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Worthy fires back over 'missing' court cases

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Despite a sharp rebuke from Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, Canton officials Tuesday affirmed their decision to shift some domestic violence cases to the township prosecutor.

Canton officials refused to budge on allegations Worthy's office appeared to have lost some 40 warrant requests, though Worthy rejected the claims as "wholly incorrect."

"We stand by our statistics," Canton Public Safety Director

Todd Mutchler said.

The dispute flared anew Tuesday as Worthy, addressing the township board, criticized local officials for publicly alleging — without first contacting her — that some warrants simply disappeared after they were faxed to her office.

"We have documentation for each and every warrant that was ever sent to us by the Canton Public Safety Department," she said, adding later, "None of these cases were missing or lost."

Later, Worthy had stepped outside the board room and

was discussing the issue with Deputy Police Chief Debra Newsome after it appeared the board might table — or delay — a decision to amend a local ordinance and turn over some domestic violence cases to the township prosecutor, Greg Demopoulos.

Trustee Tom Yack, with Worthy still outside the board room, withdrew his motion to table after it became clear that the board legally had to decide an earlier motion on whether to support the ordinance change. The board voted 7-0 to approve it.

"I find it very interesting that they waited until I left the room," Worthy said, though township officials called it coincidental.

Despite the rift between Worthy and the township, both sides indicated they will continue to work together to prosecute cases.

"We all want the same thing here — no doubt about that," Trustee Pat Williams said. He indicated both sides need to work through "systemic" issues and personality differ-



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Prosecutor Kym Worthy, shown here during an earlier appearance in Canton, fired back against allegations her office lost warrant requests.

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Absentee voters slow to cast ballots

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton voters have been slow to return their absentee ballots this election season, even as the Nov. 3 decision day looms.

Township Clerk Terry Bennett believes she knows why.

Amid the barrage of national news focusing on the 2016 presidential election, some local voters mistakenly expected to see a ballot measure tied to that race, even though Michigan's presidential primary isn't until March 8.

"The feedback we're getting is that, because of all the early campaigning, some people thought that this (Nov. 3) election had something on the ballot for the presidential election," Bennett said. It doesn't.

In fact, Canton voters face no decisions for candidates this year, with political races for township board, Plymouth-Canton school board, state House and library board coinciding with next year's election cycle.

Canton voters face only two ballot measures:

» Those living within the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district boundaries will help decide a 0.6-mill, 10-year tax proposal by Schoolcraft College. James Fausone, college trustee, has said the college lost \$29 million since the Great Recession.

The owner of a \$200,000 home would pay \$60 more a year if the proposal



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Stephanie Brasseur sorts through returned absentee ballots at the Canton clerk's office.

passes — money officials say would help Schoolcraft improve while staving off potential cuts to student programs, staffing levels, building repairs and technology advances.

"It's not just about throwing money at it," Fausone has said. "It's about doing it right."

» Three precincts of Canton voters who live in the Van Buren Public Schools district will help decide a 0.5-

mill tax renewal — down from the current 1.13 mills — for a sinking fund for building repairs and maintenance.

» Canton voters in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district can sit out the Nov. 3 election. They have nothing on the ballot.

With no candidates on the ballot, Bennett said it appears some Canton

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P-CCS enrollment decrease lower than expected

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Some 123 fewer students are attending Plymouth-Canton Community Schools than a year ago, a number that has district officials breathing sighs of relief.

Numbers from count day for Michigan's public schools — it was Wednesday, Oct. 1 — show a total P-CCS enrollment, in kindergarten through 12th grade, of 17,005, compared to 17,128 from the October 2014 count day, according to a report from Nick Brandon, the district's director of marketing and communications.

The decrease is far lower than had been projected and, as state funding for public schools is largely based on a per-student allowance, officials are celebrating.

"We could be looking at 400 to 500 fewer kids and we're looking at 123 and that's success," Superintendent Mike Meissen said at Tuesday's Board of Education meeting.

The count day figures represent the number of students who were in school Oct. 1 and the number who have been attending but had an excused absence on that day.

Brandon's report said that enrollment at the district's 14

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CFCU mortgage chief sees strong local market

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A slowly recovering economy, continuing low interest rates, the relaxation of loan requirements and pent-up demand by would-be buyers are among the drivers of a strong mortgage market.

That's the view from Eric Esser, chief mortgage lending officer at Plymouth-based Community Financial Credit Union, which is on pace to issue a near-record number of mortgages this year — about 65 a month, or close to 800 for the calendar year.

"We potentially could have our best year ever," Esser said during a recent interview. He also credited a marketing strategy CFCU launched in the depths of the recession, when the credit union

advertised it had money to lend.

"All the credit unions are benefiting from that fact that the bank crisis turned a lot of people off to the big banks," said Esser, a 15-year CFCU employee who has been in charge of the mortgage department since 2004.

The housing market collapse of 2007-08, he said, wiped out many lenders in the sub-prime, or higher-risk, market, Esser said. "We never played in the sub-prime market."

With 10 branches, plus its Plymouth headquarters, CFCU's core market area consists of Plymouth, Northville and Novi, plus Plymouth, Northville and Canton townships, but the credit union lends in many more communities throughout the state, Esser said, and even has branches in the northern Lower Peninsula, including in Gaylord and

Lewiston.

While mortgage rates have risen slightly from earlier this year, they remain relatively low and signs that they may go up are further motivating home buyers to take advantage of them, Esser said.

The Federal Reserve declined last month to raise the borrowing rate on key federal funds, but Esser believes the rate is likely to go up slightly yet this year. Still, he said, the affect on the housing market should be minimal.

The markets for original mortgages and refinancing are both strong at CFCU, Esser said. Customers with excellent credit can get rates as low as 3.875 percent for a 30-year mortgage and 3.25 percent for a 15-year mort-

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Eric Esser is chief mortgage lending officer at Community Financial Credit Union. He sees a strong area housing market. "I see consumer confidence coming back," he said.



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Redford Comic Con scheduled for Oct. 17

The Redford Comic Con, set for Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly Road, is just in time for Halloween.

The event will feature 33 tables of comic books, action figures and original art.

Local artists and writers appearing include Dan Fogel (Fogel's Underground Price and Grading Guide), Tom Hutchison (Big Dog Ink), Don England (Lethal Lita), Michigan Comics Collective, Joshua King (Blitzkrieg Art Studios) and sculptor Robert Gora.

The event room features a free photo booth, gaming demonstration, how to create a comic book seminar and a costume contest.

The Hall-O-Scream



The Redford Comic Con is Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church

haunts while accepting donations of paper products and canned goods for the Food 4 U Food Pantry.

Show hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$2 and parking is free.

For more information, go to yourcomiccon.com, call 734-258-5026 or send an email to redfordcomiccon@gmail.com.

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elementary schools totaled 6,772, down 146 from last year's 6,918.

Numbers up at high, middle schools

That drop was offset slightly by a gain of five students at the five middle schools (from 4,087 last year to 4,092) and a gain of 18 at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's three high schools (from 6,123 to 6,141).

"Those are encouraging numbers. When you have pluses at your middle school level and your high school level, that's a good thing," Brandon told the board.

Brandon said an enrollment decline has

slowed considerably from the "big spill" of the 2011-12 school year, when there were some 432 fewer K-12 students than the year before. The decline has gotten smaller every year since then, he said.

"We want that number to be a plus, of course, but it's moving in the right direction," he said.

Brandon said a district marketing campaign appears to be working, that there are reports of students returning to the district from private schools, charter schools and home-schooling, plus that the opening of Liberty Middle School, which replaced Central Middle School, gave the district good publicity.

"The opening of Liberty was a huge thing marketing for us this year," Brandon said.

Brandon told the board he would be providing more solid data on students who have transferred from non-district schools or from home-schooling. The budget implications of the latest numbers, officials said, would be discussed at a December school board meeting.

Trustee: 'We're still losing'

Trustee Mike Maloney took a more skeptical view of the numbers, noting that were it not for schools-of-choice students (117, limited to kindergarten through third grade, up from 73 last year), the drop would be higher.

"We're still losing what I consider to be market share," Maloney said. "The management of our enrollment is

something we need to continue to do."

Meissen answered that the report should be celebrated. "In my mind, there are successful things happening," he said.

In other numbers, Brandon noted there were 492 children in the district's preschool programs, which are tuition-funded, out of 586 available spots, up 34 from last year's preschool enrollment.

The district's next count day is in February; state funding per student is based on a blended enrollment number derived from the two count days.

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ences in handling cases.

Local officials say the latest changes simply mean that some misdemeanor domestic violence cases will now be handled by Demopoulos, rather than one of Worthy's prosecutors, in 35th District Court. Officials say the move could bring swifter justice to victims.

Kristin Kolb, the township's corporation counsel, said Tuesday's vote culminated talks that began a year ago amid concerns by James Plakas, 35th District Court chief judge, that too many domestic violence

cases were being dismissed at the pretrial stage.

"This has been in the works for more than a year," Kolb said during Tuesday's meeting.

"And never a phone call to me," Worthy replied.

She has said she is passionate about prosecuting domestic violence cases, but admitted they are difficult, often because victims can become reluctant to cooperate. Still, she said her attorneys have special training to handle the cases.

Worthy said Canton could face a much higher risk of lawsuits by handling its own domestic violence cases.

Worthy said her office had difficulty getting detailed information on cases Canton claimed had gone missing. She also said some information from Canton was not being faxed to the correct domestic violence unit.

"All we're trying to do is find out if there's a problem so we can look into it," she said.

Mutchler, in response, said his department has had similar difficulty getting information on the status of cases from the prosecutor's office.

Worthy said her office has accounted for every case that Canton claimed was missing. She gave a detailed count Tuesday of cases she said have been

prosecuted, dismissed or are still pending.

Worthy has said her office will keep watch as Canton takes on more of its domestic violence cases.

"We have our radar on Canton now," she said.

Mutchler and Worthy both indicated a willingness to work toward a common goal of addressing issues such as domestic violence, despite the recent rift.

"This in no way diminishes the fact that we can work together," Worthy said.

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VOTERS

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voters have little interest in the election.

"We think there are a lot of the absentee ballots that will never come back (to the clerk's office)," she said.

Among Canton's 63,562 registered voters, only 5,580 had requested ab-

sentee ballots as of Monday afternoon — and 2,463, or 44 percent, still hadn't been returned.

Bennett urged absentee voters to make their choices and return their ballots as soon as they decide the ballot measures.

"We would appreciate the help," Bennett said.

For voters casting ballots at polls, Canton plans to combine some

voting precincts and reduce the overall number of precincts from 42 to 23. St. John Neumann Catholic Parish, for example, will have one voting precinct, instead of the usual three.

Voters still will go to their same polling place, though.

"No one will have a change of location," Bennett said.

As next year's busy

election season draws nearer, she said Canton needs to hire workers. The pay is \$190 for precinct chairpersons, \$180 for vice chairs and \$155 for precinct inspectors. For information, call 734-394-5120 or go to www.canton-mi.org and look under the Government tab.

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Chefs for a day, Canton Fire Chief Joshua Meier and Deputy Police Chief Debra Newsome joined a fundraising effort to help youths.

Canton fire chief captures chef award at charity event

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Call him chief or call him chef.

Canton Fire Chief Joshua Meier can add award-winning chef to his list of achievements.

Sure, he was using fire Capt. George Mearnic's recipe for mahi mahi fish tacos when he won the Chef's Choice Award among 20 metro Detroit fire and police officials competing in the Chiefs Cooking for Kids fundraiser.

Meier still had to pull off the win during an event Oct. 8 at the Max Fisher Music Center in Detroit, which drew more than 250 people to benefit The Youth Connection, a nonprofit agency serving youngsters in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Meier clinched the award chosen by the Fisher center's own executive chef, Kyle Hanley. Meier won in one of five categories.

"It's a great honor," he said, "and it was a great opportunity to be part of a great event that helps children."

Meier learned his cooking skills during his 17 years of fire service,

but he admits he doesn't often cook. Good thing he had Mearnic's recipe.

And what makes it special?

"The secret sauce," Meier said.

His win may come with local bragging rights, because another Canton official, Deputy Police Chief Debra Newsome, didn't make the awards cut with her southwestern casserole, though she did receive compliments.

"It's all in fun," she said — and it's for a good cause.

Meier and Newsome represented Canton during an event that raised money for The Youth Connection, a nonprofit organization that helps youths and young adults with career exploration, job training, internships, after-school programs, academic assistance and substance abuse prevention, among other services.

Jeff Griffith, communications director for The Youth Connection, said the organization each year helps about 800 school-age children and their parents. Griffith said Monday afternoon the event raised just over \$40,000.

Fire officials say Capt. Mearnic's Mahi Mahi Fish Tacos will be featured on the Max Fisher Music Center's catering menu for the remainder of the year.

Meier called the competition "fierce, with many great recipes" and he vowed to represent Canton again next year. While Meier's selection was chosen by Hanley, other winners won by public voting:

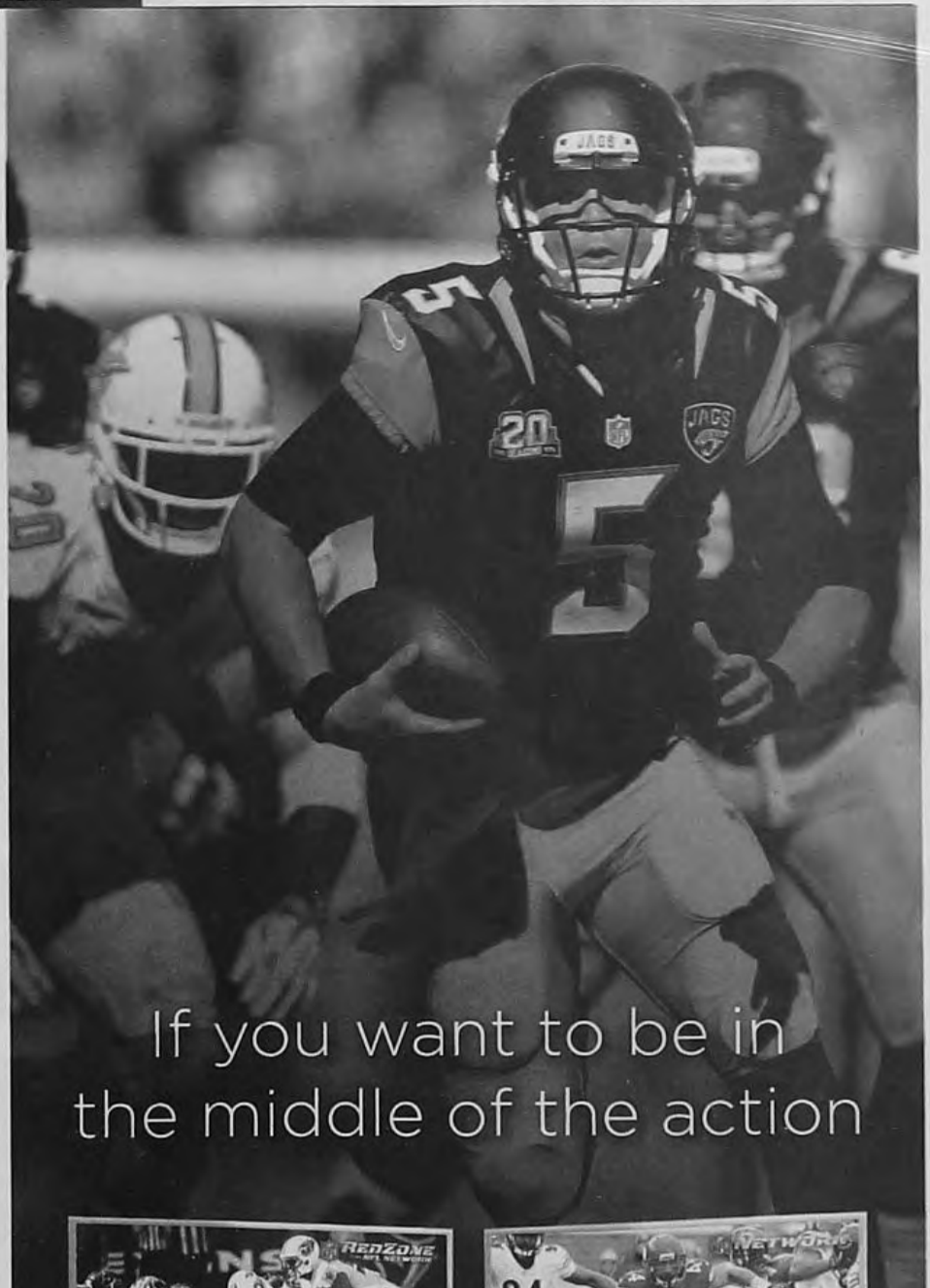
» Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napolean captured the Chief Award award for his chicken and mashed potato casserole.

» Wayne State University Police Chief Anthony Holt won in the Best Appetizer category for his barbecue meatballs.

» Detroit Police Chief James Craig snagged the Best Entrée honor for his baked salmon.

» Inkster Fire Chief John Adams earned the Best Dessert award for what was called a chocolate/butterscotch/peanut butter surprise.

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Police seek help to find woman who walked away from group home

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A 68-year-old Canton woman was still missing at press time Wednesday after she walked away Tuesday morning from her group home near Cherry Hill and Lilley roads.

Claudia Fields suffers from schizophrenia and also is diabetic, police said. She was last seen leaving her residence on foot about 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, police said.

Fields had not been given her medication for diabetes, causing concern she could go into diabetic shock.

Detective Sgt. Dan Traylor said Wednesday



CANTON PUBLIC SAFETY
Canton police are looking for Claudia Fields.

morning that Fields has no cellphone nor bank cards with her that possibly could help police track her whereabouts.

"We're asking for the public's help," he said. Fields is described as

68 years old, 5 feet, 8 inches, 175 pounds, with brown eyes and gray hair. She was last seen wearing black nylon pants and a blue coat.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400.

Police issued an alert through social media Tuesday night asking for help locating Fields. Authorities have scoured the area but hadn't found Fields as of Wednesday morning.

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Shoe Shine Guys owner, author helps needy with shoes

A Canton-based business, The Shoe Shine Guys, is giving away more than 700 pairs of shoes Saturday to numerous metro Detroit charitable organizations, including COTS (Coalition On Temporary Shelter), Grace Centers of Hope and The Salvation Army.

It's the fourth annual shoe giveaway by the business founder John Early, who also has a new book titled 10 Bits of Wisdom From The Shoe

Shine Guy: A Transformed Life. The book is set for release via paperback, eBook and audio book Oct. 19 by Waldorf Publishing.

Early's shoe business continues to grow about 20 percent a year and just collected hundreds of pairs of shoes for those in need. The Shoe Shine Guys has collected more than 3,000 pairs of shoes since the business started in 2011.

His book, meanwhile,

takes readers on a spiritual journey that changed his life and those around him, including his wife and children. The book details 10 key bits of wisdom that helped him rebuild broken relationships and find a new path forward.

The Shoe Shine Guys, featured in an earlier Observer article, began as a mobile shoe shine service and has grown since 2011 to hundreds of clients.



CANTON PUBLIC SAFETY

Canton Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler is flanked by the police department's new officers, Andrew Schlegel and Anthony Johnson.

Canton department hires two police officers

The Canton Police Department has hired two new officers, Anthony Johnson and Andrew Schlegel.

The new officers took the oath of office Monday with friends and family members in attendance at the Canton Administration Building.

All new police officers in Canton are required to successfully complete

a 16-week, instructor-led field training program before they are allowed to work on their own.

The program, officials say, is designed to orientate and develop new recruit officers, maximizing their potential and providing them with the tools they need to make the transition to Canton police officer.

CANTON CRIME WATCH

Mom, son ticketed for house party

A loud party in Canton brought police to a home where a mother and son were ticketed, after police found underage party-goers, a beer pong table drinking game, empty beer cans and an empty pint of liquor, a police report said.

Police received reports of a neighborhood disturbance from a loud party about 11:40 p.m. Saturday in the 50300 block of Cherry Hill, on Canton's west side. As police walked toward the home, they noticed several cars and loud music while those inside the house began to close the blinds and shut the door.

Police could hear no sounds by the time they reached the door. A 58-year-old woman answered their knock and said her 17-year-old son was having a party for a friend's birthday. She said she was the only adult and that as many as 15 teens were hiding because they had been smoking cigarettes and didn't want to get caught, the report said.

Police could hear noise from downstairs and saw one young female open a door and close it back. In all, police found 15 teens, all 17 years old except for one 18-year-old, in the home. Officers also noticed some youngsters had climbed through a bedroom window and fled the scene.

The woman's son approached police and had an odor of intoxicants, the report said. He said some friends brought alcohol to the home, but the mother insisted she didn't know about it.

Meantime, a pizza delivery driver showed up at the door with a \$105 order. The incident culminated with police ticketing the mother for having an open house party and the son for being a minor in possession of alcohol.

Motel suspects

A dispute between tenants at the Days Inn in Canton led police to the scene, where they located two suspects wanted for unrelated warrants involving cocaine, larceny and traffic offenses.

Police received a call about 5:20 p.m. Friday from a 45-year-old wom-

an, living at the Days Inn since September, who claimed she was having trouble with three male tenants from another room.

Specifically, she said one 17-year-old male harasses her for cigarettes and money and yells at her and her roommate. Police met with Days Inn management, who said a request had been made to evict the male tenants.

Meanwhile, police learned that one of the men, 44, had warrants for his arrest out of Wayne County for offenses involving cocaine and larceny. Another man, 26, had warrants out of Melvindale and Ecorse for traffic offenses and failing to appear in court.

Two of the men were getting their belongings out of the Days Inn and the investigation was continuing. Police asked the management to notify them if the third man returned.

Heroin overdose

Canton paramedics rescued a 31-year-old man from an apparent heroin overdose after his father found him unresponsive with a needle in his arm, a police report said.

The incident unfolded about 5:40 p.m. Saturday at the Fellows Creek Lodge in the 40000 area of Michigan Avenue.

The father found his son in a bathroom and put him in a bathtub for a cold shower, thinking it might revive him, a police report said.

Canton paramedics tended to the apparent heroin user, who began to show signs of being revived after he received treatment.

Dog concerns

A 44-year-old woman became concerned when she heard a dog barking inside an enclosed storage facility in the 47800 block of Michigan Avenue.

The woman notified police about 3:30 p.m. Oct. 8 from Devon Self Storage, where she said a dog had been barking inside a locked storage unit since morning. She also had contacted the Michigan Humane Society.

Canton police managed to track down the dog's owner, who said he had temporarily left the

German short-haired pointer in storage because he had a meeting and couldn't take his pet with him. A police report said the dog was chained inside the storage unit, but had food and water.

The woman who reported the incident is a dog groomer who noticed the dog barking when she went to her storage unit. The report indicated the woman agreed to care for the man's dog if he ever needed to leave it somewhere again.

Neighborhood dispute

Police advised quarreling neighbors not to speak to one another and to report any further problems after officers intervened in a dispute about 6:30 p.m. Sunday in the 39600 block of Hillary, near I-275 and Koppernick.

A 61-year-old resident went to the police station to report ongoing issues with neighbors. He said he believes he and his wife were being targeted because someone else had reported the neighbors over the summer for fireworks.

On Sunday, his wife had asked the neighbor's children not to play with sidewalk chalk in front of her home. A short time later, the children reportedly returned and began drawing with chalk across the driveway, prompting the woman to wash it off with a hose as she said the neighbors came out, yelled at her and sprayed her with a water hose.

The couple told police they don't want to press charges and only want to get along with their neighbors.

A short time later, the neighbor accused of causing problems called with a differing report, saying her children had been sworn at while playing with chalk on a public sidewalk. She denied spraying the neighbor with a hose and said the woman had accidentally dropped the hose and sprayed herself.

She said she had a video of the incident. She also said she didn't want to file a formal complaint and just wanted to get along.

Police advised the neighbors not to speak to one another and to call if any other problems arise.

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Canton police drug take-back program deemed a success

The Canton Police Department has removed 86 pounds of unused prescription drugs from potential abuse.

That's the quantity of drugs Canton residents dropped off Saturday, Sept. 26, during a four-hour drug take-back program at the police station. It's an effort sponsored with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency.

The goal was to remove potentially dangerous prescription drugs from homes in the community. It allowed residents to turn in expired, unused and unwanted prescription medications to law enforcement for destruction.

Drugs were dropped off anonymously, with no questions asked, in the police station lobby.

Studies show that a

majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines - flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash - pose potential safety and health hazards.

Suspect in infant's death could face more charges

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

The Livonia man facing murder charges in the death of his infant child could face more criminal counts in the case.

Mark Hontz, 33, is scheduled to return Thursday to Livonia's 16th District Court for a preliminary examination in the death of his 10-week-old son. Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Carin Goldfarb told District Judge Sean Kavanagh last week she was waiting for the medical examiner's report, but she believed additional child abuse charges could come after the report was delivered. She said that an additional count or counts



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Mark Hontz is accused in the death of his infant child. At left is Hontz's attorney, Sharon Clark Woodside.

could come after the prosecutor's office receives more information.

"I'm putting counsel on notice that I may add one or two counts of child abuse," she said during Hontz's brief probable cause conference last week in Livonia.

Hontz was charged last month after Livonia police say they responded to a call of a child falling down the stairs Sept. 21 at a home in the 38000 block of Summers. The child was taken to a local hospital and died of his injuries the next day. After further investigation, the child's death was declared a homicide. Hontz was later arrested and charged with first-degree child abuse, felony murder and habitual offender fourth offense.

Online records show Hontz was released from prison in March 2014 after serving two years on a felony firearm charge out of Wayne County.

Hontz is being held in the Wayne County Jail without bond.

Credit unions are all about people helping people

Credit unions around the world will celebrate International Credit Union Day on Oct. 15.

Since 1948, the third Thursday of each October, credit unions have celebrated a simple but radical idea — that by working together, people can improve their financial well-being. “People helping people,” this year’s ICU Day theme, is the foundational philosophy of the credit union movement, going back to the very beginning.

In 1850s Germany, a group of weary workers formed the world’s first credit union. Suffering through an economic downturn and tired of loan sharks exploiting them, they banded together to provide affordable credit to each other. Not-for-profit and governed by and for the people who created them, credit unions not only gave working-class people a way to break a cycle of debt that had bled them of any financial gains. It showed them, for the first time, a path to prosperity.



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It’s no wonder then that when economic times are hard, credit unions flourish. Credit union membership swelled during the Great Depression and again during the recent Great Recession. Today, there are more than 200 million credit union members world-

wide — 100 million of them in the U.S. The World Council of Credit Unions, supported by credit unions in the U.S., works to develop credit unions around the world because they believe that every person deserves access to affordable, reliable financial services. As not-for-profit financial cooperatives, credit unions are governed by their members — one member, one vote. In many countries, credit unions offer people their first true taste of democracy.

“Credit unions must do their part. We must share our knowledge, our experience and our dreams,” World Council Board Chairman Grzegorz Bierecki said earlier this year. “It is the duty of free people to support freedom.”

At its most basic level, a credit union is people pooling their money to provide each other with affordable loans — a credit union is literally people helping people.

Along those lines, voting is now open for Share the Love — a special campaign credit unions in Michigan and other states are participating in.

To date, credit unions from 26 states across the U.S. have submitted videos and local chapters of Children’s Hospital, Boys and Girls Club, Junior Achievement, the Special Olympics and United Way, among many others, stand to receive contributions. “Share the Love has inspired credit unions across the country to create videos that showcase their good work in hopes to win donations for their charities,” said David Adams, CEO of CU Solutions Group.

Credit union members and non-members alike are encouraged to view and cast votes for videos at LoveMyCreditUnion.org/SharetheLove. By the end of the campaign, up to \$105,000 in total will be donated to charities and up to \$15,000 in prizes will be awarded to randomly selected voters.

Home & Lifestyle Show at Eastern Michigan features many local student designers

Pamela A. Zinkosky
Correspondent

What would you do to decorate a 10-by-10-foot room? This the question Home & Lifestyle Shows of Michigan asked four teams of Eastern Michigan University interior design students. Their responses will be showcased in the Designer’s Challenge at the inaugural HSLM show Saturday and Sunday at EMU’s convocation center.

The teams of EMU students each had a blank 10-by-10-foot canvas to work from, four identical pieces of Art Van furniture and \$500 to shop, explained Terri O’Brien, owner of Northville-based Street Marketing, HSLM’s producer. The back-to-back rooms each have two walls each to decorate and concrete floor underneath, she said.

O’Brien said the Designer’s Challenge has given students a real-life experience in design, including planning, materials gathering, execution and working on a team. “One of the challenges is to make sure that everyone’s voice is heard,” O’Brien said.

Unique designs, real-life experiences

The challenge started with a level playing field, with the same pieces of furniture and the same small space to decorate, but the teams came up with very different ideas, O’Brien said.

The Floral Focus team includes Rachel Harris, a senior who lives in Detroit, and Rikki Cummins, a Livonia resident who’s also a senior; Israa Bzeih, a Dearborn resident who’s a sophomore; and Priya Ghandikota, an Ann Arbor resident who’s a sophomore. The team designed its space with sustainability and nature in mind.

Cummins said she enjoyed creating a computerized image she knew would actually be brought to life. “We’re really into sustainability and bringing in nature is part of sustainability,” she said.

To that end, the team is using lots of plant life — “I have a Gerbera daisy I’ve been keeping alive,” Cummins said — and re-purposed fabrics for the pillows, as well as framed botanicals. A large mirror is set on one wall to make the space look larger and colors are inviting: purples, blues and yellows.

Harmonious living

Team Coexist includes Safa Viqar, a junior from Livonia; Cynthia Saadeh, a junior from Farmington Hills; Kim Collier, a junior from Toledo; Sara Wut-wat, a junior from Dearborn; Katie Ward, a junior from Fraser; Carly Adams, a junior from Stevensville and Kaitlyn Czinski, a junior from River-view.

The team took its inspiration from college students sharing an apartment space and took on the challenge of bringing together everyone’s personality to create a harmonious setting.

“Each team member brought a decor piece that best represents them,” Viqar said. “We all come from different backgrounds, so these elements help embrace it within our space.”



The Floral Focus team (from left): Israa Bzeih, a Dearborn resident who’s a sophomore; Priya Ghandikota, an Ann Arbor resident who’s a sophomore; Rikki Cummins, team lead and Livonia resident who’s a senior; and Rachel Harris, another team lead who’s a senior from Detroit.

DETAILS

Home & Lifestyle Shows of Michigan, produced by Northville-based Street Marketing and presented by Art Van Pure Sleep, is hosting its first event at Eastern Michigan University’s Convocation Center Oct. 17 and 18. The event, which is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, will feature, in addition to the Designer’s Challenge, more than 100 interior and exterior design exhibitors.

Also on tap will be Small Home Communities, a 600-square-foot virtual tour of a minimalist living space; Home Tips on Paint Chips, sponsored by Anderson Paint; and The Fresh Idea Stage, where experts on sustainability, color trends, kitchen functionality and other relevant topics will speak every 30 minutes.

Tickets are \$5 and available at the door or online at www.emich.edu/emutix/. Children 12 and under get in free.

For example, Saadeh brought a souvenir statue of the Eiffel Tower, which represents her French roots, she said. Others items include a family heirloom music box and a camera to represent interest in photography.

“What I liked best about participating in this challenge was being able to work with a group and seeing our development of ideas,” Viqar said. “I enjoyed it giving us the chance to be able to go through the steps of the design process and then be able to actually execute it.”

Vintage looks, design on a budget

Two other teams are competing, including the Mod Squad team and the Revitalize team.

Mod Squad members are Madeline King of Milford, Erica Trossen of Ann Arbor and Jordan Steff of Plainwell. Revitalize members are Lincoln Park resident Phyllis Maierle, Midland resident Sarah Anker, Petersburg resident Anna Pollock, Carleton resident Mill-cent Murphy, Allen Park resident Megan Nemeth, Midland resident Mary Levengood and Whitehall resident Nicole Borgman.

Mod Squad’s design is a 1960s look, using geometric patterns and sustainable materials like a bamboo woven rug and thrift store accents. The colors are gray, brown and green.

Revitalize focused on budget wise decorating and creating a refreshing and revitalizing atmosphere. The team plans to use cool purples and blues in its decorating, as well as multiple wall hangings to create visual interest.

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gage, he said.

Rising confidence

The recovery of the housing market, in many areas, and of the economy as a whole are big factors in a rise in consumer confidence, Esser said.

“Now, people are moving because they want to,” whereas during the downturn, he said, homeowners were largely moving only when forced to by circumstances.

“I would call it a sellers’ market,” with relatively low inventories in many of the communities CFCU serves, Esser said.

However, in a few Detroit-area communities, property values haven’t recovered and many homeowners are still upside-down on their mortgages.

“We were really beaten down pretty hard from this recession,” Esser said. “There are still communities where the

values haven’t rebounded.”

Although borrowing requirements have relaxed somewhat in recent years, they’re still more stringent than they were before the housing market crash, Esser said.

“In the old days, we could get by with a pay stub for someone with good credit,” Esser said, whereas loan applicants now need to provide tax returns from two years.

Down payment requirements have also relaxed, Esser said, with Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. (Freddie Mac) and Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) guidelines calling for minimum down payments of 3 percent, down from 5 percent.

CFCU, Esser said, will sometimes accept lower down payments for the right borrowers, for loans the credit union plans to keep.

“We try to provide a difference here. We will do some lending that most folks won’t do,” he said.

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All in the family: Maya Majeed, 11, Karam Majeed, 6, and Salma Hinayti, 10, pose on a Plymouth Township fire truck.



JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
Joey Cartier, 8, investigates what's on a fire truck in Plymouth Township.



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Luke Artman checks out the shiny parts of the Plymouth Fire Department's trucks.

KIDS HAVE FUN, LEARN AT FIRE OPEN HOUSES



Plymouth Township firefighters are ready to demonstrate a stove fire.

JOANNE MALISZEWSKI



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Firefighter Cameron Stolarczyk and Sonia Artman, Luke's mom, watch Luke play with the station exhaust hoses.

JOANNE MALISZEWSKI

Kids at the Plymouth Township Fire Department open house play a duck race game.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Jason Artman gives his son Luke a closer look at the controls for the pumper.
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It's a big stretch to see everything on the front of the fire truck.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Providence-Providence Park Hospital in Novi is part of St. John Providence.

Providence Park building senior living community

Rose Senior Living developing 182-unit community set to open in 2017

Rose Senior Living, a privately held Michigan real estate development and management company, was scheduled Wednesday to break ground on a new state-of-the-art senior living community on the Providence-Providence Park Hospital campus in Novi.

The 190,000-square-foot community, planned for the northwest corner of Beck Road and 11 Mile Road in Novi, will offer 182 units — 69 independent living units, 75 assisted living and 38 memory care. The community is expected to open in summer 2017.

The Providence Park community will offer increased levels of personalized service as residents age-in-place, including a 24-hour care staff. The building's amenities will include multiple dining venues, a café, theater, activity areas, a salon and extensive landscaped courtyards that offer a variety of outdoor activities.

The design and development of the senior living community has been a collaborative effort between Rose Senior Living, St. John Providence and the city of Novi. It will provide a comprehensive continuum of care for local seniors, as well as a number of health care jobs. The community will provide about 80 full-time and 20 part-time positions when it opens, as well as 150 jobs during construc-

ABOUT EDWARD ROSE & SONS

Edward Rose & Sons is a privately held real estate development and management company, established in 1921, that engages in a variety of land development and construction projects that range from single-family residential to large scale mixed use and multifamily projects. With a focus on multifamily projects, Edward Rose & Sons has established an organization that is creative and adaptive in its response to various rental markets.

Edward Rose & Sons is unique in its philosophy of ownership and management in the multifamily industry; it considers its projects long-term investments in communities.

Edward Rose & Sons has been continuously active in residential development and construction since its inception and has completed more than 80,000 dwelling units. Prior to 1965, the majority of the construction work was in the area of single-family homes. Since then, the concentration has shifted toward multi-family construction, with more than 65,000 units built. Approximately 59,000 of these multi-family units are managed and retained by the company.

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The community will be managed by Ecumen, one of the top 20 non-profit providers of senior housing and aging services in the country. Ecumen, founded more than 150 years ago, owns or manages 38 communities across the Upper Midwest. Rose Senior Living has a strategic partnership with Ecumen, which currently operates Rose Senior Living communities in Clinton Township and Memphis, Tenn.

"Our strategy for the senior housing market is based on building vibrant lifestyle communities with easy access to high-quality commerce, recreation, entertainment and especially health care," said Warren Rose, CEO of Edward Rose & Sons. "Seniors increasingly are living longer, healthier and more active lives and our communities are being built with that in mind. We're emphasizing convenience, walkability and options to age in place."

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Providence president Peter Karadjoff said, "We're proud to have Rose build their exceptional senior living facility on our hospital campus. Their addition strengthens our overall goals of providing accessible quality health care right here in our community."

Rose Senior Living is a division of Edward Rose & Sons based in Bloomfield Hills. As the owner, Rose Senior Living directs and manages all phases of development, construction and management of its senior living communities.

For more information on Rose Senior Living, go to www.roseseniorliving.com. For information on Ecumen, go to www.ecumen.org. For more on Providence-Providence Park Hospital and St. John Providence, go to www.stjohn-providence.org.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

McArdle awarded

The Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors' Active in Politics award has been presented to John McArdle of Remerica Home-town One in Plymouth.

Over the past 27 years, McArdle has testified in Lansing on home ownership and mortgage issues and met with numerous members of Congress and staff at state and federal levels to discuss topics including importance of home ownership, mortgage issues, debt forgiveness, mortgage interest deduction and a continued smooth transfer of private property.

He has served as a liaison for the I-275 communities to monitor real estate issues for Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Livonia. McArdle was inducted into the National Association of Realtors NAR RPAC Hall of Fame for having contributed substantially to RPAC over the years.



McArdle

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Engineers elected

Christopher Owen of Canton and Jacob Rushlow of Plymouth have been elected by the American Society of Civil Engineers to serve as officers on the organization's Michigan Section board.

Owen was chosen to serve as treasurer and Rushlow as secretary.

MSP recruitment seminar

The Michigan State Police will host an informational recruiting seminar for women at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at Kalamazoo Valley Community College, 6767 W. O Ave., Kalamazoo.

The free seminar will acquaint interested candidates with the career opportunities available with the MSP. Female troopers will provide

insight on recruit training, the lifestyle of a trooper and opportunities for women in law enforcement.

Information on the selection and hiring process will be offered, as well as one-on-one conversations with enlisted females.

Space is limited. To attend, email Sgt. Michele Sosinski at Sosinski1@michigan.gov. The attire for this event is business casual.

The MSP is recruiting for the next trooper recruit school, scheduled to begin in June 2016. The minimum requirements for consideration of employment are as follows: an applicant must be of good moral character; a United States citizen; at least 21 years of age; possess a high school diploma or G.E.D.; have a good driving record; possess a stable credit history; and no felony convictions.

Starting salary at the beginning of the 21-week recruit school is \$44,000 annually, with a \$7,800 raise upon the completion of one year.

For more information about a career with the MSP, go to www.michigan.gov/mspjobs.

BBB warns college students of fake telephone scam

BBB Eastern Michigan has gotten a recent influx of students and/or their parents calling to report that they've received a phone call from someone claiming to be a government entity threatening to arrest them for money owed.

How the scam works

A college student will receive a phone call from someone claiming to be a part of the local police, the Internal Revenue Service or another government entity. They state that the student owes money for an arrest warrant, unpaid student loans, unpaid federal or state taxes or even immigration issues. The caller tells the student to send money via a transferring service, prepaid card or through their direct bank account to avoid jail time.

The scammers are even using the legitimate phone numbers of the government entity they claim to be. They are using technology that spoofs the caller ID to reflect the phone number of law enforcement or other government entities.

Students who believe they have been a victim of any of these scams or have questions regarding the legitimacy of a phone call they receive can contact BBB Eastern Michigan at 248-223-9400 or their local police agency.

The BBB offers tips to protect yourself:

» Never give your bankcard or compromise your bank account's security.

» Look at return addresses before opening your email. If you do not recognize the address, do not open it.

» Be cautious when clicking on any link that will take you to another site. Look up the address of the site you are interested in and type in the address yourself.



» Never give out your password, PIN or Social Security number.

» Do not give out financial information over the phone to someone that has contacted you.

» Remember legitimate agencies (police departments, IRS, U.S. Department of Treasury, U.S. Customs, etc.) would never contact someone via telephone and demand payment through a transfer service, prepaid cards or request a bank account number.

To keep track of or report scams go to bbb.org/detroit. Better Business Bureau Serving Detroit and Eastern Michigan is a nonprofit organization with the purpose of promoting trust in the marketplace by assisting in the protection of consumers and businesses from fraud and unethical business practices.

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OUR VIEW

Ostoin, Arnold leave a lesson for all to learn

The Plymouth-Canton community recently lost two members whose names and efforts were synonymous with service and dedication.

Former Salem High School Principal Jerry Ostoin and former Plymouth Township Trustee Kay Arnold may or may not have ever crossed paths, but they shared a commitment to others and to the community.

Ostoin died Oct. 3, while Arnold lost her brave battle with cancer Oct. 8. They were leaders in their own right and in their own spheres of influence. And both were successful in what they did best – listening, caring and taking action.

A sign Ostoin had on his mailbox in the days when he was principal aptly described his role: "Big Daddy." Yet a pushover he wasn't. Teachers

told the *Observer* last week that Ostoin had no qualms about reprimanding the professionals. He also didn't hesitate to support, congratulate and let bygones be bygones.

Those same teachers continued to say that no matter what, Ostoin was the team leader and expected his staff to play on the team. That meant supporting each other and creating a professional, yet loving, atmosphere in which to work. Nothing could be better.

And yet under Ostoin's leadership it was. His love of students and education and of embracing their varied interests was no doubt at the top of his list. Teacher Jim Wheaton is testament to that. In an effort to redirect Wheaton's then-teenaged energies, Ostoin cre-



Ostoin

Arnold

ated The Bongo Boys, a pep band in which the principal played the drums and Wheaton and other kids played cowbells and bongo drums.

In fact, Wheaton and his former classmate and today also a teacher, Darrin Silvester, became educators because of their years with Ostoin. "He was more coach-like. Everyone knew him. He was an im-

posing figure," Silvester said.

An equally imposing personality, Arnold was, as her daughter Becky described, "a tough broad." She was strong for her children and for herself. Independent, Arnold was a woman who made professional and life decisions based on what she felt was right.

Sometimes that bothered her political colleagues. Definitely willing to listen to other opinions, Arnold made up her own mind – whether it was popular or not. And that was fine with her.

As Plymouth Township Supervisor Shannon Price said, Arnold "bled Plymouth Township." When she saw something that needed to be done, she did it. Examples include the Ann Arbor Road corridor, as well as Miller Park and

bridges in the township park.

Arnold didn't hesitate to get involved. She had a huge resume of community activities, including United Way volunteer, Plymouth Community Arts Council, Schoolcraft College Foundation and Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, to name a few. She also played a significant role in the regional Republican Party, having served on the Wayne County 13th District Board.

She was tough, strong, independent and proud. But like Ostoin, she knew how and when to give to others and to try to make life better for others.

Ostoin and Arnold both left a legacy about caring, listening, getting involved and supporting others. That's a lesson we can all learn.

GUEST COLUMN

Ostoin: A well-rounded lover of life, people

"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way." – John C. Maxwell

During the past few days, I have heard the word "legend" from so many. It is certainly not being used in reference to me. But I'll give you a hint on who it is being tagged to, as other phrases I have heard frequently are "Salem Pride," "true blue" and one that might be the highest compliment one can receive, "born leader."

I am, of course, referring to Jerry Ostoin, the former principal of Salem High School, who was so much more than a "principal." He was the face, the pulse and – as described by several of his former colleagues – the genuine heart and soul of not just Salem High School, but for everything our district stands for and everything a school leader should aspire and work to be.

Jerry died recently at the



Michael Meissen
GUEST COLUMNIST

age of 72, leaving behind an incredible legacy of positive influence on countless students' lives, lasting and mutually respectful relationships with his staff and a reputation and trust from the entire community that set the standard for all that will follow in his enlivening footsteps.

"Big Daddy," as he was affectionately called, began his career in 1967 as a high school teacher in Willow Run Public Schools and soon after he became a junior high assistant principal in that district. In 1974, Jerry arrived to P-CCS as an assistant principal; he became principal of Salem High School in 1986 and, remarkably, held that post until his retirement in 2008.

Jerry was an absolutely

phenomenal principal – a guy who anyone would want to work for. His persona was one of a sharp-dressed man with a signature walk that could be recognized from a mile away. He was a visible leader, making a point to walk the Salem hallways every day during second hour and frequently handing out "Salem Pride" T-shirts to students who achieved notable accomplishments on a given day. He made a large place feel smaller and had the rare gift of exuding authority and demanding respect, all while making everyone feel comfortable, motivated and part of the team.

As all educational leaders know, sometimes we get so busy and wrapped up in the pressures of the job that we are not able to both discover and/or grow our lives outside of the school building. It is a common tale that staff members might not have a clue what their principal's passions or hobbies are.

But not Jerry. This was a well-rounded "lover of life," who allowed everyone in on his various talents, the primary of which could have been his love for music. He was an active and accomplished drummer who played in a variety of bands. Anyone who was either a student or staff member at the Park during his tenure must remember The Bongo Boys, an energetic student percussion group that Jerry would frequently perform with in front of the school audience.

Think about the connection that this one example made between he and those who worked with him – the fact that he would allow his true self and his personal passion to become part of his school culture led to memories for many. Now multiply that by hundreds and thousands and by all accounts that is what made him such a special, beloved and revered leader.

It's a lesson for all, certain-

ly including me, that no matter how long you teach in a classroom or manage a school building, what you will be truly remembered for is not necessarily the textbooks you used, the learning standards you met or the grading scale you crafted, but actually for the relationships that you nurtured with all whom you encountered.

If we are to genuinely apply the lessons that Jerry taught us during his spectacular life, we will value every second that we have in this awesome profession to ensure that an inspiring and unforgettable influence is left from everything that we do.

Every moment precious matters ... and nobody proved that more than Jerry Ostoin. Thanks, Jerry, for being a true legend of P-CCS.

Dr. Michael Meissen is superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Bill would make state employees more accessible

Have you ever felt very strongly about something a state agency or department is (or isn't) doing and want to reach out and make contact with that agency? You call the main number and find yourself in a dense forest of automated answering systems, punching button after button in search of a human being who could have the perfect answer to your question.

Or, worse yet, you get an actual human on the line, but it's not the correct artery of that agency. After four of five transfers – two of which result in voice mail messages – you simply give up in frustration.

I know, because I have been led down the wrong path by that surly state employee and caught in that tangle of phone trees and it isn't a pleasant hike.

That's why I introduced House Bill 4814. This measure would make that tortuous trek through the state's telephone system a relative walk in the park by requiring the various departments to post their organizational charts on a website, complete with names and direct telephone numbers so callers are not sent in dozens of misdirections in a search for an answer.

It is just common



Jim Runestad
GUEST COLUMNIST

sense that citizens who are aggrieved or affected by a state department should be able to visit that department's website, view the organizational chart and easily find the correct number to call for an answer and an end to their aggravation.

Michigan residents should not have to spend hours on the phone to get an answer from public servants who are there to assist them. Citizens deserve a government that is transparent and accountable and, by providing them with a road map of each state department, that goal will be reachable.

Getting answers from the state should not be rocket science. Isaac Newton said, "Truth is ever to be found in simplicity, and not in the multiplicity and confusion of things." I could not agree more. Let's keep it simple by cutting the confusion and giving people the most direct path to good solutions.

Jim Runestad is Republican state representative for the 44th District.

LETTERS

Freedom to choose

Across our nation, Americans are very concerned about the health, safety (thousands of fires) and privacy with smart meters. DTE smart meters can extract your data every 15 minutes. They can program these meters to go off once a minute (pulsed microwave radiation). More than 2,000 health complaints were registered in California in 2011. Michigan has the same Itron Meter.

Dr. David Carpenter testified July 6 in Lansing at MPSC Hearing Case U-17767 that smart meters cause DNA damage and the safe distance from them is 10 feet. There is a bill being drafted in the state Legislature. Interested and informed people should call their state representatives and tell them to support this bill.

Suzanne Yarbrough
Livonia

Colbeck pro-birth, not pro-life

Let's see, there's Larry, Moe, Curly, Shemp, Curly Joe and now state Sen. Pat Colbeck. That's right, Colbeck. He sent our household his "Legislative Update 2015" newsletter the other day and I always look forward to the humorous self-serving way he rewrites history to make it look like he's politically relevant.

There's a section called "The Unalienable Right to Life" where he helps spread the lie about the Planned Parenthood video fabricated by the Center for Medical Progress so he can vilify PPH and put it out of business. It's now a well-known fact that that the video was a complete lie, edited in such a way as to shove their right wing anti-choice, anti-woman, anti-personal freedom agenda down our throats. And all they need is some intellectually and/or ethically challenged politicians (enter the GOP) to run with it.

The CMP has a long history of shady and unlawful behavior and ties to domestic terrorists. Here's one example: On its board sits Troy Newman, president of Operation Rescue whose senior policy adviser, Cheryl Sullenger, served two years in a federal prison for planning to bomb an abortion clinic; they provided Scott Roeder with the information on where to

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find Dr. George Tiller. Roeder then murdered Tiller in his church. Real good job vetting CMP, Colbeck, top-notch as usual.

The fact that Colbeck has it out for PPH is equally disturbing. Almost 100,000 Michiganders depend on PPH for all manner of health issues, from prenatal care to cancer screenings and everything in between. They are the consummate professionals when it comes to educating their patients in every aspect of their health care choices and how it affects them. Two years ago in rural Scott County, Ind., Colbeck-esque politicians shuttered the only PPH clinic around (they did not offer any abortion services there) and soon after a full-blown AIDS epidemic exploded. A whole lot of innocent people (along with the not so innocent) became infected, all because Republicans declared war on PPH and successfully defunded it statewide.

If Colbeck and his cronies close all PPH clinics, as they want, there is no doubt in my mind good people will suffer and some will definitely die, but this doesn't matter to Colbeck, who likes to call himself a pro-lifer. Let's get one thing straight right here and now, Pat Colbeck is not pro-life. He's pro-birth and there's a huge difference. I was reading the teachings of a Benedictine nun, Sister Joan Chittister, and she said it perfectly of most if not all pro-lifers: Their morality is deeply lacking if all you want is a child born but not a child fed, not a child educated, not a child housed or have no access to health care all because you don't

want any tax money to go to these things, that's not pro-life, that's pro-birth. Well said, sister. In my eyes, that sums up Colbeck and the GOP.

P.S. I meant no disrespect to the Three Stooges, they're really funny. Republicans aren't.

Mitch Dubanik
Livonia

Addition by subtraction

We can only conclude that the resignation of GOP Rep. Todd Courser and the expulsion of GOP Rep. Cindy Gamrat can only be interpreted as addition by subtraction.

After a twisted and bizarre night of political maneuvering, conspiracy theories and just bizarre theater of the absurd, these two hypocritical social conservatives are no longer a distraction.

Now that the state GOP-controlled House no longer has these bums as distractions, perhaps now after a year of failures, the House can summon the courage to pass a permanent fix to our crumbling roads and bridges. The state-controlled House has been a consistent failure to pass the long-since-passed Senate road repair bill.

This cowardly avoidance of action will require all of us going through a winter of dangerous roads just like last winter.

Gerald Maxey
Farmington Hills

What about the oath?

I'm an election poll worker, the lowest rung of government service.

On election morning, I take an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States, the state of Michigan and my county to the best of my ability; I then sign my name in the poll book to certify this oath. The president takes an Oath of Office.

Didn't Kim Davis, the Kentucky clerk, take an Oath of Office? What if a firefighter refused to rescue or put out a fire because gays lived there? Is Davis being paid under the table by the Koch brothers?

Bottom line, do your job, Kim Davis, or quit. Perhaps Kentucky can hire you to do entry-level work recording gay marriages.

Delphine Palkowski
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BOYS SOCCER

Chiefs stung by Northville

Canton unable to break through Mustangs, fall 3-0

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

On a beautiful Monday night, Northville “weathered the storm” against Canton in the Kensington Conference boys soccer championship game.

That’s how Mustangs head coach Henry Klimes described the way the first half unfolded at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park’s varsity turf field.

And at the end of 80 minutes, Northville celebrated a 3-0 victory over the defending Division 1 state champions.

The Mustangs now will travel Thursday to face Grand Blanc for the KLAA title.

“I thought we were a little hesitant,” said Klimes, whose team improved to 15-1-1. “I give them (Chiefs) a lot of credit.

Mark (Zemanski) had them ready. ... That first half they certainly deserved better than a 0-0 tie or (that) we were up 1-0 because of the penalty shot.

“We woke up the second half. I think we played a lot better. But at the start, it was very dismal.”

Zemanski, the veteran Canton coach, lamented how the first half went. He said his team carried the play only to fall behind 1-0 on a penalty kick goal by Johnny Rodriguez midway through the half.

“They got a PK call right off the bat after we were outplaying them,” Zemanski said. “They scored. And we came down and (Hunter Olson) hit the post.”

The Chiefs had quality chances to draw even early in the second half. Senior Josh

Posuniak fed a nice ball in front to senior Olson, who spun and drilled the ball over the crossbar.

Less than a minute later, with just under 28 minutes to play, the Mustangs struck with their second goal.

Locked in

Sophomore Owen Marshall, cruising into the box from the left wing, chipped a pass to junior Ben McCauley and he made no mistake to beat Canton goalkeeper Steven Page.

“I was lucky enough to get in front of the defender, get a foot on it and redirect it into the net,” McCauley said. “Felt like we locked it in once we got that goal.”

KLAA South Division cham-

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Canton’s Jordan Percy (middle) does a bicycle kick while Northville’s Jake Reitzloff (left) and Chiefs teammate Matthew Rockafellow watch.

WAYNE COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY MEET



SALEM CROSS COUNTRY

Salem sophomore Madalyn Simko (front left) keeps pace near the front of the pack Saturday. She finished fourth.

WAYNE COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY MEET

Rocks, Chiefs both finish near the top

Salem’s Jeffress wins boys race for second straight year

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Look no further than Saturday’s Wayne County Championship for evidence that the Kensington Lakes Activities Association is a metro Detroit juggernaut in boys cross country.

The top five teams and four of the top five individuals at Willow Metropark in New Boston hail from the KLAA. Livonia Stevenson’s total of 81 points was good for first, ahead of Salem (109) and Canton (137). In the next slots were Northville (160) and Livonia Franklin (191).

The triumphant showing at the Wayne County gathering was the first in at least the past eight years for the Spartans.

“We were shooting for a top three finish, but winning was obviously an option,” Stevenson head coach Chris Inch said. “We had three guys drop 25 seconds off their previous best times, so that was huge. Alex Brauer

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PACK-ING A WALLOP



SALEM CROSS COUNTRY

Salem’s varsity girls cross country team won Saturday’s Wayne County Championship at Willow Metropark. Team members are (from left) Erin McCann, Kayla Hughes, Sierra Bowden, Madalyn Simko, Gabrielle Mancini, Hannah Jeffress and Madison Justice.

Salem girls win county meet with four runners in top 10

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

For Salem’s girls cross country team, a one-for-all mentality keeps it grinding to success — including Saturday’s first-place finish at the Wayne County Championship.

The Rocks led the field with 44 points, outdistancing themselves from runner-up Grosse Pointe South (80) and Northville (103) on a sunny day at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

True to form, Salem had a quartet of runners in the top 10. Sophomore Madalyn Simko led the way with a fourth-place time of 19:27.32.

“We put seven runners in the top 25, all medaled,” Salem head coach Dave

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SALEM CROSS COUNTRY

Salem senior Chaz Jeffress maintains a slim lead over Livonia Franklin’s Tony Floyd down the stretch at Saturday’s Wayne County Championship.

USA HOCKEY

HANGING TOUGH

Bellows’ game-tying goal against Notre Dame closes out successful first weekend at USA Hockey Arena

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Opening weekend in Plymouth couldn’t have gone much smoother for the U.S. National Team Development Program’s Under-18 hockey team.

After Friday’s 6-1 victory over the Chicago Steel, the U18s came back Sunday to play an impressive 2-2 overtime tie against Division 1 college opponent Notre Dame. The matinee at USA Hockey Arena was

played before 1,540, an uptick of several hundred fans over the opener.

“Notre Dame’s a big, strong team and there was good physicality out there,” U18 head coach Danton Cole said. “I thought our guys did a nice job of handling that and not backing down.

“It was really exciting,” he added. “We were hoping to get one more, had a couple good chances. It was a very good hockey game.”

Fans enjoyed a high-tempo contest that featured outstanding goalkeeping at both ends. Notre Dame’s Cal Petersen made 33 stops, while his Team USA counterpart, Joseph Woll, turned aside 27 shots.

Team USA showed resilience when, after falling behind 2-1 early in the third, it needed just 1:11 to tie the game on a power-play goal by forward Kieffer Bellows.

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RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

Scoring in the second period Sunday afternoon at USA Hockey Arena is U18 center Clayton Keller (right). His high shot beat Notre Dame goalie Cal Petersen.

BOYS SOCCER

SECOND BEST

Hat trick by Salem's Gibbons lifts Rocks over Plymouth in tilt matching second-place squads

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Monday night's undercard — the match-up between Kensington Conference second-place teams Salem and Plymouth — turned out to be the showcase event as Salem edged Plymouth 4-3 in double overtime.

Earlier at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, Northville blanked Canton 3-0 on the varsity turf field. Game 2 pitted the runners-up in the South and Central divisions, but the boys soccer match-up was electrifying, entertaining and at times mystifying, especially as far as Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich was concerned.

The winning goal was scored on a penalty kick by Salem senior Hunter Gibbons with less than two minutes remaining in the second overtime, following the ruling of a hand ball in the box. It was a ruling that an exasperated Neschich did not want to talk about during his very brief post-game comments.

All Neschich would say, for the record, was that senior forward Jayden Huxtable — who scored two goals and left the game due to a gash near his right eye in the final seconds of regulation — was a force.

"It hurt when he got knocked out," Neschich said. "He played great tonight."

Salem head coach Scott Duhl shook his head about how his team (15-4-1 overall, 8-2-0 in the KLA Central) wound up with the chance for a winning PK.

"Definitely hit his arm," Duhl said. "But for me, there's a minute left



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Battling after a 50/50 ball Monday are Plymouth's Anthony Iacopelli (left) and Hunter Gibbons of Salem. Gibbons scored the tying and winning goals in overtime and had a hat trick.

in the game, you're a minute away from penalties. I would have hated to have that call against us. And so I try not to be too biased for my own group, so I would have been OK with a non-call there and let the boys determine it."

But he also pointed to a ruling against his team six minutes into the game, which led to a free kick and a Plymouth goal by Huxtable.

"By the way, their first goal was the same thing. The ball hit us in the arm and they scored," Duhl said. "It wasn't a penalty, it was a free kick."

Duhl added that he thought "there were some interesting foul calls for both teams. ... but that's going to happen in districts and it's going to happen as you continue down the road. You got to find a way to overcome it and we were fortunate to get a call at the end to get the penalty (kick) to get the fourth goal. But I

thought we played really well."

Just perfect

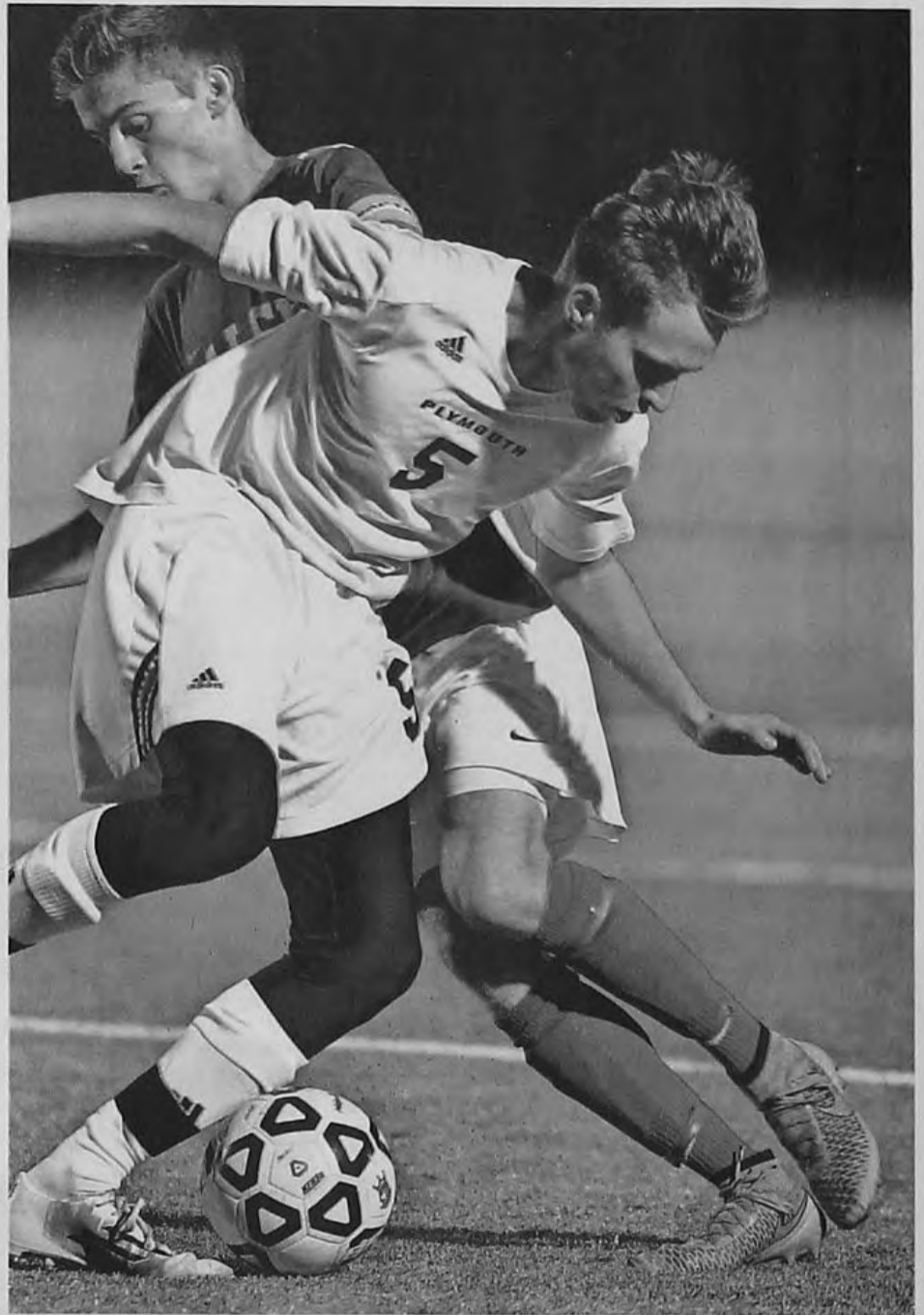
Gibbons, who scored three of Salem's goals, earlier tied the game 3-3 midway through the second overtime.

"Jordan Salhani, who's been great this season, played a perfect ball back post and we knew we had the height and the athleticism to win the ball," Gibbons said. "It was just a perfect ball and I just got on the end of it. Props to him."

It looked like that would force a round of penalty kicks to decide which Park team would prevail.

Instead, the only PK would be taken by Gibbons. He ripped a low shot inside the left post past Plymouth goalkeeper J.D. Visnaw.

"For him to get the game-winning goal was more than satisfying for everybody, because he was terrific tonight,"



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Fighting for possession are Plymouth's Andrew Liakos (front) and Salem's Nick Massey.

Duhl said about Gibbons. "He's been terrific all season. One of our coaches said, 'When is the last time you had a center-back get a hat trick?' The answer was never."

"I don't think I've ever seen that. It was pretty cool. A good night for him and the group."

Going for it

Until Gibbons' late heroics, Plymouth junior Eril Metko and sophomore Sawyer Eggen looked to be heroes for the Wildcats (12-5-1 overall, 7-3-0 in the KLA Central South).

In the final minute of the first 10-minute overtime with the score still 2-2, Salem nearly scored. But Metko slid to his goal line and dramatically cleared the ball away.

Then about two minutes into the second OT, senior captain Nick Freda threaded a pass from the right side over to Eggen, who connected on

a 10-yard shot inside the left post.

That gave Plymouth a 3-2 lead, but it would not last thanks to Salem's Salhani-Gibbons connection.

"It was a crazy game," Duhl said. "I think both teams were probably disappointed in not being included in the conference championship game. ... But you could see how important it was late."

"Guys laying out, trying to block shots or get an extra guy in the box to try to make a difference to win the game."

Trading goals

The first 80 minutes of play also had plenty of action, ending 2-2.

Huxtable's free kick opened the scoring, a low, hard shot that beat Salem starting goalkeeper Karson Gregory (who was replaced for the second half and OT sessions by junior Andrew Kozan).

Then with 13:09 remaining in the first half, Salem senior forward Nick Massey tallied his 20th goal of the season to knot the score at 1-1. Massey connected from about 30 yards, rifling the ball into the top-left corner past Visnaw.

The Rocks then went up 2-1 with 2:37 to go. Salhani sent a pass up to Gibbons inside the 18-yard box and the latter made no mistake with it.

That lead held until about 25 minutes remained, when Huxtable beat Kozan with a 15-yard shot.

Both squads now will gear up for next week's district, hosted by Westland John Glenn. Salem will play the winner of Monday's Plymouth-Livonia Stevenson match-up.

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pion Canton (13-6-3) did not go quietly after the McCauley goal, however. A 40-yard rocket by Posuniak was tipped over the top of the net by Northville junior goalkeeper Evan Treiber with about 20 minutes remaining. Treiber was aggressive and clutch throughout the contest to deservedly collect the shut-out.

Right after that Posuniak tried to set up junior Luke Kurili, but the play just failed to click.

With 12:30 to go, Kurili cut in from the left wing toward the 6-yard goal box looking for the equalizer. Instead, he was met by Treiber, who stood his ground and came up with the key save.

"Our goalie made two or three important saves when it counted," McCauley said.

Northville salted the victory away with 5:06 left, when senior Bobby Lubisco scored on a penalty kick.

"It's tough. They're a good team, they're organized in the back, it's hard to break them down," Zemanski said. "I don't expect two PK calls called against you in a conference championship game, but it happened. They were the better team tonight."

Learning curve

Olson gave the Mustangs credit for shutting down the Canton attack.

"We just couldn't put it away today," Olson said. "They played strong defensively and, when we had our chances, we didn't take them."

Now the Chiefs will look to rebound at next week's D1 district, hosted by Westland John Glenn.

Canton is slated to visit the Rockets at 7 p.m. Monday.

"We just move on, we go to training and we work harder," Olson said. "And we come to play next game and go from there."

According to Klimes, coming through in a high-pressure game against a top opponent is something that should help the Mustangs in the postseason.

Northville will face district host North Farmington next Monday.

"I think winning championship games against top-caliber teams, you start learning to win," Klimes said. "You start expecting to win. You get that knowing what it takes to win. Looking forward to it."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Co-ed basketball at Plymouth YMCA
The Plymouth Family YMCA is forming co-ed basketball leagues for children ages 3-12. Full session begins the week of Oct. 26, with meetings in the Plymouth, Canton and Northville communities. The Y rate is \$96 or \$120 for non-members. YMCA basketball is a great opportunity for children to learn fundamental skills in a fun environment. Register by going to ymcadetroit.org/plymouth.

Canton lacrosse meeting
Canton Chiefs boys lacrosse is holding a meeting about the 2016 season at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, in Canton High School's Room 127. For more information or to have any questions answered, email cantonboyslacrossevarsity@pcck12.com or call 734-679-6126.

Hole-in-one
Bob Lamoureux of Canton recorded his second hole-in-one Oct. 12 at Farmington Hills Golf Club. The 67-year-old Lamoureux, who has been a golfer for 50 years, used a 9-iron to ace the 91-yard No. 5 hole. The repeat feat was witnessed by Al Oorey, Doug Fox and Skip Davison.

PREP FOOTBALL

Rocks unable to stem Stevenson tide

Spartans double up Salem to qualify for playoffs

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

When the moment arrived for Livonia Stevenson's football team to mount its defining drive Saturday night against Salem, the Spartans went the old school route — and Austin Petrie was the driver.

Clinging to a precarious 17-12 lead over the scrappy Rocks and starting a drive two minutes into the third quarter on its own 16, Stevenson put the ball in Petrie's hands nine straight plays — and he delivered, pounding the ball like a John Deere tractor methodically into Salem territory before he capped the six-minute possession with a diving catch from Chris Tanderys in the back of the end zone to give the Spartans a double-digit lead — 24-12 after Ian Henzi's extra point — they would never relinquish.

"I do whatever I can do to help get a win for my team," Petrie said when asked about



Livonia Stevenson's Matthew Brown (right) pursues Salem quarterback Alex Nicholson during Saturday night's game.

his yardage-devouring series. "I just try and get as many yards possible and I wouldn't get any without the hogs up front."

With its 38-19 victory, Stevenson improved to 6-1 and punched its second straight postseason ticket.

The second-place finishers in the KLAA Central at 4-1, the Spartans will square off Friday at Canton in a Kensington Con-

ference crossover game. The setback dropped the Rocks to 3-4 overall and 2-3 in the division — and out of the playoff hunt.

Salem will travel to Franklin for its next game. "We've been talking since the summer about not just making the playoffs, but trying to get at least one home playoff game, so we still have some work to do," Stevenson head coach Randy Micallef said. "It's not going to be easy, coming back here against Canton next week and then playing Livonia Churchill. Every game from here on out will have some playoff intensity to it."

As usual, Stevenson starting quarterback Tanderys was "Mr. Efficiency," completing 12-of-17 passes (to five different receivers) for 220 yards and two touchdowns.

Franklin Carlin was his go-to guy in the first half as he snatched five passes for 96 yards, the biggest a 57-yard bomb that he hauled down to the Salem 1.

Petrie racked up 22 carries for 121 yards while catching four passes for 58 yards and a

TD. Ian Knopf made sure his one reception counted as he grabbed a Tanderys slant pass with 11:11 left in the game and raced 41 yards for a touchdown to extend the winners' lead to 31-12.

Salem senior quarterback Alex Nicholson made several spot-on throws — many while running to his left — as he completed 12-of-25 passes for 143 yards and one score — a 7-yarder to Mason Phillips.

Rocks receivers dropped three Nicholson lasers. Nicholson was also a work-horse on the ground for Salem, keeping the ball 15 times on the read option for 30 yards.

Salem's No. 1 running back Destin Langford had 39 yards on nine attempts.

Christian Pearson was Nicholson's favorite target, hauling in four passes for 46 yards.

Salem forced three Spartans turnovers. Sean McCormack and Trevor Nowaske both recovered a fumbles and Calin Crawford had an interception.

Stevenson pounded in front 7-0 on its first drive, when

Petrie scored from 1 yard out. Ian Henzi's 41-yard field goal moments later made it 10-0.

Salem turned the tide midway through the second quarter, when Crawford returned his interception to the Stevenson 9. Two plays later, Nicholson sprinted into the end zone from 9 yards out to bring the Rocks to within 10-6 (the extra-point attempt was botched by a bad exchange).

Stevenson widened its lead to 17-6 3:11 before the half, when Petrie's rammed it in from the 2. However, Salem's Aaron Lacy booted two field goals from 28 and 29 yards out before the half ended — the second set up by Nowaske's fumble recovery — to cut its deficit to 17-12.

After the Petrie-dominated drive made it 24-12, Stevenson put the game on ice with the 41-yard touchdown pass from Tanderys to Knopf.

Nicholson connected with Phillips from 7 yards out with 6:49 left to make it 31-19, but Petrie scored on a 2-yard run with 4:46 left to slam the door.

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dropped 28 seconds and Nathan Ward went from 17:10 to 16:43 and Andrew (Bambach) went 16:39 to lead us."

Stevenson, Salem and Canton each left with a team trophy and a number of their athletes pocketed a medal for finishing in the top 35.

"Stevenson beat us; they ran fantastic," Salem head coach Steve Aspinall said. "Us, Canton and Stevenson I would think would be the top teams coming in and it kind of shook out that way. Kind of speaks to the difficulty of our division."

Topping the field in the individual standings was Salem senior Chaz Jeffress, whose time of 15:31 earned him his second consecutive Wayne County meet title.

But Jeffress had to outlast a stiff challenge for the top by Franklin senior Tony Floyd, who finished second with a time of 15:31.24.

"Tony Floyd, the guy I ran against, he's a really respected runner," Jeffress said. "We kind of pushed each other all the way and when it came down to it, my dad (Dr. Conway Jeffress) told me before the race, 'You're already the defending champion, so ... they got to take it from you. You don't give it away.'"

"That was what my mentality was throughout the race."

Breaking out

Aspinall said Saturday's performance by 2014 all-state runner Jeffress was a breakout of sorts for this season.

"Chaz ran a great, great, great race," Aspinall said. "He's been a little frustrated this year that his times haven't been dropping like they did a year ago. I think today was a little bit of a coming out party for him. His official time was 15:31, which was just one second off what he ran at the end of last year at the state meet."

"And him and Tony Floyd of Franklin had a great battle. I didn't see the finish, but it sounded like they were going back and forth at each other, making surges on each other the last couple hundred yards and Chaz nipped him right at the end."

As for other KLAA individual standouts, Plymouth sophomore Ethan Byrnes placed fourth (16:11.64), Canton junior Zac Clark finished fifth (16:23.06), Franklin sophomore Grant Rudd took seventh (16:38.28), Canton sophomore Shane Andrews took eighth (16:39.72) and Stevenson senior Andrew Bambach came in ninth (16:39.97).

Canton head coach Bill Boyd, whose team is at the top of the KLAA South Division standings with Livonia Churchill, said the county meet showed that his squad is starting to peak as a unit and individually. His top two finishers



By finishing second at the Wayne County Championship, Salem's varsity boys cross country team won a medal. Pictured are: (front row, from left) Ryan Exell, Chaz Jeffress, Alex Kroll and Andrew Beyer and (back row, from left) Jacob Kubinski, Griffin Skaff and Luke Haran.

(Clark, Andrews) "shattered" their personal bests.

Another Canton runner, junior Nick Socha, medaled with his 20th-place time of 17:00.56 and senior Javier Diaz registered a personal best of 17:34.82 (47th).

"Zac Clark was our number one. He ran a 16:23 that's going to put him fourth on the board in (Canton) school history," Boyd said. "So it's an exciting day, especially for a junior."

"Shane's 16:39 is his career best and he is only a sophomore, so that's exciting right there. And Nick Socha ran a 17 flat and he's only a junior. ... We only had one senior (Diaz) running varsity. He was our four-man; he ran a great race."

Determination

Aspinall also pointed to depth as a key factor in Salem's success Saturday.

In 14th place with a time of 16:51.82 was senior Jacob Kubinski, followed by junior Alex Kroll (21st, 17:05.09) and sophomore Andrew Beyer (33rd, 17:20.43).

"Jacob, that was the first time he broke 17 minutes," Aspinall said. "It was 16:51, which was a big 20-second PR for him. Our number three, Alex (Kroll), he's been doing a great job as a junior. And our (next spots have) always been a jumble of who's going to be that guy today."

"Today that guy was Andrew Beyer. They were all coming together in the 40 range with about 100 to go and he wanted a medal and he went and he got one; he finished 33rd. That was a nice finish for him."

The Salem coach added that it was good to be joined by another Plymouth-Canton Educational Park team at the top of the county meet field.

"It's nice to see Park teams up there," Aspinall said. "We host this and the girls won. It's nice to have a good



Canton's varsity boys cross country team finished third in the team standings, led by (from left) Shane Andrews, Nick Socha and Zac Clark.

day when we're working and hosting and guys are doing the things they need to do on their own.

"But we had lots of good times from the varsity crew, lots of great times from the JV race, so it was overall a great day."

Both Jeffress and Clark said familiarity with Willow Metropark is beneficial under pressure. In addition to the county meet, Willow will be the location of the Oct. 31 Division 1 regional.

"Knowing the course is definitely an advantage," Jeffress said. "Especially with running it often, because you get to know when to kick, just different strategies to the race."

Clark said he "loves" competing at Willow, adding that knowing the course's ins and outs helps overcome any struggles.

"There's a whole bunch of parts where it's out in the middle of nowhere and really slow," Clark said. "So you just got to keep the right mindset and keep going."

Plymouth medalists were Byrnes and freshman Brandon Boyd (18th, 16:57.36) as the Wildcats finished ninth in the team standings with 278 points.

A trio of Plymouth Christian runners grabbed medals, including sophomore Seth Windle (16th, 16:56.56), freshman Aaron Vicars (17th, 16:56.97) and junior Ben Fuller (28th, 17:13.22).

Other KLAA medal winners included junior Nathan Ward, Stevenson (11th, 16:43.15); junior Alex Brauer, Stevenson (12th, 16:46.23); junior Josh Mussen, Churchill (13th, 16:46.62); junior Evan Ferrante, Northville (19th, 16:58.23); sophomore Ben Griffith, Stevenson (24th, 17:09); junior Nathan Wilson, Stevenson (25th, 17:09.60); sophomore Owen Rowader, Stevenson (26th, 17:12.53); sophomore Ryan Draybuck, Northville (27th, 17:12.88) and senior Peter Martin, Northville (29th, 17:13.55).

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Gerlach said. "We had seven runners under 20 (minutes) flat today, which also helps us."

"Our strength this year has been our pack. Madalyn Simko had another great day, finishing fourth. And then we just brought them through the gate."

Gerlach pointed to his team's go-for-it approach as a key to Salem's second consecutive county championship.

"Northville's 'A' team wasn't here today, but our girls knew that Grosse Pointe South was going to be the main competition today," Gerlach said. "We were really aggressive in our first mile. We wanted to get out and battle against their top runners right off the bat."

Other Salem medalists included senior Kayla Hughes (fifth, 19:31.83), junior Erin McCann (seventh, 19:32.86), sophomore Hannah Jeffress (10th, 19:40.12), senior Sierra Bowden (19th, 19:51.04), freshman Gabrielle Mancini (20th, 19:51.43) and sophomore Madison Justice (25th, 19:59.46).

Simko has been outstanding in recent meets. But Gerlach stressed that his team has featured different runners at the front of the pack all season, another reason why the Rocks continue to be tough to beat.

"We've had such a tight pack, we've had several number one runners throughout the season so far," Gerlach said. "But she's really stepped up the last two races."

"Also, Kayla Hughes has been a number one runner for us and really leading the way. Erin McCann had a great day today. But again, the entire varsity has really stepped up and they've all had the opportunity to be our number one runner. It's been a true team effort."

Extra boost

According to Simko, despite not enjoying a personal best, she felt strong and it helped immensely to know teammates were running right with her throughout the hilly five-kilometer course.

"If you see them (teammates) there, that just gives you more motivation that you know your team's doing good," Simko said about running in a pack. "So you push a little harder."

"It feels great (to win). Honestly, it will be great to go back to states with this team."

Individual medalist was Grosse Pointe South's Anna Piccione, with a time of 18:45.80.

Piccione edged Livonia Franklin senior Natalie Douglas (second, 19:14.27) and Garden City senior Korey Szymanski (third, 19:17.81).

"I felt good the first mile," said Douglas, who is being recruited by Big Ten colleges to run cross country and track. "I got to the second mile and my legs started to feel a little achy, coming off a race at Cass Benton on Tuesday. I ran really hard (Tuesday). I was one second from breaking our course school record."

"But I dealt with what I could today. Unfortunately, (Piccione) beat me. But I'm ready to race her again."

Other KLAA medalists (top 35 finishers) included Livonia Churchill junior Kathleen George (sixth, 19:31.83), Franklin freshman Erin Seibert (ninth, 19:39.76), Northville junior Katie Chevoor (11th, 19:43.06), Churchill junior Christina Murphy (14th, 19:49.19), Canton freshman Anna Nagelhout (21st, 19:52.46), Northville sophomores Megan Krygier (22nd, 19:53.27) and Anna Buettner (23rd, 19:54.86), Plymouth junior Annie Bonds (26th, 20:01.19), Livonia Stevenson junior Julia Cercone (27th, 20:04.84), Churchill sophomore Gabrielle Swider (29th, 20:13.02) and Stevenson sophomore Emily Lauzon (30th, 20:16.90).

Plymouth Christian freshman Sienna Ruiter nabbed a medal with her 31st-place finish of 20:23.77, while Lutheran Westland senior Jenna Wisner came in 12th (19:44.10).

In the team standings, Churchill and Franklin came in fourth and fifth with scores of 130 and 158, respectively.

Canton took eighth (231), while Plymouth finished ninth (259). Other area teams included Livonia Ladywood (10th, 260) and Stevenson (11th, 311).

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OBSERVER FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

All games 7 p.m. unless noted

Friday, Oct. 16

North Farmington (3-3, 4-3) at Farmington Harrison (6-0, 6-1)
Farmington (3-3, 4-3) at Birmingham Seaholm (2-4, 2-5)
Redford Thurston (3-2, 4-3) at Romulus (4-1, 5-2)
D.H. Crestwood (2-3, 3-4) at Garden City (1-4, 2-5)
Redford Union (0-5, 1-6) at D.H. Annapolis (0-5, 0-7)
Livonia Clarenceville (1-4, 1-6) at D.H. Robichaud (3-2, 5-2)
Northville (5-0, 7-0) at Plymouth (5-0, 6-1)
Livonia Stevenson (4-1, 6-1) at Canton (3-2, 5-2)
Salem (2-3, 3-4) at Livonia Franklin (3-2, 4-3)
Novi (3-2, 3-4) at Livonia Churchill (3-2, 4-3)
South Lyon (1-4, 3-4) at Westland John Glenn (1-4, 1-6)
South Lyon East (0-5, 0-7) at Wayne Memorial (0-5, 0-7)

Saturday, Oct. 17

Oakland Christian (0-5, 0-7) at Lutheran Westland (1-4, 1-6), 9 a.m.

	Luth. Westland	Luth. Westland	Luth. Westland
Last week's record	8-2	7-3	8-2
Overall record	70-19	67-22	58-31

NEW ERA BEGINS

Dropping the puck in style

USA Hockey Arena unveiling features two spirited games and potential for growth

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The launch of USA Hockey Arena was a red, white and blue success according to fans, members of the National Team Development Program and NTDP senior director Scott Monaghan.

After about 1,100 turned out for the home opener against the Chicago Steel, a 6-1 win for the NTDP Under-18 team, the squad returned for Sunday's matinee against Division I college program Notre Dame. More than 1,500 spectators were on hand for that contest, a 2-2 tie.

But for Monaghan and others, the on-ice outcome wasn't the deter-

mining factor as to whether it was a successful weekend at the former home of the Plymouth Whalers — which has been re-cast in a patriotic color scheme with no hint of the building's former life as Compuware Arena.

"I think the crowds have been great. They seem to be enjoying the hockey," Monaghan said after Sunday's second period. "It was a good weekend to show them the different things we're going to do."

"Friday night was a great game in the USHL, which is going to be the standard. And then a Sunday game with a top college team — and they get to see college hockey

in metro Detroit — which is part of what we want to do over the long term."

Monaghan smiled about how perhaps a big local football game Friday (between Canton and Plymouth) might have kept numbers down for the opener. A nice Sunday afternoon might have cut into walk-ups for the game against the Fighting Irish, he added.

"I think it's going to take a little bit of time for people to become familiar with what we are, which as you know is a bit different than what the Whalers were," Monaghan said. "We play all different kinds of things. In February, they'll get their first taste of international, which is really the core of what we are,



Monaghan

international competition."

According to Danton Cole, head coach of the U18s, the weekend reception was promising.

"I thought it was great, just from the energy in the building and the reception," Cole said. "It's tough putting this together. Mr. Monaghan and everybody, they've done a lot of work. Everything came off and I didn't see any hitches."

"It's exciting and I think it's just another step towards us feeling like this is our home."

Fans can watch more hockey this weekend, although it will be the NTDP U-17 team. There are two teams based out of USA Hockey Arena that compete in the United States Hockey League, a tier 1 junior league

designed as a pipeline to major colleges and the pros.

The NTDP's U-17 team will debut at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday against the Madison Capitols in USHL games.

They're back

Longtime Whalers fans Denise and Scott Merryfield of Plymouth were back in their familiar spot in front of the press box for both the Friday and Sunday contests.

"Exact same seats," Scott Merryfield said. "They looked pretty good; they were moving the puck pretty well. It looks like they're well-coached."

He said the action was "pretty comparable" to the Ontario Hockey League, but stressed that time will tell.

Merryfield did say it

was surprising that there weren't more folks in the stands.

"When we came in, we thought there'd be a few more people," he said. "It will probably take a while to get the word out."

"Fall was always tough with the Whalers, too, for those same reasons, high school football, college football."

Robert Mitchell of Canton, who also attended many Whalers games, was at the Sunday matinee.

"I think the key is if they get out and they show off the team, a lot more that people will catch on very quickly," Mitchell said, "that there's still good hockey here."

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Schoolcraft College defender Lacey Chanady (right) puts her leg into the ball Sunday while Muskegon's Melodie Glotzback closes in.

SCHOOLCRAFT ROUNDUP

Lady Ocelots clinch MCCA Eastern Conference with shutout win

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team clinched the Michigan Community College Athletic Association championship with Sunday's 5-0 victory over visiting Muskegon.

The Lady Ocelots, now 12-0-0 overall and 9-0-0 in the MCCA, jumped out to a 2-0 half-time lead on goals by Shae van Gassen — who registered a hat trick — and Tori Koontz, both on unassisted, with the latter coming off a free

kick. In the first minute of the second half, van Gassen struck again on another breakaway to open up a 3-0 edge.

Erin McDonald set up Samantha Alatto in the 70th minute to put the Lady Ocelots up 4-0 and van Gassen scored yet another unassisted goal to close out the day's scoring (at 76:22).

Combining for the shutout were Katie Dangelmaier and Rebekah Matthers, who only faced one Muskegon shot.

Men roll, 5-2

Also Sunday in Livonia, Schoolcraft's men's soccer team knocked off Muskegon by a 5-2 score.

But the Ocelots needed to rally with four goals in the second half, erasing a 2-1 halftime deficit.

Canton alum Aidan Shennan scored Schoolcraft's first goal of the afternoon, sandwiched between goals by Muskegon's Jake Rajewski and Chaise Schitman. Assisting on Shennan's goal, in the 17th minute, was Victor Contreras.

Drawing the Ocelots even was Youssef Barakat, converting a feed from Livonia Stevenson product Billy Werthman at 2:05 of the second half.

And Schoolcraft kept pressing after that, with David Tetaj, Werthman and Davide Di Poce finding the back of the Muskegon net to help the Ocelots win going away.

Werthman (one goal, two assists) and Contre-ras (three assists) were offensive spark-plugs for the Ocelots, who improved to 10-2-1 overall and 5-2-0 in the MCCA. Goalkeeper Andres Hernandez stopped two of three shots for the victory.

Golf invite

Schoolcraft's men's golf team finished fourth Monday in the Schoolcraft College Golf Invitational at Walnut Creek Country Club. The Ocelots tallied 322 strokes, trailing Mott (296), Oakland (302) and Jackson (310).

Top individuals for Schoolcraft were Yale Benedict (fourth, 74), Mike Maiden (12th, 78), Trent Moody (18th, 79), Ray Pokerwinski (22nd, 81), Canton alum Hunter Schlamp (26th, 82) and Justin Bastion (33rd, 84).

Meanwhile, the Ocelots finished third in the MCCA Eastern Conference Championship at Redwood Golf Club. Maiden tied for eighth with a four-round score of 310. His best round of the tourney was 76.

Chad Berger was 14th with a 321 tally.

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Center Clayton Keller, who scored the other U18 goal Sunday, sent a shot from the top of the left circle that was stopped by Petersen. But the rebound went right to Bellows, camped on the doorstep, and he jammed it home for his seventh of the season.

"We had really good puck movement before the goal," said the 5-10, 168-pound Keller. "I just put it to the net and Kieffer, he's a goal scorer and he put it in the net. I threw a little soft shot on net, it hit off the goalie's pad and he got the rebound and buried it."

Drawing the second assist was winger Joey Anderson, who over the first two home games has formed a dangerous top line with Bellows and Kieffer.

"Your power play can be two things, you can have a really high percentage or you can be really timely," Cole said when asked about how fast his team got the goal back. "You can be both, which is great. But if you had to pick one, I'd pick the timely one and that (goal) was real timely."

"That got us back in the game and feeling good about how we were playing."

The teams closed out the third period and five-minute overtime without a goal, although Notre Dame came close to winning it midway through OT. Sam Herr, parked near the right post, attempted to slide the puck into the U18 net, but Woll dove to deny the chance.

Cole said the team is in great shape between the pipes, either with Woll or Friday's goalie (Jake Oettinger).

"We rotate through pretty evenly," Cole said. "We put the onus on the guys to, if they have a bad game, their next time to roll in and respond. It's great having them both healthy."

"It's been a while since they've both been in our locker room together. But they feed off each other and work hard, we'll keep alternating them here for a while."

Breaking the ice

After a scoreless first period, the U18s carried play over the first half of the middle period and

went up 1-0 on Keller's unassisted goal at 3:25.

Keller weaved into the slot from the right wing and rifled a shot high over Petersen's blocker.

"I think on my goal I got a little bit lucky," Keller said with a chuckle. "I was on the fore-check and luckily one of their defensemen turned it over and I happened to pick it up off the wall and take it to the slot and get a good shot off into the upper corner. It was awesome to finally get that one on the board. I think we had a really good first period and dominated their zone. It felt to get that one."

Moments later, U18 winger Zach Walker crashed the Fighting Irish crease and had a couple of point-blank shots rejected by Petersen as the home team capped off a dominant seven-minute stretch to open the period.

Notre Dame then drew even with 1:57 to go in the period when Justin Wade snapped a high shot from the top of the right circle that beat Woll on the stick side. Starting the play was Steven Fogarty.

That set up the third period, which began with the Fighting Irish scoring a power-play goal at 3:04 to briefly go up 2-1. Mario Lucia scored it, assisted by Jordan Gross and Fogarty.

Coming up big

But Team USA didn't need long to respond, thanks to the top unit of Bellows-Keller-Anderson.

"Clayton, he's an excellent player and the thing that's probably best about him is how hard he competes, with and without the puck," Cole said. "He's not a big guy, but he plays the game extremely large. He wants the puck in big-time situations. He can score, he can pass and does a great job defending."

Next up for the U18s (5-3-1 overall) are weekend games Friday at Boston University and Saturday at Dartmouth.

Meanwhile the NTDP Under-17 squad will get its first chance to play at USA Hockey Arena, with games Friday and Saturday against the Madison Capitols. Game time is 7 p.m. each night.

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Delivering a hard hit into the boards Sunday is NTDP U18 defenseman Griffin Luce (front).

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Realtors tout combination of technology, industry expertise to buy and sell

Even though more consumers are using the Internet as a tool during their home search, buyers are increasingly using the knowledge and expertise of a real estate agent, according to the National Association of Realtors' *Real Estate in a Digital Age* report.

"Consumers have the ability to do more home buying research online and be more connected during the home search process than ever before, but research proves they are still seeing the value a Realtor brings to the transaction, from the initial search to well after the closing," said NAR President Chris Polychron, executive broker with 1st Choice Realty in Hot Springs, Arkansas. "Realtors bring great value to buyers from every generation, demographic and location as well as in every financial and familial situation. So while consumers have more technological tools available at their fingertips, Realtors are now more than ever a part of the home buying and selling equation."

The report found that finding the right property was ranked as the most difficult step in the home buying process. Since the Internet is now the first place many people go for information, it's not surprising that four in 10 buyers looked for properties online as a first step in the home buying process (up from 36% in 2010). However, 88% of buyers in 2014 purchased their home with assistance from a real estate agent, up from 83% in 2010.

While 94% of millennials



JULIE BROWN
Realtors say technology can help in home searches, along with their expertise.

Age report also found greater technology use by Realtors and real estate firms to better meet the needs of clients.

Realtors prefer to communicate with their clients via email (at 93%) as well as text messages (85%) and instant messaging (31%).

Social media is also popular with Realtors, though 70% of female Realtors are active on social media compared to only 58% of male Realtors. Some social media platforms are more popular than others among Realtors: Facebook and LinkedIn are most used by Realtors (at 80% and 71%). Realtors that are active on social media do so for visibility/exposure/marketing (81%), building relationships and networking (66%), advertising (59%) and promoting listings (51%).

Realtors and firms know that they must adapt to technology to better work with and understand their clients; however, it is not always an easy feat. In fact, 46% of all real estate firms cite keeping up with technology as one of the biggest challenges they face over the next two years. That number is even higher for commercial real estate firms, at 53%.

"Realtors constantly strive to find ways to make the home buying and selling process easier for and more accessible to their clients," Polychron said. "There is nothing more important than helping people find and land their dream home, and since technology helps Realtors do that, it will continue to be a priority."

and 84% of baby boomers used online websites in their home search, only 65% of the Silent Generation — those ages 69 to 89 years — did the same. Older boomers, those aged 60 to 68 years, used a mobile device to search for properties at less than half the rate of millennials (30% vs. 66%).

When it comes to website listing features, photos and online property information were more important to millennials, while virtual tours and direct contact with a real estate agent were more important to baby boomers. Despite visual content growing in popularity and importance, older home buyers found virtual tours more useful than younger buyers (45% among the Silent Generation and baby boomers compared to 36% among millennials).

As for the length of time it takes for consumers to find a

home, millennials typically looked for about 11 weeks, while baby boomers and members of the Silent Generation searched for eight weeks. Internet use also impacted the length of a home search; those who used the Internet to search homes visited more homes and searched for longer, looking at 10 homes over a 10-week period (vs. four homes in four weeks for those not looking on the web).

While not all consumers use the Internet in their home search, a growing number are first finding their future home online. Forty-three percent of buyers first found the home they ended up purchasing on the web; that number was just 8% in 2001. In 2001, nearly half (48%) of buyers found the home they purchased from a real estate agent; today that number is 33%.

The Real Estate in a Digital

Heed caution on collection agency hiring

Q: Hey, I just got a contract from a so-called expensive, but effective, collection agency to review for our association. It appears to be more expensive than our attorney. What have you encountered with regard to collection agencies?

A: Recently we were able to review a contract provided to one of our clients for consideration by a highly advertised "collection agency" for condominium and homeowner associations. Surprisingly, the schedule of flat fees attached was significantly higher than any flat fees, of any attorneys that we have seen. We also noted hidden fees — the flat fees provided by the collection agency's schedule did not include filing fees and the "expenses" listed for lien placement and release varied from \$30 to \$130 (the recording cost in Oakland and Macomb Counties to release a one-page lien is only \$14)! This was in addition to their flat fee of \$195 to release the lien. Other flat fees were undeniably unreasonable for the time expended and they are not even lawyers. You also have to consider, setting aside the above, that some collection agencies just do not have the same clout and may not get the same results as an attorney's office either initially or over time. Finally, we have encountered rampant errors and lack of understanding of the Michigan Condominium Act and condominium documents by certain collection agencies — they don't know the law and/or aren't always concerned about following it.



Robert Meisner

Q: I am moving out to California and buying a home. I am wondering what the law is there about medical marijuana.

A: The California Supreme Court indicated that the purpose of California's medical marijuana laws are solely to protect against criminal prosecutions and indicated that municipalities are free to enact zoning regulations that say "not in my city, damnit." There is also an employment case ruling that allowing a disabled employee to smoke marijuana on the job was not a reasonable accommodation. Indeed the Colorado Supreme Court denied protection under Colorado's marijuana statute for the firing of an employee stating that the Federal Fair Housing Act won't protect marijuana as it is still not legal at the federal level. That decision also mirrored a Michigan federal court ruling that an employee who was terminated by a company after testing positive for validly obtained medical marijuana stated no legal claim for wrongful termination. So you are best advised to check your local municipality and your prospective employer as to your utilization of medical marijuana. Also check your deed restrictions on your home, if any.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 25-29, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office.

Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
31926 Robinhood Dr	\$566,000
31133 Sleepy Hollow Ln	\$483,000
18721 Walmer Ln	\$265,000
BIRMINGHAM	
2733 Buckingham Ave	\$250,000
1072 Davis Ave	\$692,000
2446 Derby Rd	\$254,000
1892 Graefield Rd Unit 2	\$139,000
1936 Haynes St	\$425,000
1707 Hazel St	\$295,000
1323 Humphrey Ave	\$558,000
1967 Sheffield Rd	\$280,000
1558 Webster St	\$775,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
102 E Hickory Grove Rd	\$137,000
4233 Margate Ln	\$438,000
3353 W Maple Rd	\$200,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
250 Billingsgate Ct # D	\$155,000

3430 Burning Bush Rd	\$620,000
6885 Castle Ct	\$270,000
970 Hickory Heights Dr	\$246,000
1974 Klingensmith Rd Unit 3	\$123,000
1770 Maplewood Ave	\$1,135,000
1945 Pine Ridge Ct	\$400,000
3640 Quail Hollow Dr	\$483,000
6530 Red Maple Ln	\$290,000
801 W Long Lake Rd # D5	\$110,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
2512 Baltimore Ct	\$317,000
585 Crystalia St	\$160,000
160 W Beechdale St	\$135,000
FARMINGTON	
32905 Cloverdale Ave	\$151,000
23965 Farmington Rd	\$220,000
22480 Floral St	\$147,000
21041 Laurelwood St	\$190,000
22476 Maple Ave	\$190,000
32291 Marblehead Rd	\$144,000
34023 Moore Dr	\$320,000
22757 Violet St	\$94,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
29771 Bradmoor Ct	\$520,000
23045 Canfield Ave	\$85,000
22210 Cape Cod Way	\$75,000
30797 Cedar Creek Dr	\$250,000
37070 Dickinson Ct	\$340,000

27260 Hampstead Blvd	\$425,000
28517 Kirkside Ln	\$284,000
24829 Lakeland St	\$215,000
25351 Lynford St	\$254,000
24066 Middlebelt Rd Unit 35	\$45,000
32403 Nestlewood St	\$208,000
26588 Valhalla Dr	\$350,000
30711 Woodstream Dr	\$300,000
FRANKLIN	
32820 Colony Hill Dr	\$439,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
17640 San Rosa Blvd	\$99,000
MILFORD	
1029 Bird Song Ln	\$190,000
286 Noble St	\$142,000
1680 Wildflower Ln	\$410,000
NORTHVILLE	
900 Andover Dr	\$555,000
1012 Canterbury St	\$225,000
21134 E Glen Haven Cir	\$132,000
1114 Washington Cir	\$136,000
NOVI	
28530 Carlton Way Dr	\$199,000
45063 Dunbarton Dr	\$370,000
24331 Fairway Hills Dr	\$195,000
24387 Knollwood St	\$237,000
26978 Maxwell Ct	\$320,000
41795 Primrose Dr	\$130,000

41874 Ridge Rd E	\$261,000
41583 Sleepy Hollow Dr	\$235,000
44109 Stassen Ave	\$137,000
23639 Stonehenge Blvd	\$83,000
SOUTH LYON	
25595 Coach Ln	\$399,000
22865 Fremont Dr N	\$561,000
22931 Fremont Dr N	\$590,000
23427 Millwood	\$440,000
1167 Sheldahl Dr	\$366,000
23710 Spy Glass Hill N	\$337,000
228 W Liberty St	\$150,000
SOUTHFIELD	
30094 Pleasant Trl	\$185,000
30272 Southfield Rd #A231	\$50,000
21905 Stahelin Rd	\$36,000
27990 Valley Forge St	\$160,000
22960 W 11 Mile Rd	\$100,000
20145 Winchester St	\$143,000
WHITE LAKE	
1950 Margie Dr	\$48,000
722 Ranvee St	\$420,000
955 Suggden Lake Rd	\$41,000
975 Suggden Lake Rd	\$41,000
280 View Dr	\$438,000
1396 Waverly Dr	\$160,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 15-19, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office.

Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

CANTON	
886 Adams St	\$331,000
43860 Arlington Rd	\$220,000
46876 Bartlett Dr	\$230,000
4110 Berkeley Ave	\$142,000
47109 Bing Dr	\$380,000
42454 Bishop Rd	\$195,000
40618 Blytheheld Ln	\$162,000
1972 Brookfield St	\$107,000
6642 Burnham Dr	\$172,000
42440 Castle Ct	\$196,000
160 Cherry Grove Rd	\$184,000
45061 Coachman Ct	\$157,000
2090 Cobra Ct	\$210,000
50491 Colchester Ct	\$655,000
1392 Copeland Cir	\$168,000
7589 Corbett Dr	\$190,000
388 Cornell St	\$225,000
4167 Cornerstone Dr	\$134,000
44104 Cranberry Dr	\$240,000
279 Edgington Cir	\$194,000
4126 Elizabeth St	\$149,000
8670 Elmhurst St	\$225,000
44778 Fair Oaks Dr	\$217,000
40020 Finley Dr	\$269,000
45361 Gerald Ct	\$330,000
47161 Glastonbury Dr	\$360,000
7274 Green Meadow Ln	\$214,000
7295 Green Meadow Ln	\$180,000
46785 Gunney Dr	\$231,000
1333 Hampshire Dr	\$170,000
1412 Hampshire Dr	\$166,000
49275 Hanford Rd	\$245,000
5842 Hathaway Rd	\$340,000
46657 Inverness Rd	\$405,000
44755 Kirk Ct	\$245,000
1842 Manton Blvd	\$198,000
586 McKinley Cir	\$335,000
41061 N Maplewood Dr	\$189,000
8260 Orban St	\$165,000
2209 Pinecroft Dr	\$150,000
49536 Potomac Rd	\$218,000

49760 Potomac Rd	\$240,000
718 Prospect Hill St	\$45,000
721 Prospect Hill St	\$429,000
753 Prospect Hill St	\$375,000
318 Province Ln	\$367,000
1823 Ranier Blvd	\$198,000
42989 Ryegate St	\$170,000
47568 Scenic Circle Dr N	\$281,000
49635 Shire Ln	\$354,000
41142 Southwind Dr	\$90,000
462 Springfield Dr	\$312,000
48610 Times Square Ct	\$281,000
1547 Tradition Dr	\$466,000
44531 Twyckingham Ln	\$191,000
48171 Whitney Ct	\$305,000
1773 Willard Dr	\$183,000
1971 Woodbine Dr	\$285,000
2581 Woodmont Dr W	\$200,000
40329 Worthington Ct	\$230,000
434 Worthington Rd	\$225,000
47005 Yarmouth Dr	\$374,000
GARDEN CITY	
30135 Balmoral St	\$115,000
6746 Burnly St	\$108,000
30740 Florence St	\$95,000
5829 Harrison St	\$90,000
5931 Harrison St	\$75,000
6735 Helen St	\$59,000
31332 John Hawk St	\$96,000
29665 Rosslyn Ave	\$70,000
29463 Rush St	\$115,000
LIVONIA	
34025 6 Mile Rd	\$265,000
9573 Arcola St	\$132,000
14354 Blackburn St	\$225,000
16274 Blue Skies Dr	\$290,000
16535 Blue Skies Dr	\$255,000
14142 Blue Skies St	\$226,000
14179 Cranston St	\$168,000
15024 Fairfield St	\$4,000
15564 Fairfield St	\$94,000
20305 Fremont St	\$85,000
20305 Fremont St	\$149,000
15300 Gary Ln	\$162,000
29623 Gaylord Ct	\$210,000
15121 Golfview Dr	\$235,000
29457 Grandon St	\$116,000
31649 Grenada St	\$200,000
34672 Grove Dr	\$248,000
8949 Harrison St	\$130,000
9972 Hartel Ct	\$147,000

9175 Houghton St	\$168,000
19995 Inkster Rd	\$59,000
38052 Joy Rd	\$151,000
35629 Leon St	\$195,000
14265 Norman St	\$160,000
39025 Orangelanv St	\$150,000
19446 Osmus St	\$166,000
8943 Parkside St	\$255,000
36630 Pinetree St	\$147,000
29521 Puritan St	\$65,000
36712 Richland St	\$155,000
14676 Ronnie Ln	\$182,000
20130 Saint Francis St	\$88,000
14240 Susanna St	\$192,000
18214 University Park Dr	\$87,000
35819 Vargo St	\$200,000
31105 W Chicago St	\$128,000
16815 Westbrook St	\$280,000
36494 Whitcomb Ct	\$245,000
NORTHVILLE	
16253 Appleby Ln	\$360,000
44671 Broadmoor Cir N	\$453,000
16384 Brookwood Ct	\$275,000
19405 Cardene Way	\$225,000
19612 Cardene Way	\$214,000
39487 Champion Ct	\$315,000
18632 Clairmont Cir W	\$1,025,000
18452 Donegal Ct	\$485,000
634 East St	\$186,000
39505 Edgewater Dr	\$280,000
17485 Farmcrest Ln	\$405,000
42857 Inverness Ct	\$348,000
42805 Itham Ct	\$133,000
44674 Larchwood Dr	\$611,000
41378 Lehigh Ln	\$121,000
19126 Northridge Dr	\$103,000
42934 Richards Ct	\$128,000
39828 Rockcrest Cir	\$200,000
42298 Sunnydale Ln	\$316,000
PLYMOUTH	
1450 Ann Arbor Rd W	\$60,000
12061 Chandler Dr	\$400,000
770 Deer St	\$123,000
12063 Landers Dr	\$425,000
12167 Landers Dr	\$402,000
42205 Mill Race Cir	\$125,000
1641 Nantucket Rd	\$299,000
8865 Northampton Dr	\$403,000
51023 Northview	\$330,000
42032 Oak Ln	\$330,000
9630 Pino Ct	\$359,000

48483 Quail Run Dr S	\$390,000
9175 Redbud Ave	\$176,000
48380 Sherwood Dr	\$165,000
1098 Simpson St	\$306,000
11461 Spicer Dr	\$281,000
9239 Tavistock Dr	\$168,000
REDFORD	
12955 Brady	\$75,000
16136 Delaware Ave	\$76,000
11450 Farley	\$72,000
15388 Garfield	\$72,000
17184 Inkster Dr	\$60,000
18693 Negaunee	\$67,000
18530 Poinciana	\$58,000
26853 Ross Dr	\$160,000
WAYNE	
3512 Barry St	\$45,000
4545 Carnegie St	\$46,000
35236 Glover St	\$28,000
WESTLAND	
36076 Abbey Dr	\$180,000

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CARLSON, BRIAN E.
October 10, 2015 at age 55. Resident of Westland, Michigan. Originally from Redford, MI. Loving father of Blake. Brother to Linda (Alan) Prince, Bruce (Gwyn), Sandra Noel, and Scott. Also survived by soul mate and best friend Lisa Carlson along with many nieces and nephews. A celebration of Brian's life will be held on Saturday October 17 at Geneva Presbyterian Church 5835 N. Sheldon Rd. (just N. of Ford Rd.), Canton at 1:00 p.m. The family will receive guests starting at 12:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations to the family would be appreciated.

DUFFIELD, (KIP) WAYNE

71, of Westland, MI, and a long-time resident of Sturgis, Michigan, passed away on Friday, October 9, 2015. Keith was born on May 26, 1944 in Fort Wayne, Indiana to Edith Duffield and Richard Duffield (deceased). Siblings are Lawrence Duffield (Patricia) and Janet (Duffield) Black (deceased). Keith was a loving uncle to Lauren Duffield, Michael Duffield, Sarah (Black) Petersen (Nick), Ryan Black (Christa), Denise (Duffield) Cowger (Martin), Diane Duffield, and grand-uncle to Shyanne Cowger. Keith grew up in Columbia City, IN before moving to Michigan with his family. Keith earned his GED from Sturgis High School and was an avid Sturgis High School sports supporter. He was retired from Kroger's in Sturgis, MI. Sincerest thanks to the personnel at the Village of Westland, Homestead Health Care, and Hospice Compassus for their kind and compassionate care. Memorial service celebrating Keith's life will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at 1:30 PM, at the First Presbyterian Church, 1320 S. Lakeview Ave, Sturgis, MI. Arrangements by Hackman Family Funeral Home in Sturgis, MI. Donations in Keith's name may be made to the American Lung Association (www.lung.org) "To the outside world we all grow old. But not to brothers and sisters. We know each other as we always were."



FLETCHER, WILLIAM "FLETCH"

October 10, 2015, age 80 of South Lyon, formerly of Plymouth. Bill was born and raised in Massachusetts. Beloved father of David (Glenda) and Dawna (Michael) Punnett. Step-father of Joseph Casey and Christopher Casey. Former husband of 18 years to Norma A. Leslie. Husband of 30 years to the late Patricia A. Casey. Dear companion of Barbara J. Blanchard. Son of the late Walter and Marion Fletcher. Bill served in the US Marines during the Korean Conflict. He was honorably discharged as a Sergeant. He was a Plymouth Fireman for 5 years and one of the original Plymouth Police Officers. He retired in 1984 from the Plymouth Police Dept as a Lieutenant. He is a past Post Commander of Mayflower/Lt. Gamble VFW Post # 6695 in Plymouth. Funeral Friday 1 p.m. at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, (Btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Visitation Thursday 2-8 p.m. and Friday 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Plymouth VFW Post #6695 or American Cancer Society. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



HOLLAWAY, MARVIN CHARLES

October 8, 2015, Marvin Charles Hollaway, age 91, formerly of Livonia, Michigan, died peacefully at home surrounded by family. Beloved husband of the late Phoebe for 59 years, dear brother of the late Beverly (Bill) Schmitt. Cherished father of Barbara (Mark) Trombly, Gordon (Anne) Hollaway, Laura (Jim) Walker and Nancy (Nick) Bianchi; Proud and adored grandfather of eight and great-grandfather of seven. Also survived by many other family and friends. Marv is a distinguished WWII and Korean War Veteran, serving as a Lieutenant Commander Navy Pilot. A memorial service to celebrate his life has not yet been finalized. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Nature Conservancy, National Wildlife Federation or Honor Flight Michigan.



SKINNER, MARY CATHERINE

"Kathryn, Kay, Honey, Katie, Suzie" of Plymouth, MI, passed away peacefully of natural causes at 4:20 p.m. on October 8, 2015. She was surrounded by Family and friends at Independent Living Village of Plymouth when she passed. Mary was 91 years old. Mary was born on May 26 1924 in Detroit, MI, the first child of Pearl Patricia and Ertman William Kessler. Her siblings are Patricia Ann, William Ertman, Fredrick Augustus, Ertman Leonard and Claudia Jean. She married Donald Joseph Skinner in Jacksonville, Florida on May 21, 1946. She is survived by: John William, Kathleen Ann, Capt. Joseph Edward USN ret., Dr. Michael Patrick, Cynthia Louise and Capt. William Thomas USN; 21 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren all of whom she cherished. She was predeceased by her husband Donald Joseph, her sister Patricia Ann and two of her children Patricia Jean and Donald Fredrick. Family was important to Mary. She and Donald worked together to support their young family, building their first house together and in spite of the refrigerator falling through the floor, Mary always had a positive determination. Her children's scars bear witness to all of the trips to the ER (where her children were known by name) calmly responding to each emergency. Mary was a veteran who proudly served her country during the Second World War in the Naval WAVES. She joined the Navy as a way to assert her independence from a strict family life where she had to be home by 9 p.m. while commuting from Cherry Hill to Ann Arbor while attending the University of Michigan. She relished those occasions where she could burst into "Anchors Away" and took special pride in her two sons who graduated from the Naval Academy. When Mary's parents moved from Detroit to Cherry Hill, she attended a one room school house for 2 years and then high school in Ypsilanti. After the War she returned to attend college at Eastern Michigan University part time, putting her bachelor's degree on hold when the twins arrived. When the children were old enough she went back to school at School Craft Community College stopping only when found a sales job at Hudsons, where she excelled because of her personality and hard work. Mary was never one to just participate, she took on responsibility. She taught Sunday school at OLG, produced the Punch and Judy shows making the stage and costumes. Mary was on the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, the board of residents at Walton Wood and ran their bingo program. Mary was always looking for outlets for her creative side: making wedding dresses, bridesmaid dresses, prom dresses and countless Halloween costumes. In her later years she was able to express her artistic ability through her paintings and jewelry. She loved music, her favorite group was the Lennon Sisters and her favorite recordings were "Student Prince" and "Madam Butterfly". Mary's husband Donald frequently spoke of the beautiful red head he fell head over heels for and she always took pride in her appearance and while at Walton Woods looked forward to her weekly visits to have her hair and nails done. We are all grateful to daughters Cindy and Kathy, and other family members who lovingly supported Mary Catherine in her final months generously giving countless hours to be with her. A special thank you to Debbie from the Visiting Angels. Mary you will be missed for your sense of humor, your hugs and most of all for the Love that you showered on us all. In lieu of flowers please donate to: St. Jude Children's Hospital, The Wounded Warrior Project or Angela Hospice. Memorial Service will be 10:30 a.m. October 30, Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 7650 N. Territorial Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170.

OCTOBER

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 18
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: French toast, ham, pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, juice; \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10
Contact: 734-425-4421

CONCERT

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25
Location: Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township
Details: Detroit Lutheran Singers perform Bach, Beethoven, Brahms and more. \$15 general admission; \$10 for seniors and students, 12 and older, children under 12 are admitted free
Contact: detroitlutheransingers.com

FAMILY DINNER DANCE

Time/Date: 5:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24
Location: Ss. Simon and Jude Parish, 32500 Palmer, Westland
Details: Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children, 4-12, and free for ages 3 and under and include dinner, live entertainment. The event also includes a raffle of cash prizes from \$100-\$3,000, a gift basket raffle and 50/50 raffle
Contact: www.stssimonandjude.com; stssimonandjude@gmail.com

HALLOWEEN CONCERT

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25
Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: Pipes Spooktacular! concert will feature spooky and silly music for organ and other instruments. Performances by Julie Ford, director of music, the church's youth choir, a handbell duo, and guest narrator Christine Kapusky Moore. Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot follows the 45-minute concert. Concert goers may wear costumes. A \$5 donation for individuals and \$15 for families is suggested
Contact: 734-453-0190; stjohnsplymouth.org

HEALTH, NUTRITION SEMINAR

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Oct. 25-28
Location: Plymouth Seventh-day Adventist Church Fellowship Hall, 4295 Napier, Plymouth
Details: Mary Bernt, owner of Veggies, a vegan restaurant and health food store, and author of *The Best of Veggies*, will present information on nutrition and lifestyle, and natural remedies. Cost is \$40 per person/\$60 per married couple. It includes four gourmet vegan meals, lecture notes, information packet and a copy of *The Best of Veggies* cookbook
Contact: iloveveggies.info; 989-965-4861

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Time/Date: 2-5 p.m. Oct. 24
Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: "Sex Trafficking and Domestic Violence: Is There a Link?" will include informational speakers, survivor speakers, Detroit Handbell performance, food and vendors. Raffle tickets \$1; free will offering for admission
Contact: Lynda Ashbay at 734-765-8344; info@heavenlyhopeinternational.org

FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22
Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: The documentary, *A Chorus in Miracles* by James Twyman, was created as a homage to the book *A Course in Miracles*. Admission is \$10
Contact: 734-421-1760; office@unityoflivonia.org

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Oct. 18
Location: Prentis Apartments, 15100 W. 10 Mile, Oak Park, on the Taubman Jewish Community Campus
Details: Nadine Eder will lead a workshop in making a mosaic piece. The Pomegranate Guild of Southeastern Michigan studies

RELIGION CALENDAR



Julie Ford, music director at St. John's Episcopal Church, Plymouth, presents Pipes Spooktacular! on Sunday, Oct. 25.

and creates Judaic needlework
Contact: Judy Galperin at 248-661-5337; jimgbloom@gmail.com

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16
Location: First Farmington United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River Ave., at Warner Street, Farmington
Details: Bag sale, \$4, will be Friday
Contact: 248-474-6573

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17
Location: St. Valentine School gym, located on Beech Daly, just south of Five Mile, off Hope Street, Redford
Details: Includes bake sale, bag sale from 1-2 p.m.
Contact: 313-532-4394

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Oct. 16, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 17
Location: St. Genevieve-St. Maurice, 28933 Jamison, Livonia
Details: \$5 admission Oct. 16 and free admission Oct. 17; \$1 bag sale 2-3 p.m. Oct. 17. Sale items accepted 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 14-15 at the church activity center
Contact: 734-261-5920

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 24
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, one block east of Farmington Road, north side of 12 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Sale includes clothing, household goods, furniture, small appliances, linens, bedding, jewelry, toys, books, boutique, baked goods and \$3 and \$6 bag sale on Saturday.
Contact: 248-553-3380

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 24
Location: Atonement Lutheran Church, 6961 Mead, Dearborn
Details: Clothes, coats, shoes, purses, linens, and more. Cash sales only. \$2 bag sale Saturday
Contact: 313-581-2525

TRUNK 'N TREAT

Time/Date: 5-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24
Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: Car trunks will be filled with goodies for trick or treating. Children may paint a pumpkin to take home for \$1 and decorate a cookie for 25 cents. Costumes are welcome. Donations will be accepted for baked goods, coffee, cider and hot chocolate
Contact: Mary at 248-471-1322

TRUNK OR TREAT

Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. Oct. 30
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia
Details: Children, accompanied by an adult, will trick or treat in the church parking lot. Congregation members will give out treats from their parked cars. Children and adults may dress in costume. Bring your own bag to collect treats
Contact: 734-522-6830

NOVEMBER

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Theater director stages play while battling cancer

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Professor James Hartman is working to restore his health and rebuild his theater audience at Schoolcraft College after returning last month from a year-long medical leave.

He will stage his first play of the year, *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder, Oct. 23-24, Nov. 6-7 and 13-14 at the college, located on Haggerty, north of Six Mile in Livonia.

During the nearly 30 years that Hartman has worked at Schoolcraft, he has been a one-man department, teaching several theater classes and taking on everything from publicity and show programs to stage lighting and sound for its twice-annual plays. This year he'll teach just two classes, but is embracing *Our Town's* production tasks with a huge dose of "show must go on" spirit.

Dress rehearsal coincides with Hartman's next round of chemotherapy for colorectal and liver cancer. On opening night, he'll be recovering from the medication, which he receives every other week.

"I'm still doing pretty much of everything but am trying to pace myself," Hartman said. "I'm trying to make sure I get rest, otherwise I'll collapse. I feel pretty good. I've been very fortunate with the chemo. I lost some weight, but not a lot. I haven't lost a lot of my hair, but I've lost some. My biggest problem is neuropathy in my hands and legs. The use of my hands are stifled and my legs are bad, but they tell me that in six months to a year most of the neuropathy will go away."

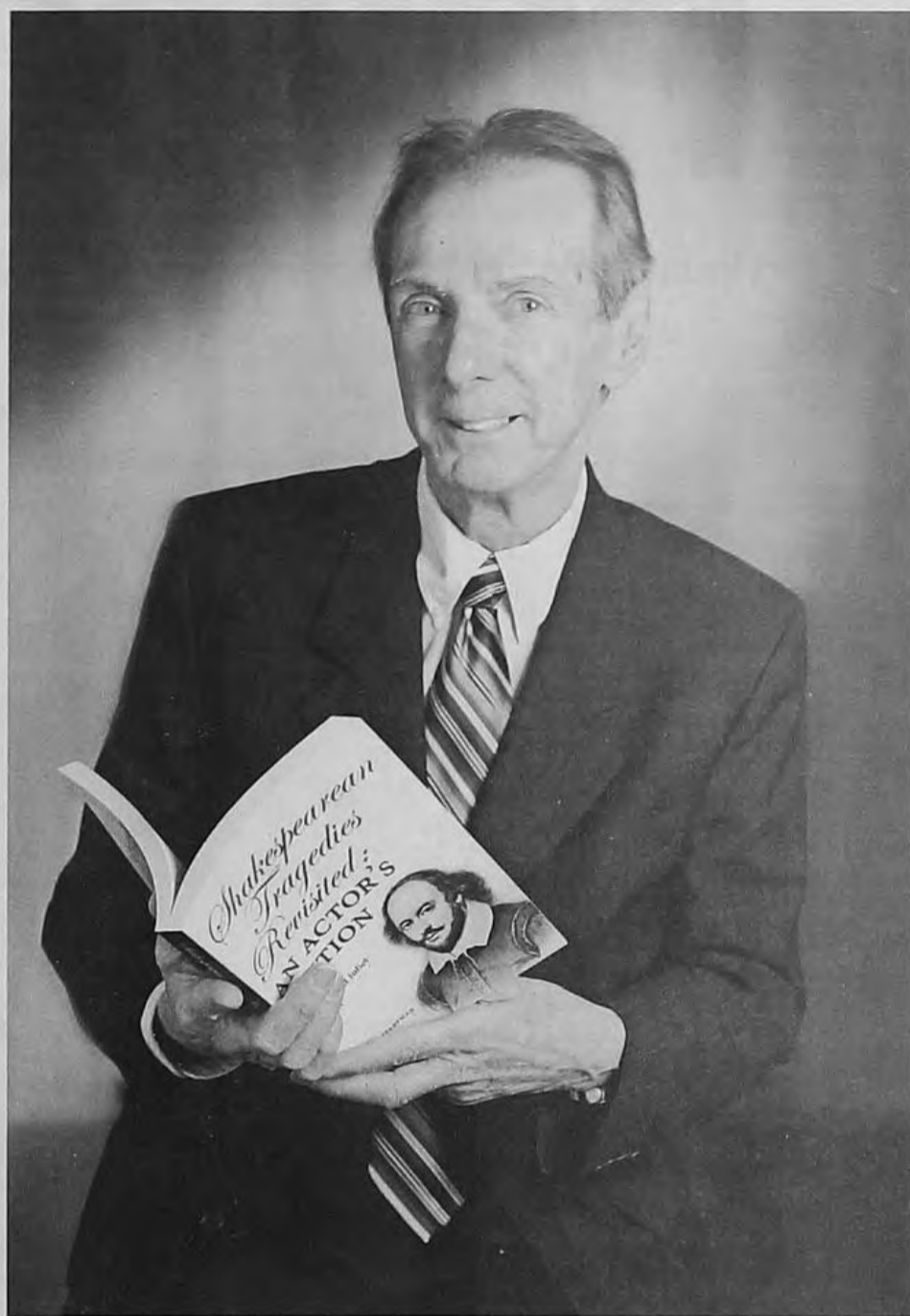
Hartman uses a walker and directs from a chair set in the theater aisle, so he can prop up his feet.

Taking a leave

He was nearly finished blocking the fall play last year when he was diagnosed. He took a leave from work to rest and receive treatment, but was hopeful he'd return to the theater. Hartman began reading plays over the summer and decided to stage *Our Town* because it requires a large cast and would involve many student and community actors.

"I hadn't done it in a long time and as I read it, I said, this is a beautiful story about life and family and relationships. I probably thought I needed something about life."

The play tells the story of the fictional town of Grover's Corners and its residents. The second act in the play



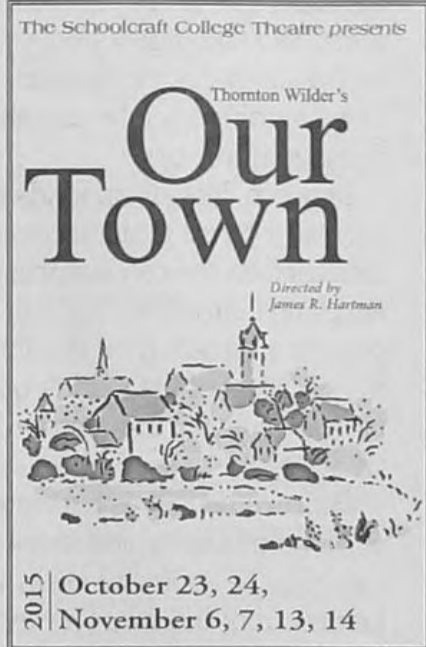
James Hartman, professor of theater and drama at Schoolcraft College in a photo from 2014, when his most recent book was published.

focuses on George and Emily as they prepare to marry. The final act takes place in a cemetery, where Emily, who has died in childbirth, has been laid to rest.

"I'm doing it in two acts. I'm combining the second and third acts," Hartman noted. "I didn't want to take two

intermissions. It takes the audience out of the play too many times.

"The third act as written disturbed me a little bit. It does take place in a cemetery and because of what I've been through for a year now, it has been difficult. I try to keep my spirits up, but it does cross my mind while



The program cover for *Our Town*.

directing. Sometimes even when I'm coming home I think about it even more and what is said in those scenes."

Therapeutic theater

Hartman said his cancer experience has influenced his directing, giving him more insight into the play and its characters.

Returning to the stage also has been therapeutic. He missed being in the classroom last year and "really missed" theater production.

"Being back, it gives me a feeling of happiness. I'll feel weak and tired, like all I can do is sleep, but as soon as I walk in there, I get excited and the adrenaline is going. There's something about theater. It's a huge part of my life and now that I'm back, I think it has a lot to do with my healing," Hartman said, adding that he also relies on prayer, positive thinking and chemotherapy to aid his recovery.

"I think the joy of doing what I love doing is also part of what is healing me."

Tickets for the Oct. 23-24 and Nov. 6-7 dinner shows are \$27. Tickets for the show only, Nov. 13-14, are \$15. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. in the Vis-Tech Center on campus. All shows start at 8 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Theatre. Get tickets by phone at 734-462-4596 or in person at the Schoolcraft College Bookstore.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 1

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 Society members get free admission and parking

Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Exhibit hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, through Oct. 31.

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "The Dark Side of the Rohde," features more than 30 digital photograph manipulations by Ann Arbor artist and photographer Denise Rohde

Contact: 248-344-0497 or www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16

Location: 774 N. Sheldon

Details: Open life drawing event for artists of all ages and skill levels. Participants practice drawing the human form from live, costumed models. \$10 at the door, \$5 for students

Contact: plymoutharts.com

THREE CITIES ART CLUB

Time/Date: Friday-Sunday, Oct. 24-26; starts 10:30 a.m. Friday and runs through 5 p.m. Sunday. Mall hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday

Location: Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, Westland

Details: Thirty-three artists show more than 90 pieces of art, including paintings, drawings, photography, pottery, framed and matted prints, note cards and refrigerator magnets. Meet the guest judges at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Live entertainment runs noon to 7 p.m. Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday

Contact: Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939; threecitiesartclub.org

VILLAGE THEATER

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

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: 23rd annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition 2015 includes more than 40 works of art. Free

Contact: cantonvillageattheater.org; 734-394-5308

VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Friday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, through Oct. 18

Location: Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: The juried show includes watercolor, acrylic, pastel and mixed media

Guest speaker: Suzanne Bilick, adjunct curator at the Detroit Historical Museum, will talk about art in Detroit, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Free

Contact: Dorothy Amberger at 734-261-7633

AUDITIONS

BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Oct. 19-20

Location: Barefoot Productions Theater, 240 N. Main, Plymouth

Details: *Christmas Belles*; Mike Cuba will direct the play, which will be staged in early December

Contact: mcuba@mi.rr.com; 734-812-0102

FILM

AMC LIVONIA 20

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28

Location: 19500 Haggerty, Livonia

Details: Advance screening of *Scouts Gide to the Zombie Apocalypse*, will include a commemorative T-shirt

Contact: ScoutsAndZombiesMovie.com/ultimate-fanexperience

MJR DIGITAL CINEMAS

Time/Date: Saturday-Sunday, through Oct. 25

Location: All MJR locations including Westland Grand Digital Cinema, 6800 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Free for kids, 12 and under. Parents pay \$1. Tickets are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis at the theater. Movies are *Max*, Oct. 17-18; and *Minions*, Oct. 24-25

Contact: 734-298-2657

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 16-17; 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: *Get Ready for Ricki*, \$3

Coming up: *Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation*, 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23 and 4:15 and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 24-25

Shock-tober Classics: *Bride of Frankenstein*, Oct. 15; *Young Frankenstein*, Oct. 22; *Abbott & Costello Meet Frankenstein*, Oct. 29. Movies screen at 7 p.m.. Admission is \$3

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 16-17, and 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18

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

Details: *The Birds* screens Friday and Sunday; *Marnie* screens Saturday, \$7. Dessert with Tippi is 5 p.m. Oct. 17 and will include a presentation by Tippi Hedren, an autographed photo on request,

desserts, and a ticket to both films, \$50. Buy tickets at redfordtheatre.com

Coming up: *Back to the Future 2*, 8 p.m. Oct. 21; \$5

Contact: 313-898-1481

HALLOWEEN FUN

COSTUME PARTY

Time/Date: 6 p.m. to midnight, Oct. 31

Location: Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: First Annual Ol' Skool Halloween Costume Party will include a plated dinner, beer, wine, and music by Eclipse. Tickets \$30

Contact: 734-953-9724

FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17

Location: Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland

Details: Free games, hayrides, moonwalk, costume parade, entertainment and more. Costumes optional

Contact: 734-261-1990

FOREST FUN HIKE

Time/Date: Every half hour from 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16

Location: Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33275 Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail, Westland

Details: Hourlong, guided hike with not-so-scary forest dwellers. An indoor presentation by Wildlife Safari follows the hike. Wayne County residents' cost is \$6 for children and \$2 for adults. Nonresidents pay \$1 more per ticket. Must register in advance

Contact: 734-261-1990

GUARDIAN ANGELS ANIMAL RESCUE

Time/Date: 5 p.m. doors open, dinner served at 6 p.m., Friday, Oct. 23

Location: Plymouth Elks, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Party with DJ, dancing, costume contest, tarot reader, raffle, silent auction, dinner, dessert and drink. Costume optional. All proceeds to the Rescue's animals. Tickets are \$20

Contact: 734-788-6857; sandra.mezza@hotmail.com

GLUTEN-FREE PARTY

Time/Date: 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23

Location: First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

Details: Tri-County Celiac Support Group presents trunk or treating with distribution of gluten-free candy from 7-8 p.m. Gluten-free doughnuts and cider will be served in the church hall along. A dance party will be held from 8:15-9 p.m. and children's games will run until 9 p.m. Nonmembers pay \$10 per family; members enter free. RSVP via email

Contact: marci.faro@gmail.com or borgnes@aol.com

HALLOWEEN CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24

Location: Steppingstone School, 30250 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills

Details: Michigan Philharmonic's haunted concert with scary classics and movie music favorites. General admission is \$30. Seniors, 62 and over, pay \$25, students with ID pay \$10

Contact: michiganphil.org

MEDIUM MESSAGES

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 30-31 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1

Location: Two Muses Theatre at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, south of Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Elizabeth Brown and Charles Klepadlo, mediums, will give messages to attendees from their deceased loved ones. Tickets purchased at least four hours before the event are \$20. Tickets at the door are \$23.

Contact: twomusetheatre.org

MOTOR CITY YOUTH THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Oct. 23-24 and 30, 2 p.m. Oct. 25, and 10 p.m. Oct. 31

Location: 27555 Grantland, Livonia

Details: A poltergeist is set free in an asylum for nervous patients in this musical called *The Great Ghost Chase*. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors. Admission at the door is \$2 more. Limited cabaret seating is \$15 for the show on Oct. 31. For reserved seating tickets, visit eventbrite.com and type in The Great Ghost Chase, Livonia

Contact: 313-535-8962; mcyt.org

PUMPKIN PALOOZA

Time/Date: Noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18

Location: Downtown Plymouth

Details: Games, contests, entertainment, candy and more. Wear a costume and dress up your pet

Contact: plymouthmich.org

HISTORY

KELSEY MUSEUM

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through Nov. 29

Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor

Details: "Passionate Curiosities: Collecting in Egypt & the Near East, 1880s-1950s," focuses on the individuals who helped to build the collection

Contact: 734-764-9304

MUSIC

BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: Open mic sign-up, 6:15-6:40 p.m., performances begin 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17

Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Ten open mic performances along with featured artist, Mary Kohn. \$5

Contact: plymoutharts.com

SPICE UP POPCORN

Update this treat by adding caramel, marmalade, nuts, candies

Make your next friendly gathering a popping success with desserts and snacks made from a wholesome simple grain. Not only does popcorn bring out the kid in everyone, it's a naturally healthy treat you can feel good about serving your guests. And, because it's naturally low in fat and calories, non-GMO and gluten free, you can rest assured that party-goers will keep popping back by for one more guilt-free bite.

Popcorn, like all six kinds of corn, is a cereal grain. It resembles corn on the cob in appearance and cultivation, but only pop-corn kernels have the ability to pop. Most of the world's popcorn is grown in the central United States.

Popcorn usually is harvested with a combine, which strips the ear from the stalk and shells the kernels from the cob. The kernels are loaded into a truck and transported to a storage bin for drying. Then, after cleaning and sorting, kernels are packaged for distribution, allowing Americans to consume more than 16 billion quarts of popped popcorn each year.

Freshly popped corn makes it easy to tickle all your guests' taste bud cravings. Salty, spicy, sweet — the options are nearly endless. Serve it up with flavors already mixed in, or let guests mix and match their own favorite toppings to create unique tastes of popcorn perfection.

A popcorn bar is a fun and easy way to have guests take an active role in the party. Provide a wide range of toppings and watch them get creative dreaming up delicious flavor combinations. You can even host a taste test and award prizes to the tastiest concoctions.

Simply set out a large bowl of popcorn and surround it with smaller bowls with various popcorn fixings. Let each person fill a paper bag or other container with popcorn and top or mix with their desired flavorings.

Try these toppings:

- » Dried fruit (raisins, cranberries, apricots)
- » Dried herbs and spices (oregano, cinnamon, nutmeg)
- » Nuts (pine nuts, peanuts, slivered almonds, pumpkin seeds)
- » Small candies (chocolate pieces, peanut butter chips, marshmallows)

These recipes make it easy to prepare crowd-pleasers for all ages ahead of time so you can focus on the fun. Find more festive popcorn recipes to help plan your next party at www.popcorn.org.

Courtesy of Family Features

MARMALADE POPCORN BALLS

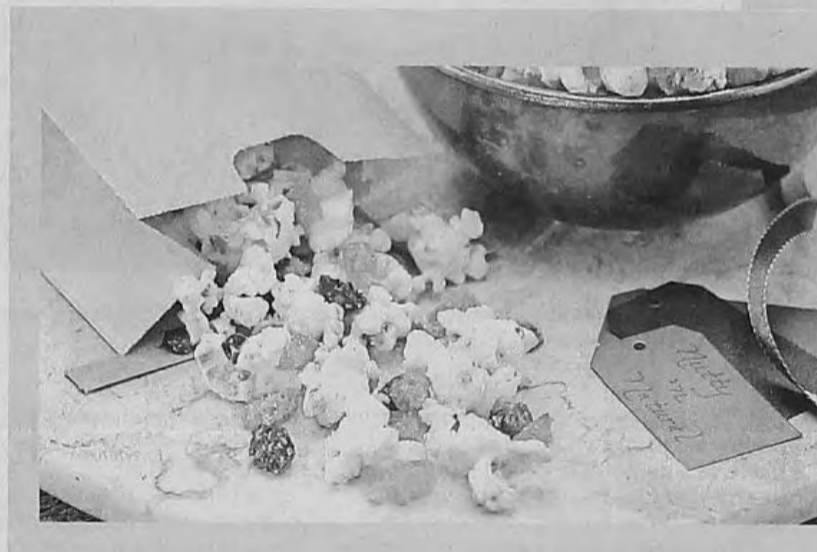


Yield: 15 balls

1 ½ cups sugar
1 ¼ cups water
1 cup orange marmalade
½ teaspoon salt
½ cup light corn syrup
1 teaspoon vinegar
5 quarts popped popcorn

In saucepan combine sugar, water, marmalade, salt, light corn syrup and vinegar. Bring to boil, stirring until sugar dissolves. Cook to hard-ball stage (250°F). Pour slowly over popped popcorn and mix thoroughly. Butter hands and shape into 2 1/2-inch balls.

NUTTY 'N' NATURAL POPCORN



Yield: 3 quarts

2 tablespoons sunflower seed kernels, finely ground
2 tablespoons almonds, finely ground
2 tablespoons walnuts or hazelnuts, finely ground
4-6 tablespoons melted margarine or butter
2 ½ quarts popped popcorn
2 tablespoons wheat germ
1 6-ounce package (1 ½ cups) chopped dried fruits and raisins

Pour melted margarine over popcorn. Sprinkle with ground nuts and wheat germ; toss to mix. Stir in dried fruits.

SEA SALT CARAMEL POPCORN



Yield: 3 quarts

2 quarts popped popcorn
1 ½ cups pecan halves
½ cup almonds
1 ½ cups granulated sugar
1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine
½ cup light corn syrup
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon coarse sea salt

Line large, rimmed 17-by-12-inch baking pan with foil and spray lightly with cooking spray; set aside. Spray large glass or metal bowl with cooking spray and place popcorn and nuts inside. In medium saucepan, combine granulated sugar, butter and corn syrup. Bring to boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Clip on candy thermometer and boil, stirring occasionally, until temperature reaches 290°F (about 15 minutes). Remove candy thermometer and stir in vanilla. Pour mixture over popcorn and stir to coat well. Spread popcorn mixture in even layer on prepared baking pan. Sprinkle with sea salt and allow to cool completely before breaking into pieces to serve. Store in an airtight container.



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 - 67 Winter hrs. in D.C.
 - 68 Hull hazards
 - 69 — car (Hertz service)
 - 71 Mello — (soda brand)
 - 72 Neighbor of Pisces
 - 73 "I — drink!"
 - 75 Republic
 - 79 Pilgrimage destination
 - 80 Wailing in grief
 - 81 Stiff, but not inflexible
 - 82 Aptiva maker
 - 83 Letters after mus
 - 84 Mystifying Geller
 - 85 Google Earth image
 - 90 Skittish
 - 93 Me, myself —
 - 94 Utter loudly
 - 95 Linden of TV
 - 96 Losses width
 - 98 Cops
 - 99 Wait upon
 - 102 Prefix with mural or net
 - 103 Realm in "The Lord of the Rings"
 - 104 Summits
 - 105 "— Gold" (1997 film)
 - 106 Delhi bread
 - 107 "The same"
 - 108 Boxing matches
 - 109 Knot anew
 - 110 Fire residue
 - 114 Palm smartphone replaced by the Pre
 - 115 Scooby- —
 - 116 KO count
 - 118 Producer: Abbr.
 - 119 Metal deposit
 - 120 Opposite of masc.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126

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SUDOKU

4	1							3
	6	9	2	5				8
		2						
			9		8			1
				2				
5			3		7			
							9	
2				4	3	5	7	
	3						8	2

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

2	8	1	6	7	5	4	3	9
9	7	5	3	4	1	8	6	2
3	4	6	2	8	9	5	7	1
6	2	8	7	1	3	9	4	5
7	9	3	5	2	4	1	8	6
4	1	5	8	9	6	3	2	7
6	9	4	1	3	7	2	5	8
8	6	9	2	5	4	7	1	3
5	2	3	6	9	8	7	4	1

THEATER WORD SEARCH

WORDS

ABOVE DIRECTOR
ACT DRAMA
ACTION DROP
ACTORS ENTERTAINMENT
ADMISSION EXIT
ANTAGONIST FLOODLIGHT
ASIDE FOCUS
AUDITORIUM GAFFER
BACKDROP HORROR
BACKSTAGE HOUSE
BOARDS POPCORN
BOX OFFICE PROPS
BRIDGE SCREEN
CATWALK SEATING
COMEDY SET
CONFLICT STAGE
CUE THEATER
CURTAIN TICKET
DIALOGUE WINGS

X S B R E P X V O E G A T S K C A B S C
G L U R E D B V O R R O H F M N I P O A
V H A C I T I P P L D B T R T A F N K F
E F N H O D A S O O X I G E H I F Y C V
O E T T N F G E A S R O A E K L X X B M
S G A E A N A E H U T D Y L I C B E W K
E A G S W B U I S T N N K C O W I B M I
A T O T N E D L E L E H T C K G T T W N
T S N F W V I A D F M E E O A Y U S I O
I K I E W O T V Y B N E C R S B S E N I
N U S A G B O L C A I C S I C P L H G S
G B T B A A R N P C A N A U F A O K S S
F L O O D L I G H T U E T O F C R H I
I O C F K A U X V I R D G E W H O T P M
G C N U T N M O M O E T N Y R A M X G D
A N K R E Y K T K N T W P E C C L A O B
F O U A C T O R S D N D A E F F S K N A
F C T S D R A O B R E D I R E C T O R T
E N D R A M A U M O C O M E D Y M E V E
R O I R K X O U G P O P C O R N A I O W

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

Crossword Answers

POCONOS TINSELS ETHAN
OCARINA SHOPSAT RHYME
MANTLE TELEPATHY SEPIA
ELIS SAMOA ATRA TEL
SAT CONSTRUCTION CAREW
DEW SUE KASBAH
SCREENSAVER TSAR OWE
WOOLFS TAPE OOH ASLAN
ENVY MERRY MONTH OF MAYS
PEEL OAT ARC PEA
TYRO SMOKEY BERRA RYAN
GNU ISO EER MERE
MUSICAL INSTRUMENT ILIE
ELECT BUS RAFT EELED
CUM IAMS CHIPS AND SOSA
CLIPON ARA AGT
AARONDIRTYLAUNDRY BRA
TIL INOT CLAIR TOES
DIGIT THEMOMENTOF FRUITH
ONICE RANFREE TWEETIE
OGDEN ADDRESS OSMOSES

Word Search Answers

X S B R E P X V O E G A T S K C A B S C
G L U R E D B V O R R O H F M N I P O A
V H A C I T I P P L D B T R T A F N K F
E F N H O D A S O O X I G E H I F Y C V
O E T T N F G E A S R O A E K L X X B M
S G A E A N A E H U T D Y L I C B E W K
E A G S W B U I S T N N K C O W I B M I
A T O T N E D L E L E H T C K G T T W N
T S N F W V I A D F M E E O A Y U S I O
I K I E W O T V Y B N E C R S B S E N I
N U S A G B O L C A I C S I C P L H G S
G B T B A A R N P C A N A U F A O K S S
F L O O D L I G H T U E T O F C R H I
I O C F K A U X V I R D G E W H O T P M
G C N U T N M O M O E T N Y R A M X G D
A N K R E Y K T K N T W P E C C L A O B
F O U A C T O R S D N D A E F F S K N A
F C T S D R A O B R E D I R E C T O R T
E N D R A M A U M O C O M E D Y M E V E
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