for cost of living, crime index, employment and housing. It assigned Canton a B for education and a D-plus – the lowest ranking it received – for weather. To be sure, most all Michigan communities scored low for weather.

Overall, Canton earned a livability score of 81, just three points behind first-place Saugatuck. The Plymouths and Northville each received a score of 83.

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy welcomed the accolades Canton has received.

'Excellent service'

"First of all, we provide excellent service to the community," he said. "And I think it's the variety of amenities and the quality of life that we have for the people. You can't think of a better place to live and raise a kid than Canton."

He also singled out the community's commitment to arts, including the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Like Anthony, he pointed to high marks for the Canton Public Safety Department.

Moreover, LaJoy lauded what he called a

hard-working township workforce and a community that prides itself on a population that is diverse in culture and ethnicity.

"It's an integral part of our success," he said. "I'm very proud of Canton. I'm proud of the community, the staff and everyone who works hard every day to be the best we can be."

More on the rankings can be found at www.areavibes.com/best-places/michigan/.

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Martin Ramirez works with Rose McEachern at Planet Fitness. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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"It was a rocky road to success. At 5-foot-9, Ramirez used food to comfort – and ultimately harm – himself, even as he was a caregiver for an ailing relative. He had strayed far from his sports-oriented childhood in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where he dabbled in boxing, baseball and martial arts."

He recalls making weights and exercise equipment using bean cans filled with cement. "I was very poor," he said.

Ramirez moved to southwest Detroit 13 years ago and then to Canton. He sought a better life, but he lost his way.

"I used food as a way of comforting myself. I became a food addict,"

he said. "When I look back, I feel like I was a prisoner in my own body under all that fat."

Yet inside, he knew he had something to contribute.

"I knew that inside me, buried under all that extra weight, lived that special person, the real me, a person that had so much to give to others," Ramirez said. Walking into Planet Fitness, he says "was the best choice of my life."

Ramirez, married with one son, now works one-on-one to help club members find an exercise program that's right for them. He also teaches small classes to help members burn fat and work their muscles.

"He's very lively," club member Dimple Parikh said as she exercised alongside a relative, Khushboo Parikh. "He invites us to his classes and he modifies it

to our level to make it more effective for everybody."

Club member Rose McEachern said Ramirez has inspired her to strive for new goals. "He's very encouraging."

He often works with people who need help as he once did. He also has developed exercise routines for injury-accident victims, people with disabilities and the frail and elderly. He strongly believes fitness is not only for the strong and healthy, but also for the weak.

Riaz recalls Ramirez's personal transformation. Riaz had been away from the Canton Planet Fitness for an extended period while he worked to start up another club. When he returned, he said, "I saw a new Martin who was half the size he used to be."

Talking with Ramirez inside Planet Fitness, it's

clear he has a special bond with the club he credits for helping to save his life. He said it has brought new passion and meaning to his life.

He enjoys teaching others "right here, in the same place that witnessed my struggles, my constant hours of intensive workout routines, my sweat and my tears," he said.

"This is the Planet I love the most besides our Mother Earth, the place that helped me (feel) born again and get back on my feet."

Later, he added, "Now I feel like a special person who has a lot to give to help others. I want to improve other people's lives. I'm willing to help as many people as I can who desire to change their lives."

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Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said the study could potentially lead to Canton building a booster station and perhaps adding capacity to the DWSJ facility for local storage.

"We could get an answer from DWSJ by January if it will work," Faas said after Tuesday's meeting.

Officials say DWSJ may have surplus capacity at the site on Canton's far north side.

Even if the proposal proves fruitless, Faas said OHM's analysis still would prove helpful as Canton continues to explore other water-storage options.

Canton hopes to find a way to soften – or perhaps reduce – future water rate hikes by easing peak-hour usage that can strain DWSJ's supply system.

An earlier report by OHM indicated that a 2.5-million-gallon water tower or ground-level storage facility could slash what Canton pays DWSJ each year by \$2.9 million.

However, Faas has cautioned that even if a water-storage plan shaves that much off the \$10 million paid each year to Detroit, that's only part of Canton's overall water-related costs of \$33 million a year.

OHM's earlier study, unveiled in January, cited four potential options – all of which would be costlier than Canton using DWSJ's existing facility at Joy and Morton Taylor. Those options, which could take at least three years to design and build, include:

- An elevated water tower southeast of Joy and Morton Taylor on land owned by DWSJ, but separate from Detroit's facility, for \$8.3 million.
- A ground-level storage facility on the same DWSJ site for \$8.5 million.
- An elevated water tower southeast of Joy and Beck roads on property owned by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for \$9.4 million.
- A ground-level facility at the Joy-Beck site for \$9.8 million.

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Cast members include (from left) Miki Somers (as Elizabeth Hartley-Trumpington), Samantha Mattern (Margaret Craddock), Ben Davis (Robert Bunting), Ali Ghannam (Constable Tompkins), Annie Courney (Dorothy Foxton), John Mullen (Inspector Pratt), Travis Ealem (Col. Charles Craddock), Joey Courtney (Pierre Marceau) and Reilly Wong (Joan Maple). BILL BRESLER (STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

Park players take on Christie spoof

Cast of five boys, five girls joins together to present 'Murdered to Death'

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Travis Ealem hadn't really thought that much about acting until playing Satan in a church skit, a performance that prompted friends to suggest he give it a try.

So Ealem, a Canton High School senior, heeded their advice and now he's starring — with nine other cast members — in the Park Players' production of *Murdered to Death*, a spoof of Agathie Christie's work about a bumbling inspector who tries to sort out the murder of a wealthy woman in 1930s England.

Ealem plays Col. Charles Craddock, a

womanizing drinker and one of eight suspects in the crime. Craddock is in an unhappy marriage with Margaret (played by Samantha Mattern), and his solution to almost everything is to have a nip. The role is ripe with comic opportunity.

"I like the fact (Charles) is basically a happier guy," said Ealem, in his first production with the Park Players. "It's fun to keep going to the sherry. It's very comedic. And the whole thing between him and Margaret is just fun to play."

Because the choice of play was delayed a bit by staffing issues, director Paul Bird has only had

TAKING THE STAGE

What: Park Players' production of *Murdered to Death*
When: Oct. 25-26, Nov. 1-2, all performances at 7 p.m.
Where: Canton High School's DuBois Little Theater
Tickets: \$10

his actors in rehearsals about a month. He said the 10-member cast — five boys and five girls — adjusted quickly.

"You always want more time," Bird said. "No matter how much rehearsal time you have, you think, 'If I only had one more week.'"

Bird had thought about producing *Murdered* last year, but when the spring musical took on light-hearted tones, he went with something more serious for the other production.

When he was looking

for something for the fall production, he decided on *Murdered*.

"I like the fact it's a five-man, five-woman cast, because it gives equal opportunities to students," Bird said. "So many plays are skewed toward (casting) men and our talent pool is a little skewed toward women."

One of those women is Salem High School senior Reilly Wong, who is playing Joan Maple, a character that spoofs Christie's Miss Marple.

Maple, according to Wong, is a bit of a busy-

body who wants to know all the gossip and pokes at everyone, "pressing their buttons." Wong said the character adds humor to the plot, but not in an outlandish way.

"The things she does are funny, but they're not outright funny," said Wong, a veteran of 13 performances who was last on stage as Marguerite in *Paradiso*. "It's more subtle."

The play centers around the investigation conducted by the bumbling Inspector Pratt, played by Canton High School junior John Mullen. Mullen, whose family moved to Canton from Virginia a few years ago, first tried out for the Park Players as a freshman. After taking last year off, he's back as a junior.

He said he's having a great time playing Pratt who, no matter how hard he works at it, seemingly gets nothing right.

"No matter how hard (Pratt) tries, he's never right and that's just fun to play," said Mullen, last on stage two years ago in *Nine*. "It's challenging to be this stupid guy. You're the one making a total fool of yourself."

Mullen's performance fits in well with the other characters, according to Bird. The director said the cast is "a nice mix" of youth and experience.

"We have a couple people who've never done a show and a couple of seniors," Bird said. "They've gelled really well and they're doing great."

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KROGER WORKERS NAB SUSPECTED BEER BANDIT

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Kroger employees tackled a suspected beer bandit during an unarmed robbery and held him until Canton police arrived during an incident at the store near Michigan Avenue and Canton Center, authorities said.

Canton Detective Sgt.

Chad Baugh said the incident happened just before 4:30 p.m. Monday amid allegations the suspect tried to leave the store with four 18-pack cases of Corona, three 12 packs of Modelo and Cheetos.

Baugh said a preliminary investigation indicated the beer may have been taken as payment to a mechanic for



Shock

Wednesday in 35th District Court on a charge of unarmed robbery, punishable by up to 15 years

car repairs. The incident led to 48-year-old Richard Kenneth Shock of Ypsilanti being arraigned

in prison with a conviction. Judge Ron Lowe set a \$50,000/10-percent bond, meaning Shock would have to post \$5,000 for his release.

A not-guilty plea was entered for him as he awaits a Nov. 1 preliminary examination to determine if he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Kroger employees told police the man loaded the merchandise into a shopping cart and tried to leave the store.

"He made no attempt to pay for it," Baugh said, based on statements the Kroger workers made to police.

Two loss-prevention employees tried to stop the man, who responded by showing the workers,

according to witness statements.

"They tackled him and held him on the ground until police arrived," Baugh said.

Police took the suspect into custody without further incident.

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CANTON CRIME WATCH

BB gun confiscated

Police confiscated a black BB gun from a man in the Walmart parking lot on Michigan Avenue near Belleville Road and cited him for violating Canton's facsimile firearms ordinance, a police report said.

Police confronted the 29-year-old man, accompanied by a female companion, after noticing two people who appeared to be arguing in the parking lot about 9:15 p.m. Friday.

The man didn't have any identification, admitted he had a warrant for unpaid child support and began to walk away, placing his hand inside his right pocket, the report said. Police ordered the man to place his hands on top of his head, frisked him and found the BB gun.

The suspect told police he had just gotten the BB gun for his children, but the police report indicated it appeared to be older. Police issued the man a

citation and took the BB gun as evidence.

Debit card fraud

A 44-year-old man who lives on Whitman, southwest of Ford and Sheldon roads, told police his debit card was used without his authorization in Las Vegas to make purchases, a police report said.

The man told police the culprit somehow used his card to buy \$24.97 in gas, \$14 in Taco Bell food and \$20 at two Mexican restaurants. The man told police he hadn't been in Las Vegas when the charges were made. He filed the police report to document the situation.

Sex offender sought

Canton police were investigating a former resident on the Michigan Sex Offender Registry who apparently moved away without notifying authorities, a police report indicated. Offenders are supposed to give notice of any move. Police went to the

44000 block of Umler, southeast of Warren and Sheldon, about 9:30 a.m. Sunday for a routine check on a 32-year-old male who is a registered sex offender. Police spoke with his brother, who said the offender wasn't living there, but might be staying with an uncle in Detroit.

The brother told police the offender's car wasn't dependable and he had moved closer to his job as a cement worker. He said he didn't have contact information for the offender.

Threatening calls

Police went to America's Best Value Inn & Suites, on Ford Road west of I-275, following reports that residents had received threatening phone calls from a man they had rebuffed on Facebook, a police report said.

Police went to the inn shortly after 9 p.m. Oct. 16 on a report of phone harassment. The residents said they had al-

lowed the 28-year-old suspect to live with them temporarily. After he left and they abandoned him on Facebook, they said he had called more than 40 times cursing and telling them to watch out. One message was played for police.

Car vandalism

A 16-year-old Salem High School student told police her car had been damaged twice in the school parking lot, apparently by someone who used a key or sharp object to cause the damage, a police report said.

The girl told police the incidents happened last week. Police noticed damage in two places on the car. While taking the report last Friday, an officer noted in the report that it appeared the driver's side rear bumper of the car also had been struck.

- By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Cycle swiped

A 2004 Suzuki motorcycle was stolen last weekend from outside an apartment on Shadywood, in the area of Schoolcraft Road and Haggerty, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report.

The complainant told police he had left the motorcycle, black with an orange sticker on its gas tank, in its usual parking spot at the apartment complex and that the theft had occurred between around noon Friday and Sunday night.

Suspicious

A woman at a house on Highmeadow Court, in the area of Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon, reported a suspicious man to police last week.

The woman said a stranger appeared to be checking out her car, shortly after noon, as it sat in the driveway. He

ran off when he saw her, she said. The car was not damaged and nothing was stolen from it.

The man was described as white, between 6 feet and 6 feet, 2 inches in height and more than 200 pounds. He was wearing blue jeans, a black T-shirt with no writing visible, work boots and a black baseball cap.

Bikes stolen

Two Schwinn bicycles - one blue and the other red and white - were reported stolen from the garage of a house on Rocker Avenue, in the area of Ann Arbor Road and Mill, earlier this month.

The bikes were taken from the unlocked garage between the morning of Oct. 4 and about 10 p.m. the next day, the complainant told police. The incident was reported until Oct. 16.

- By Matt Jachman

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Discovery of father's World War II journal shared by Canton author at Livingston County event

By Wayne Peal
Gannett Michigan

As a child, Robert Miller wondered about the white picket fence that surrounded his home.

He wondered why it wasn't a chain-link fence, like the others in his Dearborn neighborhood. He wondered why it had four gates, one on each side, and all were unlocked.

"It didn't bother me," he said. "But it was different."

It was only after his World War II veteran father died in 1994 that he understood the fence's true significance.

"It came from his experience as a prisoner of war," Robert Miller said. "He couldn't bear to see another metal fence and he couldn't bear to be closed in."

Described in detail in his father's long-hidden G.I. journal, those experiences formed the basis of Robert Miller's first book, *Hidden Hell: The*

Story of My Father's POW Diary.

The Canton resident shared those stories during a luncheon presentation before the Livingston Economic Club.

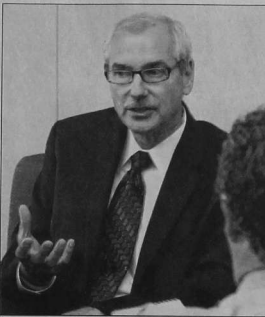
Henry Miller landed June 11, 1944, at Normandy, France, with blood from D-Day still drenching the water and sand. He was taken prisoner just two months later, enduring a 54-day forced march from France to a Nazi prison camp just outside of Munich, Germany.

There, Robert Miller said, his father endured both the best and worst of human nature.

A prison guard, known only as Heim, helped keep the starving prisoners alive by sneaking food to them.

"One day, though, he just disappeared," Robert Miller said. "My father was sure he was executed."

His father faced torture after trying to escape by himself, getting hungry and dehydrated,



Robert Miller wrote a book about his father, a POW during World War II. ALAN WARD

into a "prisoner pit." "It was similar to what was used in the concentration camps," Robert Miller said.

A second escape at-

tempt brought his transfer to another camp in Austria.

Henry Miller's liberation came as Gen. George Patton's tank units tore

their way into the heart of Nazi Germany. In preparing his book, Robert Miller forged a friendship with Patton's daughter Helen.

"She's very active with the Patton Foundation and, in Europe, she's a rock star," said Robert Miller, who also serves on the foundation.

Sustained by his love for his wife-to-be and his Catholic faith, Henry Miller assumed a quiet post-war life as an electrician and father.

His father's nightmares would last the rest of his life, Robert Miller said, but their source remained stashed away from his family in his old Red Cross diary.

"He'd never talk about his experiences," said Brighton resident Chris Blair, his niece and a frequent participant in ILEC events.

Research conducted at the National Archives and during trips to Europe, including a visit to Omaha Beach, helped Robert Miller flesh out

the details of his father's wartime experiences. They also helped spur the automotive lighting specialist to a second career as a photographer and author specializing in sharing the stories of America's military vets.

A second book - *Portraits Of Service* - detailing other veterans' experiences, followed.

"There are stories that need telling, especially to future generations," said Robert Miller, who recently became a grandfather for the second time.

His second book was compiled with Andrew Wakeford, a British photographer and writer who lives in Germany.

Robert Miller is working on a number of other projects, from documenting human trafficking in India to the devastating effects of AIDS on a South African family.

"There are other stories that need telling," he said. "A lot of them."

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mediation class

Date/Time: Monday, Oct. 28, 7:15-8 p.m.
Location: Canton Chiropractic Center, 6231 N. Canton Center in Canton

Details: Reiki Master M.J. Potter offers a meditation class where students can learn techniques to use at home.
Contact: Call 734-455-6757 for more information or to register.

Beer for the Rouge

Date/Time: Sunday, Nov. 3, 4 p.m.
Location: Liberty Street Brewing Co., 149 W. Liberty in Plymouth
Details: Get a taste of beer brewed within the Rouge River Watershed at Friends of the Rouge's fourth annual Rouge Brew. The event will include the release of a special Rouge beer brewed with locally grown hops. Rex Halfpenny of the Michigan Beer Guide will lead the tasting. Tickets for the event are \$35 in advance at [therouge.org/index.php?id=691357](http://therouge.org/in dex.php?id=691357). Proceeds from the event go to support Friends of the Rouge.

Contact: For more information or to sign up, visit www.therouge.org, email spetrella@therouge.org or call 313-792-9621.

Jazz @ the Elks

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

Details: Johnny Trudell and his Quartet - with Trudell on trumpet and flugelhorn, Ray Timi on drums, Billy Cairo on bass and Chuck Sherman 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 plymouth-elks1780@yahoo.com.

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 \$0.50 raffle. A \$20 registration is payable at the door. New this year is quarter cups, get euchred, pay quarter. Bring your quarters from the tournament 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: Pre-register your first and last name by calling 734-358-4280 or emailing CantonLionsEuchre@yahoo.com by Oct. 30.

Medicare/Medicaid 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/Medicaid Assistance Program counselor. The counselor can help understand Medicare/Medicaid eligibility and the various plans, apply for

Medicaid, research and enroll in Medicare Part D Drug Insurance, understand Medicare supplemental plans, find pharmaceutical assistance programs, identify and report Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse. No appointment necessary.

Contact: United Home Health Services at 734-981-8820 or visit the MMAP website at www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html

Puzzle class

Date/Time: Tuesday, Nov. 5 and 12, 10 a.m. to noon

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth District Library hosts a Sudoku Puzzle Intro Class to teach folks in a few easy steps how to enjoy the popular Sudoku puzzles. Class is free, but registration is required. **Contact:** Call 734-453-0750, ext. 4.

Hospice support

Date/Time: Third Saturday of each month, 10-11:30 a.m.

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support group, "Compassionate Words," providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief and incorporates a basic journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of charge.

Contact: To register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice bereavement coordinator, at 888-983-9050 or email annchristensen@ccnh.net



Canton resident Michele Dickerson (second from left) helped Detroit Red Wings captain Henrik Zetterberg distribute more than 3,200 smoke detectors to local fire department representatives following a recent team practice. The fire departments will then, in turn, donate and install the smoke alarms for low-income residents in metro Detroit who could otherwise not afford one. During the team's 12th annual Smoke Detector Collection presented by Comerica, fans donated smoke detectors and made monetary contributions at two in-game collections. Zetterberg matched the fans' donations.

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Synergy Dance Academy dazzles the spectators as members perform to the music of "Thriller" at the Pumpkin Palooza. TOM BEAUDOIN

Palooza gives kids costumed fun

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Twins Maximilian and Gabriel Bienasz were traveling in style Sunday in Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

The boys, 2½-year-old sons of Krystal and Marcin Bienasz of Canton, were among winners in the costume contest for children at Pumpkin Palooza. Their pirate ship, complete with mast, flag and a skull, impressed the judges.

"A couple days to put it together," Krystal Bienasz said of the cardboard cruiser. She found the concept on Pinterest.

"They love pirates," Marcin Bienasz added. Max was Captain Hook from *Peter Pan* and Gabriel the Tick Tock Croc who took the captain's hand.

"We love Halloween," their mom said. "It's one of our favorites." Their boys love *Peter Pan*.

The judges were busy judging children's costumes for best and scariest, both for under age 7 and over.

Liam Bernhard, 6, of Livonia was nearby with parents Chere and Don and brother Max, 15 months. Liam was a Swiss guard, just like those at the Vatican.

"He told me he wanted to be a knight that saves damsels in distress," Chere Bernhard said.

He liked the Swiss guard idea, too, and his mom designed the pattern and made the cos-

tume, even looking at pictures on the Vatican website "and trying to figure it out."

Max Bernhard was a zebra for Pumpkin Palooza, sponsored by Jack Demmer Ford, with Genisys Credit Union as sponsor of the Haunted Alley. This is the third year for the event, put on by downtown Plymouth businesses and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

Before Pumpkin Palooza, downtown Plymouth had a Pumpkin Caper at which merchants handed out candy, said Teri Fry of Plymouth, chamber event manager.

"It's an event for the kids of the community," she said, taking a break from duties. "As you can see, there are a lot of families here."

Some merchants still give out candy. Children and families enjoyed a number of stations with things like a Halloween bag toss, pumpkin bowling, pumpkin golf, face painting and crafts.

There was even a pet costume contest. Judges of the children's contest had a tough job this year, with the creativity and hard work kids displayed.

Popular costumes seen at the Palooza included Dorothy from *The Wizard of Oz*, complete with ruby slippers. Batman made frequent appearances, too, and there were a number of junior police officers and fire-



Phantom Bride Gabi Rynnion of Plymouth tries her luck at one of the many games that were on hand in Plymouth. TOM BEAUDOIN

fighters.

Kathryn and George Pappas of Northville visited Pumpkin Palooza with children Madelyn, 4, and Xander, 2. Madelyn was a baker, her brother a gingerbread man.

"They absolutely love wearing the costumes," Kathryn Pappas said. "It's another opportunity for them to wear their costumes and enjoy the festivities."

She agreed Northville also celebrates Halloween with gusto. "The

streets are just full of trick-or-treaters," Kathryn Pappas said. "It's really festive."

The Pappas parents didn't wear costumes, but many adults got in on the costume fun at Pumpkin Palooza. Some adults chose superhero or villain themes, including a couple as Batman and Catwoman.

The day also included a magician, music and a ventriloquist.

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A walk through the Haunted Alley keeps Gabrielle and mom Kim Daunoravicius of Canton busy. TOM BEAUDOIN



Twins Maximilian and Gabriel Bienasz of Canton made this pirate ship the best costume in the under 7 age bracket. PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Two-year-old Abby Soronen decked out as a Little Mermaid at the annual Pumpkin Palooza in Plymouth. TOM BEAUDOIN



U.S. Rep. Gary Peters spoke with Ray Randolph, a member of the Greater Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce, before breakfast Tuesday. JOHN STORMZANO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Peters: Government shutdown 'a sad time'

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff writer

U.S. Rep. Gary Peters called the federal government shutdown "a sad time" and "a troubling thing" as he spoke to members of four area chambers of commerce Tuesday morning in Farmington Hills.

"I am not an ideologue," said the Democrat who is seeking election in 2014 to the U.S. Senate. "It is dollars and cents and arithmetic. Ideology isn't going to fix these problems."

Peters referred to a number of congressional members who stood their ground on ideology — particularly defunding the Affordable Care Act — rather than voting to keep the federal government open in the past few weeks.

"Having an open government isn't something you negotiate," he said.

Peters was hosted by the Greater Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce, the Novi Chamber of Commerce, the Southfield Area Chamber of Commerce and the Greater West Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce.

Federal shutdown

Anticipating questions about the federal shutdown, Peters defended a hike in the debt ceiling to pay the government's bills. About a week ago, President Barack Obama signed a congressional deal that offers a temporary solution, funding the government until Jan. 15 and raising the debt ceiling until Feb. 7.

The fundamental differences over spending and deficits continue, however, to divide Republicans and Democrats, leaving the potential of another government shutdown in early 2014.

The recent shutdown

and the continuing political rift have big implications for the federal budget, Peters said. In the past 10 years, \$25 trillion has been cut from the budget. Yet in 2014, the U.S. will still have a \$400 billion deficit, an improvement over 2013 with more than \$1 trillion, he added.

Ray Randolph, a Farmington chamber member, asked what oversight Congress has when certain members refuse to budge on their ideologies. "Who is the oversight for someone who is just on a personal agenda?" he asked, referring to Sen. Ted Cruz, a Texas Republican.

Peters referred to a continuing resolution, which is appropriations legislation used to continue government funding. But many congressional members wouldn't go for it. "It was unless we get what we want ...," Peters said, adding hesitation was on both sides of the aisle.

"But there are those who don't buy into that ideological thing," he added. "It is about people coming together."

The issue, Peters continued, is the need to put a resolution on the floor to get a vote. "Some things are more important than your job as speaker," he said, referring to U.S. House Speaker John Boehner.

Congress, Peters said, needs to look out 10 years and make a budget plan. Three items are critical: economic growth — a tough thing when the shutdown cost \$24 billion — additional cuts and revenue generation.

"I assume if (the \$24 billion) is coming out of our pocket," Randolph said.

Affordable care

Discussion moved to the Affordable Care Act

when Allan Sefton of Farmington Hills, an independent insurance agent, relayed his trouble with the federal website that would allow the public and agents to see current rates and benefits.

"I'm as frustrated as you are," Peters said. "In my mind, there was plenty of time to get this ready."

Bahman Mirshab, dean of the College of Management at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield, talked of the lack of education about the Affordable Care Act.

"The reality is that this will not go away," he said, referring to the 2,000-page act.

Yet, the act is confusing and a majority of people just can't figure it out, Mirshab said.

Peters agreed, but added that the core purpose of the act — to provide all Americans with access to affordable health care — remains important. Peters said the most significant aspect to him is the slowing down of increased health costs.

The cost of health care in America, Peters said, has increased 17 times faster than wages. "We have to change the way we deliver medicine," he said, adding that a number of medical centers, including the Henry Ford Health System, are supporters.

"It changes the focus to the quality of care rather than procedures," Peters said. "When you pay by procedure, you get more procedures."

He acknowledged the current frustration with the new act: "The law is not perfect. But I've never seen a perfect law passed by Congress."

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Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

Victory Lane: As an area resident for more than 15 years, we've been looking to open a location close to our home community for some time. Plymouth is a great community and our location is fortunate to have large residential communities very close, creating a great customer base.

Observer: What makes your business unique?
Victory Lane: Many of our competitors in the

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area are more general repair facilities; they don't focus on oil changes and other light vehicle maintenance. At Victory Lane, that's all we do. We promise our customers they will receive a com-

plete oil change and vehicle inspection in under 15 minutes, in a clean and friendly environment. And with the highest level of customer service, in fact, many of our sister stores win "best of" awards. We hope our new customers will feel the same.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?
Victory Lane: We have found that the community has really embraced the convenience of ser-

vice, quality of our product and the professionalism and honesty our staff displays.

Observer: What's in store for your business?
Victory Lane: We will be having our grand opening celebration Oct. 26 and would love to see the Plymouth community come out for our ribbon-cutting, free food, 20 percent off service specials and prizes from other local businesses. We will be open that day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

Gala auction

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's annual Dinner and Gala Auction takes place 6-11 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1, at Laurel Manor. This year's theme is "Roaring in the Twenties."

The event includes dinner, open bar, dancing, plus live, silent and raffle auctions.

The gala attracts more than 420 people and tickets are \$75. This year's auctioneer is "English Auctioneer" Charlie Wilkens, the emcee for the evening is Channel 4's Roger Webber.

The funds raised at this event provide the resources for the chamber to promote the community and make investments to enhance the quality of life in the Plymouth area.

Tickets can be purchased with a credit card over the phone (734-453-1540) or in person at the chamber office (850 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth).

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 expo is a great opportunity to learn firsthand about the businesses in our community. Attendees have the opportunity to meet local business owners and learn about the great products and services they have to offer."

"Again, this year, the Consumer Expo will feature local restaurants who will provide sampled portions of their food."

The Consumer Expo is



Joan Elizabeth Photography held a ribbon cutting at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce office recently. Joan Meyers uses solely film cameras to take her black-and-white photographs and prints them on high-quality, old-fashioned paper. In addition to photography, Meyers hand-paints the prints to give them a lifelike quality. To see more of her work, visit <http://joanelizabethphotography.com>

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 Handford.

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 networking 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, mums, pumpkins and much more on Penniman 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. This old-fashioned Haunted Halloween Party features, among other activities, Pumpkin Bowling, Doughnut Gallops, Costume Contests and a 50/50 raffle.

New maps

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce has just published new maps for the Plymouth area. The maps are distributed to apartments, hotels, city and township offices and the library. They are also distributed from the chamber office to visitors, residents, newcomers and groups visiting the Plymouth area.

Maps can be picked up at the office any time from a display just outside the chamber's front door.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

CPA partners

Horvath and Horvath P.C. is expanding to better serve its clients in the Downriver area. As of Oct. 1, Kip Horvath, owner of the Allen Park-based tax practice, joined the expanding network of AT'S Advisors, headquartered in Plymouth.

Horvath joined his father's tax practice in 1972. The business has been located in Allen Park since 1967, providing primarily Downriver clients with individual and small business tax and accounting services. His father retired from the business in 2000. As a sole practitioner with an ever-expanding client base, Kip Horvath has been looking for a viable partnership with a CPA firm that can successfully address the challenges of the ever-changing tax code, while providing top-rate customer service. AT'S Advisors, owned by James Sullivan, CPA, was the answer Horvath was looking for.

In addition to the new Allen Park location, AT'S Advisors now encompasses offices in Plymouth, Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe.

Founded in 1996 as Accounting and Tax Solutions, AT'S Advisors is a full-service CPA firm. AT'S Advisors is headquartered at 875 Main in Plymouth. For more information, call AT'S Advisors at 734-454-4100 or go to www.875Main.com.

Twice Baked Twins
Old World Olive Co. hosts Food Network celebrities Judy and Joy. The Twice Baked Twins, on their Michigan cookbook-signing tour.

The Twice Baked Twins collaborated with Old World Olive Co. to develop "The Judy and The Joy of Olive Oil and Pasta" cookbook.

The twins will be at Old World Olive Co., 467



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Forest Ave., in downtown Plymouth from noon to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27. They'll also be at the store's Birmingham location, 282 W. Maple, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28.

Attendees get to meet the celebrity chefs and taste recipes from their cookbook. Ten percent of the proceeds from the cookbook and specially designed three-packs of oils and balsamic vinegars go to The Pink Fund.

For more information or to RSVP call Stephanie Caponigro at 248-593-8141 or email steph.caponigro@yahoo.com.

Kroger 'Kids Night Out'

All Michigan Kroger stores (including the store at 44525 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth) will host "Kids Night Out" 3-7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29. The event, open to children of all ages, will have contests, games and more, all free of charge. Parents will also be able to shop for Halloween candy and decorations during the event.

"Kids Night Out" provides a safe alternative for children to enjoy Halloween and all the treats, fun and games that come with this time of year," said Fayne Homco, president, The Kroger Co. of Michigan.

"Kroger has done this event for the past few years and it has become

very popular in the community we serve and we hope to pack even more fun into this year's Halloween bash."

Kroger associates will dress in their favorite Halloween costumes and each store department will have Halloween decorations. Families are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes.

Candy buy-back

Bright Side Dental is hosting its fourth annual Halloween Candy Buy-Back Program to benefit Operation Gratitude, a nonprofit organization which sends care packages to deployed U.S. service members.

Last year, the Bright Side Dental offices, including the one in Canton, collected more than 700 pounds of Halloween candy that was sent overseas to service members!

Kids are encouraged to go out and safely enjoy more of their favorite candy and then stop into any office after Nov. 1 to donate excess pounds of goodies to the troops for a chance to win a prize.

All kids from each of the communities and surrounding areas are welcome to participate. Bright Side Dental will be accepting candy for two weeks following Halloween. For locations, directions and more information, please visit www.BrightSideDental.com.

SC launches new website for alumni, friends

Visitors will be able to personalize their profile and share updated news about themselves

Schoolcraft College has a new website created just for alumni and friends.

The site, <http://scf.schoolcraft.edu>, is packed with information, including news and events, alumni features and important messages for those considering a gift to the Schoolcraft College Foundation. Alumni are encouraged to reconnect by visiting the class notes section to tell classmates about their successes since leaving Schoolcraft. Visitors also can read the college's alumni publication, *The Bell Tower*, on the site.

"A special feature of the website is the Ocelots Online community," Schoolcraft College Man-

ager of Alumni Relations Victoria Rexius said. "Alumni can register for events, explore alumni benefits and services and join a leadership committee and much more. They also will be able to personalize their profile, upload photos and class notes and share news about themselves."

Alumni can register by clicking the top-in button at the log-in button at the top of the website home page and following the registration directions.

For more information on getting started as an Alumni Community user, contact the Schoolcraft College Office of Alumni Relations at 734-462-4501 or alumni@schoolcraft.edu. Founded in 1966, the

Schoolcraft College Foundation assists the college in realizing its mission by partnering with donors, businesses and private foundations to help secure new resources, maximize returns on existing funds and serve as ambassadors for the college within the surrounding communities.

"While we would always like to personally speak with people about their interests, we acknowledge that some individuals want information accessible to them in a quick and understandable format," Schoolcraft College Director of Development Beth Kohler said. "We think we've done that with this new site."

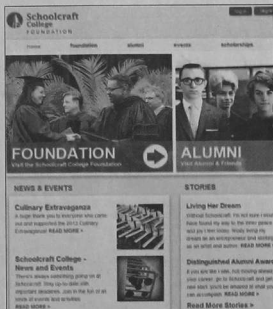
Additionally, the site serves as a resource for students seeking scholarship support. Through

this portal, visitors can access applications, deadlines and contact information about financial aid.

Finally, the functionality of the site allows for ease in making donations to the foundation and becoming a sponsor or a guest at one of the school's premier events - Culinary Extravaganza and the Scholarship Golf Outing.

To learn more about Foundation events, becoming a donor, the annual campaign and making an impact through scholarship, grants and campus enhancements, visit scf.schoolcraft.edu.

The site also can be accessed from the college website, www.schoolcraft.edu, by selecting the Alumni and Donors button in the lower right-hand corner.



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OUR VIEWS

'Pennies from Heaven'

Helping Goodfellows makes good cents

If a journey of a thousand miles begins with just the first step, then surely the goal of collecting a million pennies begins with just the first one. We're hoping that each of our readers will take that first step and contribute that first penny and, if you can, a few more to help the Canton Goodfellows make a real difference in the lives of those they touch.

On Saturday, Oct. 26, the *Canton Observer* is joining forces with the Canton Goodfellows in marking Make A Difference Day. The goal is to collect pennies—and other monetary contributions—to help the Canton Goodfellows in the important work that group

does in the community.

To help, we are asking you to bring your pennies—or any other denominations you care to donate—to the Summit on the Park at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. Staff from the *Canton Observer* will be there with members of the Goodfellows from 10 a.m. to noon to receive your donations.

The Goodfellows have a long history of serving the Canton community. The group has seen the need grow over the years. According to information on the Goodfellows' website, the group helped 42 families as far back as 1985. By 2012, 473 children in 181 families, along with 30 seniors, were recipients of Goodfellows baskets.

The Canton Goodfellows is a group of community volunteers dedicated to providing food, clothing and Christmas gifts to families with young children. Do-

nated funds are used to purchase new clothing, toys and food to provide Christmas gifts and food for the holidays for the families.

Its mission remains today. While members work to make sure that every child in the area is remembered during the holiday season, the Goodfellows also helps make sure that families in need and senior citizens have enough food during the holidays.

The Canton Goodfellows know, however, that need doesn't follow the calendar. That's why this "Pennies from Heaven" drive is critical; it will help the Goodfellows with its year-round mission. When the money runs out, so does the help. Your pennies can help ensure that your neighbors, your friends, the children down the block all have a brighter holiday season.

But it all starts with just the first penny. Won't you make it yours?



LETTERS

Huge loss

Sitting at my kitchen table this morning reading today's *Observer* and just saw the article about Phil Freeman. What an unbelievable loss for the district.

Then to read in the article that the district is so light criticism from others "for putting so much emphasis on building a positive culture." You have got to be kidding me. What kind of role models do we want for our kids in this district? When you have a principal and/or assistant superintendent that is enthusiastic, inspiring, encouraging, communicates, initiates new programs, knows the kids by name and a teacher who thrives to make our schools a better place and wants the best for the students and our district, that is amazing.

In a district that is so large that it sometimes swallows up our kids, we need people that believe a positive culture can make a difference and are willing to make it a little more personal so that our kids don't just feel like a number. I wish Phil Freeman the best of luck in his new position, but I want him and our administration to know that his passion will be truly missed.

Jill Engel
Canton

Still supports Kerry

Congressman Kerry Benoit has done a great job in Washington by working with others to stop runaway spending, excessive government waste, he voted against NSA spying on citizens and also trying to stop the individual mandate that will force people to buy health care or penalize them for not buying it.

I understand a wealthy foreclosure attorney named David Trott is running against him. Do we really need another lawyer in Congress? It seems like the rich want to be in Washington to make more little bucks and lobbyists don't care about the little guy. They are out of touch with the working class.

Let's keep the lawyers in the Senate and the people's representa-

tives in Congress. Lawyers make everything more litigious and their work demands to much judicial and statutory interpretation. That's why everyone is arguing about Obamacare. It's 2,000 pages and nobody truly understands it. I'd like to see five-page laws to where all of us can read them and understand them.

We still might not agree, but we'll have a clear cut understanding of the law.

We sent a regular guy to D.C. to represent us the common folk and it's working. Kerry has proven himself.

Keep Kerry in Congress.

John Anton
Milford

Redistricting edit right on

I was truly shocked to read your op-ed piece on redistricting reform; it was awesome. A respected right-wing newspaper opening up dialogue that could remove GOP power and put an end to the dog-wagging the dog? True representation of citizens. Wow, that's heavy stuff.

Of course, we all know there's no way the GOP will give this one second of serious thought. But thank you for breaching the subject.

Since you get to interview potential Republican candidates for office, do you think you can ask them where they stand on this so it's on the record? And then be bold enough to call them out and let your readers know when they don't keep their word? I'll be willing to bet they'll be for it until they get in office. Any takers?

Mitch Dubanik
Livonia

Tired of Congress

I am terminally disgusted with our do-nothing Congress. We pay them high salaries, huge pensions and perks to govern, not to squabble. We should kick them and the president out of their congressional chambers without food or water until they learn to "earn their keep."

Beatrice Keeber
Milford

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COMMUNITY VOICE

With Halloween nearing, we'd like to know what is your favorite scary movie of all time?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I don't watch scary movies much, but I guess it would be *The Shining* or the first *Freddy Krueger* movie (*Nightmare on Elm Street*)."
John Anton
Milford



"*Insidious*. It's pretty good."
Akshay Bhaktawara
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"Probably *Psycho*."
Linda Coffee
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"The original *Dracula* (with Bela Lugosi)."
Elaine Almas
Canton

Lori Cross
Belleville

Kym Worthy's candid nature makes her a breath of fresh air



I was fortunate to be sitting in among a modest group of locals who came out to hear Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy make some remarks at Genitt's earlier this month.

Worthy visited the charming little downtown Northville restaurant Oct. 9 as the featured speaker at the Northville Chamber of Commerce luncheon program.

It's too bad there wasn't more of a crowd there. It was a great setting to hear Worthy make some rather candid remarks about a host of disgraced former Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and why she decided to endorse Benny Napoleon to become the city's next mayor to her outright disdain for the administration of Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano.

Worthy was engaging and matter-of-fact. And she certainly wasn't worried about hurting anyone's feelings.

Like when she said Ficano, who slashed her office's budget by \$12 million, doesn't really care about fixing the crime problem in Detroit. She said the cuts are having a devastating impact on her office's ability to put criminals behind bars. She said Ficano "reneged" on a budget deal they had made and she is now suing the county in a nasty public fight as a result. She also accused the county commission of being nothing more than "a rubber stamp" for Ficano.



Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy (left) speaks with Mary Muscat during her appearance for a luncheon gathering at Genitt's. JOHN HEDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Before you jump on the "budget cuts are needed" bandwagon, you should just hear Worthy talk about the case load her office is dealing with.

Just take a look at the rape and sexual assault cases, which is actually what Worthy came to discuss. The chamber asked her to talk about the rape kit program she instituted after she was first elected to the office back in 2004.

Worthy offered up some eye-popping figures on the backlog of rape and sexual abuse cases she inherited, which was in the neighborhood of 3,600. Some of the cases went back two decades, she said, and were looked at with a fresh set of eyes by the people she brought in. Exclusively using grant money her office has been successful to secure, the prosecutor's office has gone through the cases, ultimately making dozens of arrests.

In fact, she said staffers have identified and prosecuted 59 serial rapists that were walking the streets due to shoddy police work.

"I like to say that all rapists are serial rapists, kind of like drunk drivers. We don't usually catch them the first time

around," she said. "And these rapists don't stop at Eight Mile, or any county line. We catch them all over the state and country. A lot of these guys are now serving long prison terms."

And the cases continue to come in, around 8,000 rapes and sexual assaults every year, she said. It may take as much as eight years just to get to the cases her office has backlogged.

The other crime statistics are just as alarming. Her office is down to 72 attorneys because of the budget cuts and is simply unable to prosecute all the cases coming its way. She said there are more than 10,000 warrants that haven't been served. It's grim reality that not only impacts the city of Detroit, but all 43 cities, villages and townships in the county.

The most interesting segment of the presentation was when Worthy fielded a number of questions from the chamber crowd that was on hand. Of course, she was asked about Kilpatrick and all the missing money ("We think he buried it somewhere or put it in a Swiss bank account"), the fabled Manogian Mansion party ("We know exactly what happened") and

Detroit's plight ("The crime problem in Detroit is fixable").

Although she doesn't normally endorse candidates during elections, Worthy said she is supporting Napoleon to become Detroit's next mayor because she has a long working relationship with him.

"I don't have anything against Mike Duggan," like Benny. He really did reduce crime in Detroit. He's got good ideas. We both believe that crime can be reduced. I also think, as sheriff, he's been treated very unkindly by the county."

By the end of the luncheon, Worthy had won over most of the people in attendance. Several thanked her for her tenacious attitude toward stamping out crime and her candor about the issues impacting the region.

"What I would like to see is public officials do what they say," she said of her hopes for the future.

With comments like that, it is easy to see why.

Kurt Kuban is community editor of the *Northville Record*. He welcomes your feedback at kkuban@hometownlife.com or 734-716-0783.

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D1 GIRLS GOLF FINALS

Back-to-back WildCats

Plymouth captures another Division 1 championship

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Nothing could stop Plymouth Saturday from winning a second consecutive Division 1 girls golf championship.

The battle-tested WildCats — led by three returnees from the 2012 title squad — remained at the top of the charts with a two-day tally of 706, four strokes ahead of Rochester Hills Stony Creek.

Plymouth got it done, in spite of strong competition, soaking rain and the always-challenging Forest Akers West Course at

Michigan State University. "We had a meeting (Friday) last night, we put our game plan together, what we're going to focus on," said Wildcats coach Dan Young, capping off an obviously successful second season at the helm. "What we can control, what we can't control. And we were ready to go when it came to not only weather but how we were going to stay focused on us, and what we do."

Young said temperatures were in the 40s when the team began hitting the driving range

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Plymouth senior co-captain Kayla Whatley hoists the Division 1 championship trophy. On the ground is Sydney Murphy. Standing (from left) are Alaina Strzalka, Katie Chipman, Whitney and Ariana Strzalka.

Coaches sought

East and Pioneer middle schools are seeking wrestling coaches for the 2013-14 season. Candidates should be high school graduates who have experience coaching at the middle school or high school level (or at least have experience as an athlete); knowledge of CPR and/or first aid; a schedule compatible with the school's; ability to work with parents and children.

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D1 BOYS SOCCER DISTRICTS



Celebrating Saturday's district championship is Salem's varsity boys soccer team. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Regional test awaits Rocks

Salem advances with 1-0 'Mud Bowl' win over Chiefs

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

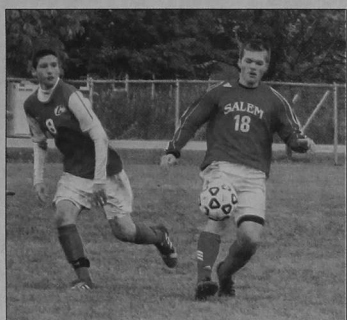
When Salem varsity boys soccer coach Scott Duhl noticed rain falling Saturday morning, he realized his team would be facing Canton in a virtual mud pit in the Division 1-District 7 finals.

There were plenty of literal slip-ups on the wet, muddy varsity soccer field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park — but only one goal, by Salem forward Connor Cole.

That stood up — in large part because of outstanding goal-keeping by senior Collin Hewett — as the Rocks earned a 1-0 victory and a trip to the Saline-hosted regionals.

"I keep calling this the Mud Bowl," said Duhl, whose 14-2-6 team will face Saline at 7 p.m. Wednesday. "As soon as I saw it was raining, I knew the field would be in bad condition."

"Going into the game we knew we weren't going to be able to play and connect a whole bunch and make a bunch of passes."



Maneuvering down the slick, muddy pitch Saturday is Salem's David Schroeder (No. 18), while Canton defender Zachary Homco (No. 8) moves in. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Not that it mattered. Salem held off the Chiefs in the latter stages of the first half to keep the contest scoreless — the 6-4 Hewett majestically

batted away a hard drive from short range by Canton junior forward Carter Schenk with about 10 minutes to play for his best save to that point.

Knowing how well Hewett and his defense were playing, Duhl upped the offensive ante and it paid off.

Duhl moved Connor Cole up from midfield to forward with several minutes to go before the intermission.

Cole immediately made the move a winner. He dashed toward the 18-yard box, maneuvered past the sliding Chiefs defender and sent a low shot into the right corner of the goal.

Canton senior goalkeeper Brandon Pickert came out to meet Cole in an attempt to stymie the play.

"That individual effort was unbelievable," Duhl said. "For us, we played him up front for ... three minutes. He got the goal and then we put him back in the midfield line."

"We knew we wanted to get him forward at one point and we did. He got the goal and we just put him into his natural position and he was fantastic all day."

Keep pushing

Cole said it was important to get on the board first, because of the extra challenges posed by the weather and field conditions.

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Learn To Skate

Canton Arctic Edge's next "Learn To Skate" program runs Nov. 9 through Jan. 19. Available sessions are 10 or 11 a.m. Saturdays; 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Arctic Edge is located at 46615 Michigan Ave. in Canton. Call 734-487-7777 for more information.

MU picked

The Madonna University men's basketball team was picked to finish second in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference's preseason poll of head coaches. Madonna senior Bobby Naubert was named the preseason Player of the Year. He led the WHAC in assists with 199 and assists per game at 6.49. Naubert led MU with 16.7 points per game.

MIAA award

For the first time in her career, Adriani College senior Kristin Walker was named Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Player of the Week in women's volleyball (ending Oct. 20).

Walker had 59 digs (4.5 per set) in leading the Bulldogs (9-14, 4-9) to a 2-1 record in MIAA play for the week.

The 5-foot-5 Walker recorded 25 digs in a five-set loss to Alma College, 18 digs in a four-set win over Olivet College and 16 digs and three service aces in a four-set victory over Trine University (Ind.).

Schmid top goalkeeper

For the first time in his career, Madonna University senior goalkeeper Marcel Schmid (Stuttgart, Germany) was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Men's Soccer Defensive Player of the Week (Oct. 14-20).

The Crusaders' starting goalie in all 13 matches this season, Schmid led MU to a 1-0-1 week that included a 3-0 shut-out of WHAC rival Marygrove College. He also matched his career-high with nine saves in the week's first match, a 1-1 tie at Rochester College, before stopping six shots against Marygrove for his fourth shut-out of the season.

Canton's Courtney Kurkie tries to power a shot past Novi blockers Victoria Iacobelli (No. 8) and Olivia Bradford (No. 9) during Tuesday's conference title match. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

KENSINGTON CONFERENCE FINAL

Power-point display: Novi nips Chiefs in 5-set thriller

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

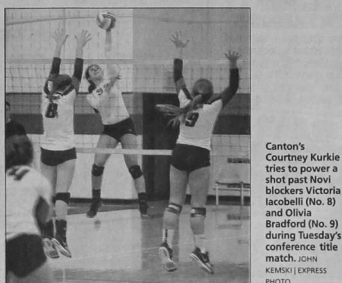
For more than two hours Tuesday night, Canton and Novi engaged in a spirited "tug of war."

Instead of pulling on opposite sides of a rope, the host Chiefs and Wildcats were doing a point-counterpoint battle for the coveted KLAAs Kensington Conference trophy.

It took five ultra-competitive sets featuring lengthy rallies, head-first dives and power hit-

ting and blocking before Novi eked out an 18-16 win in the deciding set, to earn a 3-2 match victory. Novi (29-7) wound up with a 25-23, 20-25, 25-27, 26-24 and 18-16 triumph. The entire match between the KLAAs Central and South division winners was just as close as the scores indicated.

"That for us was our best match of the season," Canton head coach Steve Johnson said. "Even though we're walking out



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YOUTH FOOTBALL

Steelers steamroll Railsplitters; Lions on deck

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers freshman football team improved its record to 7-0 on Saturday with a thorough 38-0 triumph over the Lincoln Railsplitters in a Western Suburban Junior Football League game played at Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth.

The Steelers' defense was in swarm mode as it forced seven turnovers while yielding no first downs. Among the defensive standouts were Jack Vespaziani, who intercepted a pass and returned it to the end zone, and Lucas Tafelski, Adam Nicholas, Spencer Vos, Jonathan Simpson and Joshua Martin, all of whom recovered a Railsplitter fumble.

Nolan Mathew and Martin led the "Steel Curtain" with three

tackles each. Nate Cain returned the opening kickoff for the Steelers like he was shot out of a cannon as he raced 60 yards for a touchdown. The Steelers padded their lead on their next possession when Cain freight-trained into the end zone from 10 yards out before Geyer ran in the extra point. Cain later added his third TD.

Dylan DeSantis ran like a demitruvax with no brakes as he bulldozed for 107 yards and two scores on 14 carries. Brayden Willis contributed 44 yards and an extra-point kick.

Strong blocking was provided by Garrett Bair, John Delaney, Ryan Fisher, Colin McAuliffe, Charlie Thoms, Tafelski and Mikey Wolter.

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YOUTH FOOTBALL

Running game sparks Canton Lions

Regular season finale between Lions and Plymouth Steelers set for Sunday

The rain and muddy field could not deter the Canton Lions varsity team from a win 30-27 against the Dearborn Heights Redskins on Saturday to boost their record to 5-2. It was the Lions' first win over the Redskins in 10 years.

Canton got on the board early on a kickoff return touchdown by Ruben Williams and a fumble recovery by Bradley Tyszkiewicz ignited a string of TDs by Alex Azzuz, Spencer Brown and another by Williams.

Extra-point kicks by Chase Meredith added 6 points to the total and were pivotal in the win. Helping drive downfield were carries by Kyle Pfeiffer, Winston Stanford, and Matthew Steepie.

The defense was relentless in the tackling department led by Max Mulvaney, Colin Truop, Steepie and Wiams. Helping and them frustrate the Redskins' offense

were Nick Krone, Noah Brown, Spencer Brown and Petruski. Next for the Lions is Sunday's showdown against the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. It will be the regular season finale.

PL LIONS: The Canton Lions varsity team led by a 43 record after a 35-19 loss Saturday against the Dearborn Heights Redskins Saturday. Despite poor conditions, the Lions offense performed well. The offensive line work of Jack Mulvaney, Joe Azzuz, Seth Britt and Malik Oye, Sean Britt and Andrew Alshah protected quarterback Daniel Harding — who threw well despite the weather.

Harding connected on passes to Karson Arnold and Justin Reynolds (who both also ran well) and handed off to running back Luca Hodor for good yardage.

The defense was equally as consistent with tackles by Reynolds and Deacon Lyle in cooperation with the defensive line of Jack Mulvaney, Joe Azzuz, Seth Britt and Malik Oye.

FRESHMAN LIONS: The Canton Lions' freshman team will play the Dearborn Redskins 31-19 on Saturday. The game started out with Daniel Johnson scoring a touchdown for the Lions. The Redskins then scored a touchdown and ran on the extra point to a 7-6 lead after one quarter.

It soon was 13-6 following another Dearborn TD but Jay Anderson scored before halftime to make it a 13-12 deficit at the break.

Canton's Jeffery Shipper recovered a fumble early in the third and Anderson took advantage with a score to put the Lions in front for good.

In the fourth quarter Johnson went on to score two more touchdowns for the Lions and then ran in an extra point.

PREP FOOTBALL

Salem's late-blooming Hoover hurdles adversity, becomes prep stalwart

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When Michael Hoover was growing up, he thought baseball was the sport for him. Maybe basketball.

Then he saw how much older brother Eric Hoover got out of playing football at Salem High School and he started to have second thoughts.

"I looked up to my brother and he played it all four years and I really wanted to play it when I was in middle school," Migrations Hoover recalled. "But there was too long of a waiting list so I just kept with basketball and baseball. Baseball was my main sport."

But things started to change as soon as the younger Hoover began his freshman year (2010-11) and found himself on the football gridiron with aspirations to play for a Division I football program.

"Freshman year I just came and tried it and was good at it, I said, 'I was good at it, I was good at it, I was good at it,'" Hoover, following a recent practice.

Hoover is good at the underdog, too. He has turned out to be an exceptional player with aspirations to play for a Division I football program.

He should be garnering plenty of attention. In an early September contest against Walled Lake Northern, Hoover — a fast and physical wide receiver and linebacker — broke Salem's 29-year record for most touchdowns in a game when he snagged four.

Highlight-reel plays have continued, as the 6-3, 205-pound Hoover has shown a penchant for getting through traffic jams to become a reliable target for sophomore quarterback Alex Nicholson.

Believe it or not, Hoover's high school football career comes to a close 7 p.m. Friday when the Rockets host Royal Oak at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity turf field.

Quest to excel

It's taken a lot of hard work and perseverance for Hoover to make such strides, particularly over the past year after sustaining a broken collar-

It's how you finish



Salem senior Michael Hoover battles for yardage near the goal line during a game earlier this season. JOHN KEMSKI/EXPRESS PHOTO

bone with three games remaining in the 2012 season.

"Last season, I broke my collarbone in the South Lyon game and it stunk," Hoover said. "I didn't know what was going to happen. I didn't know it was the end of my life."

"It (happened) catching a touchdown. I held on to it, there was a touchdown that won us a game. I jumped up and he pulled me down. Freak accident."

It was tough for Hoover because the Rockets were still in the hunt for a playoff spot. Then he missed the first part of the varsity boys basketball season while still regaining strength.

Undeterred, he started working harder than ever in order to go out as strong as he possibly could this year.

"He's a good kid, smart, athletic, can be a beast of a player at times," wrote Britnell in a recent email to the Observer. "After he broke his collarbone I thought it would take him some time from a strength standpoint, to get back into the swing of things."

"But once he was cleared and got back into the weight room, he was actually stronger. He's one of our 1,000-pound Club guys."

All of that extra time hitting the weights also enabled Hoover to have the opportunity to contribute to Salem's varsity boys track and field team as a thrower.



After a broken collarbone interrupted his 2012 football season, Salem's Michael Hoover came back strong for an impressive senior year. JOHN KEMSKI/EXPRESS PHOTO

"Yeah, I get to go in the weight room," he explained. "Because I'm a thrower and it helps me get faster and maintain my conditioning."

Playing basketball also helped him become better conditioned and ready for the rigors of football.

"It makes me really conditioned and more physical and it makes me increase my jumps, my hops," said Hoover, actually a four-spot athlete at Salem (he played baseball as a freshman). "My leg strength goes up a lot when I play basketball."

Football legacy

After Salem's finale, Hoover will return his focus to hoops because the Rockets will fall short of the state football playoffs.

That fact alone is something that Hoover can't help but be dejected about.

Hoover lamented that Salem could not join Canton and Plymouth as Park powerhouses during his career.

He is confident that the breakthrough will happen soon, maybe in 2014, especially with Britnell at the helm.

"We're a great program and one good year could show that," he said. "And, just prove it."

"The lanky student-athlete — owner of a constant smile and 3.0 grade point average — is grateful that he was able to follow his brother (2005 grad Eric Hoover) and add to the family's football legacy."

He thanked Britnell for helping him do just that.

"Coach Britnell has really helped me a lot," Hoover said. "Mentally he helped me, just teaching me how to play football."

"I came in here as a freshman (and) he put me in the perfect position to make plays and help the team."

And now, Michael Hoover is well-positioned to go from here and run a perfect route that will help him find an opening in a college end zone somewhere.

Britnell wouldn't be surprised if that happened.

"He has a lot of God-given ability," Britnell noted. "I hope he can continue to push himself to maximize his talents." As it turned out, Michael Hoover's decision to give football a try couldn't have worked out any better.

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PREP FOOTBALL GRID PICKS

Week 9	Emons	O'Meara	Smith	Wright
Last week	8-5	7-6	6-7	6-7
Overall	77-25	77-25	62-40	72-30

All games start at 7 p.m. unless noted	Thunston	Thunston	Thunston	Thunston
Friday, Oct. 25	Franklin (3-5) at Garden City (4-4)	Franklin	Franklin	Garden City
Churchill (2-6) at Stevenson (4-4)	Churchill	Churchill	Stevenson	Stevenson
John Glenn (5-3) at Alva Huron (1-7)	John Glenn	John Glenn	John Glenn	John Glenn
Bellevue (0-8) at Bellevue (5-3)	Bellevue	Bellevue	Bellevue	Bellevue
Bishop Foley (6-2) at Clarencville (8-0)	Clarencville	Clarencville	Clarencville	Clarencville
A.A. Pioneer (3-5) at Canton (7-1)	Pioneer	Canton	Canton	Canton
Plymouth (5-3) at Grand Blanc (6-2)	Grand Blanc	Grand Blanc	Grand Blanc	Grand Blanc
Wayne (0-8) at Salem (2-6)	Salem	Salem	Salem	Salem
Harrison (7-2) at Stoney Creek (6-2)	Harrison	Harrison	Stoney Creek	Harrison
Farmington (1-7) at Pontiac (0-8)	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington
Saturday, Oct. 26	Luth. Westland	Allen	Allen	Allen
Luth. West. (2-6) at Detroit Allen (5-2), 1 p.m.				

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 132	200 freestyle relay:	1600 points:	5-Hayley Algegren, 116.50;	1000 points:	4-Jessie Galtieri, 116.50;
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D1 GIRLS GOLF



Lining up a tee shot earlier this season is Canton's Kelsey McDougall. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Canton's McDougall places fifth overall at D1 finals

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Kelsey McDougall ensured that the Division 1 girls golf finals weren't only about state champion Plymouth.

McDougall, a senior for the Canton Chiefs, capped an outstanding prep career with her fifth place finish at Michigan State University's Forest Akers West Golf Course.

The all-stater shot an 81-79-160 over the two days, in what was her third consecutive trip to the D1 finals. This year, she went as an individual quali-

er; the 2012 Chiefs qualified as a team.

"Both days she played a very consistent golf, making a lot of pars and very few big numbers," Canton head coach Tom Alles said. "If she was feeling any pressure to perform you could not tell.

"She was extremely composed both days and it showed in her ability to play in the fairway, off the tee and hit the greens with regularity."

According to Alles, McDougall's short game was spot-on, "which helped her from time to time to get up and down for

her par."

All of the accolades coming McDougall's way are well deserved and put an exclamation point on her four-year career with the Chiefs.

"Kelsey has worked tirelessly over the last four years to become one of the best high school golfers in the state," Alles continued. "Kelsey's commitment to improve over the years has truly been an inspiration to our entire team."

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GOLF

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before the second round started Saturday and the rain didn't stop until about the halfway point of the day.

"It's a very difficult course, it was playing almost 5,800 yards which is longer than what we normally play," Young said. "And the fact that, it's just a tough course. There's a few holes where you get into what's called lateral hazards. They're all along a couple holes. Tough holes to get through.

"I would say, just trying to hang in there mentally when it comes to the biggest day of the season, in the worst conditions of the season, and getting it done (is) a credit to the kids."

The experience factor

Plymouth found things cramped at the top of the standings following Friday's 18 holes with a 358, followed by Grosse Pointe South and Ann Arbor Pioneer (360 each) and Troy (361).

"We shot a 358 yesterday, and seven teams were within 10 strokes of each other, five were within four strokes of each other," Young said. "So coming in today it was anybody's game."

Plymouth (358-348-706) led the 15-team field, followed by Rochester Hills Stony Creek (362-348-710), Troy (361-350-711), Grosse Pointe South (360-366-726), Ann Arbor Pioneer (360-368-728), East Kentwood (369-360-729), North Farmington (373-358-731), Saline (371-361-732) and Nori (381-365-740).

The Wildcats did not falter during the second round of the finals, perhaps because of the confidence instilled by co-captains Sydney Murphy, Kayla Whatley and sopho-

more Katie Chipman, the three golfers from last season's team.

Murphy followed up her 86 with a sparkling 77 and finished ninth overall with a 163. "She had an unbelievable round for us, she was in the top 10," Young said.

Whatley (96-89-185) and Chipman (84-82-166) each knocked off strokes over the opening day while Alaina Strzalka (92-100-192) and Ariana Strzalka (112-103-215) also came up big when needed.

"Sydney Murphy, Kayla Whatley and Katie Chipman played as our 3-4-5 a year ago and are now our 1-2-3," Young noted.

"So absolutely it (experience) did (helped). And that carried over and helped the other kids the last couple weeks.

"Those three were calm, they had confidence about themselves and that just trickled down to the rest of the girls."

Young said Whatley "guttured out an 89, she was just tremendous (and) had some big putts. And Katie Chipman shot an 82 yesterday and an 82 today."

Course conditions, along with the elements, resulted in scores being higher across-the-board, Young explained.

"But it was a credit to the kids, they just put their game face on," he added. "You know how hard golf is. And to perform under pressure, in the biggest match of the year is just a credit to the girls and our program.

"It was just a team effort and I'm just very, very proud of them."

Individual qualifier Kelsey McDougall of Canton earned all-state honors by finishing fifth overall, with scores of 81-79-160.

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The Plymouth varsity girls golf team celebrates after winning the Division 1 championship.

SOCCER

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"It was very important," Cole stressed. "The momentum, no one really had it, it went back and forth. And then once the ball slipped past the defender with the wet conditions I was just able to touch it past the keeper."

At halftime, Duhl reminded his players not to go into a defensive shell.

"The last message I had to them (at halftime) was we need to get the next goal," Duhl said. "Fortunate for us nobody got the next goal, it was enough."

That was in large part to the play of Hewett, whose Canton head coach Mark Zemanski praised as one of the state's best goalkeepers.

"He made three nice saves on us, he did a good job," Zemanski said. "That's why he's one of the best in the state."

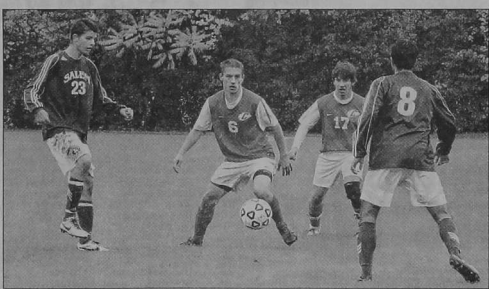
One of Hewett's best stops after the Rocks had the lead came against Canton senior co-captain and offensive force Griffin Parks, who tried to beat the keeper from about 10 yards on the right side of the 18-yard box.

Hewett played the blistering shot perfectly, blocking it without too much trouble.

"Me and Griff have known each other a long time," Hewett said. "We've been teammates, we played together a while. So I just had the mentality of, 'I can't let them score, because if they score they get momentum.'"

Then with 21 minutes remaining in the second half, a dangerous corner kick by the Chiefs was snagged by the soaring Hewett. The ball was served by senior defender Zach Homco into a maze of players; Schenk got up above the scrum and headed it toward the top corner only to be denied.

"Collin's done fantastic all year," Duhl said. "He's 6-foot-4, rangy. But the thing for



Looking to maintain possession of the ball Saturday is Canton's Cody Widlak (No. 6), although Salem players Andry Pelekh (No. 23) and Joe Kunnath (No. 8) converge on him. Also shown is Canton player Matthew Causley (No. 17). JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

me, his positioning was spot-on today. He didn't have to make acrobatic saves because he was reading the game well. He wasn't too loose, he wasn't too far. His positioning was great."

The Rocks didn't give the Chiefs much from that point on thanks to a cohesive team effort.

"Fortunately, we were able to get the goal and in the end we knew they were going to be the aggressor in the second half," Duhl said. "We understood it, we had a couple chances of our own. I'm just so proud of the boys."

Overachieving

Just as proud of his team was Zemanski, whose KLA A South Division champs finished 17-2-3 — with both losses suffered at the hands of the Rocks.

"This is actually a transition year for us, we only had three or four senior starters," Zemanski said.

"So the boys, to me, achieved more than what was expected of them. They worked really hard and I'm

looking forward to next year."

Zemanski said it was a hard-fought matchup between two teams that always leave it all out on the field.

"We created chances, they created chances," Zemanski noted. "They finished, which is what you have to do in soccer. My hat's off to my boys, they played great (and) worked hard to the end. I'm very proud of them."

One of the seniors who made the season such a success for Canton, Parks, remained understandably quiet following the mid-field awarding of medals and the district trophy to the Rocks. He had wanted a chance to return to the state finals, something he experienced as a sophomore.

"Unfortunately, that's how it went," said Parks, about not being able to solve Hewett.

"We definitely had a lot of chances to equalize the game and go ahead."

"... Overall, it was a great group of boys and I loved playing with them. It was an honor playing with them my senior year. And I wouldn't do it differently."

Redemption

Meanwhile, both Cole and Hewett couldn't wipe the smiles off their rain-soaked faces, knowing they and their teammates got past the hurdle that stopped them in 2012 — the district finals.

Last year, Plymouth edged the Rocks despite Salem pouring in on offensive pressure the entire game.

"It's one of the most amazing feelings I've ever had," Cole said.

Duhl won't have much time to celebrate the victory, due to prepping for Saline. Still, he wanted to make sure to give the lion's share of credit to the senior class.

"The seniors, today was all about the senior class," he said. "I couldn't be more proud of that group and the effort they put in."

In addition to co-captains Hewett, Josh Dillon, Connor and Brady Cole, Salem's senior class includes William Benintende, Joe Kunnath, Andry Pelekh, Alex Price, Matt DeMoss, David Schroeder and Walid Kandah.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

No. 7 Davenport escapes MU upset bid

The Madonna University women's soccer team led No. 7-ranked Davenport for nearly 85 minutes Saturday, but a late goal in regulation and one in double overtime gave the Panthers a 4-3 win in Grand Rapids.

Davenport's Lizzie Paul's third goal came in the 104th minute.

Davenport is 13-1 overall and 6-0 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. MU is 7-2-1 and 3-3.

Junior Katlyn Krysiak got the Crusaders on the board just 1:31 into the match when her shot Michelle Marcus in close for a 1-0 lead and her seventh goal of the season.

Senior Liliana Serratos made it 2-0 at 15:58 and beat Marcus after weaving her way through a host of Davenport defenders for her third goal of the season.

Paul scored her first goal in the 40th minute after being persistent inside the 18-yard box to make it 2-1 at intermission.

Krysiak gave the Crusaders a two-goal lead just over four minutes (49:03) into the second half when she deflected the ball off of a clearance and finished into a wide open net for a 3-1 lead.

Paul made it a one-goal affair again 15 seconds later, taking the restart and beating MU goalkeeper Blaire Schmalenberg from 25 yards out.

Davenport tied it in the 87th minute when Thelma Gylfadottir took advantage of a MU miscue and as Schmalenberg came off her line Gylfadottir simply tapped the ball past a pair of MU players and the ball rolled into an open net.

The Panthers led 2-4 in total shots.

KLAA VOLLEYBALL

Plymouth spikers rally to top Stevenson

After Plymouth dropped the first two sets of Tuesday's KLAA Kensington Conference volleyball crossover match against Livonia Stevenson, it was as though the home team flipped a switch.

The Wildcats rallied with 30-28, 25-22 and 16-14 wins to take the match in five sets.

"The seniors were ready to leave it all out on the floor in their last game in that gym and they stepped up to the challenge," Plymouth head coach Sarah Marody said. "Everyone contributed to the effort and played an all-around outstanding match."

Seniors Haylee Weber (35 digs), Shayla Smalls (16 digs, 18 assists) and Emily Burkman (14 kills, 16 digs) continued their outstanding final seasons while junior middle hitter Olivia Beyer was strong with 34 kills along with 19 digs.

Also coming up big was sophomore setter/outside hitter Dani Barlie, with 34 assists and 19 digs.

Chipping in with five digs and three kills was junior outside hitter Lauren Clemons.

"Our serve receive was finally back in sync which allowed our setters to easily do their job," Marody said. "... I'm very proud of the way we finished our regular season and I'm looking forward to a great weekend at the association tournament."

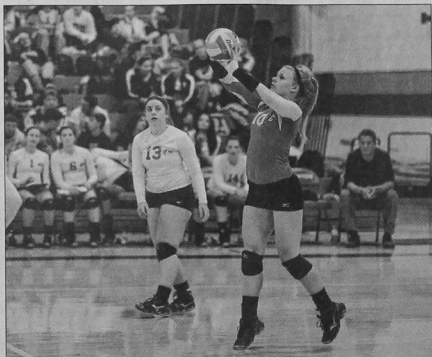
Rocks sweep

Salem got the best of Westland John Glenn in a Tuesday KLAA Kensington Conference volleyball crossover, winning 25-12, 25-19, 25-20.

Leading the Rocks were Tess Ganich (15 kills, eight digs), Kate Leon (10 digs, six kills), Madison Fairchild (six kills), Taylor Jaaska (25 assists), Sydney Ortiz (10 digs) and Kendall Guillen (five digs).

"We played well tonight," Salem head coach Amanda Nies said. "Taylor Jaaska did a great job taking setting responsibilities tonight. She was consistent and moved well to the ball."

"We served aggressively, which caused a lot of problems for John Glenn."



Keeping a play alive Tuesday night is Canton senior libero Madison Kielty (No. 10). At left is teammate Carleigh Vela (No. 13). JOHN KEMSKI/EXPRESS PHOTO

SPIKERS

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of her with a loss, I'm walking out of here the most proud of my team that I've been all season."

Canton senior libero Madison Kielty, who registered 38 digs for the 25-9-1 Chiefs, added that "we all played for each other and we didn't let up one bit."

According to one of Novi's sparkplugs, senior setter Emily Robb, "It took a lot of heart and we really just had to believe in ourselves. And I think in the end, that's what it took."

Wildcats' head coach Jennifer Cottrell expected the conference title tilt to be "a battle," and that's exactly what transpired.

Canton was in position to win in the fourth set, but the Chiefs could not grab the lead other than during the early stages (4-3 advantage).

The Chiefs did fight back to tie it at 24-24 on a service point by senior setter Chelsea Janice (31 assists, 12 digs) but Novi regained the edge on a

spike kill by right-side hitter Victoria Iacobelli.

After an all-out effort by senior outside hitter Isabelle Glancy (22 kills, 20 digs) kept the next rally alive, Robb set the ball over to senior middle blocker Brooke Lane (17 kills) for the set-clinching point.

Down the stretch

In Game 5, the Wildcats took an early lead but the Chiefs rallied to go up 9-6, with a three-point service string by junior outside hitter Lauren Shornack (15 kills, 31 digs), including an ace.

Novi climbed back into the deciding set (going up 10-9) thanks to a four-point run at the stripe by junior libero Jordan Massab (40 digs).

From that point on, Canton felt behind by a point and tied the score five times — including 16-16 when junior outside hitter Haley Diedrick (25 digs, nine kills) kept hopes alive with a nifty spike.

Novi, however, finished off the victory with a block by Olivia Bradford and an errant hitting at-

tempt by the Chiefs.

Both teams featured dynamic, all-around play. Canton's Kielty made a habit out of diving in the back row to keep the ball from hitting the floor.

"As a former defense goes, she (Kielty) can handle the driven ball very well," Johnson said. "And she started to cover the tips really well tonight, so Kielty is our rock in the back row."

The Chiefs showed a lot of depth, particularly with junior setter Carleigh Vela (28 assists, 14 digs), who helped keep the 4-6 rotations clicking. "Under pressure she (Vela) did a great job, I'm very proud of her."

Canton's offense featured heavy-hitting southpaws from the right side. Senior Sasha Cucuz (17 kills) and junior Courtney Kurkie (12 kills) kept slamming the ball into the Novi zone.

"The kid (Cucuz), even with a sore shoulder, she's really just ripping away at the ball and always garnering a lot of attention from their blockers," he said.

BOYS TENNIS

Stevenson nets 1 point in Finals

Points were hard to come by for Livonia Stevenson in the last weekend's MHSAA Division 1 Boys Tennis Finals.

The Spartans, regional runners-up, tallied their lone point at No. 2 doubles when Chase Tinham and Matt Lackey defeated Blake Groulx and Mitchell Ensz of Midland, 6-3, 7-5.

Jason Chen and Austin Luker of state champion Ann Arbor Huron then ousted the Stevenson duo, 6-1, 6-0.

Huron captured the team title edging Novi by a single point, 30-29, while Birmingham Brother Rice was a close third with 28.

At No. 1 singles, Stevenson's Chad Novy was ousted by Alex Matiasse of Clarkston, 6-4, 6-3, while Livonia Churchill's Jonathan Martin, an individual qualifier, fell to Nicholas Paolucci of Grosse Pointe South, 6-0, 6-1.

Novi-Detroit Catholic Central's Michael Dube, a Livonia native, reached the semi-finals at No. 1 singles before falling to Northville's Connor Johnston in three sets, 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (7-4).

Johnston then lost to top seed Tim Wang of Novi in the finals, 6-1, 6-3.

Dube won his first two rounds defeating Paolucci, 6-4, 6-1, and Jack Petersen Huron, 6-3, 6-1.

Stevenson's Sam Tabor (No. 2 singles) fell to Midland's Jonathan Hentschel, 6-1, 6-3, while Jason Wysocki (No. 3 singles) lost to Zack Rietschleger, 6-1, 6-3.

Traverse City's Nick Yergens (No. 4) dented the Spartans' Jeff Frederick, 6-1, 6-1.

At No. 1 doubles, CC's David Killian and Matt Wolfe downed Stevenson's Tom Cwick and Neal Adams, 6-2, 6-4, while at No. 3 doubles, Stevenson's Brendan Parker and Andrew Dziobak lost to Clarkston's Dan Agnew and Eric Matyskowski, 6-2, 6-1.

Troy Athens's Shivam Vyas and Aditya Mukundan downed Stevenson's David Ajjuni and Brad Weiland in the opening round at No. 4 doubles, 6-0, 6-1.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Wisner, Crown finish 1-2 at MIAC girls race

Lutheran High Westland's Jenna Wisner was the top individual finisher in Friday's Michigan Independent Athletic Conference girls cross country meet held at Nankin Mills.

But despite Wisner's first-place finish, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian edged host Lutheran High Westland for the title, 44-49.

Rounding out the six-school field was Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (79), Ann Arbor Greenhills (85), Southfield Christian (122) and Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (125).

Wisner, a sophomore, covered the 5,000-meter course in 19 minutes, 49.7 seconds. Plymouth Christian senior Terra Crown was runner-up in 20:27.6.

Other Lutheran Westland finishers included Alana Hill, ninth (21:58.3); Michelle Greening, 10th (22:05.7); Allison Johnson, 17th (23:21.5) and Noelle Pierce, 25th (24:02.0).

The Warriors' non-scorers were Annalee Kuhr and Rachel Wiggins, who took 29th and 30th, respectively, with times of 24:34.9 and 24:42.6.

On the boys side, Ann Arbor Greenhills captured the team title with 45 points followed by Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (65), Auburn Hills Oakland Christian (77), Taylor Baptist Park (123), Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (138), Lutheran Westland (144), Southfield Christian (169), Birmingham Resper (176) and Sterling Heights Parkway Christian (209).

Novi Franklin Road



Lutheran High Westland sophomore Jenna Wisner was the MIAC girls individual champion in 19:47.9. ANN ESPINOZA

Christian senior Jacob Weaver was the individual winner in 17:38.0.

Junior Hunter Roedel was fourth overall for the Warriors in 18:16.5.

Other Lutheran Westland finishers included Ian O'Banion, 30th (20:13.0); Weslee Warren, 32nd (20:15.4); Matthew Parent, 49th (21:52.0); Garrett Kempf, 51st (22:00.1); Owen Tague, 59th (22:46.9); and Josiah Masey, 65th (23:16.0).

Blazers 5th in Catholic League

Livonia Ladywood wound up fifth in Saturday's Catholic League Division 1-2 girls cross country meet held at Kensington Metropark, Warren Regma, led by

individual winner Cassie Bloch's first-place time of 20:27.14, captured the team title with 29 points.

Rounding out the six-school field was defending champion Dearborn Divine Child (52), Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (87), Farmington Hills Mercy (103), Ladywood (135) and Birmingham Marian (147).

Freshman Catherine McLaurin was Ladywood's top finisher in ninth (21:12.22) followed by Sarah Wilson, 24th (22:33.41); Kat Gaffka, 28th (22:48.5); Pilar Furlong, 33rd (23:55.3); Kayla Morgan, 40th (25:31.05); Rachel Rykwalder, 41st (27:01.29); and Julie Laabs, 42nd (27:48.85).

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RELIGION CALENDAR

OCTOBER

PUMPKINS

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-dusk, through Oct. 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 Cares Assistance Program, which offers help to the poor and vulnerable in Livonia.
Contact: 734-464-0211

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Time/Date: 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/Date: 9-10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26
Details: Children can trick or treat from car trunk to trunk for goodies and paint and take home a pumpkin for \$1. Youngsters \$3, also can make crafts. Baked goods will be sold and free coffee, cider and hot chocolate will be served.
Contact: Mary at 248-471-1322

TRUNK OR TREAT

Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 27
Location: St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Children wear costumes and trick or treat in the parking lot also includes dinner, crafts and activities.
Contact: (734) 422-6038

WOMEN ON FAITH

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29
Location: Congregation B'nai Moshe social hall, 6800 Drake, West Bloomfield

Details: Five guest speakers from Women's Interfaith Solutions for Dialogue and Outreach in Metro Detroit (WISDOM) will share personal stories of different faith traditions — 8 a.H., Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and Sikh. No charge for B'nai Moshe Sisterhood members; donations accepted from guests. Reservations by Friday, Oct. 25
Contact: 248-760-6416; sisterhoodcbm@gmail.com

NOVEMBER

CONCERT

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 10
Location: St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: "Praisefest," will include performances by five praise bands, with free will donations to help three local charities.
Contact: 734-422-6038

CONCERT

Time/Date: 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. Tickets range from \$18-\$18 per person.
Contact: 248-357-5544; shaareyzedek.org/education/laurie-berkner

CRAFT SHOW

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 26
Location: Knights of Columbus Hall, 9801 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Flea market and arts and craft items; vendor table fees help Knights of Columbus fill Christmas baskets for the needy.
Contact: Denise Buck at 248-474-4162

FILM PREMIERE

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 1
Location: In the activity center in the Basilica of St. Mary, 18200 Merriman, Livonia

Details: Italian director Yasmine Perri will talk about her experience creating the film, "The Stones Cry Out," a film about Palestinian Christians. Admission is free.
Contact: George Khoury at 248-214-7588

MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Time/Date: 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 Honeymoon," a marriage conference focused on the practical and spiritual aspects of Christian marriage and family life. Speakers include Bishop Michael Byrnes of the Archdiocese of Detroit and the Rev. William H. Tindall, pastor at St. Michael.

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200 or 207; www.livoniatmchae.org

SQUARE DANCE

Time/Date: 6:30-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2
Location: Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark, Livonia

Details: St. Michael the Archangel and Christian Singles Community co-sponsor an adult singles square dance. Cost is \$12. No dance experience required. RSVP to catholicingles@livoniatmchae.org
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Cone Island, 21200 Haggerty, Norville Township

Contact: John Shulenberger at 734-464-9491

New Life Community Church
Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and marital arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.

Location: 42200 Tyley, Belleville
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200

Details: Scripture study
Contact: 319-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday.
Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Catholic adult and Bible school, Gary Michuta, leads a study of Peter.

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

Details: Learners Bible study is family
Contact: 248-374-5920

FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL
Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shilavasse, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

FOOD BANK
New Hope Church
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. every Friday by appointment only
Location: 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton

Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at 734-270-2528.

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, MOPS, 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Thursday, MOPSnext. Both programs run September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPSnext supports mothers of school-aged children.

Contact: Rebekah Creeden at 734-522-6830 for MOPS and Susan Mgner at 248-478-3643 for MOPSnext details.

Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, grants, financial help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia.

Details: All Creatures UL sponsor the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162

Church offers pies, pasties



Andrew and Jill Perez set up the dessert table at Newburg United Methodist Church's annual Thanksgiving Day dinner. Proceeds from the sale of pies — orders will be taken Oct. 29 and Nov. 4 — will help pay for the dinner.

Newburg United Methodist Church will take orders Monday, Oct. 28 and Nov. 4, for its annual fall pasty sale.

The church also has added pie to the sale this year. Proceeds from the pie sale will help fund the church's annual Thanksgiving Dinner, which is open to the public.

Pasties are \$4 each and sides of gravy are an additional 50 cents. They'll be available for pickup from 1-5 p.m. Nov. 8 and 9, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Pies are \$10. Pies will be baked on Tuesday, Nov. 27, with pickup on Nov. 27.

Call 734-422-0149 to order pies and pasties.

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DOSTA, MARY FRANCES
 Age 70 Benevolent daughter, beloved wife, devoted mother, loving sister and caring grandmother passed away on September 27th, 2013. A memorial service will be held at Harvest Ministries Church 23233 Drake Rd Farmington, MI 48335 on October 26th, 2013 at 5 p.m.

HORN, CARLETTE
 She laughed, she cried. We laughed, we cried. She ran like the wind. Well, maybe not quite. She lived, she died. We will miss her, we love her. Née Houser, born 7-20-42. Survived by: Monroe Horn, Doreen, John, Truman, Lia, and Griffin Schroeder, Monroe, Gail, Scott and Emily Horn.

KELLEY, D.D.S. STEWART "RICHARD"
 Age 87 of Howell, Michigan, died on Tuesday, October 22, 2013. Born in Flint on April 21, 1926, he was the son of Stewart and Lucella (Letourneau) Kelley. Formerly of Garden City and a Howell area resident since 1980. Dr. Kelley was a WWII U.S. Navy veteran and graduate of the University Of Detroit School Of Dentistry. He started his own dental office in Garden City in 1960 and practiced until his retirement in 2006. Dr. Kelley was a member of the Garden City Knights of Columbus and enjoyed gardening, bowling and playing softball. Beloved husband of Rose Marie (Herman) Kelley whom he married at St. Michael's Church of Higgins Lake on April 14, 1975. Loving father of Kathleen Kelley of Howell, Richard (Allison) Kelley of Howell and Michael (Linda) Kelley of Garden City. Proud and loving grandfather of Donovan Kelley of Howell, Aiden Kelley of Howell and Angela McBride of Hartland. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. He attended St. John Catholic Church, 2099 Hacker Rd. (at M-59), Howell where the funeral mass will be held at the little church on Friday, October 25th at 11:00 a.m. (in state beginning 10 a.m.). Father Francis George, Celebrant. Interment to follow at Riddle Cemetery. Visitation Thursday, 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. (Rosary 7 p.m.) at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Please sign the family's online guestbook at macdonaldsfuneralhome.com
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FERRY, MARJORIE E. (NEE TUCKER)
 Age 85, of Farmington, died October 21, 2013. Beloved wife of 66 years to Howard, devoted mother of Michael (Susan), Dennis (Jane), Marcia (Dave) Tyler, and the late Daniel (1999), loving sister of Mary Ann (Robert) Hay and the late John (Marylyn) Tucker; cherished grandmother of seven, great grandmother of four, and aunt of numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral Mass Thursday, Oct. 24, 10:30 am (in state 9:30 am) at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 23615 Power Rd., Farmington. Memorial gifts suggested to the Levey Bio Dentistry Assoc., 10000, or the Farmington Garden Club. Arrangements entrusted to the Heeneysundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington (248-474-5206)
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Jane Kelly Kosek (left) with actors Andy Gates and Taryn Horacek, and producer-writer-director Leena Pendharkar

Livonia native 'tells' stories on film and through the Internet

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Jane Kelly Kosek can pack a lot of storytelling into very little time.

The Livonia native created a web comedy, *I Love My Annoying Spouse*, which looks at how a loving couple handles their spouse's annoying habits. Each segment in the series, which Kosek also directs, runs just two and a half to three minutes.

"I love *My Annoying Spouse* was more of an experiment for me," said Kosek, during a phone interview this week with the *Observer*. "I have not directed before and I thought I need to start. I made it very simple so I could really focus on the storytelling and directing."

"We've kept it lean and mean. We're using all of our own equipment said Kosek, adding that her five-member production team includes the series' two actors.

I Love My Annoying Spouse, which will debut in November, will show the couple in vignettes "doing things that we naturally do to annoy our spouses." It starts with them planning a trip, as they approach their five-year anniversary.

"They'll grow as a couple and face obstacles. I'm exploring their foibles."

Other programs

Kosek's first web comedy, *Overly Attached Andy*, on which she served as a producer, runs weekly in two- to three-minute segments on So Natural TV, a YouTube channel. She collaborated on the series, which premiered last week, with Leena Pendharkar, who wrote, directed and co-



Taryn Horacek and Andy Gates star in the Web series, "Overly Attached Andy."

produced the episodes. "Andy," is a "hipster wannabe" who is overly attached to his ex and fears he'll never find a similar relationship. He asks a romantically challenged friend to help him find true love online.

Although *I Love My Annoying Spouse* and *Overly Attached Andy* are Kosek's first web series projects, the Stevenson High School graduate has a long list of film credits, in both narrative and documentary formats. The driving force behind Meritage Pictures, Kosek produced writer-director Leslie Iwerks' feature-length documentary *Citizen Hearst* last year and her short documentary, *Pipe Dreams*, in 2011. She's currently producing a documentary about Disney's "Imagineering."

Her fictional film stories include *The Diary of Preston*

Plummer, Take Me Home, Not Since You and Tennessee. She also has produced several short films. She and her husband also write a wine blog.

Feature films, Internet

"In my heart of hearts I will always love features and the process of getting caught up in the story...making every scene count, every hand gesture count. But it's also freeing and different to (tell a story) in a shorter time frame. And it's a challenge," she said, comparing feature films and web-based shows.

Kosek encourages independent filmmakers to embrace the Internet and tap into its immediate audience. She said Internet-based shows not only help filmmakers build a following, but make them "better storytellers" in the process.

Kosek, 44, discovered her

interest in storytelling and writing during her junior year at Oakland University. She had planned a career in physical therapy but discovered that her writing and film courses were more inspiring and "took 10 English classes" her senior year.

After graduation, she worked for Gale Research as a writer and editor for four years. After marrying her husband, Steve, a photographer, the couple moved to New York, where she continued working in the publishing industry for another eight years.

"Something always spoke to me in the visual realm and drew me to TV and film."

Learning the ropes

She left the publishing world to become an unpaid intern on film productions. Her first experience was as a pro-



Kosek

duction secretary. She worked her way up to a paid position as assistant production coordinator. When the couple moved to the Los Angeles area, she assisted producer-writer Akiva Goldsman (*A Beautiful Mind*) before striking out on her own.

Her advice for other wannabe screenwriters, producers and directors is to persevere. "Never give up. Stay at it. Even if you have a day job, keep doing it on the side."

Kosek said she hopes to produce a film in Michigan one day. She still keeps in touch with friends from Stevenson and said she loved growing up in Livonia.

"I still think about it a lot. I'd love to make a film in Livonia. I have a high school comedy I'd like to make there."

For more about Kosek's projects, visit meritagepictures.com. Check out *Overly Attached Andy* at sonaturaltv.com.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

GALLERY@VT

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, drawing, pastels, ceramics and photography

Contact: 734-394-5300, Ext. 8

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1:15 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Oct. 26

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: Terry "Under the (Inspired) Influence" includes works by Anita Anderson, Renee M. Doolley, Mary

Fortuna, Diane Hawkey, Leann Meisner, Juana Moore, Kate Paul, and Mike Sivak. The show will offer visitors a glimpse of what inspires the artists and compels them to create

Coming up: "Small Works," an all-media juried exhibit, and "Through the Lens: A Northville Camera Club Exhibit" run Nov. 1-Dec. 14. The "Small Works" show is "cash and carry," meaning buyers may take the art home with them immediately after purchase. The "Through the Lens" exhibit will feature photos of nature, animals, family, culture and architecture. Many of the photos also will be for sale.

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

UPPER HALL GALLERY

Time/Date: Through Dec. 7, pub hours are 3 p.m. to midnight Monday-Thursday, 3 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 1

a.m. Saturday, and noon to 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

FILM MUR DIGITAL CINEMAS

Time/Date: "Despicable Me 2," Oct. 26-27

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

Details: The last film of a free fall children's film festival is shown; 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. Friday, Oct. 25, and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 26-27

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "Planes," admission \$3

Coming up: "The Butler," 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 1-2, 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3, and 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7; "In a World," 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 8-9, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10, and 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14

Shook-tober Series: "Abbott & Costello Meet Frankenstein," with Lon Chaney Jr. and Bela Lugosi, Oct. 24. Shows start at 7 p.m. Admission is \$3

Contact: 734-483-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Oct. 25 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Oct. 26

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

Details: Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho," starring Anthony Perkins and Vera Miles, \$5

Coming up: "Mister Roberts," starring Henry Fonda, James Cagney and Jack Lemmon, 8 p.m. Nov. 8 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Nov. 9, tickets \$5; Third Classic Animation Festival, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, with rare, classic animated short subjects appropriate for all ages, hosted by Steve Stanchfield, tickets \$5

Contact: 313-537-2560

GET OUT

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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-lantern-lined path, costumed characters, storytelling and 1930s cartoons. Tickets are \$12.75 for members and \$15 for nonmembers, children under 2 are free
Contact: 313-9872-6001; 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, BATV, highlights leisure activities that families and individuals engaged in before television. The exhibit runs through Nov. 10. Admission \$5 for adults and \$2 for students 6-17

Tea time: The annual Masquerade Tea runs 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3. Liz Kestner, museum executive director, will portray Mary Seelye Davis, who was a Plymouth resident from the late 1820s-1895. Kestner also will show her extensive collection of Victorian mourning items. The event includes a Victorian-style tea. Tickets are \$25 for members and \$30 for nonmembers. Get tickets at plymouthhistory.org
Contact: www.plymouth-history.org; 734-455-8940

MUSIC BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

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

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

Details: The event includes open mic performances featured musicians. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and include admission.
Contact: Scott Ludwig at BFPresident@aol.com

FARMINGTON PLAYERS BARN THEATER

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

Location: 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Magic Bus plays classic rock of the 1960s and 1970s. Tickets are \$19 for adults and \$17 for students. Buy them at http://ecrep.flybug.com or call 248-473-1848 or buy in person at the Gorkick Center, 28650 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. 1780, 41700 Ark Road, Plymouth

Details: Johnny Trudell and his quartet perform Oct. 29. The band includes Trudell on trumpet and flugelhorn, Ray Tint on bass, Billy Cairo on drums and Chuck Shamattano on keyboard. \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds go toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans.
Contact: 734-453-1780 or email to phylmthelkts1780@yahoo.com

JAZZ CAFE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 25-26

Location: Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison, Detroit

Details: Jazz trumpeter Russell Gunn and his quartet featuring Grammy-winning vocalist Dionne Farris perform. Tickets are \$30 in advance at ticketmaster.com or by phone: \$40 at the door
Contact: 313-887-8501

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26

Location: Steppingstone School, 30250 Grand River Ave., south of Nine Mile, between Orchard Lake Road and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

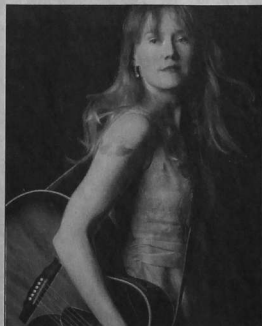
Details: "The Haunted House at Steppingstone School" will feature music by Bach, Grieg, Mussorgsky, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Berlioz, Stephen Schwartz and more. General tickets are \$30; seniors, 62 and over, pay \$25 and students with ID pay \$10. Buy them at the Michigan Philharmonic office, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth, by phone or online at michiganphil.org.
Contact: 734-451-2112

PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

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

Location: 884 Penningan, Plymouth

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



Angela Easterling performs Nov. 2 at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia.



Gabrielle Mirabella (left), Georgia Kate Haeg, and Carly Sakolove sing the songs of ABBA in "Mamma Mia!" on stage Nov. 5-10 at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit.



Magic Bus will perform Nov. 9 at the Farmington Players Barn Theater.

creative side.

Saturday featured artist: Danielle Ate The Sandwich, Oct. 25; Crazy Wisdom, Nov. 1. Featured performer concerts start at 8 p.m.
Contact: 734-454-0178

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

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

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Don Henry, Oct. 25; The Michigan Fingertyle Guitar Society presents Pino Forastiere, Oct. 26; Jeff Arundel with JB Davies, Nov. 1; Nobody's Darling with Angela Easterling, Nov. 2; Annie and Rod Capps, Joel Palmer and Seven Bridges, Nov. 3. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted
Contact: 734-464-6302

VIVACE MUSIC SERIES

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9

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

Details: Yooshin Song, concertmaster of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, performs on violin with pianist Zhuyua Tang. The program includes music by Beethoven, Bartok, Brahms and Tchaikovsky. General admission is \$23. Members, senior and students under 18 pay \$20.
Contact: Joyce Chersh at 248-788-9338 or Ann Sipher at 248-661-1348

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

CEMETERY WALK

Time/Date: Every 15 minutes beginning at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26

Location: Riverside Cemetery, located on Plymouth Road, west of Haggerty, behind the 35th District Courthouse at 660 Plymouth Road.

Details: "Mamma Mia!" is a musical based on the songs of ABBA. Tickets are \$36-\$76.
Contact: 800-982-2787; www.broadwayindetroit.com

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Time/Date: Dinner theater, 6:30 p.m., Oct. 25-26 and Nov. 1-2; show only, 8 p.m. Nov. 8-9

Location: 1800 Haggerty, Livonia

Details: "All My Sons," by Arthur Miller; dinner and show costs \$27; show only is \$15
Contact: 734-462-4596

Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$12 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$9 for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

Zoo Boo: The event features a half-mile, trick-or-treat trail, a live mini musical, games, tents, arts and crafts, pumpkin carving demonstrations and a hay maze. Tickets are \$8, ages 2 and up, available at detroitzoo.org/events/zoo-boo. Some tickets may be available at the gate for \$11. Time slots are every half hour from 6-7:30 p.m. Fridays and 5-7:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, weekends in October
Contact: 248-541-5717

GHOST STORIES

Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27

Location: Summit on the Park's Grand Ballroom, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton

Details: Judge Ronald Lowe will tell ghost stories suitable for ages 8 and up. Tickets are \$10 per family or \$4 per individual and can be purchased at Summit on the Park, on Sundays at the Pole Barn at Canton Farmer's Market, located in Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road, Canton. Proceeds benefit the Canton Historical Society. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Contact: cantonhistoricalsociety.org

THEATER FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 25-26, and Nov. 12 and Thursday, Oct. 31; 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27

Location: The Farmington Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: John Bufford of Northville Township directs the new adaptation of the classic horror tale, "Dracula," that he refers to as a "PG-13" production. Tickets are \$16. Students get a \$2 discount on any performance. Seniors get a \$2 discount only on Oct. 13. Thrifty Thursday on Halloween offers \$0 discount for everyone. Ticket-holders can participate in a costume contest on Oct. 31.
Auditions: Registration starts at 12:30 p.m. and auditions begin at 1 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 10, for the musical "Assassins." To get a pdf of the script or for more information, contact Mike Smith at assassins@farmingtonplayers.org
Contact: 248-553-2855; www.farmingtonplayers.org

FISHER THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 10-11

Location: 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit

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BRING BACK BREAKFAST

Football practices, dance rehearsals, school work, and other weekday activities often make family mealtime seem like a thing of the past. If you're looking for ways your family can spend more quality time together, consider bringing back breakfast this weekend.

Enjoying each other's company and a delicious breakfast is the perfect opportunity for your family to reconnect. Use the added time weekend mornings provide to prepare a wonderful, warm meal for your family to sit down and create lasting memories. Make your morning meal a weekend tradition the whole family can look forward to all week long.

Here are some easy tips to help make breakfast a family occasion:

Make breakfast special—Each week, ask a family member to choose a fun theme for the breakfast table. From sports teams to movie themes to favorite colors—you'll see that the choices are endless and they can inspire creative breakfast menus.

Find some breakfast helpers—Let the whole family practice their cooking skills by helping you in the kitchen. Serve foods that are easy to dress up.

Create breakfast menu magic—The sky is the limit when you have extra time to craft a hearty breakfast, so serve a variety of foods your family will love. You can't go wrong with breakfast classics—from fresh veggie and egg dishes to the warm, fluffy goodness of a stack of pancakes. Does your family enjoy creating breakfast masterpieces? Try these recipes for a magical take on an ordinary meal.

For more recipes and breakfast tips to bring families together on the weekends, visit www.hungryjack.com.

UPSIDE-DOWN BREAKFAST STACKS

Yield: 6 stacks
Prep Time: 15 min
Cook Time: 15 min

Cooking spray

3 large eggs, lightly beaten
6 fully cooked sausage patties or 6 vegetable sausage patties

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup Hungry Jack's Buttermilk Pancake & Waffle Mix

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup water

Shredded sharp cheddar or pepper jack cheese (optional)

Pancake or maple syrup

Heat oven to 375°F. Coat 6 muffin cups or glass custard cups generously with no-stick cooking spray. Divide eggs evenly into prepared muffin cups. Top with sausage patty. Whisk pancake mix and water together in medium bowl until smooth. Pour evenly over sausage. Bake 14 to 16 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 2 minutes. Invert onto baking sheet. Sprinkle immediately with cheese, if desired. Serve warm with syrup.

— Courtesy of Family Features

BITE-SIZED DOUGHNUTS WITH BACON SUGAR

Yield: 3 dozen
Prep Time: 20 minutes
Cook Time: 10 minutes

Ingredients:

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup water

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup instant mashed potato flakes

1 large egg yolk

1 tablespoon vegetable oil, plus additional for frying

1 tablespoon sugar

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon vanilla extract

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup plus 1 tablespoon Hungry Jack Complete

Buttermilk Pancake & Waffle Mix (just add water)

Bacon sugar coating:

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar

4 fully cooked bacon slices, heated until crisp

Chocolate glaze (Optional):

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup Hungry Jack Original Syrup

1 ounce unsweetened baking chocolate, coarsely chopped

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup powdered sugar

Combine water and instant potato flakes in large bowl. Stir until moistened. Add egg yolk, 1 tablespoon oil, sugar and vanilla; mix well. Gradually stir in $\frac{1}{2}$ cup pancake mix. Sprinkle work surface with remaining 1 tablespoon pancake mix. Turn dough out onto work surface. Knead dough until well blended, about 1 minute. Shape into a 4-inch disk. Wrap in plastic wrap and chill 1 hour or overnight.
For Bacon Sugar Coating: mince cooked bacon in food processor until very fine. Add sugar; pulse 2 to 3 seconds just until blended.

4. For Optional Chocolate Glaze: Place syrup and chocolate in small microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high 30 to 45 seconds. Stir until mixture is smooth. Stir in powdered sugar. Gradually blend in coffee until desired consistency.

5. Pour oil into large heavy saucepan to 1-inch depth. Heat oil to 350°F.
6. Roll out dough to a $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch thickness on floured surface. Cut out small rounds using a 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch round pastry cutter or cut into 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch squares using a sharp knife. Working in batches, fry dough 30 to 60 seconds or until puffed and golden brown on all sides. Drain on paper towels. Roll in Bacon Sugar Coating or dip one side in Chocolate Glaze and then in Bacon Sugar Coating. Serve warm.



HALLOWEEN BREAKFAST

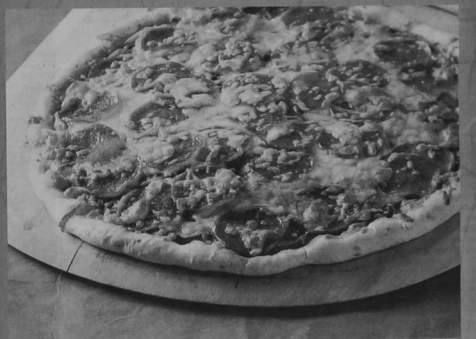
Halloween is the sweetest holiday of the year, making it a favorite for giddy children who dream of giant bags of candy. Before they rush out the door on Halloween night, make sure your kids and their fellow trick or treaters are filled up with something other than candy.

Serve your ghouls and goblins a sweet, salty and colorful snack with this recipe for Spooky Snack Mix. Made with peanuts, pretzels, marshmallows and chocolate chips, it's a perfect after-school snack.

Or for a tried-and-true kid favorite, serve them classic Pepperoni Pizza. It's the perfect dinner-time solution for busy families who crave the gooey, cheesy goodness of homemade pizza.

For more seasonal recipes and baking tips, visit www.Karosyrup.com and www.Breadworld.com.

— Courtesy of Family Features



SPOOKY SNACK MIX

Makes: 18 cups
Prep Time: 25 minutes
Chill Time: 30 minutes

5 cups crispy corn cereal squares

2 cups cinnamon-flavored bear-shaped graham crackers

2 cups tiny twist pretzels

1 cup sugar

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup light corn syrup

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter or margarine

2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon yellow food coloring, or $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon orange paste food coloring

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon red food coloring, or $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon orange paste food coloring

2 cups mini marshmallows

2 cups small candies such as candy corn, candy coated chocolate pieces, etc.

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup white or semi-sweet chocolate chips

2 teaspoons corn oil

Mix together cereal, crackers, peanuts and pretzels in large bowl sprayed with cooking spray. Combine sugar, corn syrup and butter in saucepan over medium-high heat. Stirring frequently, bring to boil and cook for 1 minute. Remove from heat and add vanilla and food colorings (mixture will bubble). Drizzle glaze over snack mix and toss to coat. Gently stir in marshmallows and candy; immediately spread on baking sheet sprayed with cooking spray.

Melt chocolate chips and oil until smooth. Drizzle over snack mix and refrigerate for 30 minutes to set chocolate.

Store mix in air-tight container.

PEPPERONI PIZZA

Makes: 1 (12-inch) pizza
Prep Time: 15 minutes
Bake Time: 12 to 15 minutes

Crust:

$\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups all-purpose flour

1 envelope Fleischmann's Pizza Crust Yeast or RapidRise Yeast

3 tablespoons corn oil

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons sugar

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup very warm water (120°F to 130°F)

3 tablespoons corn oil

1 to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup pizza sauce

Pepperoni slices

1 to 2 cups (4 to 8 ounces) shredded mozzarella cheese

Preheat oven to 425°F.

Combine 1 cup flour, undissolved yeast, sugar and salt in large bowl. Add very warm water and oil; mix until well blended, about 1 minute.

Gradually add enough remaining flour to make soft dough. Dough should form a ball and will be slightly sticky. Knead on floured surface, adding additional flour if necessary, until smooth and elastic, about 4 minutes. (If using RapidRise Yeast, let dough rest at this point for 10 minutes.)

Pat dough with floured hands to fill greased pizza pan or baking sheet. Or, roll dough on floured counter to 12-inch circle; place in greased pizza pan or baking sheet. Form rim by pinching edge of dough.

Spread with pizza sauce. Top with pepperoni and sprinkle with cheese.

Bake on lowest oven rack for 12 to 15 minutes; until cheese is bubbly and crust is browned.

Tip: If you don't have a thermometer, water should feel very warm to the touch.



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Civic Senior Center Lobby
15218 Farmington Rd.

Novi:

10 a.m. - Noon
Fire Station #1
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Redford:

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
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10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Garden City High School
6500 Middlebelt Rd.

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

Plymouth:

9 a.m. - Noon
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