

Man's attempted murder count dropped

By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

A Canton man is no longer facing trial for attempted murder despite earlier allegations he tried to kill his wife by run-ning her down with a Ford F-150 pickup truck outside their home, court records show.

James Martin Hoffman, 54, has pleaded no contest to a single count of assault with a dangerous weapon and could

face penalties ranging up to four years in prison when he is sentenced in late November

by Wayne County Circuit Judge Vonda Evans.

Hoffman no longer faces charges of assault with intent to murder and having a high blood-alcohol level, under the state's so-called super drunk law. Evans dis-



Hoffman

missed those charges this month after attorneys reached a plea agreement.

Hoffman's plea averts a potential sentence of life in prison for a domestic incident his wife, Jennifer Frohock-Hoffman, has said erupted shortly after 7 p.m. June 25 outside their home at the Preserve on Fellows Creek, a condominium neighborhood near Palmer and Lotz.

Hoffman has been released from jail as he awaits his sentencing, though authorities earlier said he was placed on an electronic tether and ordered to stay away from his wife. Evans had reduced bond from \$500,000 to \$75,000

Frohock-Hoffman had testified during a July 11 preliminary exam in 35th District Court that her husband struck her with the truck, backed up and tried to hit her again as she managed to get out of the way. She said the truck then crashed into a Ford Mustang

inside the garage and pushed it through a wall of the condominium

"He tried to kill me," Fro-hock-Hoffman testified she told police.

She said the dispute arose after she confronted Hoffman and indicated he had a drinking problems. She escaped life-threatening injuries during the incident, though she said the vehicle struck her

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Canton father facing charges for baby's injuries

By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

An 8-week-old Canton girl has been released from a hospital as her 33-year-old father faces criminal charges for abusing her, police said.

The girl suffered what Canton police Sgt. Michael Steckel described as three fractured ribs and a fractured right femur.

The baby and two stepchildren of the suspect ages 7 and 9 – have been placed in protective custody after the baby girl was injured last week. Steckel said at least one of the stepchil-dren also is alleged to have been earlier abused.

Canton police had the suspect in custody. Steckel said charges could come as early as Thursday.

Steckel said the children's mother has been cooperating with police, who were preparing Wednesday to talk with the father.

Early this week, Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh said Canton police were contacted by Child Protective Services, which had received notification of the situation by a hospital.

The injuries at this point are suspect," Baugh had said; the Wayne County Prosecutors Office has concurred.

It was believed the baby was injured last week. Steckel said a stepson also is believed to have been abused last August.

Police had been conducting interviews with all people who are believed to have had contact with the child. The investigation led police to



B.L.O.C.K. program supervisor Courtney Gibbons (center) with Newspaper Club members Miciah Jackson and Avea Mumford.

Extra! Extra!

Newspaper Club one of many new B.L.O.C.K. programs

By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

iciah Jackson, 11, certainly has ambition as an aspiring newspaper journalist.

"If I had a chance, I'd have my own section and give advice to girls," she said. "I'd tell them how to deal with boys, how to carry yourself and not be afraid to be you.'

Her target audience: Girls who

are 8 years old. Avea Mumford, also 11, would

prefer to write about sports. "I like basketball and football," she said. "I'd like to write about

people who play sports. Avea plays basketball and said her favorite NBA team is the L.A.

Lakers.

Miciah and Avea are involved in the Newspaper Club, a group start-ing up at The B.L.O.C.K. (Building Leaders Out of Canton's Kids) Youth & Teen Center, an afterschool program housed inside the third floor of township hall.

The Newspaper Club is one of several new B.L.O.C.K. offerings for students ages 11-17. Program supervisor Courtney Gibbons, 24, is overseeing it. She is a 2008 graduate of Salem High School who studies English at Michigan State University.

Gibbons, who grew up in Ply-mouth, said the Newspaper Club

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Observer, Goodfellows partner for 'Pennies from Heaven'



FILE PHOTO

The Plymouth and Canton Goodfellows will be out again Oct. 25 for Make a Difference Day, collecting pennies and other donations to make sure no child goes without a Christmas.

The Canton Observer and the Plymouth Observer are once again partnering with local Goodfellows organizations' "Pennies from Heaven" campaigns to make sure no child goes without a Christmas.

"Pennies from Heaven" is a partnership between O&E Media, Inc. and local Goodfellows organizations, held annually on Make a Difference Day – the largest day of volunteering in the United States.

This year's event takes place Saturday, Oct. 25.

» Representatives of the Canton Goodfellows and the Canton Observer will be on hand from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, in Canton, to accept dona-tions of pennies, other spare change or additional donations. » Representatives of the Plymouth Goodfellows and the Plymouth Observer will be at the Plymouth Farmers Market, out in front of the Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Observer officials are encouraging residents and visitors alike to stop by one or both places, have a doughnut and some cider and make a donation.

Contributions will ensure no child goes without a Christmas. Last year, the Plymouth and Canton Goodfellows donated food and gifts to hundreds of needy children and their families.

O&E Media is also partnering that day with the Goodfellows in Redford, Livonia, Garden City, Farmington and Novi. The goal is to top last year's total collection of about \$9,000.

seeking charges against the father.

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Boo-tiful time



JERRY MOORE

Connor Moore of Canton (left) poses with his sister Sydney and the scariest costume ribbon he won during Sunday's Pumpkin Palooza in Plymouth. Connor put together pieces from several outfits to dress as what he called Pop Culture, while Sydney was Stampy Cat. For more on the Pumpkin Palooza, turn to A6.



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Plymouth-Canton marchers take first place at Franklin

By Kim Ward Correspondent

The weather was cold Saturday, but the band was hot

The 171-member Plymouth-Canton Marching Band performed its way to a first-place finish at a mid-season competition at Livonia Franklin High School.

PCMB scored 94.825 to win the Flight I competition. The band also captured the awards for Best Music Performance, **Best Visual Performance** and Best General Effect.

In the spring of each year, the Michigan Competing Bands Association member bands are divided into four flights of competition based upon high school enrollment numbers.

Bands in Flight I, the category in which PCMB competes, have 1,695 or more students. Flight II has between 1,181-1,694 students; Flight III has 714-1,180 students; and Flight IV has 713 or fewer students.

Brooklyn Columbia



Drum majors Jenny Jutterboch (from left), Katie Wolf and Brad Excell signal their band is ready at the Franklin competition.

Central took first place with a score of 82.500 in Flight IV competition. Redford Thurston took first place with a score of 87.025 in Flight III competition.

The band began its long day with practice at 9 a.m. at Plymouth High

School. After practicing in chilly conditions, the marchers boarded buses and made their way to Livonia Franklin for the 7 p.m. performance.

The weather, however, could not stop PCMB from performing a wellexecuted performance of

"Don't Bother They're Here." The show is based upon Steven Sondheim's Send in the Clowns. It features the music of Sondheim, Sergei Rachmaninoff and Joan Tower. The theatrical show includes mimes, colorful color guard and many

very red props, such as a large clown nose. The uniqueness of the show is a trademark of PCMB.

Canton High School senior clarinetist Kevin Melcher thought the band did quite well and is enjoying this year's show.

nations.

'A lot of the parents work and they want their kids in a safe, structured environment," Mortier said.

Among other new programs:

» B.L.O.C.K. Buzz Teen TV, intended to partner teens with Canton Community Television to create programming

» Glee Club, a musical choir group in The B.L.O.C.K. music room, which also has instruments such as a piano and a guitar.

» Art class, weekly sessions focusing on drawing, painting, design, photo shop and art journals.

» Piano lessons, a group that doesn't require any prior music knowledge.

» Library programs, featuring numerous activities at the next-door Canton Public Library.

"The music is challenging, but the show is a lot of fun to perform," he said

After the Livonia Franklin competition, Jon Thomann, associate band director, praised the marchers for the night's performance, but encouraged them to keep striving for excellence.

Now midway through the season, PCMB members will pick up their instruments for another week-long practice that will culminate Saturday, Oct. 25, with a competition at Troy Athens High School.

For the next several weeks, PCMB will perfect and add to the show as it prepares for the last and most important competitions of the season the Michigan Competitive Bands Association State Championship at Ford Field in Detroit and the Grand National Championship at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis

For more information about PCMB, visit pcmb.net.

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can help youngsters improve their writing skills and learn more about each other and their interests. She said the students may write about issues ranging from music to fashion.

Ideally, Gibbons said the Newspaper Club can publish on a township website.

www.cantonfun.org, and possibly even print out news and place it in buildings such as Summit on the Park.

The B.L.O.C.K. is starting more goal-oriented programs to complement leisure activities such as playing video games, shooting pool and studying in a computer lab

"We're looking to kind of shift the program from more like a babysit-



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Taj Hudson and staffer Jacob Revels play Foosball.

ting service to a youth development program that the kids can gain something from," Director Laura Mortier said.

The B.L.O.C.K. typically draws about 45 students after school, but "on a good day we might see 50 to 60," Mortier

said. Hours are 2:30-8:30 p.m. each school day, along with Friday night youth outings to movie theaters and other destipany some programs. For more information, call 734-398-5570 or go to www.cantonfun.org.

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New scholarship to reward community service

By Matt Jachman taff Writer

Graduating P-CEP eniors who were Key them to be good community citizens and be acwhere she had been active in several extracur-

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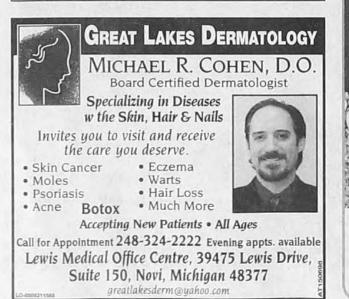
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The Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for the fiscal year of 2015 on November 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Charter Township of Plymouth offices located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the above address in the Clerk's Office week days from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to

support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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A Plymouth service club is offering a hand up to local high school students with a passion for helping their communities

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth plans a college scholarship fund in honor of the late Erin Ryan, who founded the Key Club at Ply mouth-Canton Educational Park when she was a student at Salem High School. Key Clubs, affiliated with Kiwanis International, are serviceoriented extracurricular clubs for high school students. The club at P-CEP has grown to several hundred members over the last 25 years.

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right leg and almost pinned her against the Mustang before she made it to safety. Detective Sgt. Chad Club members will be eligible to compete for the \$1,000 scholarship, which is intended for post-high school education or training. Schoolcraft College will match the scholarship with another \$1,000 for winners who enroll there.

The Kiwanis club plans to award the first scholarship next year, after raising an initial endowment of at least \$20,000.

"Our hope is that we get them interested in community service so that they get out and join some kind of service club," said Ralph "Buzz" Bozell, who came up with the idea for the schol-arship. "We just want

Baugh has said Frohock-Hoffman yelled for help to alert neighbors.

Defense attorney James Michael Menna had argued in 35th District Court that Hoffman shouldn't face felony charges, saying he didn't mean to harm his wife

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Bozell, a dentist and instructor at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, is a longtime friend of Ryan's father, Jim Ryan, an attorney in Plymouth. Both were charter members, in the 1970s, of a Kiwanis club in Canton Township and both later joined the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, in which they are still active.

He'd known Erin, who died in 1996, since she was a young girl.

"She was a really wonderful kid and when she passed it was just awful. The world lost a bright light," Bozell said.

Erin Ryan graduated in 1990 from Salem,

and contending there was no testimony to prove he even knew she was in the driveway when the incident unfolded.

Frohock-Hoffman said she had gone outside when she heard a noise and saw her husband backing his Ford F-150

ricular activities, including the French Club, the National Honor Society and the track team, in addition to starting the Key Club.

She graduated from Kalamazoo College in 1994 with a degree in international studies and economics. She worked at United Technologies Automotive and later at American Yazaki and had been married for about two years when she died of complications of lymphoma.

Anyone interested in donating to the scholarship fund should email Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth president Mark Riegal at markriegal@aol.com.

down the driveway and over trash bags that had been placed there. As she stood in the driveway, she said she heard "a screech" as the truck accelerated toward her.

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NO PLACE LIKE HOME FOR TONDA TEACHERS

By Brad Kadrich Staff Writer

Sharon Anderson remembers when the apple tree was planted in that little circular drive during the first year after Flossie B. Tonda Ele-mentary School opened in 1994

Like that apple tree just a twig back then, but a strong presence two decades later - Anderson and a group that includes three other teachers have thrived while building Tonda into the family friendly school it remains after 20 years.

Anderson, Cathy Webster, Valerie Mestrovich and Judy Webb opened the doors in 1994 along with the school's first principal, George Belvitch, and they've opened those same doors every day since.

And they wouldn't have it any other way.

"It's definitely a family here," said Webster, who is retiring at the end of the year. "It was a number of years before anyone (of the original staff) left. There's some kind of bonding that goes on between people who open a building.'

Webb remembers coming from Bird. While she's a first-grade teacher now, she's also taught second grade at Tonda. And for 20 years, she's done it from the same classroom.

Second home

So Tonda is like a home in more ways than one. Not only does Webb never contemplate leaving the school, she's going to be in that same room until her final teaching days.

'(Belvitch) let us pick out our classrooms and I chose mine," Webb said, smiling. "That classroom is my room. Don't even ask me to move."

The school is home to Webster for more reasons than one. Webster is the only one in the group who grew up in the district. Her mother - who to this day volunteers in her classroom - still lives in



Tonda Elementary School teachers Cathy Webster (from left), Judy Webb, Val Mestrovich and Sharon Anderson have been with the school since its doors opened in 1994.

some of the teachers she had were still teaching.

Not everything is the same. The student population - 610 kids at its peak – has definitely diversified (they agree it's a good thing) and teaching methods have changed (they agree it's not such a good thing). When they started, the quartet agreed, teaching was more about watching the students move around and learn things and less about standardized testing and desk learning.

Teaching was centerbased," Webster said. "We assessed kids by observing them move around the room. Now everything is data-datadata."

Simple reasons

Mestrovich has taken the most circuitous career path toward her 20-year career at Tonda. Early in her career, she taught at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth Township. She spent some time teaching in Pennsylvania. And then she took a dozen years off to raise her family.

She came back for a pretty simple reason – "I loved teaching," she said but she's found the requirements for teachers and students have changed over the years. Things kids were expected to be able to do in second grade back then are expected of kindergartners now. "The demands have changed," Mestrovich said. "Kids can't have as much fun.'

in that atmosphere of family. There have been marriages and divorces, children and grandchildren, graduations and colleges.

Their husbands know each other, they've raised their children together and now they've got grandchildren.

"You come to work and we're friends," Sharon Anderson said. "You've got people who love you and care about you. They care about your family and you care about their family."

Tara Botosan, in her fourth year as only the third principal in Tonda history, said they are passionate educators who care tremendously for the community they serve."

Family time

Not all of them will still be setting the tone next year, as one more milestone looms for two of them: retirement. Both Webster and Mestrovich are calling it a career after this school year, although it's not going to be easy for either one.

"I'm having some ups and downs coming to grips with (retirement)," Webster said. "I know it's time; I don't have as much energy as I used to. But 40 years is a long time. It's time to be a grandma now."

The staff will honor

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

What: Tonda Elementary School 20th anniver-

sary celebration Where: Tonda Elementary School, 46504 Warren in Canton Who: Current and former staff members, teachers, students and the general public are invited When: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24

Details: Building tours run 6:30-7 p.m. and the anniversary presentation and birthday-cake cutting take place 7-7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Former principals George Belvitch and Kurt Tyszkiewicz are expected to speak. "The celebration is an opportunity to excite our current Timberwolves while reminiscing the past, reconnecting old friends and honoring Tonda Timberwolves who began it all," current Tonda Principal Tara Botosan said. "Once a Timberwolf, always a Timberwolf."

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CANTON LEISURE SERVICES

A 20-minute run on the treadmill will be part of the Summit on the Park's first indoor triathlon Nov. 16.

Canton's Summit to host inaugural indoor triathlon

Summit on the Park community recreation center in Canton hosts its inaugural "Conquer the Summit" indoor triathlon beginning at 7

a.m. Sunday, Nov. 16. Participants in the indoor triathlon will complete a 20-minute swim in the aquatic center, a 20-minute ride on an upright stationary bike and a 20-minute treadmill run with 10minute transition times between each event. Participant scoring and placement will be determined by the total distance covered in each 20-minute discipline, with medals given to the overall top male and female finishers and top finisher within each age group. "Whether you want

to try a triathlon for the first time or just mix up your training, the indoor triathlon is a unique opportunity to stay active during the fall months," aquatics, health and wellness specialist Brad Chiasson said. "We look forward to a Sunday of friendly competition and fun.'

triathlon, heats will begin at 7 a.m. and run every 30 minutes after that. Participants must check in 30 minutes prior to their registered start time. Competitors can select their preferred heat start time at registration and heats will be filled on a firstcome, first-serve basis.

Participants must provide their own swimsuits, swim caps, goggles, biking and running clothing and towels. Stiff-soled or cycling shoes are recommended. Locker rooms will be available to store belongings during the event and competitors must bring their own locks.

The event is the first of its kind at Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. Fees to participate are \$35 for Summit members, \$40 for Canton residents and \$45 for non-residents. Deadline to reg-

ister is 5 p.m. Nov. 10. For more information about the indoor triathlon or to register, go to www.summitonthepark.org or call 734-394-5460.

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the same house Webster grew up in. Webster went to Bird, West Middle School, East Middle School, then the old Plymouth High School (in what is now Central Middle School).

Her first teaching assignment? Bird Elementary School, where

It's still fun for the teachers, though, because they've sort of grown up

those retirements the same way they do everything else: together.

I will cry my eyes out when (Mestrovich and Webster) retire," Webb said. "It's definitely a family here."

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O&E holiday arts, craft show is Saturday

Jump-start your holi-day shopping at the Observer & Eccentric Arts & Crafts Show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at Quality Inn Suites, 30375 Plymouth Road (between Middlebelt and Merriman), in Livonia.

Admission is free to the event, which features some 30 local artists, crafters and home businesses.

A free stress reduc-



tion workshop by Dr. Michael Brackney is set for 1 p.m. Learn how stress affects the body and how to relieve it to feel better and enjoy life.

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A raffle prize drawing will be held every 30 minutes. Free refreshments will be available while supplies lasts.

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Trial set in dispute involving gun, chain

By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

A dispute police say involved a gun and a chain outside a Canton fast-food restaurant appears headed for trial, barring a plea deal for two female defendants.

A jury trial has been scheduled for Dec. 17 for Antoinette Hope Boone, 37, of Canton and her cousin Alyah Chaurice Tooson-Boone, 19, of Inkster. Police say the women are ac-cused of threatening a third woman after tempers flared over a man.

Boone is accused of threatening a 30-year-old Inkster woman with a .40-caliber handgun. Tooson-Boone was charged following allegations she was carrying a chain during a dispute that unfolded about 11:30 p.m. Aug. 14 outside

the McDonald's restaurant near Michigan Avenue and Lotz

Police have said the victim claimed she was confronted after she pulled her car into the restaurant parking lot.

She said she had been trailed eastbound along Michigan Avenue by assailants who swerved into her lane, yelled at her and threw objects at her car

The victim told police she had begun dating a man formerly involved with Boone.

Boone could face four years in prison if convicted of felonious assault and carrying a concealed weapon. She could face an additional two years behind bars if she is found guilty of a felony firearm charge.

No shots were fired and no one was injured, Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh has said.

Tooson-Boone could face penalties ranging up to four years in prison if she is convicted of a single count of felonious assault involving threats she allegedly made with a chain.

The defendants have been released from jail and ordered to stay away from the victim as they await trial.

The victim told police the incident unfolded after she stopped at the McDonald's restaurant to meet a friend, who told police she also felt threatened. The victim told authorities she retrieved a baseball bat from her car before the dispute was broken up.

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CANTON POLICE

Antoinette Hope Boone (left) and her cousin, Alyah Chaurice Tooson-Boone, face trial for a dispute involving a gun and a chain in Canton

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

CANTON CRIME WATCH

Fraud report

A 38-year-old Canton woman notified police after she received a letter from a collection agency saying she was delinquent on her Comcast account, even though she doesn't have one, a police report said.

She contacted Comcast and was told she owed \$200 on an account that was opened in March out of Clinton Township. She reported the incident Saturday afternoon.

Vandalism

A vandal spray-painted the side of Super Bowl, on Ford east of Canton Center, sometime prior to 9 a.m. Oct. 16.

An employee noticed a portion of the building had been spray-painted and painted over it, but a picture was taken so that police could see it.

Suspicious visitors

A 49-year-old Canton woman notified police to report two suspicious men who came to an open house for a home that is for sale in the 41500 block of Wayside, northwest of Cherry Hill and Haggerty.

The woman contacted police Saturday afternoon. A police report indicated other police agencies have reported that two male suspects have been going to open houses and stealing items while there.

The woman told police she believed the same men may have gone to the Wayside address. She said they drove a black Jeep Cherokee, which matched the description from the incidents outside of Canton.

The woman said the two men went inside the house and appeared to be acting suspiciously before they left within five minutes. She said nothing appeared to have been stolen.

Hit-and-run driver

A 40-year-old Canton motorist told police he was turning from eastbound Ford Road to northbound Haggerty when an oncoming vehicle struck the back of his 2014 Ford Focus shortly before 8 a.m. last Thursday.

The victim told police he had the green light to turn. He said the other driver's vehicle, described only as a tan, mid-size vehicle, struck his car. He said he pulled into a gas station at the intersection, but said the other driver continued along Ford Road without stopping.

The victim said the other driver appeared to be a white male with short hair.

- By Darrell Clem

Auto break-ins

Residents of a west-side Plymouth Township neighborhood were hit with a rash of vehicle burglaries one night last week, with at least seven reported to police Friday.

In all but one of the incidents, the vehicle had been entered after a window was smashed out, Plymouth Township Police Department reports show. In one case, the vehicle may have been left unlocked.

The incidents occurred late Oct. 16 or early Friday on Fellows Creek Drive, Fellows Hill Court, Fellows Hill Drive and Maple Ridge Drive, all in an area north of Ann Arbor Road and east of Napier, police said.

The things reported stolen included cash, computer equipment, a radar detector, backpacks, two iPods and sunglasses.

In one case, a responding officer found a backpack with soccer equipment in it in the back yard of a house on Fellows Creek Drive, police said. The equipment had been stolen from a Cadillac Escalade parked on the street and was later returned to its owners, police said

In another case, a woman told an officer that she had spotted a purse at Fellows Creek Drive and Maple Ridge

while walking her dog and the officer recovered the purse, police said. The purse had been stolen from a Lincoln Navigator parked in the driveway of a house on Maple Ridge and the victim's husband told police that nothing appeared to have been taken from it except cash.

The same officer recovered a mountain bicycle that appeared to have been abandoned near the found purse, police said.

Bench stolen

A outdoor benched valued at about \$375 was reported stolen Oct. 16 from the front yard of a house on Pine Ridge, in the area of Ann Arbor Road and Ridge. The victim told police she had last seen the bench Oct. 1.

Theft from auto

A work bag valued at \$150 was reported stolen Oct. 13 from a Ford Expedition while it was parked in the drive-way of a house on South Quail Run Drive. The vehicle had been left unlocked.

The victim told police there was nothing valuable in the bag.

- By Matt Jachman



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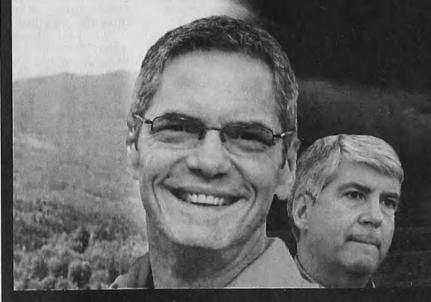
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REMARKABLE MEDICINE REMARKABLE CARE.

Girl Scout project blossoms at West Middle School

By Jennifer Walter Correspondent

Most students at West Middle School probably don't bother to take notice of the patch of greenery sitting in the middle of the Ann Arbor Road parking lot.

It's nothing glamorous, really, just a section of overgrown reeds and weedy-looking grasses to absorb runoff from the pavement during the rainy months. In fact, most students and parents probably don't even think that far into its purpose and may even think of it as simply a decoration or a median between the two rows of parking space.

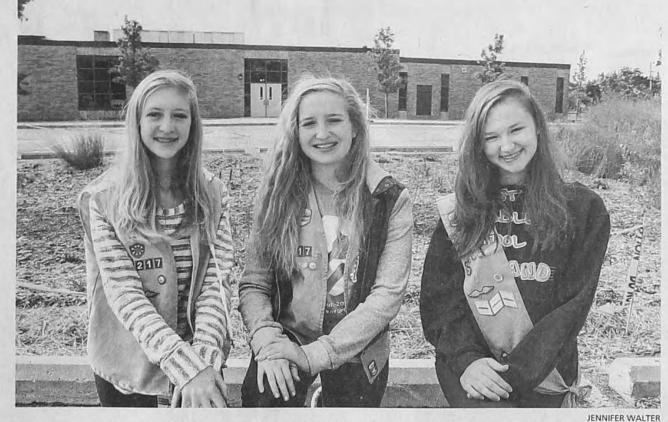
Back in March 2014, Girl Scout troop 40217 leader Lauren Walter was driving a carpool consisting of her daughter and two friends to West Middle School. Upon pulling into the parking lot, one of the girls remarked how ugly the patch of land in the middle looked. As a troop leader and organizer of its upcoming Silver Award project, Walter was inspired by this comment and decided to pose the idea to her

troop. "It sounded like a great project, because it provided a lot of learning opportunities," Walter said. "The girls would have to interface with school personnel, learn about environmental regulations and manage a budget and have a chance to create something beautiful that they could share with the public."

Silver Award

Out of the 15-something girls in troop 40217, only four decided they wanted to go ahead with a project and earn their Silver Award. West Middle School students Sarah Zrull, Natalie Walter, Autumn Clough and Sarah Griffiths were excited by the idea of creating a beautiful rain garden for West students to enjoy.

At first glance, however, the girls had no idea just how complicated, time-consuming and even physically demand-



West Middle School students (from left) Sarah Zrull, Natalie Walter and Autumn Clough earned their Silver Award by creating a rain garden for West students to enjoy. Also earning the award, but not pictured, was Sarah Griffiths.

ing the project would be. "It was definitely time-consuming," Natalie said. "The amount of days that we spent planning, in two-hour shifts, really took a lot out of me."

Sarah Zrull found the budget planning tedious as well. "Before we bought anything, we figured out the cost of everything and if we needed more of something, we needed to get rid of something else," she said.

More complicated

The project began with the girls researching landscaping ideas to come up with a concept for a rain garden, a filtration system planted in a depression or hole that collects runoff from areas such as roofs, driveways and, in this case, a parking lot.

The girls were looking forward to creating a garden in the median of the West parking lot that was not only practical, but more pleasing to the eye. However, they quickly learned that building a rain garden was much more complicated than just gutting an area and planting a few new plants.

The girls first had to establish a relationship with the school district's building grounds office, as well as Arch Environmental Group, in order to obtain proper permissions and guidelines for the project. Arch Environmental is contracted by the school district to ensure compliance with storm and waste water discharge regulations set forth by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

In the mess of tangled weeds and greens, it became apparent the "grow zone" in front of West was housing two important species of plants — phragmites and cattails. Phragmites are a highly invasive species which spreads quickly if not disposed of properly. Cattails play a vital role in the health of a wetland area, so the girls were instructed to not touch these plants at all.

Ready to focus

After having their project approved, as well as learning the necessary precautions that had to be taken in diggirls were ready to focus on their budget, as well as getting supplies, before going into action. One of the first generous donations they received was a large group of volunteers, Boy Scouts, to help with the hands-on part of the project.

ging up the area, the

It is rare for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to collaborate on a project, but in this special case, the connection was made possible with coordination from Joe Zrull. He is the father of Sarah and a leader of Boy Scout troop 1537.

"When I first had the project described to me by Lauren and the girls, (I realized) the actual, physical scale, also with the mention of the amount of time they were allowing themselves to do this giant project, would require a lot of labor," Joe Zrull said. "I figured we were going to need a lot of (volunteers), since we only had two weekends to do it. And I thought to myself, 'Where is there a pool of willing, young, strong people that is big enough to draw from?' And I thought to myself,

'The Boy Scouts of America.'''

Helping hands

The boys, ranging from grades 6-12, were willing to come help with the dirty work on the days when the girls would be digging and planting.

Sarah and her father also contacted multiple local businesses to ask for donations. They received generous amounts of plants from Home Depot, Lucas Nursery and Plymouth Nursery. Christensen's Plant Center provided the troop with dirt, while Art's Tree Service donated mulch. Another \$200 was given by TSFP to help fund any other needs. Without the abundant supplies given by these donors, the project would have been very difficult to accomplish.

On Saturday, Aug. 23, the Girls Scouts and Boy Scouts, along with a small handful of adult volunteers, gathered at West Middle School to break ground. Two huge piles of dirt sat opposite each other on the pavement, waiting to fill in the area once it was dug "It was definitely time-consuming. The amount of days that we spent planning... really took a lot out of me." NATALIE WALTER West Middle School student

up. The volunteers, most of them clad in rain boots and gloves, brought everything from shovels to tillers to get the job done.

"It's a great day to work outside!" a young volunteer called from the parking lot with a shovel in hand, eager to get to work. The day started out sunny and cool, but it quickly became hot and muggy as the morning progressed.

Manual labor

From the standpoint of someone loitering at the snack table next to the building, the project looked like backbreaking, sweaty manual labor. Girls and boys were scattered among the reeds, ripping them out from the roots. Most of the plants can be eradicated by digging them up and pulling them out. However, the girls had to follow very technical procedures in removing phragmites, which they were trained to do.

Together, the boys and girls spent about four hours digging out the old plants. Once this was done, about midday, most of the volunteers had left. Those who were left spent time spreading dirt into the now empty patch of land. In the end, the day's work totaled about six hours and the planting wasn't even begun.

The following Saturday, the Girl Scouts met up to plant and spread mulch. This took about six hours, as well, and then the project was finally complete.

"I'm so proud of the girls for all their hard work," Lauren Walter said. "They have not only created a beautiful garden, but also an opportunity for students at West to learn about the environment in a new way."

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WRESTLING RUMMAGE SALE

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 25, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: 12176 Amherst Court, Plymouth

Details: A rummage sale/scrap metal collection takes place to benefit the Plymouth High School wrestling team. Items can be dropped off for the rummage sale 4-8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Oct. 23-24, at 12177 Amherst Ct., in Plymouth. The scrap metal dumpster will be available all weekend. Acceptable scrap metals include aluminum, copper, brass, wire, electric motors, stainless steel, tungsten, carbide, transformers, radiators, EDM wire and iron.

Contact: Call Rick Burke at

734-323-1864 or email cmburke1@sbcglobal.net.

FALL HARVEST PARTY

Date/Time: Friday, Oct. 31, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton Details: All are welcome, in non-scary costumes, for a familyoriented, fun-filled evening to celebrate life. Enjoy a kidfriendly dinner, trick-or-treating, games, bounce houses, contests (costume and pumpkin carving) and prizes. Captive Free, a young energetic Christian group, will be performing skits, music and puppet shows throughout the night. Contact: Call the church office at 734-459-3333 or office@connectingwithGod.org.



PLYMOUTH-CANTON MONTESSORI

Open house

Shelby Nicholas, 4, develops her own extension of the triangle box at Plymouth-Canton Montessori School, which hosts an open house 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, for prospective parents interested in enrolling children in preschool or kindergarten programs. Teachers and staff will be available to provide classroom tours of the school, which is located at 45245 Joy Road in Canton. Children are welcome and light refreshments will be served. For more details, call 734-459-1550.



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The crowds were large during Pumpkin Palooza held Sunday in downtown Plymouth.

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Halloween fest scares up big crowd

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

Plymouth was overrun by monsters, ghosts and zombies – and by much-less-scary cartoon characters, princesses and superheroes - Sunday afternoon.

The fourth annual Pumpkin Palooza, a Halloween celebration organized by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and downtown businesses, brought hundreds of families downtown, where they admired each other's costumes, strolled the streets and Kellogg Park, played games and picked up a treat or two.

Craig Mroczka of Westland, who was dressed as Jack Skellington from The Nightmare Before Christmas, admitted he was having as much fun as any of the kids. "It's a good time," said Mroczka, who was with 3-year-old son Duncan (Ironman), 6-year-old daughter Ashlynn (a princess witch) and wife Andrea. "It's a lot of fun down here." Preschoolers danced with their parents, to tunes from the Kindermusik educational programs, on the compass feature at Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail, and, nearby, visitors played on a giant Connect Four set and two huge checkerboards, provided by the gaming lounge 3 and Up. On Forest Avenue, there were more games, an area for chalk draw-

ings and comedic music from the Singing Pirate (Mike Ball, the husband of Hands on Leather owner Nancy Ball).

A costume contest, emceed by chamber president Wes Graff, drew dozens of kids to Kellogg Park. There was a vampire, a Lego ninja, the Grim Reaper and Carl from the Disney movie Up, complete with a bunch of helium balloons lifting a model of a house.

Connor Moore, 12, of Canton Township won a Most Scary ribbon in the category of boys age 7 and up for his costume, a hybrid he called Pop Culture. The getup included elements of Star Wars, the Harry Potter books and movies, Trans-



Sarah Chapman of Taylor is all smiles as she loves her face paint during Pumpkin Palooza.

TOM BEAUDOIN

formers and ninjas. "He does concepts,"

said his father, Jerry Moore. "He doesn't go for the easy things." Connor's sister Sydney, 7, dressed as Stampy Cat from the computer game Minecraft.

"I didn't think I would get scariest," Connor said. "I was thinking something along the lines of most original."

Jerry Moore said the family often hangs out in the city and attends big Plymouth events, but that it was their first trip to Pumpkin Palooza.

"This is kind of like a nice surprise. It's very well done," he said. "Plymouth is a great draw."

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Paul and Betty Ward of Livonia and their St. Bernard, Molto, who is dressed as an old lady, at the Pumpkin Palooza held Sunday in downtown Plymouth.





TOM BEAUDOIN The baby chicks came out on a beautiful fall day as Brooke Donley of Plymouth takes time to enjoy her sucker as she takes part in Open Sidewalk Chalk sponsored by Hands on Leather store in Plymouth.

Sisters Caroline (from left) and Katrina and mom Michelle Halogen enjoy a family outing as they check out the fire truck in downtown Plymouth.



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Bring your pennies to the following locations on Saturday, Oct. 25th.

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

Garden City:

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

Farmington:

9 a.m. - 1 p.m Farmington Hills Fire Dept. Headquarters 31455 11 Mile Rd. (southwest corner of 11 Mile and Orchard Lake, next to city hall)

Livonia:

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

Novi:

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

Plymouth:

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

Redford:

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Marquee - 5145 Beech Daly Rd. (at the SW corner of Five Mile Rd. and Beech Daly Rd. behind the Township Hall)







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Certified Pre-Owned Lincoln MKZ vehicles are hot sellers at Varsity Lincoln

By Greg Mullin Staff Writer

Varsity Lincoln of Novi's Lincoln MKZ-A-THON - which offers no food, no gimmicks, no gifts, just great deals takes place during business hours these next four days:

» Thursday, Oct. 23,

8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. » Friday, Oct. 24, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

» Saturday, Oct. 25, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

» Monday, Oct. 27,

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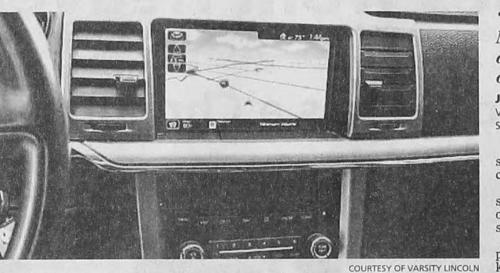
ter than a new car warranty! Additionally, any time the vehicle is in for a service visit, you can receive a loaner for no cost, exclusively at Varsity Lincoln!"

Loaded with features, the Lincoln MKZ will satisfy any customer, Law explained.

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Loaded with features, the Lincoln MKZ will satisfy any customer.

AWD, dual-zone climate control, Bluetooth®, SYNC, an adaptive suspension, a panoramic roof, and heated and

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"The Lincoln MKZ stands alone in its class of vehicles."

JERE LAW Varsity Lincoln's General Sales Manager

similar features on other comparable brands.

"The Lincoln MKZ stands alone in its class of vehicles," Law emphasized

Drivers will also enjoy peace of mind from knowing that the Lincoln MKZ will hold its value.

"This model holds its value more than other models for many reasons," Law said. "Any depreciation has already been taken on by the previous owner. Plus, the advanced styling and

dependability are advantages that add to the Lincoln MKZ's value."

The MKZ-A-Thon event includes the Lincoln MKZ Hybrids in inventory, which get an EPA-estimated MPG 41/39 (city/highway) and can drive in electric-only mode up to 85 mph.

"The Lincoln MKZ Hybrid's gas mileage, dependability and warranty make for a solid modern vehicle and over-all excellent experience," Law stated.

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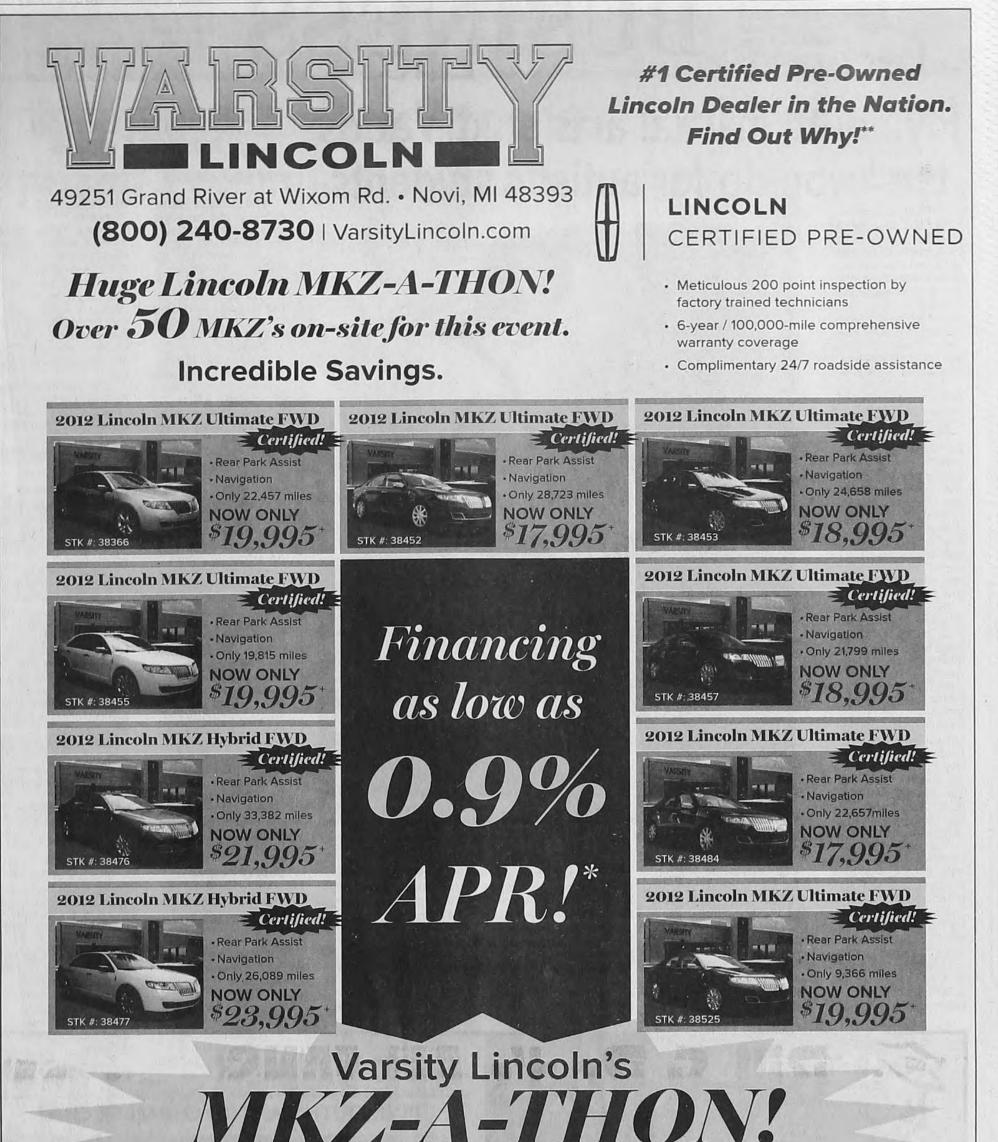
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BUSINESS

BRAD KADRICH, EDITOR BKADRICH@HOMETOWNLIFE.COM 313-222-8899 FACEBOOK: HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Plymouth martial arts studio adds tae kwon do for autistic students

Midwest Tae Kwon Do has added a specialized tae kwon do class for children who have autism or Asperger syndrome. Students, ages 6-12 and 13-18, will learn patterned movements and develop coordination, balance and timing in a highly consistent and structured environment.

Tanya Panizzo, a fifthdegree black belt and partner at the studio, is teaching the class.

"It can be challenging for parents of children with special needs to find a program geared toward their abilities and potential," Panizzo said. "We feel that all children deserve the opportunity to experience the higher self-esteem, positive outlook and self-control that tae kwon do training provides."

In recent years, Panizzo pointed out, studies have shown martial arts to be beneficial to children who are on the autism spectrum. A research project conducted by the University of Wisconsin in 2010 reported that children with autism become more confident and cooperative socially when learn-ing martial arts. They also exhibit better balance, motor coordination and improved eye contact as a result.

For many years, Panizzo has worked closely with children who have special needs and has witnessed first-hand the positive effects that quality tae kwon do training can have in all students' lives. She has held private lessons for students with special needs and coordinated a Special Olympics tournament



MIDWEST TAE KWON DO

Midwest Tae Kwon Do has added a specialized tae kwon do class for children who have autism or Asperger syndrome.

with her partner, Russell Gale, at Midwest Tae Kwon Do in August 2013.

"We wanted to reach out to the community to offer a class on a larger scale for children who usually do not have the opportunity to study tae kwon do," Panizzo said. "If we can make a positive change in children's lives by doing what we love and are passionate about, why wouldn't we?" Midwest Tae Kwon

Midwest Tae Kwon Do, located in Plymouth, is an empowermentbased organization. Instructors teach discipline and accountability as the pathway to achievement with integrity. Panizzo said that, regardless of skill or physical ability, students "who work hard, take personal responsibility and strive toward being the best they can be are supported, encouraged and rewarded."

For more information about classes, contact Midwest Tae Kwon Do at 734-459-4183 or by email at jessica@midwesttaekwondo.com.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

Life sciences hire

The Michigan Life Sciences and Innovation Center, a state-ofthe-art life science incubator in Plymouth, has hired Fredrick Molnar as venture biotech director, overseeing MLSIC and setting strategy to advance the biotech industry in Michigan.

Molnar was previously chief commercial officer at iCyt Mission Technology, a flow cytometry start-up based in Champaign-Urbana, Ill., that was a spinoff from the University of Illinois. iCyt was sold to the Sony Corp. and was later renamed Sony Biotechnology, Inc. Prior to that, Molnar worked as director of North American sales and marketing for Beckman Coulter and served on the oversight committee for the Coulter program at the University of Michigan's Biomedical Engineering School.

Molnar has an associate's degree in electronics from Henry Ford Community College, a bachelor's degree in biology from Wayne State University and an MBA from Eastern Michigan University. Molnar previously served on the joint evaluation committee to select MEDC's M-TRAC funded schools.

Safety course

Fighting Spirit Personal Safety, LLC, hosts a personal protection course designed to heighten awareness and teach prevention, risk-reduction and avoidance to help women build confidence in their ability to use options to stay safe. The course takes place from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and SunFighting Spirit Personal Safety, 584 W. Ann Arbor Trail, in Plymouth.

Owner Tanya Panizzo of Plymouth started the business in her effort to "radically change and improve women's lives, one person at a time." In five years, Panizzo has reached some 1,500 children and more than 500 women, young and old.

The cost of the twoday class is \$150 per student. Fore more information, call 734-904-1864 or log on to www.fightingspiritsafety.com.

Meet and greet

Canton Center Chiropractic Clinic hosts a lecture by Dr. Sean Gregory at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8.

Gregory will be speaking about how the Standard American Diet contributes to the risk for developing Alzheimer's and late onset dementia. Audience members can learn how to can protect themselves and their family by making healthy choices in diet and lifestyle.

Stay after 1:30-2:30 p.m. for a meet-andgreet with Gregory. Refreshments will be served.

Call the office to register at 734-455-6767.

Open house

The law office of David Helm hosts an open house from noon to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, at 598 N. Mill in Plymouth.

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Cutting the ribbon

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held recently as Michigan Dance Alliance announced its grand opening in Canton. Michigan Dance Alliance is located at 8000 Sheldon Center. Family members, customers, employees, Canton Chamber of Commerce members and residents were all among the attendees.

Dinner theater

Angel Food Catering hosts "The Great Ypsilanti Train Robbery of 1916," an interactive dinner theater event set for 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at Angel Food Catering, 44850 N. I-94 Service Drive, in Belleville.

Organizers said the interactive dinner theater is based on a real heist, still unsolved, that took place in 1916. Cost to attend is \$49.95; RSVPs must be made by Nov. 12.

To RSVP or for more information, call 734-697-1100.

Grand opening

Contemporary Dentistry & Implantology celebrates its grand opening and its move to a new, state-of-the-art facility with an open house event set for noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15.

Contemporary Dentistry is located at 1325 N. Canton Center (on the west side of Canton Center, north of Saltz). The event will feature a raffle for the first 100 people who show up, with grand prizes including an iPod for a child, a \$500 gift card to Nordstrom with a personal stylist for a woman and a specialized bicycle for a man. With cutting-edge technology, calming waterfalls, LED lights, a "Fun Room" for children, ultramodern décor, a special surgical operatory and an on-site physician, organizers said this is "not your standard dental office." Dr. Nader Bazzi, Dr. Rima Bazzi and Dr. Julie Atoui have taken dental care to the next level of professional and personable treatment.

For more information, call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at 734-453-4040.

After hours

Showroom of Elegance hosts an After-Hours Mixer 5-7 p.m. Nov. 6 at its Canton location, 6018 N. Canton Center.

Presented by Tradefirst.com, the mixer is available free to chamber members, though reservations are required.

RSVP by calling the Canton Chamber of Commerce at 734-453-4040.

Gala auction

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's 25th annual Dinner and Gala Auction takes place 6-11 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at Laurel Manor, located on Schoolcraft Road in Livonia. Chamber officials anticipate a crowd of more than 400 people and already have more than 350 auction items committed.

Tickets for the night are \$75, which include dinner, open bar, dancing and great live, silent and raffle auctions. There are still sponsorships available to give your company a higher profile at the event and they include tickets to attend.

Chamber officials are also still seeking auction donations for the event. The auction is supported by hundreds of companies throughout the area by providing items, gift certificates, services or cash donations to purchase raffle items.

To make donations or buy tickets, contact the chamber at 734-453-1540.

Voting guide

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce has created a voters guide on its website to help people in the community get information for the Nov. 4 election.

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Madonna launches Center for Business Development and Community Vitality

Members of the Madonna University community, along with business leaders from across metro Detroit, recently came together for a ribbon cutting to launch the Center for Business Development and Communi-ty Vitality at the Madonna School of Business.

Following the ceremo-nial ribbon-cutting, some 50 guests toured the center and listened as Dean Cleamon Moorer Jr. outlined its mission, vision and goals.

"Through this center, we aspire to develop an engaged citizenry equipped to foster and . sustain economic growth in southeast Michigan and beyond," Moorer said. "We've organized the center's strategies under three pillars: education, engagement and entrepreneurship." Moorer outlined sever-

al programs and activities that will aid in achieving the center's mission, including guest lectures, research and service-learning projects, consulting and student internships with area businesses.





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Cutting the ribbon to open the Center for Business Development and Community Vitality are Ernest Nolan (left), provost and vice president for Academic Administration, and Cleamon Moorer Jr., dean of the School of Business.

"As a graduate student 12 years ago, I could only imagine and hope to be a student in a business school that would enable me to connect with CEOs and work on real-world business problems and projects," Moorer said. "Today, this hope and vision are a reality for the School of Business students at Madonna University." The center also will be

a repository of resources for students and faculty, from books and videos to software and research publications. Funding for the center will come from event sponsorships, conference registration fees and focused solicitations for matching grants.

During the event, the dean presented the Business Education Excellence Award to Sherif Afifi, professor of international business.

Guests at the event included several mem-bers of the newly-formed Business Advisory Board. Each of the members brought a special gift from their company or organization to be dis-played in the center, including a framed Detroit Tigers picture, a General Motors display and a Chamber of Commerce banner.

Area family takes on cyber bullying

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

A fake Twitter account was used to bully a Northville High School student this past year, which led to some very difficult times for him and his family.

Now members of the McKillop family want to turn their tough times into action. They want the community to know their struggles and how this ordeal could impact others. They are also looking to a local legislator for help in the fight to prevent this from happening again.

A bogus Twitter acount was set up using NHS student Justin McKillop's name earlier this year and it eventually had 4,685 followers (students from other districts followed the account, as well) and 148 tweets. Many of the tweets were derogatory and presented lies about Justin. The other student who set up the account, posed as Justin and posted bogus tweets, while the real Justin, who is a National Honor Society student and musician, felt helpless and scared after finding out about the account.



Northville High School student Justin McKillop (left), a victim of cyber bullying, and his mother Susie sat down recently with state Sen. Patrick Colbeck to discuss cyber bullying and what can be done.

students connected to the lunch room.

the victim. They want to change this, so they con-tacted various public officials and politicians. It was state Sen. Patrick Colbeck who listened to their story and agreed that changes need to be made.

Colbeck says he is now working on a new policy regarding bullying, espe-cially cyber bullying, in Michigan schools

What the McKillops want from Northville Public Schools is to have one particular student behind the Twitter account who is a member of the National Honor Society be punished. They feel he doesn't represent the group,

Investors need to understand, accept market volatility

ast week, the mar-ket reminded us how volatile it can be.

All of the three major indexes fell Oct. 15. It was one of those days that causes investor anxiety. It prompts investors to question what they are doing.

The major indexes opened the day down and stayed that way. The Dow Jones Industrial Average in particular had one of those roller-coaster days. The Dow opened about 200 points down and by mid-day it was down more than 450 points. One could feel panic setting in.

However, after hitting its lows for the day, the Dow bounced back and by the close of business it was down about 170 points. Of course, being down 170 points is not a good day on Wall Street.

Whenever there is extreme volatility and movements in the market, investors want to know why. They typically look for the one reason that caused the market turbulence. Unfortunately, when it comes to the markets, very rarely is it one event that causes the volatility.

Talk to 10 Wall Street experts and you'll probably get 15 different opinions as to what caused the market's movement last Wednesday. The general consensus was that slowing growth in Europe and, in particular, a new report showing that Germany's economy is slowing and not meeting growth projections were the culprits.

In addition, experts cited ongoing issues with terrorism in the Middle East, particularly with ISIS, along with the Ebola virus spreading in the U.S. Those issues seem to be the main ingredients that caused the market's volatility.



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tion. If investors react to every bit of turbulence in the market, they would leave their money in the bank, getting a 1-percent return or less. That's a prescription for disaster for most investors; as far as I'm concerned.

The only way for an investor to be success-ful and not panic over every twist and turn in the market is to have a long-term game plan. Investors who do not have a game plan are, in reality, gamblers. Some gamblers are successful; however, the great majority lose.

A game plan is not based upon where the market is or what the market is doing today, but rather upon longterm individual goals and objectives.

As investors, last week reminds us we should not be investing for the short run. The markets are for investors with a longterm horizon. After all, as Warren Buffet once said, it's not timing the market, it's time in the market that will make an investor successful. Market volatility is a fact of life. We cannot avoid it, but we can work with it. Good luck.

Tough times

It got so bad that eventually police were called in to deal with the situation and Justin's mother went to the school board. At one point, Justin said he was intimidated in the

"We thank God every day that our son was strong enough to endure this torture. The next child may not be as strong," Susie McKillop, Justin's mother, told the Northville Board of Education earlier this summer.

This was the first time the school board had heard about the situation and now, months later, the McKillop family again went before the board to tell trustees of their anger at the situation and what should be done.

"I'm the one who feels punished," Justin told the school board of his ongoing troubles in having to face the other students who bullied him over Twitter and feeling as if enough wasn't done.

His mother said there were four other NHS

account. The Northville Township Police did recommend one student, who set up the account, be admitted to Northville Youth Assistance as a punishment and remedy to the behavior of using a computer to harass.

Because of privacy issues, the names of the students involved with the fake account can't be divulged.

Taking action

This was something the McKillops felt was wrong and had them asking why Justin's name got falsely smeared when the real bullies should pay a heftier consequence.

During the process, the McKillops found loopholes in the laws pertaining to cyber bullying, as well as what they say are injustices against

which Justin is part of, and should be kicked out for what he did.

The school board has directed staff to look further into this situation and what should be done.

"We don't want to see others hurt," his mother said of their ultimate goal

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How to react

As investors, the question to ask is how we should react?

For as long as I have been writing a column and managing portfolios, I've always believed that investors should not react to every event. Investors have to accept that market volatility is the norm, not the excep-

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEW

Price gets Observer nod for county seat

Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price is seeking re-election to the seat he earned for the first time in 2012. We believe Price, a

Republican from Canton, deserves to retain his 10th District seat, which serves the city of Plymouth and Plymouth and Canton townships.

Price campaigned the first time around largely on a platform that prom-



to an Aminus in transparency, while the Government Finance Officers Association has honored Wayne County with the Distinguished Budget Pres-entation Award for its presentation of the 2013 fiscal budget.

Price and other commissioners have worked to ensure local communities get their 15-percent share of the county's parks millage, a financial benefit to Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township. That money has been used for projects such as therapeutic programs at The Summit in Canton.

Price serves as vice chair of the county's public services committee He's had a role in bringing road money to

the community for im- . provements on Beck, on Cherry Hill (where Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is building a new middle school next to a charter high school)

and on Lilley. As one of only two Republicans on the commission (Livonia's Laura Cox, now running for state representative, was the other), Price has provided an opposition voice to the heavily Democratic commission, but he's shown an ability to work in a non-partisan fashion.

Plymouth union worker Milan Peele is the

Democrat opposing Price. He's a sincere, well-meaning candidate and would work hard to represent the district.

But Price has been on the commission for two years, has dealt with a variety of issues and earned a reputation for strong constituent service

Shannon Price gets our nod in the Nov. 4 general election.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GOP hates Obamacare?

Republican-based TV ads tell us that Democratic candidates Gary Peters and Mark Shauer both voted for Obamacare, as if this is supposed to be something that is damning.

Multimillionaire Dave Trott, in his race against Bobby McKenzie, asserts that "we don't need Obamacare." Patrick Colbeck, opponent of Dian Slavens, also speaks ill of Obamacare, Gov. Snyder opposes and Terri Lynn Land seeks repeal. One wonders whether Repub-licans have Obamacare confused with something else.

Isn't it Obamacare that now provides expanded Medicaid coverage to an additional 300,000-plus working poor Michiganders and inexpensive (\$82/ month on average per person after subsides) quality insurance for 272,000 in the middle class, 87 percent of whom qualify for subsides?

Isn't it Obamacare that allows children up to 26 to remain on parent's insurance, closes the Medicare prescription doughnut hole, provides costfree wellness visits and screenings, outlaws pre-existing conditions as a means to disqualify those who seek coverage, outlaws discrimination against women, requires insurers to spend at least 80 percent of premiums on coverage or refund the difference to customers, provides for free birth control, eliminates annual and lifetime coverage caps and includes mental health coverage as a standard policy

feature? Aren't all of these things good? Isn't it Obamacare that, according to Republicans, was supposed to be a jobkiller (although since its inception, 10.2 million jobs have been created), turn America into a part-time employment economy (even though involuntary part-time unemployment has fallen by 2.1 million), explode the deficit (although the deficit has plummeted from 9.8 percent of GDP to 2.9 percent) and destroy Medicare (although life expectancy of the program has been extend-



Voters go to the polls Tuesday, Nov. 4, and readers are sharing their thoughts about the candidates.

Fighting voices

Are you sick of all the politics name-calling, he says/she says, frustration that you're not being heard, your taxes going up but the roads are crum-bling, your \$20,000 pensions now being taxed while the governor's aides are making \$300,000 and more?

Then we need to get more fighting voices in our state Legislature. We need Kristy Pagan. I know this because I have known Kristy and her family almost her entire life. Our girls were childhood friends, her mother their Girl Scout troop leader.

Kristy is the fighter we need. Her honesty, integrity and moral convictions will keep the state representative seat being vacated by Dian Slavens, a true "representative" for us. Kristy is a smart, tenacious young lady and we need this type of strong young blood representing you and me. Young, but not unseasoned as she's worked as an aide in Washington and as the associate director of development for the Wayne State University Law School, helping make higher education more affordable. She is truly out to protect our environment; to help people in their "pur-suit of happiness" through education and good jobs; to ensure the security of seniors who have saved, planned and prepared for their retirement; just as starters on her list. I know Kristy will be there for us, that's why we are voting for Kristy Pagan.

Keep Crouch

I am writing to recommend voters in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district vote to retain Kim Crouch for the four-year term for school board, When I think of what makes a good school board member, I think of someone who is strong, proven, caring and has shown leadership for our students. Mrs. Crouch has demon-strated all of these attributes.

She has been active in the school district serving as a member of the P-CCS Dynamic Planning Team, the District-wide School Improvement Committee, the P-CCS Legislative Action Committee and as chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee of Tonda Elementary Parent Council. She was also a strong advocate to return the kindergarten paraprofessionals to the classroom as well as the reading specialists and media interventionist. As a parent with children in the district, what makes Kim Crouch great is not only what she does for students in the schools, but also for what she does for students in the community that you never hear about. She truly is focused on students and puts them first. For example, I personally worked with Mrs. Crouch in creating the Foster a Dream Youth conference, held this past March, where over 300 youth received an opportunity to experience how to make dreams and passions come true. She spent two years planning the event and brought a number of community members, organizations and businesses in to provide hands on training to students

on how to realize their dreams. Or take her involvement at a local residential girls' home where she dedicates her time and energy to make sure they feel cared for and the ability to have their needs met. The girls living in this facility are motivated when they see her; they send her and our organization cards and words of appreciation on a regular basis. The compassion she shows to them is truly genuine, and her encouragement to get others as moti-vated as she is an amazing quality that not many individuals share.

Mrs. Crouch does this in addition to her role on the board and a full-time job. She is also a mother of three wonderful children enrolled in P-CCS schools, one at each level: elementary, middle and high school.

There is no doubt that I will be voting to retain Mrs. Crouch as a trustee for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools board because she is not just a speaker of success of P-CCS schools and our P-CCS students; she is an advocate that creates action and makes things happen. She has shown true leadership for our students. This is why I am voting for Kim Crouch for the four-year term for school board and I am hoping that many of your readers do as well.

Leslie Neal Canton

Backing Fausone

I am extremely proud to write a letter of endorsement on behalf of Carol Ann Fausone, candidate for state House 21st District representative

Carol Ann Fausone is the qualified candidate for this position. Her prior careers in nursing, the Michigan National Guard, as well as serving on the board of trustees at Madonna University, have given her the right tools to represent us in Lansing. In addition, she is a business owner, focusing on veterans and their families.

The voice I want in Lansing is one of integrity, responsibility and experi-ence. Carol Ann has all of that. My hu band and I moved to the Canton community 29 years ago when we started our family. It has been hard-working people like Carol Ann who are the reason we stayed to raise our family, live work and play. We all know how important it is to vote. It is our voice. Carol Ann Fausone is the right person to represent the Canton, Belleville and Van Buren communities in Lansing. Please, take the time to research the candidates. Compare work experience, education, community service. I believe you will come to the same conclusion I have. Carol Ann Fausone is the right person to serve our area in Lansing as state representative for the 21st District.

ed 13 years with no benefit cuts to participants)?

Isn't it Obamacare that was to void 5 million policies, although most evidence indicates a very small number of policies were actually canceled and most of those affected have found quality, low-cost coverage? And isn't it Obamacare that Republicans claim would cause premiums to skyrocket, although premium increases are smaller and overall medical inflation has fallen since inception?

Looks like Republicans are opposed to some very beneficial facets of Obamacare and are either very poor at forecasting or have been dishonest brokers, fear-mongering against the best interests of most Americans. Don't reward them, vote Democratic.

Mitch Smith Canton Pam Phillips Canton

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GUEST COLUMN

Sexting becoming problem in area high schools

exting is becoming a rampant problem in many area high schools. Teens under 18 may think that sharing a nude photo of a fellow classmate is not a big deal, but they are wrong. Sexting has serious social, emotional and legal consequences. If sexually explicit comments are made through text, this is not unlawful. A photograph showing nudity of a person under the age 18 is a criminal act and a felony in Michigan. Here are three sext-

Michele Kelly 'GUEST COLUMNIST

1. Taking photographs of genitals, pubic area, buttocks or female breast that are of a person under the age of 18 is child pornography. This includes taking photos of your own body. This is a 20year felony.

photos is a seven-year felony.





2. Sending, reproduc-

ing or distributing these



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3. Possession of sexually abusive material related to a minor is a four-year felony.

Take this scenario happening at the local high school

» If 16-year old Deanna sends her boyfriend Jason a picture she took of herself topless, she could possibly be facing three felony charges for making, distributing and possessing child pornography. If the boyfriend requested that she send it, he could have an added solicitation charge added. If Jason sends the photo to Stevie, then there is another count for distribution.

» If Stevie is shocked at the photo, but keeps it on his phone for a couple of months, he is more likely to be charged with possession of sexually explicit material, a four-year felony.

If Stevie is shocked

and embarrassed, sends Jason a message back that says "don't ever send me porn again" and erases it, Stevie is less likely to face criminal charges.

The law treats the purported victim Deanna as harshly as Jason who disseminated the photo, likely without his now former girlfriend's permission. What was believed to be a harmless prank is really a situation where all the teens involved could be facing felony charges.

The child pornography laws did not anticipate a future issue in which electronic dissemination of inappropriate photographs between teens would be treated as serious criminal penalties. A 40-yearold pedophile collecting pictures of naked children and a teenage kid making a dumb decision to forward a picture of his bare bottom can

both be prosecuted for child pornography.

A person convicted of child pornography must register and report as a sex offender. In the future, the convicted felon can never be present on school grounds, playgrounds or day care centers.

The best advice is for parents and schools to discuss these serious consequences with students to avoid not only criminal involvement, but also the emotional damage and collateral consequences. Sexting is a way to harass and bully another teen, which has led to not only an embarrassing situation, but at least one young woman took her own life rather than deal with the shame.

If a teen is under investigation for a sexting incident, it is imperative that the teen and parents discuss the matter with an attorney and exercise their right to remain silent.

So please take the following advice: » Do not take any nude photos of yourself or another with your

electronic device. » Never share or forward a sexually explicit photograph of another under the age of 18.

» If you receive a photo, immediately delete and advise the sender to stop sending you pornography.

» Contact a criminal defense attorney immediately before speaking to the police or school authorities if you are being implicated in a sexting investigation.

You have a constitutionally protected right to remain silent - use it.

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Chiefs strike late to nip Dearborn

Belcher's goal with 6:31 left gives Canton 2-1 victory

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

Undaunted by two missed penalty kicks and an equalizer scored by Dearborn's Brandon Katona midway through the second half, the Canton Chiefs went to work. The No. 2-ranked squad in the state

The No. 2-ranked squad in the state dug in against the pesky Pioneers and broke a 1-1 tie with just 6:31 remaining to earn a 2-1 win in the Division 1 boys soccer regional semifinal Tuesday night at Westland John Glenn.

night at Westland John Glenn. On the winning goal, senior defender Sam Belcher sent a close-in shot past Dearborn goalkeeper Owen Courtright on a play assisted by senior midfielder Jack Zemanski.

A free kick by junior midfielder Jimmy Walkinshaw started the key sequence.

"(Junior midfielder) Alex Yokley drew the foul and Jimmy just played a beautiful ball back post," Zemanski said. "I was able to get my head on it.

"Alex made a great challenge in the box, which allowed Sam to just finish it for us. It was all hard work; it's what this team's all about."

According to Belcher, "(Zemanski) kind of just played it across, the goalie got a deflection on it and it popped out in front of me. I just got my leg in front of it I didn't have to do much. It went upper top of the net on the left side."

Canton (21-0-3) will now square off against Northville at 7 p.m. Friday in the regional final. The Mustangs required overtime to edge Temperance Bedford, 1-0.

The reason the late heroics were needed was because of outstanding play by Courtright — who dove to bat away a penalty kick by junior midfielder Jason Ren with 26:32 remaining and intensity and speed by the Pioneers after the intermission.

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Max Pardington always lived life to the fullest, as this loving moment with a family pet demonstrated.

LIVE LIKE MAX FOUNDATION

LOVING LEGACY

Grief-stricken Canton family launches 'Live Like Max' to help promote heart health

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

n life, there was nothing Canton's Max Pardington didn't shy away from. He was all in — whether



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Racing after the ball Tuesday night are Dearborn's Sami Abadi (left) and Canton's Beau Hoffman. traveling, competing in a Tough Mudder contest, working in a vineyard or shooting hoops.

And now, just a few short months after the healthy, 6-5, 220pound 20-year-old's sudden death June 10 stemming from an enlarged heart, Pardington's parents are honoring him in an appropriately epic way.

John and Lisa Pardington, longtime Canton residents and owners of Holiday Market at Cherry Hill and Lilley roads, launched the Live Like Max Foundation and website (www.livelikemax.org) in order to help folks they never met to get that \$25 heart screening that probably would have saved their son's life.

"Our son, he was very athletic and he always lived life to the fullest," Lisa Pardington said. "He traveled the world, he went to music festivals. If there was something fun to be done or to experiJOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO Before a recent Salem volleyball game, John and Lisa Pardington of Canton talked about helping others get heart health checks through the new Live Like Max Foundation, established in their late son's memory. ence he wanted to do it.

"So part of our organization – and that's why we call it 'Live Like' Max' – is because we want everybody to reach their full potential."

Check it out

The Pardingtons talked about their son and the program that will be his legacy during a recent "Live Like Max" benefit game hosted by Salem's varsity volleyball team.

"What the symbol of it is, it's a beautiful boy who lived a clean, beautiful life and he lived life to the fullest," John Pardington said. "He was always looking over the next hill, to find the next adventure. He had traveled the world, he had been in Costa Rica, all through Europe.

"Ŵe're honoring him with this foundation strictly to raise money

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Hard-hitting Novi attack clips Chiefs in conference title tilt

By Brad Emons

Staff Writer

Baseball Hall of Famer "Wee Willie" Keeler once said: "Keep your eye clear and hit 'em where they ain't."

The same could be said Tuesday night for the Novi volleyball team, which found enough holes in Canton's defense to earn its second straight Kensington Conference title, 25-17, 26-24, 25-17, in a rematch of last year's championship final that lasted five sets.

Victoria Iacobelli, a 5-foot-9 junior outside hitter and one half of the Wildcats' potent identical twin tandem along with her sister Paulina, hit for a high average as she finished with 18 kills to go along with 13 digs.

Paulina, meanwhile,

chipped in nine kills and a team-best 17 digs as the KLAA Central Division champions, ranked No. 2 in Class A, improved to 35-4-1 overall.

"Victoria played really smart tonight," Novi coach Jen Cottrill said. "We were really working hard for a while on our other attackers and I think she took a little dip, then this last week we've been really focusing on them and moving the ball around a little bit and I thought she did a great job of that tonight."

The Chiefs (19-8-1) couldn't recover from an 18-8 first-set deficit, but regrouped to make it a battle of it in the second set, pulling even at 24-24.

But Novi got a clutch kill from Paulina Iacobelli to close out the set.

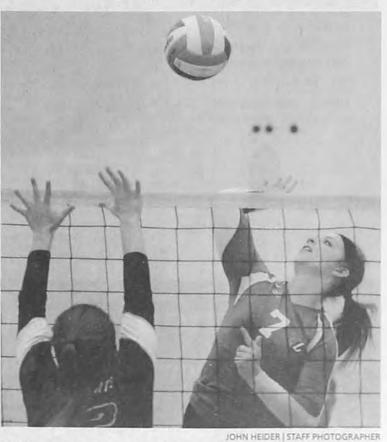
"They see the court well, especially when they stack out of the middle like they do," Canton coach Steve Johnson said of the Iacobelli twins. "And when they swing from the outside, they see the court well."

In the third set, Novi led 13-9, but Canton came back to within two, 16-14. The Wildcats then went up 20-16 before Johnson was forced to use his final timeout.

Seniors Courtney Kurkie and Lauren Schornak paced Canton's hitting attack with 10 and nine kills, respectively. Emma Clark chipped in five for the KLAA South Division champs.

Meanwhile, setter Carleigh Vela collected 19 assists, while Alyssa Burke added seven. Haley Diedrick and Schornak each finished with eight digs.

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Canton's Lauren Schornack (right) goes on the attack against Novi's Erin O'Leary in Tuesday's Kensington Conference final.

GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING

P-CEP swimmers excel at MISCA meet

A number of Park girls tankers post state cuts, personal bests

By Tim Smith

Staff Writer

Girls swimmers from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park are working toward qualifying for next month's Division 1 state meet.

But first, they set their sights on another important measuring stick — the annual Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association meet, held Oct. 10-11 at Bloomfield Hills High School.

MISCA times are slower than D1 state cuts, from top to bottom. That doesn't discount the efforts of Canton, Salem and Plymouth swimmers, especially as they continue shaving seconds off times and fine-tuning their strokes.

"Canton had a great meet," Chiefs head coach Ed Weber said. "Each of our swims were at least season best times.

Concurring was Rocks head coach Chuck Olson, noting that the MISCA meet was "a great day for Salem."

Olson highlighted the performance turned in by junior Patricia Freitag in the 500 freestyle. Her time of 5:16.75 earned her 19th place overall while also giving her a state cut in that event.

Yet the Rocks had a number of stellar finishes, many in the top 10. In the 200 medley relay, the team of sophomore Molly Rowe, juniors Linda Zhang, Lisa Zhang and sophomore

Katie Xu placed fourth



ALEX FREITAG

Canton and Salem swimmers compete during a September dual meet. Both teams had plenty of strong showings at the recent MISCA meet.

(1:49.56). Lisa Zhang placed second in the 100 butterfly with a time of 57.42 and took second in the 100 backstroke (57.33).

Winning the top prize in the 100 breaststroke was Linda Zhang, with a time of 1:05.04. And in the 400 free

relay, Salem's quartet of

Lisa Zhang, Freitag, senior Stephanie Solterman and Linda Zhang came in sixth with a time of 3:38.36.

Weber lauded the efforts of several Canton swimmers. He cited senior Claire Green at the top of that list.

"Claire Green swam her personal best, state-

qualifying time in the 200 Free (13th, 1:57.22) and a season best, statequalifying time in the 500 free (seventh, 5:09.43)," Weber wrote in an email to the Observer.

Junior Emily Osika chalked up a career best in the 100 butterfly (29th, 1:01.40) and came close to her benchmark in the 200 free (34th, 2:00.34).

Senior Emily Hugan finished 27th in the 100 breaststroke with a personal best of 1:10.89

Weber said several Canton relay teams also did solid jobs, registering season bests.

Those included: the 200 medley relay team of Osika, Hugan, senior Emily Downs and senior Jocelyn Moraw (27th, 1:57.11); the 200 free relay team of Moraw, Downs, freshman Kristen Wiseman and Osika (52nd, 1:47.95); the 400 free relay team of Green, Moraw, Wiseman

and Osika (27th, 3:53.51). Placing in the top 10 for Plymouth was junior Allison Lennig (10th, 200 free, 1:56.55).

Other notable efforts by the Wildcats included Lennig (13th, 100 free, 54.31) and senior Alexa Earls (16th, 100 back, 1:00.07)

NORTHVILLE 100, SALEM 86: The Rocks and Mustangs were undefeated in the KLAA Central Division when they met for this Oct. 16 meet. Despite the defeat, Salem had a positive showing, Olson said. Linda Zhang (first,

200 IM, 3:40; first, 100 free, 54.77), Lisa Zhang (first, 50 free, 0.29; first, 100 fly, 58.69;), freshman Camille Burt (first, div-ing, 219.07 points) and sophomore Katie Xu (first, 100 breast, 1:12.60) sparked the Rocks.

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D4 BOYS SOCCER DISTRICTS PCA run ends in district final

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

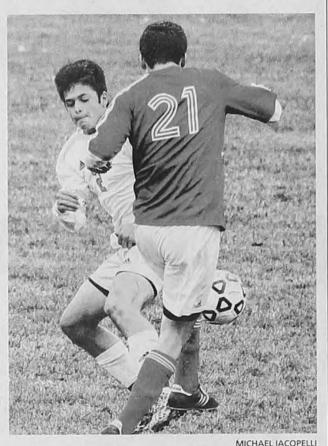
After Plymouth Christian Academy romped to a mercy-rule victory against Huron Valley Lutheran in a Division 4 boys soccer district semifinal, the dream of reaching regionals seemed within reach.

Unfortunately for the Eagles, high-scoring forward Brent Albrecht and his teammates ran into a defensive wall erected by Allen Park Inter-City Baptist in Saturday's D4 district final at PCA.

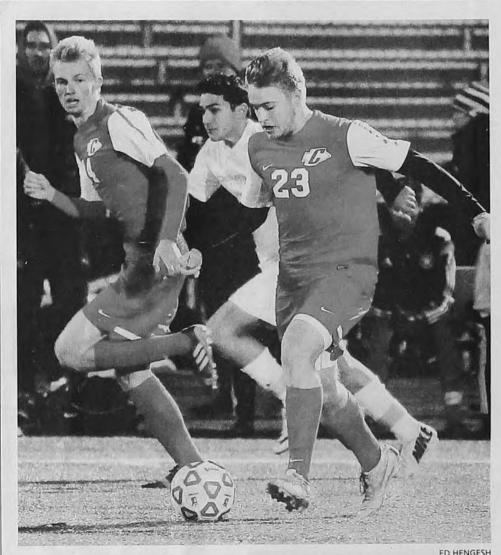
PCA gave up a goal late in the first half to Inter-City forward Garret Kraatz and that was enough to defeat the Eagles, 1-0.

The loss ended the Eagles' excellent season, the first under coach Kris Warnemuende, with a 14-5-1 record.

"It was a disappointing loss," Warnemuende said. "We were just un-



Plymouth Christian defender Joseph Iacopelli (left) thwarts this offensive bid by an Inter-City Baptist player.



Canton's Sam DeLoy (right) pushes the ball up the field during Tuesday's D1 regional soccer

able to get one in the net on Saturday.

"I believe nerves had a big role to play in the outcome for my team. However, we did achieve a great record."

The teams were embroiled in a tight, physical battle, with Inter-City using various defensive formations.

Those efforts particularly stymied attempts by Albrecht (who scored 48 goals to set a new school season record) and sophomore Austin Andres.

And all it took for the PCA season to end in disappointing fashion was the goal by Kraatz, a 30-yarder that just elud-ed the hands of junior goalkeeper Nick Andres.

MEET DETROIT RED WING

The loss ended stellar careers by Albrecht (who has a PCA record 88 goals for his career), Lance Allen, Torre Crown, Joe Fanelli, Evan Horne, Joseph Iacopelli and Issac Middleton.

Albrecht and Iacopelli were named to the alldistrict team, Warnemuende said.

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game against Dearborn. At left for the Chiefs is Carter Schenk.

CHIEFS

Dearborn evened things up at 1-1 when Katona headed in a corner kick by junior midfielder Sami Abadi.

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Getting it back

"We were ready to bounce back (after Dearborn scored),' co-captain Zemanski said. "We knew we played a bad couple minutes, but we were ready to work hard.

"We knew we were the better team and we knew we could win if we just put our head down and kept working."

Canton head coach Mark Zemanski praised his team for not giving in after the Pioneers picked up the pace in the second half.

"They (Pioneers) adapted a little better the second half to us,' coach Zemanski said. "I thought we sat back instead of what we wanted to do, which is keep attacking and pressing. And they did a nice job of finding the open spaces and moving the ball well on us. It was one of the better

teams we played. 'They had a nice goal to tie it up. I give my boys a lot of credit though. When they tied it up, my boys pressed them and were able to

get that winning goal." Sharing goalkeeping duties for the Chiefs were seniors Dylon DaSilva and Andrew Loehnis, who played the first and second halves, respectively.

The Chiefs opened the scoring with 15:37 left in the first half, with Walkinshaw again in the middle of things.

Walkinshaw played a nice through ball from the right side into the box, where junior midfielder Josh Posuniak pounced on it. Posuniak hurdled Dearborn's sliding goalkeeper, got behind him and nudged the ball inside the right post.

Canton had other chances to pad the lead, but appeared snake-bit for a while. First, Posuniak's header hit the inside of the left post.

Then, with 5:57 left, senior forward Carter Schenk was brought down in the 18-yard box and awarded a penalty kick. Schenk attempted a low drive, but it hit the left post.

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It remained 1-0 when Ren attempted his penalty kick, which looked targeted for the back of the Dearborn net only for Courtright to fly to his left to knock the ball away.

With the Pioneers pouring it on and finally drawing even, the Chiefs might have thought another overtime scenario was ahead of them. In the district, Canton had to ward off Salem in PKs. But then Belcher saved the day with his

clutch goal.

"It's amazing, we've been through overtime already with Salem, it went to PKs," Belcher said. "You just don't want to have to go through that feeling for a playoff game knowing it could end your high school career.

"So just finishing the game with six minutes left is an amazing feeling.

Canton nipped Northville 2-1 the only time the teams squared off during the regular season. Northville is 15-4-3.

"It will be a really good game," the elder Zemanski said.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Rocks hold off Patriots, 21-20

Miscue-free game, key block on PAT lift Salem to win

> **By Tim Smith** Staff Writer

Fundamentals played a decisive role in Salem's 21-20 victory over visiting Livonia Franklin in last Friday's KLAA crossover football game.

The Rocks put together some textbook drives, keeping the ball on the ground and relying on solid work from the offensive line.

There were no Salem turnovers. And when push came to shove, Salem did the job on special teams. First off, Trevor Nowaske

blocked a Patriots extra-point attempt late in the fourth quar-ter, when a successful conversion would have made it 21-21.

After that miss, the Rocks "milked the clock," head coach Kurt Britnell said, adding that punter John Kwiecinski then "pinned Franklin deep with no timeouts.

According to Britnell, whose team improved to 2-6 entering Saturday's 6:30 p.m. finale against Hartland (at P-CEP), "no turnovers for us was the key" to the win.

"Our players are still working hard, even though its been a disappointing season from a won/lost perspective," Britnell said. "To be rewarded with a hard-fought team win is great.



Salem junior running back Deston Langford (middle), shown from earlier this season, gained 121 yards and scored twice Friday night.

They earned it."

Salem's victory was sparked by the running of Deston Langford, who carried the ball 32 times for 121 yards and scored on runs of 1 and 5 yards.

Quarterback Alex Nicholson only needed to throw four times. He completed two of those attempts for 27 yards. Also scoring for the Rocks was Jacob Miller, on a 38-yard

rush. Miller tallied 55 yards in five carries.

Defensive stalwarts were Devin Cameron (10 tackles, two for loss) and Calin Crawford (interception).

The game got off to a slow start for Salem, as the Patriots opened up with a 15-yard scoring march

But the Rocks responded with a 16-play TD drive, featuring two conversions on fourth down to keep the chains moving. Salem opened the second half with a 17-play series that culminated with a tie-breaking touchdown to make it 14-7. The drive took 9:15 off the clock.

Franklin scored two TDs in the fourth quarter, compared to Salem's single TD, but Nowaske's clutch block ensured the Patriots would not draw

even

"Trevor made a great play to block that PAT," Britnell said. "He's just an overall good football player. One of our best, even as a sophomore.

"An important punt by John to pin Franklin late in the game sealed it for us."

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YOUTH FOOTBALL P-C Steelers gain redemption against Lakes Area Hawks

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

Ben Bennett ran for two touchdowns and picked off a pass on defense Saturday afternoon to lead the Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity football team to a decisive 38-14 victory over the host Lakes Area Hawks.

The victory improved the

After the Hawks answered with a TD to deadlock the showdown at 6-6, Bennett posted a pair of sixpointers, thanks in large part to stellar work in the trenches by Ben Vetter, Luke Fisher, Gage Wheatley, Chris Little, Jeremiah Penick, Jackson King and Adam Turfe.

Quarterback Ben Wright's

Canton Lions junior-freshman linebackers Caleb Williams (left) and Bralen Willis (top) come together with corner Kristopher Easley (bottom) in a powerful display of teamwork.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Big homecoming for Canton Lions

The Canton Lions enjoyed their 50th anniversary homecoming Oct. 12, sweeping youth football action against the Belleville Cougars.

In the varsity contest, Can-ton won 34-7, led by Cameron Wilborn and LaRan Blunt (two touchdowns each). Tallying one score was Jeremy Fuchs.

» The JV offense ran wild en route to a 54-7 triumph. Big plays early included a

34-yard touchdown run by Calvin Brown and a pitch from Brown to Malcolm Clements for a 50-yard touchdown.

The second quarter included two long passes from Aiden Thompson to Riley Simpson, an 85-yard kickoff return touchdown by Brown, an extra-point run by Jerome Nichols, an interception by Tyler Thompson and a fumble recovery by Joshua Bergevin. In the third quarter, Snipes

led the action with a 40-yard kick return, a fumble recovery, an extra point run and a touchdown run. Brown had a 28-yard touchdown run. Pres-

ton Long connected on long passes to Clements and George Faris, the latter good for a TD. Long also had a 15yard quarterback keeper in the fourth quarter. Tywayne Williams had

several late-game highlights with an interception, 20-yard touchdown run and two extrapoint scoring runs.

Spencer Korroch led the team in tackles and had a sack.

» In the freshman matchup, the Lions prevailed 33-12.

In a second-quarter drive, carries by Aaron Alexander, Daniel Carroll and Jeffrey Shipp led to a touchdown run by Carroll.

Belleville answered with a touchdown of its own, but the extra-point attempt was stopped short by Daniel Baldwin. Before the end of the half, Shipp would reach the end zone, making the score 13-6 Lions.

Carroll went on to score three more touchdowns in the second half.

Additional Lions highlights included a third-quarter fumble recovery and a 20-yard run by Alexander, as he broke away from several Cougars tackle attempts. Shipp provided extra highlights, too, with a special teams kickoff recovery and a 30-yard quarterback keeper.

» In the junior-freshman game, the Lions moved to 6-0 on the season with a strong two-play performance.

Kristopher Easley had three touchdowns for a total of 125 yards. Caleb Williams (30 yards), Oronde Patterson II (13 yards), Devin Kaigler (5 yards) and Noah Simpson (15 yards) each contributed additional touchdowns as the Lions racked up a total of 10 unanswered scores.

Not to be outdone, the defense showed impressive skill. Williams had three interceptions on the day, converting two of them to touchdowns (130 yards). Easley chimed in with an additional interception conversion (45 yards).

Steelers' record to 5-2 and earned them a No. 2 seed in the MYFCC playoffs that are set to begin this weekend. The Hawks slipped to 4-2-1.

The victory was especially satisfying for the Steelers, who were upended by Lakes Area, 22-8, two weeks ago.

P-C set the tone early by scoring on the first play from scrimmage, when Carson Miller rumbled 50 yards for a touchdown thanks to strong blocking from Liam Radomski, Jason Perko and Dean Kaye.

45-yard touchdown run closed the offensive unit's scoring for the Steelers, who tacked on a defensive TD thanks to Perko's scoop-and-score fumble return.

The Steelers were led defensivley by Kameron Arnold, Seth Troszak and Ian Gozdor, who intercepted a Hawks pass. P-C will face No. 8 seed

Pontiac at 4 p.m. Saturday at West Bloomfield High School.

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KAREN HANSEN

Plymouth-Canton Steelers running back Ben Bennett ran for two touchdowns during Saturday's 38-14 victory over the Lakes Area Hawks.

Crump named new Canton AD

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

After a thorough interview process, Vernon Crump last week was hired as Canton High School's new athletic director.

Crump's official title is assistant principal for athletics and activities. He joined Canton's staff Monday after serving at Dearborn Heights Robichaud as an assistant principal and AD.

Crump holds a bachelor of science degree from North Dakota State and a master's degree from Marygrove College. During his time at Robichaud, Crump oversaw major athletic facility upgrades and secured grants for the athletic program, Plymouth-Canton

Community Schools athletics and activities director Beth Savalox wrote in an email to the Observer

The P-CCS Board of Education approved Crump's hiring. Among other applicants was longtime Canton varsity girls basketball coach Brian Samulski, who also is in the running for the vacant Salem AD post. Samulski had worked since

August at Canton in an interim role to help the fall teams get their seasons underway.

The previous athletic director at Canton, Sue Heinzman, reportedly is involved in a lawsuit against P-CCS.

Meanwhile, Tom Willette resigned as Salem's AD before the current school year in order to take a teaching job at Canton.

OBSERVER FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

ALL GAMES	7	P.M.	UNL	ESS	NOT	E
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Friday, Oct. 24	Ed Wright	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith
John Glenn (5-3) at S'field-Lathrup (4-4), 4:30 p.m.	John Glenn	John Glenn	John Glenn
Clarkston (8-0) at Farmington Harrison (7-1)	Clarkston	Clarkston	Clarkston
Troy Athens (2-6) at North Farmington (3-5)	North Farm.	North Farm.	North Farm.
Farmington (7-1) at Walled Lake Central (6-2)	WL Central	WL Central	WL Central
Redford Thurston (5-3) at Redford Union (1-7)	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston
Garden City (3-5) at Livonia Franklin (1-7)	Franklin	Garden City	Garden City
Livonia Stevenson (6-2) at Livonia Churchill (6-2)	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill
Belleville (3-5) at Plymouth (6-2)	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
Det. Western International (4-4) at Canton (6-2)	Canton	Canton	Canton
Dear. Edsel Ford (4-4) at Wayne Memorial (1-7)	Edsel Ford	Edsel Ford	Edsel Ford
Liv. Clarenceville (2-6) at Notre Dame Prep (2-5)	Clarenceville	Notre Dame	Clarenceville
Saturday, Oct. 25			
Lutheran Westland (5-3) at Center Line (2-5), noon.	Center Line	Center Line	Luth. West.
Hartland (6-2) at Salem (2-6), 6:30 p.m.	Hartland	Hartland	Hartland
Last week's record	6-6	7-5	4-8
Overall record	77-24	86-15	66-35

GIRLS GOLF STATE FINALS

Mercy succeeds Plymouth at the top

Marlins sixth in D1 golf state finals; Plymouth eighth

By Dan O'Meara Staff Write

A championship was not to be for the Farmington Hills Mercy golfers, but the Marlins still finished as one of the best teams in the state.

Mercy was sixth among 15 teams in the girls Division 1 state finals, posting a two-day score of 690 at Bedford Valley Golf Course in Battle Creek.

East Kentwood won the

team title by 22 strokes over Lake Orion, 643-665. Dearborn (671), Novi (675) and Davison (682) placed ahead of the Marlins.

Finishing eighth overall with 695 strokes was Plymouth, led by Sydney Murphy (84-79–163) and junior Katie Chipman (81-84–165).

We scored better than last year, but it wasn't enough," said Wildcats head coach Dan Young, whose team won the 2013 championship. "I'm very proud of this team. They competed like the champions that they are.

'I'm especially proud of Sydney Murphy, our senior captain. She's a great team-

mate and outstanding golfer and she will be missed." Mercy coach Vicky Kowal-

ski, meanwhile, said her team enjoyed "a good improvement" after not qualifying for last year's state finals.

"We shot our normal scores," Kowalski said. "We had 346 and 344 and that's pretty much the average for us. We just didn't shoot the outstanding scores we sometimes had this year, like 335.

"The way East Kentwood played, nobody was going to beat them. I think that was the best score they shot all year, especially on a tougher course."

The Mercy girls were

steady and consistent, accord-ing to Kowalski. Senior Erica Heath led the way with a 167 total, shooting 84 and 83 Friday and Saturday, respectively.

Junior Julia Shaw shot 85 both days for a 170; senior Caroline Bland scored 177 (90-87) and junior Lilly Blake 179 (87-92). Senior Amy Vlachos shot 94 Friday, junior Kendyl Kirkland 89 Saturday.

The Marlins were in seventh place at the end of the round Friday. They passed Ann Arbor Pioneer on Saturday to move up one spot.

Kowalski added Vlachos had shot 82 and 88 in the two previous tournaments and had

earned the right to play. Shaw, Blake and Kirkland give the Marlins, who won Catholic League and regional championships, a good nucleus around which to build their 2015 team.

"A lot of girls already are looking forward to next year," Kowalski said. "They know the things they want to work on over the winter and summer."

In addition to Murphy and Chipman, Plymouth finishers included Alaina Strzalka (90-89-179), Ariana Strzalka (96-92-188) and Maren Wisnie ski (102-103-205).

Staff writer Tim Smith contributed to this report.

LEGACY

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for healthy heart checks, because if Max had had a \$25 echocardiogram, he'd probably be alive today.'

They collectively shook their heads, talking about how unbelievable it was to lose Max - the picture of robust health - to a hidden killer.

"One thing we are hoping to achieve, through our foundation, is get parents to rise up and say a physical is not enough," Lisa said. "You have to have a physical every year to play a high school sport. You do not have to have any part of a healthy heart check to play a school sport.

"But many kids are symp-tomatic ... it's literally three checks, a blood pressure check, an echocardiogram and an EKG (electrocardiogram). It takes less than 30 minutes and all three tests are totally painless.

Also Oct. 9 at Salem, "Live Like Max" T-shirts and wrist bands were sold, with all money generated to go to the foundation, which in turn will fund healthy heart checks through William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

"I just know it's going to be something huge," Lisa said about the foundation. "His name's going to be everywhere.'

Things are headed in that direction.

Momentum builds

With Twitter (#LiveLike-Max), Facebook and other

Mission: The Live Like Max Foundation has been launched by the family of the late Max Pardington, in partnership with William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. It aims to raise money to help provide high school athletes and others with an echocardiogram during routine sports physicals. Max: The 20-year-old Pardington, a 2012 alum of Orchard Lake St. Mary's who played varsity basketball there, died unexpectedly June 10 due to an enlarged heart.

Stats: Beaumont in 2007 started the Student Healthy Heart Check program. Since then, 10,308 adults ages 13-18 in Michigan have been screened; 975 required follow-up treatment with a cardiologist; four were found with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, the most serious of all heart issues that the program is trying to detect. That was the cause of Max's death, according to findings of an autopsy.

Ironman. But soon he called his mom complaining about a racing heart.

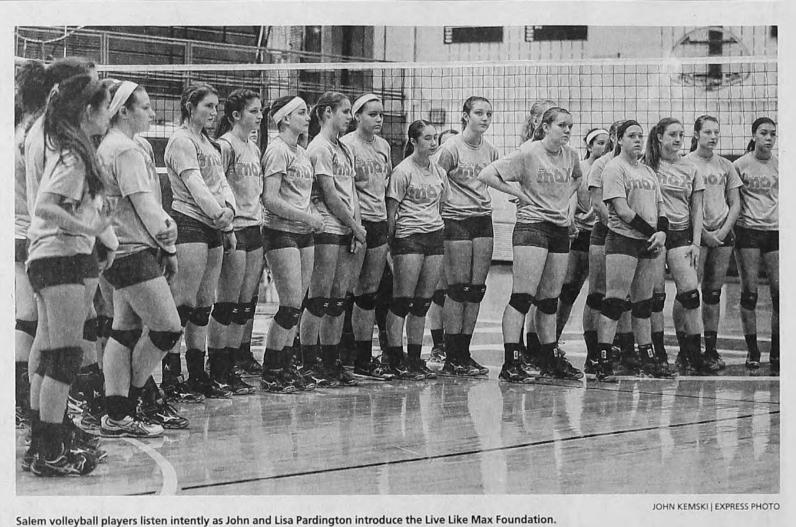
"I used to be a nurse," Lisa said. "So I said, 'Max, you worked all day outside. You need to stop working out, hydrate and, if your heart rate continues to race, you need to go to the clinic.

Max decided to go get some dinner and return to the Pardington family's summer home on West Traverse Bay for the night, thus foregoing stopping to see a doctor.

left is to honor Max and that's what we'll spend the rest of our lives doing.'

The Pardingtons intend to keep their collective foot on the gas pedal to publicize "Live Like Max" and continue generating money for the cause.

Plans are to hold a Beaumont Hospital community heart screening at Plymouth-



social media abuzz with interest, the grassroots fundraising effort has already eclipsed \$30,000. That is enough money to help more than 1,000 people receive the heart tests. There is no end in sight to the cause, either.

Max's younger brother Jack and older sisters Claire and Emily were the driving force behind connecting "Live Like Max" with the various networking platforms.

"We started the hashtag and, within minutes, it was trending and it stayed trend-ing for a long time," said Jack, 16, a student at Ann Arbor Greenhills. "We all kind of felt there was something here and people cared about something like this.

Help: Write a check to the Live Like Max Foundation; like and follow LLMF on Facebook or visit www.livelikemax.org. Every donation is 100-percent tax-deductible.

"In such a tragic time, all the pieces just kind of slowly came together. I think we all just knew we had to try and make something positive of something so negative. Now we have the Live Like Max Foundation."

LIVE LIKE MAX

Why there is a foundation in the first place still cuts the Pardingtons to the quick - an unbearable jolt of pain they

hope to help others avoid. On June 9, Max — a 2012 alum of Orchard Lake St. Mary's (where he played

varsity boys basketball) who had just completed his second year of studies at Michigan State University - finished working a shift pruning grapes at Black Star Farms in Traverse City.

He was living up north for the summer, to work at the vineyard and train on the beach for an Ironman competition slated to take place in August.

After his shift at work ended, Max embarked on another training session for

He went to dinner, called and said, 'I'm just going to go home and go to bed," John said. "Well, he went home, he went to bed and he never woke up."

Trust fund

According to an autopsy, Max's heart stopped beating due to an enlarged heart, known in medical terms as hypertropic cardiomyopathy. Toxicology reports showed nothing but caffeine in his

"We wish we could have "We wish we could have that night all over again, knowing what we know now," John said. "But what we have

Canton Educational Park in early 2015.

John said the family trusts that Beaumont will take the money and put it to good use.

'They know where the needs are, they have the resources," he said. "We decid-ed our best focus was raising the money, turning it over to the most credible hospital we're aware of, which is Beaumont, and let them spend the money as they see fit because they're a worldclass hospital.

"If we can save one person because of 'Live Like Max.' our family will stand tall and I know Max will be proud as well."

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RECREATION High Velocity to open domed facility

High Velocity Sports of Canton will open a full-sized indoor soccer/football field in late November.

The dome is an addition to the building's existing 110,000 square feet and will fill a huge need for non-boarded soccer practice and games in the Detroit area, especially with the Canton Soccer Club. "The CSC is extremely

excited about the new dome and 11-v-11 field that High Velocity is constructing this fall," said Peter Alexander, Canton Soccer Club director. "The addition of this new playing surface will increase opportunities for our teams to practice and play more throughout the winter in our own backyard."

The foundation for the dome is currently poured and the pre-fabricated structure should be arriving around Oct. 30 and fully inflated by Nov. 5. State-of-the-art lights and turf will be installed and the 70,000-square-foot dome will be open for business.

The dome is already pre-

booked for soccer practice and leagues including a travel league. The Michigan Indoor Soccer League will include at least four home games at the facility in which teams register and the other away games at the other facility. This will allow competitive teams registered at High Velocity Sports to play competitive teams at other facilities.

The dome will not only benefit soccer, but also accommodate football, baseball, softball, lacrosse and possibly cricket leagues. It will also offer impressive space for special events like corporate outings, trade shows and extra space for the facility's outstanding field trip program and nationally accredited summer camp program. "This dome fulfills a com-

munity need and desire that is long overview and my partners and I are very excited to be the ones to bring a much sought after non-boarded playing surface to Canton and the surrounding communities that support us," said Bryan

Finnerty, managing partner of High Velocity Sports.

High Velocity Sports opened in December 2001 and included three boarded soccer fields (185 feet by 85 feet each), two mini fields (45 feet by 85 feet each) and one roller rink (185 feet by 85 feet), which has since been replaced with four basketball courts spanning 17,000 square feet.

The current facility runs soccer, flag football, basketball and volleyball leagues and offers instructional clinics for soccer, basketball, volleyball and lacrosse. Rentals also include field hockey and several baseball teams that choose to run indoor practices in the winter months.

The facility also offers lock-ins for church groups and high schools, birthday and team parties, family events like reunions and mitzvahs, school family nights and other special events.

For more information on High Velocity Sports, contact Elaine Matthews at 734-487-7678.

VOLLEYBALL

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"We're kind of a mid-season slump a little bit," Johnson said. "I think the team had a good run through the division and then we just kind of ran into a wall a little bit. I wouldn't say a wall, but ran into a rough patch. I think we've learned from it.'

The two teams could cross paths again Saturday at Novi for the KLAA Association tournament, which features the top three division finishers from the South, Central, North and West. Pool play matches start at 9 a.m.

"It's the first time we've seen Novi this year; we've only heard things as opposed to seeing things," Johnson said. "So now to see what they do and we'll be able adjust.

'I'd like to see us run our plays a little more consistently because we have some nice plays out of middle and from the different pins, too. I think just having the ability to run those is what we'll be looking for next time."

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Novi's Olivia Bradford (left) goes high for the block on Canton's Alyssa Burke during Tuesday's Kensington Conference championship.

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Tops in the field: Commercial real estate leaders in region lauded

The Building Owners and Managers Association/Metro Detroit (BOMA/Metro Detroit) has named its 2014 Exceptional Leaders in the commercial real estate industry.

The recipients will be honored at The Outstanding Building of the Year (TOBY) and Leadership Awards Program on Friday afternoon, Nov. 7, at the Motor City Casi-no Sound Board in Detroit.

The program honors outstanding leaders in the local commercial real estate industry. Named to receive this year's exceptional leadership awards are:

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» John Guardiola, RPA, LEED AP of Bedrock Real Estate Services - Facility Manager of the Year

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Gina Goodin of CPRE

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Audit law or no, bookkeeping should be solid

Q: I hear there was an amendment to the Condominium Act regarding financial statements and audits. Can you provide me with any information?

A: A statute was passed, I

think, improvidently, to provide that an association of co-owners with annual revenues greater than \$20,000 shall on an annual basis have its books, records and



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Q: I have a pit bull and the ordinance in my municipality prohibits pit bulls. I am an ex-military man and my psychiatrist has diagnosed me with PTSD. I want my assistance animal because for my therapeutic use and function. The association is saying that they don't have to agree to let me have my dog because it is dangerous and because of the ordinance. What do you think?

A: I think that the association will be compelled to allow you to keep your dog, because, otherwise, it will have violated the Federal Fair Housing Act. To prevail on a failure to ac-commodate claim under the Federal Fair Housing Act, a person must establish that 1) he or she is disabled within the meaning of the Federal Fair Housing Act; 2) he or she requested a reasonable accommodation; 3) the accommodation is necessary to afford him or her an opportunity to use and enjoy his or her dwelling; and, 4) that the association refuses to make the requested accommodation. In your particular case, Section 3615 of the Federal Fair Housing Act provides that "any law of the State, a political subdivision or other such jurisdiction that purports to require or permit any action that would be a discriminatory housing practice under the Federal Fair Housing Act would to that extent be invalid. I would suggest, therefore, that your ordinance is invalid as it relates to the Federal Fair Housing Act.

Realtors applaud domain announcement for Web use

The National Association of Realtors has won the rights to the new .realestate toplevel domain. NAR intends to use the .realestate domain along with the recently acquired .REALTOR domain to create order for real estate information on the Internet and to provide NAR members with tools that help brand themselves as the most trusted, valued source of real estate information.

While .REALTOR will be used exclusively by NAR members and its affiliated NAR business partners, it is anticipated that .realestate will have wider business applications. NAR encourages members to participate in the REALTOR domain launch later this month, during which the first 500,000 members who register will be awarded a free one-year license, and procure the domain names they want and as many as they wish to creatively brand themselves.

"NAR is thrilled that it has acquired the rights to the .realestate top-level domain," said NAR President Steve Brown, co-owner of Irongate, Inc. Realtors in Dayton, Ohio. "As the leader in the real estate industry and the 'voice for real estate,' NAR has been a pioneer for new technology in the digital space and intends to use the .realestate domain in conjunction with the .REALTOR domain to build an online space where home buyers, sellers and investors can find credible and professional real estate resources and services.'

NAR Senior Vice President of Marketing Bob Goldberg is excited about how these acquisitions will help transform the way Realtors do business online. "Obtaining this toplevel domain along with REALTOR will solidify NAR and our members' standing as groundbreakers in the rapidly

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changing real estate environment and change how the Internet is used to educate and connect with consumers, not only today, but in the future.

NAR applied for the toplevel domains through the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, or ICANN, the organization that directs domains and IP addresses for the Internet ..

Details on business rules, pricing and the launch date of .realestate will be available in the second quarter of 2015. For more information, visit www.realtor.org /topics/top-level-domain.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 9-13, 2014, at the Oakland

856 Foxhall Rd 3651 Halla I.n. 4866 Malibu Dr

\$350,000 30016 Greenboro St \$600,000 31134 Harmony Ln \$440,000 28976 Kendallwood Dr

\$215,000 41601 London Ct 45678 Marlborough Pl \$70,000 \$215,000 24011 Meadowbrook Rd

County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

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\$388,000	1055 Byron Dr
\$439,000	1306 Evergreen
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\$260,000	31065 Seneca Ln	\$165,000
\$207,000	30129 Sterling Dr	\$415,000
\$227,000	49941 Streamwood Dr	\$400,000
\$128,000	27147 Victoria Rd	\$370,000
\$285,000	24307 Weathervane Ct	\$227,000
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\$175,000	25600 Belladonna	\$292,000
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\$329,000	1052 Paddock Dr	\$245,000
	27965 Pontiac Trl	\$395,000
\$175,000	24383 Ravine Dr	\$475,000
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Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95, plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95, plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 30 to July 3, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities. addresses, and sales prices.

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149,000	24793 Ashley Ct
190,000	24796 Ashley Ct
136,000	24799 Ashley Ct
\$99,000	11371 Farley
175,000	17438 Garfield
	15513 Norborne
210,000	11717 Tecumseh
371,000	WESTLAND
919,000	7850 August Ave
800,000	34227 Beechnut St
315,000	8635 Cardwell St
	35424 Dove Trl
269,000	35515 Dove Trl
175,000	34827 Hazelwood St
230,000	360 Lansdowne Dr
312,000	220 N Byfield St
225,000	1181 Rahn St
148,000	35879 Schley Ave
305,000	1215 Shoemaker Dr
420,000	694 Superior Pkwy
219,000	7315 W Frumin Ct

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

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

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster

on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-11, near Trenton Road.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayde Koehler at 313-819-0919.

Seminar each Tuesday, Thursday

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday and at 2 p.m. each Thursday at various locations

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

financial statements independently audited or reviewed by a certified public accountant. Unfortunately, the association may opt out of the requirements on an annual basis by an affirmative vote of a majority of its members by any means permitted under the association's bylaws. I think it is important that every association have its financial statements, books and records independently audited or reviewed by a certified public accountant, but this is what the legislature has prescribed along with Gov. Snyder.



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RELIGION CALENDAR

OCTOBER CONCERT

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26

Location: St. John Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield Details: The Sima Trio of New York; \$20 for adults and \$10 for students and children under 18

Contact: 248-569-3405 CONCERT

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth Township

Details: Pipes Spooktacular concert features organ, piano, youth choir, and handbells playing spooky and silly music. Youngsters can "trunk or treat" in the parking lot after the concert. Suggested donation, \$5 for individuals, \$15 for families Contact: 734-453-0190

EYEGLASS COLLECTION Time/Date: Daily

Location: Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia Details: A drop box is stationed at the church's main entrance for used eyeglasses which will be sent to Haiti through Haitian Christian Outreach Contact: 248-476-8222

FALL FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: Youngsters may wear costumes to the event, which will include "trunk or treating" for goodies from car trunk to car trunk in the church parking lot. Children also can paint a pumpkin to take home for \$1. Free coffee, popcorn, goodie bag. Baked goods will be on sale Contact: Mary at 248-471-1322

FALL FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29

Location: Covenant Community Church, 25800 Student, Redford Details: Free event includes refreshments, games, crafts, cake walk, candy and puppets Contact: info@covenantredford.com; 313-535-3100 FALL FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Saturday,

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BENSON, FREDERICK

Age 77. Beloved husband of Edwina. Loving father to David, Linda (Watzke) and Charles Father-in-law of Kim Lister Watzke and Donna Lister. Proud grandfather of Zachary, Connor and Alex. Dear brother of Eleanor Schroeder. Preceded in death by his sisters Jean Colmus and Evelyn Raven. Police Offi-Businessman, Fisherman, cer. Charter Captain, Golfer and Card Player. A retired Police Lieutenant, he proudly served the Livonia Police Department for 30 years. He was a member and Past-President of the Wayne County Lt.'s, Sgt.'s and Cpl.'s Association. After his retirement in partnership with his dear friends Steve and Jim he founded and served as President of Livonia Based Statewide Security Transport, a business that provides prisoner transportation solutions to the law enforcement community. Fred was a graduate of Plymouth High School, Schoolcraft College, Madonna University and The University of Detroit. A long-time Livonia resident, after retirement Fred left the community he served faithfully for 30 years and relocated on Grosse Ile, MI to be near the golf course and waterways he loved so much. An avid Muskie, Walleye and Salmon fishermen, "Cap'n Fred" also served as Charter Captain of "Hang Loose Sport Fishing Charters." He enjoyed spending his time fishing with family and his fishing buddies Wally and Marcel. He was a former member of the Ford Yacht Club Grosse Ile, MI. Fred was a champion golfer from the days on his High School Golf team to his retirement years spent as a member of the Grosse Ile Golf & Country Club. Always up for a game of chance, he excelled at playing Poker and Blackjack. He enjoyed a "turn of the card" with his many poker buddies and was a champion Blackjack Tournament player. Donations may be made in his honor to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan. A celebration of life luncheon with family and friends is planned for Saturday, November 8, 2014 from Noon to 4 p.m. at Park Place Dearborn, MI.



DOOLEY, PATRICIA D.

Of Plymouth, Michigan, age 85, passed away peacefully in her sleep on October 17, 2014. She was born on December 6, 1928 in Detroit, Michigan, the daughter of Robert Emmett and Viola McCoy. She met the love of her life and best friend forever. Tom Doolev. while still in High School at St. Anthony's in Detroit. They were married in 1952 after she graduated from Nazareth College with a teaching degree in early education. She was proud to say, as an elementary teacher, she supported Tom as he finished his final year for an MBA at the University of Michigan. Their loving marriage of 62 years was the kind most people just dream of and it continues to inspire their six children and spouses and their 14 grandchildren. She was a homemaker, devoted to her family and later greatly enjoyed her role as Grandma. Pat's Catholic faith served as the foundation for the way she lived her life. She worshipped God and prayed for His assistance and guidance daily. She looked at each day as a gift and filled it with love and laughter. She had the ability to make even the simplest activities some of the greatest pleasures for her family such as singing around a campfire, enjoying a picnic at a park, or spending a day at the beach. Her faith in God and the future brought a sense of peace to others. Her love will continue to live on in those she leaves behind while they look forward to the day when they will be reunited. Pat is survived by her loving husband Tom Dooley; six children Roger (Kathy) Dooley, Dooley, Alyce Dennis (Carol) Cummings, (Bruce) Hadley, Jennifer (Joe) Cruitt and Tom (Chu Yun) Dooley; fourteen grandchildren: Brittany, John and Eric Dooley, Ryan and Chris Dooley, Chelsea and Kyle Cummings, Sean , Beth, Christina and Colleen Hadley and Patrick, William and Timmy Cruitt. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Robert Emmett and Viola McCoy and two sisters, Violet (Daryl) Lantzy and Alyce (Larry) Gauthier. A Funeral Mass was held on Monday at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 North Haggerty Rd., Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be made to the Lewy Body Dementia Association. Share your memories at www.schrader-howell.com.



O'MALLEY MICHAEL ROBERT

Age 62, passed away on Octo-ber 18, 2014. Mike is survived by his wife, Carla; his two sons, Dave (Kerri) and Tim (Elizabeth); his siblings, Joe O'Malley (Britt), Maureen Norris (Ken), and Tom O'Malley; six grandchildren, Caitlin, Erinn, Karah, Evalyn, Sean, and Fitz O'Malley; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. Mike was preceded in death by his mother and father, Josephine and Francis (Robert) O'Malley. Born in Detroit on June 16, 1952, Mike attended St. Brigid in West Detroit, graduat-ed from Detroit's St. Francis DeSales High School in 1970. He moved to Garden City, Michigan with his new wife, Carla, in 1971. His career progressed from Awrey's Bakery to UPS when their small family moved to Canton, Michigan in 1979 where he resided until his death. Mike retired from UPS in 1986 to become the full-time caregiver to his sons, while volunteering in numerous activities. During that he earned his B.S. and time, M.S.W. from Eastern Michigan University. He was the counselor to so many. Mike's devotion to the Detroit Tigers, Red Wings, Lions, Pistons, and the PGA, and all Michigan college sports was legendary. Numerous friends and family will miss his quirky per-sonality and rabid support of sports. His favorite activities included libations and conversations with friends and family. He enjoyed working out with his friends from VicTanny and his Wednesday golf league with his high school buddies. Mike's commitment to his own athletic pursuits put him in a rare group to be rewarded with both a 300 bowling game on September 28, 2005 and a hole-in-one on June 1996, at the Rogell (Redford) Golf course's 5th hole. We will all remember how he made his grandchildren laugh with delight when throwing them into the air or making the "noise a donkey makes". His many other idiosyncrasies gave great joy to his family. The visitation was Tuesday, October 21, 2014 and the Funeral Celebration was held Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial contributions to Oakwood Foundation, Oakwood/First Step Partnership (www.oakwood.org/ foundation) or Pelotonia, http://p elotonia.org. To share memories, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

Oct. 25

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road, Livonia

Details: The event, for children through sixth grade, will include crafts, games, refreshments and more. Church members will pass out treats as children trick or treat from car trunk to car trunk. Costumes are encouraged. Parents or guardians must be present. The church also will sponsor a coat exchange for kids. Donate coats for the exchange during business hours at the church. Any remaining coats will go to Redford Interfaith Relief.

Contact: 734-422-1470 FALL HARVEST PARTY

Time/Date: 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N Sheldon, Canton Details: Attendees may wear non-scary costumes to this family-oriented event that will include a kid-friendly dinner, trick-or-treating throughout the church, games, bounce houses, contests and prizes. Captive Free, will perform skits, music and puppet shows

Contact: 734-459-3333; office@connectingwithGod.org **FLEA MARKET**

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 25

Location: Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia Details: Arts and crafts, vintage flea market and more; proceeds

used to fill Christmas baskets Contact: Denise at 248-474-4162 HALLOWEEN

CARNIVAL

Time/Date: 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26 Location: Trinity Episcopal

Church, 11575 Belleville Road, Belleville Details: Indoor carnival is for ages 3 years-fifth grade. Attendees may wear costumes. The

event includes face painting, carnival games, prizes, hot dogs and snacks Contact: 734-699-3361

INEOUALITY WORKSHOP Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Oct.

Location: Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills

Details: Peter Ruark, senior policy analyst with the Michigan League for Public Policy (MLPP), and Danielle Atkinson, director of Mothering Justice, will talk about economic inequality in Michigan, how workers' salaries are not keeping up with rising costs and what can be done about it. Register at uujustice.org/conferenceregistration2.html

Contact: Randy Block at 248-549-5170

PHOTO EXHIBIT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday through

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1

Location: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy, Dearborn Heights

Details: Handmade items for Christmas giving, bake sale, cookie walk, attic treasures Contact: 313-274-8145

CRAFT SHOW

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8 Location: New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, Redford Details: Seeking crafters; 8-foot tables available for \$25 each Contact: Sue Makins at 313-516-7249

DIVINE MERCY

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5

Location: St. John Neumann Roman Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: Learn about the Divine Mercy devotion, Sr. Faustina, the chaplet and more. A prayer table will include samples of Divine Mercy literature and order forms. First 50 people will receive a rosary. Includes a raffle and praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Contact: Sharlene Borke at 734-459-5515

HABITAT FOR

HUMANITY BENEFIT Time/Date: 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1

Location: Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 Ridge Road, Canton

Details: Free harvest dinner, followed by silent and live auctions of homemade gifts, services, food and crafts at 7

p.m. Contact: 734-495-0035; cherryhillumc.org

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m. Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville

Township Contact: John Shulenberger at

734-464-9491 **Our Lady of Loretto**

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000 CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: No documentation needed

Contact: info@cantoncf.org

FAMILY MEAL Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every

Thursday Location: Salvation Army,

27500 Shiawassee, Farmington

practical help and spiritual hope. Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

PRAYER

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through back. Details: Music, singing, prayer

Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church,

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org **First Presbyterian Church**

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements;

7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9

p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.

Details: Single Place Ministry;

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4

mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

ages may attend the Widowed

Friends Men's breakfast. This is

men have an opportunity to

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m.

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat

literation as well as the original

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email

songs) and celebrate Kiddush

following morning services.

Lyrics are provided in trans-

an informal "peer" group where

Details: Widowed men of all

www.singleplace.org

fourth Thursday

meet with others.

SONG CIRCLE

every Shabbat

Bloomfield

Contact: 313-534-0399

Location: 200 E. Main St.,

Northville

cost is \$5





Oct. 30

Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield

Details: "Pioneering Voices" consists of photos and stories of transgender persons

Contact: 248-354-4488; www.northwest uu.org.

TRUNK OR TREAT Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct.

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia Details: Children bring their

own bags to trick or treat at the cars parked in the church lot. Children and adults may dress in costume

Contact: 734-522-6830 NOVEMBER

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12 MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

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,

nancyellen879@att.net. SUPPORT

Hebrew.

Apostolic Christian Church Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

daily Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community.

Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free.

Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009



For Information regarding this Directory, please call Sue Sare at 248-926-2219 or e-mail: ssare@hometownlife.com

Fellowship Presbyterian Church Adult Sunday: 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. · Worship: 10:30 a.m. Childrens Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Services held at: Saint Andrews Episcopal Church 16360 Hubbard Road in Livonia · South of Six Mile Road Nursery provided · www.fellowship-presbyterian.org

B9 (CP) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2014 **OBSERVER &** ECCENTRIC MEDIA HOMETOWN LIFE.COM

Night of Irish music, dance benefits cancer patient

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Mick Gavin loves a good Irish party — especially one for a good cause.

"It's going to be huge," said Gavin, a Redford resident who teaches and performs Irish fiddle. "There is going to be continuous step dancing from the (Tim) O'Hare School and other schools of dance. The whole school is chipping in. The whole Irish community in Metro Detroit is chipping in."

Gavin, who assembles Celtic music players, singers and dancers for his Crossroads Ceili, a two-day celebration of Irish song and dance every December at the Ark in Ann Arbor, is coordinating the entertainment for "Fundraiser for Aggie's Miracle," a benefit for Aggie Niemi, a Superior Township woman who was diagnosed with brain cancer earlier this year. Mary Marga-ret Garnett of Northville, whose children dance with Niemi's daughter at the Tim O'Hare School of Dance in Plymouth, is co-coordinating the event. It runs 3-8 p.m. Sun-day, Oct. 26, at Conor O'Neills Irish Pub, 318 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Dancers from the Tim O'Hare School of Irish Dance in Plymouth and Ann Arbor will perform, along with local musicians on dual stages. Do-nations will be accepted at the door and a portion of the food

sales will benefit Niemi. "We're dance moms," Gar-nett said. "We travel together and see each other two or three times a week at the studio. It's hard to watch a friend go through this, knowing the se-verity of the cancer.

"We all started talking and said, what can we do? The idea of fundraising came up. My cousin owns Connor O'Neills in



Alison Perkins-Brown (left) with Nick Brown and Asher Perkins, play tin whistle. They'll perform Sunday, Oct. 26, at Fundraiser for Aggie's Miracle.

have 30-35 musicians."

Performers

Mick's son, Sean, plans to come in from Chicago, Ill., for the benefit. Other performers include Asher Perkins, the Dolowy family of Plymouth, Alison Perkins-Brown, Nick Brown, Kelsey Lutz, Eddie McGlinchey, Ray Maguire, Colin Paige, Brendan McNulty, Mick's son, Michael and more. "There will be lots of food

and dancing," Gavin said. "There also will be Ceili dancing. That's like an Irish square dance. The youngsters will bring the adults out of the audience to dance. They'll teach you on the spot.

"It's open for someone to come along and join us and sing a song.

Audience members also will get a chance to learn the Irish jig.

Event proceeds will help Niemi pay for out-of-pocket medical expenses and other costs

"It's going to be one big party for this lady," Gavin said. For more information or to donate a basket for an auction, email Garnett at mmgarnett@hotmail.com.

Michael Gavin (left), Sean Gavin, and their father, Mick Gavin of Redford, will perform, along with several other local musicians and step dancers from the Tim O'Hare School of Irish Dance, Plymouth, Sunday, Oct. 26, at Conor O'Neills Irish Pub in Ann Arbor.

Ann Arbor. We knew that on Sunday nights Mick Gavin

does a session there. We thought this would be great. Then Mick took it and ran with it. The next thing you know we

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS **DETROIT ZOO**

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological SociComing up: Cody High A Life Remod-eled Project, 5:30 p.m. Oct. 26, tickets are \$20 general and \$40 VIP. VIP ticket includes premium seating and downloadable photograph on the red carpet. Panel discussion follows film. Contact: 313-898-1481

MUSIC

BERMAN CENTER Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2 Location: Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit campus, 6600 W.

Ghost story



ety members get free admission and parking

Smashing pumpkins: Watch animals eat treat-filled pumpkins, every half hour from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25. Featured animals include apes, snow monkeys, polar bears, grizzly bears, wolverines, anteaters, vultures, and river otters Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

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

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville Details: "Art Quilts: Then and Now," featuring works by local fiber artists Coming up: 2014 International Mosaic Exhibit and Auction, Nov. 7-Dec. 6

Contact: 248-344-0497 VILLAGE THEATER AT **CHERRY HILL**

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Nov. 1 Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road,

Canton Details: 22nd annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition includes works by 61 artists Contact: 734-394-5308

COMEDY FORD COMMUNITY & PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1 Location: 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn

Details: Scottish comedian Danny Bhoy, tickets \$25 in advance and \$28 at the door

Contact: ticketmaster.com

FILM PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 24-25; 4:20 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26; 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 1-2

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth Details: Guardians of the Galaxy, admission \$3

SHOCK-tober Series: Young Frankenstein, Oct. 23, Abbott & Costello Meet the Invisible Man, Oct. 30; all shows start at 7 p.m.; \$3 admission Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com **REDFORD THEATRE**

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Avenue in Detroit

Details: The Wolf Man; \$5. David Deming, son of Sir Graves actor Lawson Deming, will appear at both Saturday shows

Maple, West Bloomfield Details: Chita Rivera and Seth Rudetsky, tickets \$60-\$65

Contact: theberman.org; 248-661-1900 FARMINGTON PLAYERS BARN

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 Location: 32332 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Three Men and a Tenor perform a family-oriented musical comedy program; \$19 for adults, \$17 for seniors and students

Contact: recreg.fhgov.com; 248-473-1848

JAZZ@THE ELKS

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

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Barbara Ware makes her first appearance at the Elks series on Oct. 28. The Cliff Monear Trio will accompany her. \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

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

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 Location: Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia

Details: "Symponie Fantastic and other Classical Treasures," will include Swan Lake excerpts, introduction to Danse Macabre, and Symphonie Fantastique. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students

Contact: livoniasymphony.org MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Time/Datc: 3 p.m. Oct. 26

Location: Kresge Hall, Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia Details: Russian classical guitarist Anton Baranov; \$20 adults, \$15 students Contact: 313-832-2613

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 Location: Steppingstone School, 30250 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills

Details: "Twilight of a Dark Knight," a Halloween pops concert, will include such works as Star Wars Cantina Band song, Michael Jackson's Thriller, Bella's Lullaby from Twilight, Danse Macabre and more. The orchestra and conductor will be in costume. The audience also is encouraged to wear costume. Tickets are \$30 general admission; \$25 for seniors, 62 and over, with ID; \$10 for students with ID

Contact: michiganphil.org SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Lisa Brawley (left) of Livonia plays the ghostly first wife, Elivra, in the Inspire Theatre production of *Blithe Spirit*. In this scene, she talks with second wife, Ruth, played by Toni Hammond of Farmington Hills and ex-husband, Charles, played by Brian Trippel of Canton. Performances are 7:30 p.m. Oct. 24-25, at the theater, 5767 Executive Drive, Westland. Tickets are \$12, available from inspiretheatre.com or by calling 734-751-7057.

Time/Date: Noon Wednesday, Oct. 29 Location: VisTaTech Center, on the main campus, located on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: The Pete Siers Trio, with Siers on drums, Dave Bennett on clarinet and Tad Weed on piano

Contact: 734-462-4403; schoolcraft.edu/music

ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26 Location: 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield

Details: The Sima Trio of New York; \$20 for adults and \$10 for students and children under 18

Contact: 248-569-3405

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26 Location: 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth Township

Details: Pipes Spooktacular concert features organ, piano, youth choir, and handbells playing spooky and silly music. Youngsters can "trunk or treat" in the parking lot after the concert. Suggested donation, \$5 for individuals, \$15 for families

Contact: 734-453-0190 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: Michael Fracasso, Phil Madeira and Ralston Bowles in the Round, Oct. 24; Trace Bundy, Oct. 25; Ashley Peacock, Ryan Adcock and Greg Mahan in the Round, Nov. 1; Empty Chair Night with Annie and Rod Capps, Joel Palmer and Ben Hassenger, Nov. 2; Jon Brooks, Nov. 7; Around the House Variety Show, Nov. 8. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted.

Contact: 734-464-6302 for additional information

THEATER BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Oct. 24-25 and 2 p.m. Oct. 26

Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth Details: The Lights are Warm and Coloured takes place 13 years after Lizzie Borden's acquittal of the 1892 murders of her father and stepmother. Written from murder trial notes and author William Norfolk's own supposition, the play re-enacts the murder and the trial, and includes some surprising twists. Tickets are \$15

Contact: 734-560-1493; justgobarefoot-.com

FOREVER AFTER PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Oct. 23-26 Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Two casts of youngsters, 7-14, perform Cinderella. Tickets are \$16

Contact: foreverafterproductions.com; 734-547-5156

INSPIRE THEATRE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Oct. 24-25 Location: 5767 Executive Drive, Westland

Details: Blithe Spirit, a comedy by Noel Coward, is about a writer whose first wife appears as a ghost during a seance in his home. Tickets are \$12

Contact: 734-751-7057

MOTOR CITY PLAYERS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Oct. 24-25 and Nov. 1, 2 p.m. Oct. 26 and Nov. 2, and 10 p.m. Oct. 31

Location: Motor City Theatre, 27555 Grantland, Livonia

Details: A family-friendly musical, Sleepy Hollow, is for ages 8-adult. Wear a costume on Oct. 31 and receive a treat. Adults, \$12, seniors and students, \$10, and cabaret seating on Oct. 31, \$15 Contact: 586-894-8628

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. performance, Oct. 24-25 and Nov. 7-8; play only performances are Nov. 14-15 Location: Dinner served in the VisTa-Tech Center, performance in the Liberal Arts Theatre, on the main campus located on Haggery, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Neil Simon's Star Spangled Girl; tickets for dinner and performance are \$27, for Nov. 14-15 shows, \$15, available by phone or at the campus book store Contact: 734-462-4596

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SMOKY CHIPOTLE CHILI

Total time: 2 1/2 hours Servings: 6–8

- 2 ½ pounds beef shoulder, arm or blade roast boneless, cut into ½-inch pieces
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided
- 1 teaspoon salt 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 cans (14 ½ ounces each) diced tomatoes with green peppers and onions, undrained
- 1 bottle (12 ounces) beer
- 2 tablespoons adobo sauce from chipotle peppers
- 1 tablespoon minced chipotle peppers in adobo sauce
- 1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed, drained
- 3 tablespoons masa harina

Warm up to toasty, tasty

Dairy sour cream

Cut beef roast into¹/₂-inch pieces. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in stockpot over medium heat until hot; brown beef in batches and remove from stockpot. Season with salt. Heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil in same stockpot over medium heat. Add garlic; cook and stir 1 minute. Add beef, tomatoes, beer, adobo sauce and chipotle peppers; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover tightly and simmer 1 ½ to 1 ½ hours or until beef is fork-tender.

Stir in beans and masa harina; return to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer 1–2 minutes or until slightly thickened, stirring constantly. Serve with sour cream, as desired.



CHILLY DAY BEEF CHILI

Total time: 6 1/2 hours on HIGH, 9 1/2 hours on LOW Servings: 6–8

- 2 ½ pounds boneless beef chuck or round, cut into ½-inch pieces
- 2 cans (15 ½ ounces each) black beans, rinsed, drained

1 can (15 ½ ounces) chili-style tomato sauce with diced tomatoes 1 medium onion, chopped

- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup prepared thick-and-chunky salsa Optional toppings: Shredded Cheddar cheese
- Diced red onion Diced green onion Diced avocado
- Dairy sour cream

Combine all ingredients except salsa and toppings in 4 ½ to 5 ½-quart slow cooker; mix well. Cover and cook on HIGH 5 ½ to 6 hours, or on LOW 8–9 hours, or until beef is tender. (No stirring is necessary during cooking.)

Just before serving, stir in salsa; cook 2–3 minutes or until heated through. Serve with toppings, as desired.



hether cooking for a crowd or serving up a regular weeknight meal for two, nothing warms the body and pleases the appetite like a bubbling pot of rich, flavorful chili. A classic, satisfying meal, chili offers comfort in a bowl. Easy to double up into big batches, it's the ultimate time saver for busy families. You can even freeze it to enjoy later or portion it out for delicious lunchtime leftovers the next day.

These three rich and meaty chili recipes make the perfect addition to your weekly family dinner routine or when company is stopping by. Each recipe features the robust, savory flavors of beef, a favored ingredient in many chili dishes.

Whether served with warm rice, tortilla chips, cornbread or by itself in a bowl, don't forget to top off your chili feast with a tasty array of toppings. With chopped chives, green onions, sour cream, specialty cheeses and other goodies, you can add texture and taste to this popular cold weather cuisine.

For more recipes, visit The Beef Checkoff at www.BeefItsWhatsForDinner.com.

Courtesy of Family Features

BEEF AND CHORIZO CHIL!

Total time: 45–50 minutes Servings: 4–6

- 1 pound ground beef (95 percent lean) 7-8 ounces beef chorizo
- 1 ½ cups chopped white onions
- 2–4 medium serrano peppers, chopped
- 2 tablespoons ground ancho chili
- powder or regular chili powder
- 2 tablespoons masa harina or cornmeal 1 tablespoon dried Mexican or regular
- oregano leaves, crushed 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 cans (15–16 ounces each) garbanzo beans or pinto beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (28 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained
- Hot cooked rice (optional)
- Optional toppings:
- Sliced radishes
- Crumbled queso fresco
- Dairy sour cream Sliced green onions
- Dressing:
- 1 medium ripe avocado
- ¼ cup water
- ¼ cup fresh lime juice 1 garlic clove, peeled
- ½ teaspoon salt



Heat large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Add beef, chorizo, onions and peppers; cook 8–10 minutes, breaking into ¼-inch crumbles and stirring occasionally. Remove from skillet with slotted spoon; pour off drippings. Return beef to skillet.

Add chili powder, masa harina, oregano and salt; cook and stir 1 minute. Stir in beans and tomatoes; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 15 minutes. Remove from heat; let stand 5 minutes before serving.

To make dressing, cut avocado into chunks. Place avocado, water, lime juice, garlic and salt in blender container. Cover; process until smooth. May be prepared up to 1 day ahead. Cover and refrigerate.

Serve chili over rice with toppings and dressing, if desired. Note: Cooking times are for fresh or thoroughly thawed ground beef. Ground beef should be cooked to internal temperature of 160°F. Color is not reliable indicator of doneness.