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Kerr retiring as Canton's deputy police chief

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Robert Kerr remembers the horrific day in August 1987, when Northwest Airlines Flight 255 crashed after taking off from Detroit Metro Airport, killing 156 people on board.

Kerr, then a second-year Canton police officer, was called in from off-duty to help guard the crash site on Middlebelt Road in Romulus.

"It was devastating," he said. "I'll never forget what I saw there."

The crash ranks high among Kerr's memories as he reflected on his 28½ years in Canton law enforcement. Kerr is retiring Feb. 14 as deputy police chief, ending a career that exceeded his expectations and thrust him into situations few people can imagine.

Kerr, 52, sadly recalls taking photographs inside a Canton family home where a fire, just before Christmas 1990, killed a father and six children. In another incident, he and other officers narrowly escaped harm themselves when a husband opened fire and wounded his wife during a 1987 domestic dispute.

Kerr also served on presidential detail, helping out with a motorcade in 1992 when President George H.W. Bush campaigned in Canton during his failed re-election bid.

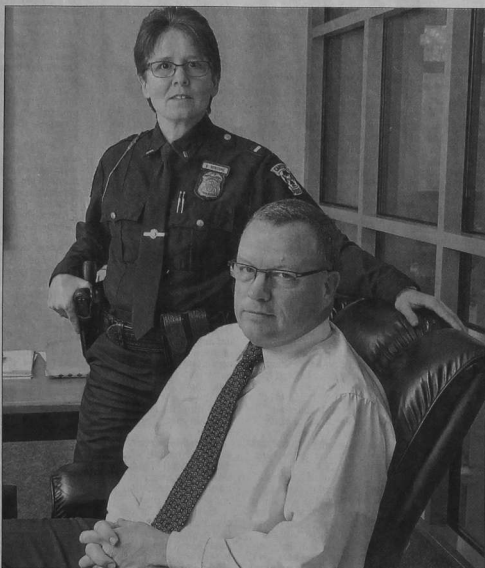
'The front line'

"I think what made police work appealing to me was the excitement of it, not knowing what was going to happen day to day and being in the front line helping the community," Kerr said during an interview in his office.

Kerr was the first in his family to pursue a public safety career. He began as a high school student working as a volunteer firefighter in Franklin Village, then worked summers for the Washtenaw County Sheriff's marine division while earning his bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Michigan. He also earned a master's degree in police administration from Eastern Michigan University.

Kerr was hired as a Canton officer in May 1985, before the police station made its move from the old Geddes Road site

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Deputy Police Chief Robert Kerr is retiring. His successor is current Lt. Debra Newsome. BILL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Newsome adds 'blue blood' to new job

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Debra Newsome, who has spent 22 years climbing the Canton police ranks, reaches a new milestone Nov. 24 when she becomes only the second woman in the department's 35-year history to become deputy chief.

While she certainly serves as a role model, Newsome is humbled yet proud she has earned her promotions through her untiring commitment to fighting crime and improving the Canton Police Department — not because she is a woman.



Newsome

"We just need to be given the same opportunities. I believe that has always been the case here," she said. "Gender has never come into play. It has never been an issue. We don't need to be any different. The expectations are the same. I've always been treated the same."

Newsome replaces retiring Deputy Chief Robert Kerr and becomes the second woman, after Laura Golles, appointed to the de-

partment's second-highest position. Newsome emerged as the top candidate for the job based on recommendations by an outside testing agency, Public Safety Director Todd Muchler and the Canton Merit Commission.

After a two-year stint and layoff as a Detroit police officer, Newsome was hired in Canton in July 1991. She has served as a patrol officer, evidence technician, bike patrol officer, department instructor, anti-drugs D.A.R.E. officer, detective, sergeant and lieutenant. She

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Members of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band perform their show, Inferno. JOHN HEIDER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

P-CEP marchers fourth at state

By Peggy Fenwick
Correspondent

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band came up short in its quest for back-to-back state championships Saturday night, with a fourth-place finish and a score of 87.95 in the Michigan Competing Band Association state competition at Ford Field in Detroit.

Walled Lake Central was named the 2013 Flight I champion, with a score of 91.55. Plymouth-Canton was the defending state titleholder.

Twelve teams from some of the most populated high schools in Michigan qualified to march in Flight I competition. Southeast Michigan schools were well-represented: Lake Orion finished second, L'Anse Creuse was fifth, Novi finished seventh, Clarkston was 11th and West Bloomfield finished 12th.

For Salem freshman Jack Flood, it was a brand new experience to play at Ford Field.

"I've never been here before, so it was fun," the bass one drummer said. "You could feel all the energy."

There are 65,000 seats at Ford Field, but the marching band contest only utilizes one half of the lower bowl of the stadium for the annual state championship. "I didn't know the crowd was

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Police department gets set for on-site assessment

Public gets a chance to weigh in on public safety as panel mulls accreditation factors

The Canton Police Department is scheduled for an on-site assessment as part of a program to achieve accreditation by verifying it meets

professional standards.

Administered by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., the accreditation program requires agencies to comply with state-of-the-art standards in four basic areas: policy and procedures, administration, operations and support services.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees

and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11, in the Board Meeting Room of the Canton Administration Building, located at 1150 S. Canton Center.

Agency employees and the public are also invited to offer comments by calling 734-394-5409, 2-4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11. Comments will be taken by the

assessment team.

Telephone comments, as well as appearances at the public information session, are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards.

A copy of the standards is available at the Canton Police Department, 1150 S. Canton Center. Local contact is Lt. Pat Sullivan, 734-394-5403.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments about the Canton Police Department's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc., 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, VA 20155 or email calea@calea.org.



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Large turnout shows support for community center concept

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A public meeting Monday evening on a proposal to repurpose Central Middle School as an arts and recreation center became a strong show of support for the plan at a crowded Penn Theatre.

Speakers representing athletic leagues, arts organizations and community groups were applauded, one after the other, after taking turns giving brief pitches for turning the 18-acre site into what advocates are calling the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, or PARC. The 90-minute meeting nearly filled the Penn, which seats about 400 people.

"We're completely behind the proposal. It's vital to us," said Kevin Poet, president of the Plymouth Canton Steelers, a youth football organization. Steelers teams already use the Central football field; Poet said there are about 200 families involved in the league.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said Nan Washburn, conductor of the Michigan Philharmonic, formerly the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. "This is not the time to let this slip away." Of the top 10 orchestras in the state, Washburn said, the Michigan Phil is the only one without a home venue.

Closing 2015

Central, the original Plymouth High School, is to be closed as a school following the 2014-15 school year and the Plymouth-Canton Community School District Board of Education is in the process of deciding what to do with the site. The district is building a new middle school in Canton Township. A site appraisal is expected to be completed



The Penn Theatre was nearly full of citizens wanting to hear more of the plans for Central Middle School. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

late this year or early next year and school district officials are considering several options for the site, including the PARC, housing and mixed housing and recreation use.

Proponents of the PARC, which would include a pool, gymnasium, fitness center, auditorium, arts studios, meeting space, senior citizens center and more, are estimating the cost of transforming the site at \$20 million to \$25 million.

Several financing options, including the creation of an authority with the power to levy taxes, are being discussed.

Central is already home to several recreation and athletic programs, including the Steelers, the Our Lady of Good Counsel football program, the Plymouth Canton Crusaders youth swimming organization and the Miracle League of Plymouth, which runs a program to help disabled children play baseball. A specially designed \$500,000 Miracle League field, the Bilkie Family Field, opened in 2011. "This has been their chance to be part of a large group," the Miracle League's Deb Madonna said of the league's players, "and we need to preserve that at all costs." The Miracle League has a 10-year,

no-cost lease on the site of the field, but Madonna said its future, should the school site be sold, is an open question.

'Ultimate recycling'

Wendy Harless, chairwoman of the Plymouth Preservation Network, said the PARC plan is a chance to save an older building and pointed to several other buildings in Plymouth, some more than a century old, that are kept in good shape and currently in use.

"Reusing an old building is the ultimate recycling project," Harless said. Central's original structure dates from 1923.

Soenen, a member of the PARC steering committee, presented a site plan of what the complex could look like, with a football field, a baseball diamond, tennis courts, added parking, an auditorium of about 800 seats and more.

The PARC would be linked to the current Plymouth Community Cultural Center, a site also owned by the school district, but under lease to the city.

Soenen, who was instrumental in saving the Penn from the wrecking ball and leasing it to the nonprofit Friends of the Penn Theatre, said the PARC is still in the planning stages. "There isn't anything in this proposal that's cast in concrete," he said.

He asked that school

district officials delay a decision on the site's future and give PARC advocates two years to come up with a solid plan. He estimated another two years would be needed for design and construction.

School board President John Barrett did not return calls Tuesday and Wednesday.

Cooperation sought

Soenen also called for cooperation between the city and Plymouth Township governments to help make the PARC a reality.

"We need to really rise above the boundaries and marking of territory," Soenen said.

Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer, who was one of the speakers Monday, said later that he was impressed with the turnout and that, after years of discussion about a community center, is optimistic for the first time about its prospects.

"It was just incredible and I think it's got a legitimate shot," Dwyer said.

Township Supervisor Richard Reaume, who did not attend Monday, said he was aware of Soenen's presentation and the PARC plans.

He declined further comment, saying only that township government hasn't been asked to take any action.

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KERR

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to the township municipal complex. He climbed through the ranks of detective, road patrol officer, sergeant and lieutenant before becoming deputy chief in 2008.

"In those 28½ years, he has an unblemished, professional record of service to the Canton community," Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler said. "He is always looking to improve this organization."

Mutchler credited Kerr for helping the department maintain its national standing with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. Mutchler also said Kerr's institutional knowledge became "a solid foundation" as Canton Public Safety faced a rapid turnover among high-ranking positions during the last year.

Kerr, who earned numerous department awards over the years, tends to shy away from attention, saying he is only glad to have played a role in the police department's growth.

'Happy here'

"I think residents can be very proud of the Public Safety Department—police and fire—and the service they provide to the community," he said, adding later, "I think the thing I appreciate most is the level of professionalism we've

achieved and maintained through the years. This has been a great place to work. I've been very happy here."

After becoming deputy chief in 2008, Kerr spent most of his time alone in that position after Canton budget cuts eliminated a second deputy chief post. He had no dual duties, overseeing the patrol division and staff operations.

Only recently did



Kerr

officials restore the second position with Deputy Chief Scott Hillen, who will be joined by Lt. Debra Newsome

Kerr plans to spend time with Karen, his wife of 24 years, and their two children, Matthew, 16, and Leah, 14. He hopes to start anew in law enforcement as a police officer or public safety director elsewhere—or possibly in corporate security.

"It has been really neat to watch Canton Public Safety go in the direction it has and achieve what I hoped it would when I started here," he said. "I'll miss the people I've worked with and the relationships with everybody. The community is a great place. I appreciate all the opportunities I have had here."

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joins Deputy Chief Scott Hillen as the department's second-in-command officers, behind Mutchler.

"She has participated in the evolution of this organization," Mutchler said, "and she is always looking for ways to better the organization. She really understands where we're going with the Canton Police Department, which is crucial, and she wants to be part of the changes that are happening. She and (Hillen) are the right blend. They're the right team to move Canton Public Safety into the future."

Newsome majored in communications with an emphasis in journalism at the University of Detroit and attended the Detroit Police Academy. She almost seemed destined for law enforcement: Her father was a police command lieutenant in Trenton, where her brother served as police chief. Her other brother worked as a police ser-

geant in Detroit and her nephew is a federal agent with the Internal Revenue Service.

"I definitely have blue blood," Newsome said. "I have great people in my life."

That includes her 9-year-old son Wyatt, 14, and her "law man" of the old American frontier.

Newsome has earned numerous department awards and has never second-guessed her decision to work in Canton.

"I truly believe that the Canton Police Department is one of the premier law-enforcement agencies in the state of Michigan, if not the entire country," she said. "The men and women who work here are the best. The expectations are so high and all of them strive to reach it."

As deputy chief, she will be in charge of the staff operations division, including the detective bureau, ordinance enforcement, Western Wayne County narcotics, training, school resource officers, the records bureau and state crimes, among other duties.

"Law enforcement is something I always wanted to do growing up," Newsome said. "It just felt like a natural fit. Where else can you go and catch the bad guys and keep the public safe? I love my job, even after 24 years. I still enjoy coming to work every day."

"She's ready for the next phase."

"I'm very humbled for this opportunity to reach the next level of influence in our organization," she said. "I'm not arrogant. I know I'm still in need of development and growth—and this is an awesome opportunity. I'm real excited about the director's vision."

Though her career is still budding, Newsome has a philosophy on what she hopes her legacy will be.

"When I leave here, I would like to think the Canton Police Department is better than when I started," she said. "That's my ultimate goal."

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Salvation Army seeks holiday donations

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Families in need of a little help at Thanksgiving are coming up on a deadline to get it from the Plymouth Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army will be accepting applications for Thanksgiving assistance through Nov. 20. Families needing Christmas assistance have until Dec. 12 to

apply. The Plymouth Salvation Army serves Canton, Plymouth, Northville and Belleville.

The corps will host its annual "Turkey Time," the time when corps staffers will accept donated turkeys, during the week of Nov. 18. The corps will accept the turkeys at the corps headquarters, 9450 S. Main, in Plymouth. Staffers are hoping for donations of turkeys (averag-

ing 15 pounds) or monetary donations to help Salvation Army members purchase turkeys.

Meanwhile, the corps is also looking for other food donations to help with Thanksgiving and Christmas assistance. Most of what they're looking for is traditional holiday fare: turkeys, stuffing, cranberries, yams, cans of gravy, potatoes, cereal, rice, American cheese, broth,

gelatin or pudding, tuna, corn, green beans and other vegetables, macaroni and cheese, canned fruit, soup, canned spaghetti/sauces and rolls.

There is no limit to the number of families who can sign up. Laurie Aren, director of family and community ministries for the Plymouth Salvation Army, said the corps figures to feed some 450-500 families for Thanksgiving.

"The need is out there and it's increasing," Aren said. "Thankfully, we have generous residents who continue to go the extra mile to make sure we can help our more needy families."

Pantry help

While the corps is getting ready for its holiday assistance program, its every-day food pantry shelves are also starting to get bare.

Aren said the corps could especially use donations of canned vegetables, canned meat (turkey and chicken) and soups of all kinds.

Donations can be dropped off at the corps headquarters during regular business hours. For more information, call the Plymouth Salvation Army at 734-453-5464.

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Canton library hosts Diwali celebration

Diwali, an annual Hindu holiday, will be celebrated 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, at the Canton Public Library.

The festival symbolizes the removal of spiritual darkness, the onset of happiness and prosperity and a triumph of light over dark, good over evil, the library said in a press

release.

The public is invited to "hear, taste, smell and watch this happy celebration" with family, friends and neighbors as the Indian community is showcased, the press release said.

The Diwali celebration will take place in the library's community room.

Volunteers make difference for seniors

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

It was chilly and raining, but when Flo McCarthy opened her door and saw volunteers from Achieve Charter Academy in her yard Saturday, she couldn't have been happier.

Despite the weather, the volunteers - seventh- and eighth-graders - went to work raking leaves and digging out some sod to add dirt to a

depressed area in McCarthy's Clare Street yard.

When all was said and done, the volunteers had raked some 14 bags worth of leaves - "And they all haven't even fallen yet," McCarthy said - in Saturday's effort.

"They did a great job," an appreciative McCarthy said. "It's a wonderful service for seniors like us. I really appreciate it."

The "wonderful ser-

vice" came as part of the Plymouth Community United Way's Make A Difference Day campaign, which saw some 300 volunteers spreading out around Plymouth and Canton to rake and do light outdoor chores.

The volunteers helped more than 60 homeowners in the two communities, all either senior citizens or people with disabilities.

The day began with a complimentary breakfast

for volunteers. Local vendors supplied gift cards, donations and discounts to make the event possible. Volunteers consisted of teams from churches, local businesses, residents and various youth groups.

For more information on future events or other United Way activities, call 734-453-6879.

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going to be this big. It really got me excited," Flood said.

The weather was rainy and cold once again for the top Michigan bands. Although they ultimately perform indoors, equipment unload and warmup all happens outside. Many bands were seen Saturday walking around the streets of Detroit, looking to get to their warmup location on schedule.

Plymouth-Canton volunteer and head "uniform magician" Shirley Potter reflected back on a very rainy final season

after six years with children in the band.

"I recall only one competition this year being sunny and that was in Toledo," Potter said before the final scores and placements were announced.

Being involved for six years as a parent volunteer is "both happy and sad. I'm excited for the freshmen and the seniors. It's a cool time."

Plymouth-Canton had another breathtaking performance last weekend, with yet another new element added to its 2013 program titled Inferno: Two large tarps shaped like red and yellow flames framed each end of the football field. Students and parents brought the very heavy

tarp covering out on giant carts. The remainder of the band made its entrance from the tunnel in dramatic fashion.

During the eight-minute performance, a few students seemed to display yellow interests in the front windows of their marching jackets. Perhaps less than a dozen had the yellow peeking through their gray uniform. The rest of the performers had silver interests.

When Plymouth junior Rafael Bernal was asked after the performance about the yellow patches on his jacket, he shared it was a tradition being brought back from the 1990s. "I had to show my instructors I knew my show," Bernal said. "I

really like this, it's a good thing for all members to strive for."

Fellow Canton senior Alex Rockafellow earned his yellow patches as well. "I went up to the staff this week and showed them I knew my whole show on my trumpet. I also memorized all my visual movements and passed off to earn my yellow patches. More and more of the band members will be attempting to earn their yellow in the coming weeks," he said.

Once the awards were distributed, there was an obvious buzz among the Plymouth members. Jessica Lentine, an alto sax player and junior from Salem, was very excited after the event

concluded. "I had my best show tonight. I'm pretty happy. There is room for improvement though," Lentine said as all the students filed out of the stadium.

When asked what her team will work on in the next two weeks leading up to the trip to Indianapolis for the Grand National Championship, Lentine said, "We will work on our timing and cleaning our music."

Canton 10th-grader Kristen Semer was very happy as she exited Ford Field.

When asked about her reasons for participating in marching band, Semer, an alto sax player, said, "I love it. I don't know where I'd be without this program. This has defini-

tely shaped my life in a good way. I've put myself forward and have met a lot of really good friends because of this program."

The community will get a first-hand look at the band during a full dress rehearsal run-through next Saturday at the varsity field at Canton High School.

At the conclusion of the 1-9 p.m. rehearsal, the band will perform the final full production of Inferno at 8:45 p.m. before leaving the following Wednesday for the Grand National Championships in Indianapolis.

The public is invited to attend and see the last in-state performance of the 2013 program, Inferno.

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Canton beer bandit suspect facing trial

Man waives preliminary examination in case involving merchandise allegedly stolen from area Kroger

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A suspected beer bandit is now facing trial for unarmed robbery in Wayne County Circuit Court after Kroger employees captured him and held him until Canton police took him into custody.

Richard Kenneth Shock, 48, of Ypsilanti, faces trial for an incident at the Kroger store near Michigan Avenue and Canton Center after he waived his right to a preliminary hearing Friday in front of 35th District Judge James Plakas.

Shock was arrested after Canton police received a call shortly before 4:30 p.m. Oct. 21 that a suspect got into a

scuffle with employees who stopped him as he tried to leave with four 18-pack cases of Corona, three 12-packs of Modelo and Cheetos, Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh has said.



Shock

Shock's decision to waive his preliminary exam Friday averted testimony. Baugh has said an initial investigation indicated the beer may have been taken as payment to a mechanic for car repairs. Shock could face penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison if convicted as charged. According to a 35th District Court clerk, he remained

jailed Friday with a \$50,000/10-percent bond set during his arraignment by Judge Ron Lowe.

Barring a bond reduction in circuit court, Shock would have to post \$5,000 for his release.

Kroger employees told police the suspect in the Oct. 21 incident loaded merchandise into a shopping cart and tried to leave the store, making "no attempt to pay for it," Baugh said.

Two loss-prevention employees tried to stop the man, who responded by shoving the workers before they tackled him and held him on the ground until authorities arrived on the scene, Baugh said.

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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Strong-arm robbery

Canton police were investigating reports of a strong-arm robbery that allegedly occurred shortly before 9 p.m. Sunday at The Crossings, an apartment complex southeast of Joy Road and I-275.

Two 18-year-old Westland men reportedly went to an apartment to visit friends, only to be confronted inside the residence by other teens who wanted to fight and demanded money and other property from their pockets, a police report said.

One of the alleged victims refused and was punched in the face before he walked toward the door, the report said. The other alleged victim was punched and kicked by the accused assailants, the report said.

The teen who was punched and kicked was robbed of his money, wallet and cellphone, the report said, and threats were allegedly made that he would be shot if he resisted — though the police report said no gun was actually seen.

The report indicated the two victims may have gone to the apartment to buy narcotics, but at one point they denied that to police.

A police report indicated that three teens were arrested.

Indecent exposure

Police took a 24-year-old New Boston man into custody following a report of indecent exposure shortly before 4 p.m. Oct. 31 in the parking lot of The Crossings apartment complex.

A witness notified police and reported seeing the suspect in a white Ford Focus, exposing himself and drinking from a Coca-Cola can as he rocked side to side in the vehicle.

Police found the suspect, who reportedly said he was tired and had just left his girlfriend's apartment.

He said he was under the influence of drugs, including marijuana.

Police searched the man and found a piece of tin foil in his

sock, which he allegedly said could be heroin, the police report said. He was taken into custody and later released to a hospital after he had a reaction to narcotics he had taken, the report said.

Stolen equipment

A 40-year-old Belleville man notified police after \$8,000 in audio and video equipment was stolen from a work trailer parked outside of his business, which plans events and entertainment, between 4 p.m. Oct. 23 and noon Oct. 25.

The man told police he usually parks the work trailer inside the business, but had moved it outside to a party.

Hit and run

A 27-year-old Canton man was cited for failing to stop at the scene of an accident after police received a report that his vehicle struck another car before he fled about 5:30 p.m. Friday.

The investigation started when an 18-year-old Canton woman notified police that she was traveling south on Sandalwood, northeast of Beck and Gleggery, when the driver of a Chrysler came toward her and struck her Saturn Ion, the police report said.

The Saturn driver told police she tried to swerve out of the other car's path, but couldn't.

Canton police scoured the area, found the damaged Chrysler, spoke with the driver and issued a citation for failing to stop at the scene.

Suspicious check

Police went to a party store near Morton Taylor and Michigan Avenue following reports that a woman may have tried to cash a fraudulent check, a police report said.

The incident happened about 2:30 p.m. Oct. 30. The store owner suspected the check for more than \$500 might be fraudulent. He didn't know the woman, so he refused to cash it.

— By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Shoplifting arrest

A 53-year-old Plymouth Township man was arrested on a shoplifting charge on the evening of Oct. 30 at the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road, east of Haggerty.

A store security guard told police he had seen the man conceal a video disc, a package of hot dogs and the hose for a propane tank in his clothing and then leave the store after purchasing a few other items.

The guard confronted the man outside and he was cooperative while police were called, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said. The suspect admitted to the theft, police said, and cited tough economic times.

The value of the merchandise he tried to steal was put at \$35.99.

Wheels stolen

The wheels and tires were stolen late last month from a Ford Fusion parked outside a home on Greenview Place in the township.

The complainant told police the theft occurred between just after 6 p.m. Oct. 28 and early the next morning, a police report said. The car had been left up on blocks. The value of the stolen tires and wheels was put at \$1,000.

Solicitor cited

A 34-year-old Dearborn man was ticketed for soliciting without a permit on

Halloween after trying to pitch bathroom remodeling work on Newport Drive in the township.

A resident on the street called police shortly before noon Oct. 31 to report the man had knocked on her door and asked about bathroom remodeling. The man was not displaying identification or a soliciting permit, the woman said, according to a police report.

Police stopped the man on Newport and said he worked for a bathroom remodeler and a replacement window company.

He did not have a permit and was issued a ticket, police said.

— By Matt Jachman

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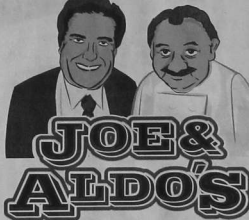
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The 110,000-square-foot American Community Mutual Insurance, located on the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads in Livonia, was recently purchased by Schoolcraft for \$3.4 million. Most of UT's and WSU's classes will be held there.

Wayne State University and University of Toledo to offer programs at Schoolcraft

Schoolcraft College has created a new bachelor's and master's degree partnership program with Wayne State University and the University of Toledo that will begin in the fall of 2014.

Degrees in business, nursing, engineering, criminal justice and more will soon be available at Schoolcraft's main campus in Livonia.

While many community colleges offer university completion programs, the new "Schoolcraft to U" partnership is more than what others have offered, officials said. Both universities will offer classes on Schoolcraft's main campus in Livonia and online. The University of Toledo also will waive out-of-state tuition fees for students interested in its program offerings. The agreement also provides for seamless transitions from Schoolcraft College to one of the partner universities and collaborative student support programs.

"Schoolcraft College is much more focused on

helping its students earn a bachelor's degree and beyond," Schoolcraft President Dr. Conway A. Jeffress said. "We selected Wayne State and the University of Toledo because we believe they have the programs that give our students their best chance of earning a degree and bettering their lives. We wanted to offer our students these highly employable degree programs without having to leave Livonia."

"For several years, The University of Toledo has been committed to blurring the line between Michigan and Ohio to provide access to high-quality UT degree programs to Michigan students," said Dr. Lloyd A. Jacobs, president of the University of Toledo. "Coupled with our marketing efforts and creative scholarship models, this partnership with Schoolcraft College is symbolic of that commitment by seamlessly allowing Schoolcraft students to continue their academic careers and achieve the dream of a

four-year degree."

Wayne State President M. Roy Wilson said, "At Wayne State, we want to offer classes when and where it's convenient for students. The new facility in Livonia will give us a presence in another part of metro Detroit and create an opportunity for more people to earn degrees in the high demand fields of business and engineering. With more and more students attending community colleges, it's important that Wayne State create partnerships like this to offer pathways to a bachelor's degree."

While UT and WSU will offer classes throughout Schoolcraft College's main campus in Livonia, the majority of their class offerings and business offices will be located in a new building that Schoolcraft College purchased about a year ago at the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads.

The building is being remodeled to suit the needs of each of the partners.

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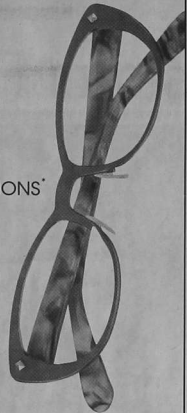
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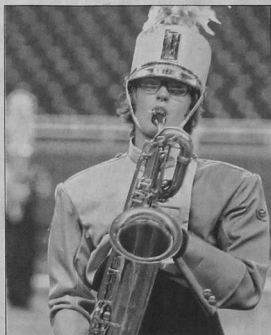


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A saxophonist plays with the P-CEP band. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



A student conductor leads the band from a raised platform. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Plymouth-Canton's marching band performed Inferno well enough to finish fourth at Ford Field. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Marching bands storm Ford Field

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Now it's on to Indianapolis. After finishing fourth Saturday at the 34th annual Michigan Competing Band Association state championships at Ford Field in Detroit, the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band can start focusing on the national competition.

Plymouth-Canton, the defending state champion, earned a score of 87.950, good enough for a fourth-place finish in Flight I. Walled Lake Central topped the field with 91.550, followed closely by Lake Orion (89.500) and Rockford.

Novi High School, with a score of 83.300, finished seventh.

Flight II

Jenison High School repeated as state champion, taking Flight II title with a score of 90.350.

Grand Rapids Northview was second at 84.450, while Southgate Anderson earned a third-place finish with a score of 83.950.

Farmington Hills Harrison (80.600) finished fourth, followed by South Lyon (80.050) in fifth.

Harrison band director Joel Yoder said he and his students spend significant time "talking about the big picture" and he thinks the band "really maxed out what they were able to do this year" with the school's show, an Egyptian-themed spectacular called "Pharaoh."

The show features a giant pyramid, a large obelisk and the coronation of the pharaoh.

"We talk about success in terms of coming as close as we can to our potential," Yoder said. "I think they were really able to pull things together in that final show."

Lakeland High School finished eighth at 76.600, while Milford High School was 12th at 71.650.

Flight III

In Flight III, Redford Thurston High School managed a seventh-place finish, with a score of 78.650.

It wasn't enough to catch Flight III champion Muskegon Reeths-Puffer, which defended its state title with a score of 90.300. Stevensville Lakeshore was second at 85.5.

They were all among nearly 50 high school bands from across the state competing in four flights.



Plymouth-Canton's marching band performs at Ford Field. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Next up for Plymouth-Canton's marching band is a trip to Grand Nationals at Indianapolis. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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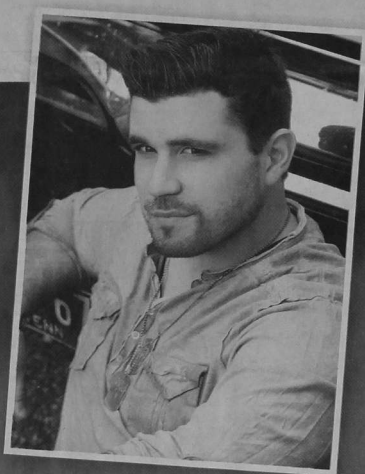
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Monroe Bank & Trust promotes Mistor

Monroe Bank & Trust, which has branch locations in downtown Northville and Plymouth, has promoted Audrey Mistor to executive vice president and manager of wealth management. She has been senior vice president of the company, as well as Plymouth-Northville Community president.

Mistor is a 30-year veteran with an extensive banking, management and financial services background. Her career includes 20 years at Michigan National Bank, where she began her work in management

in the bank's credit administration division. She was subsequently appointed to several senior executive positions, including controller of investment banking, vice president of corporate strategic planning and director of the bank's proprietary mutual fund portfolio. She also held senior management positions at Republic Bank.

She has participated in several global executive leadership programs, providing her with an important international perspective into financial management best practices.

Mistor's commitment to community service is evident by her local participation in both Northville and Plymouth. She is past president of the investment banking, vice president of the Northville Chamber Board of Directors and is vice president of the board of directors of the Plymouth Philharmonic. She is a past treasurer and board member of the Northville Community Foundation and served on the Northville Township Beautification Commission.

In her new position, Mistor will guide all



Mistor

LaLonde

facets of wealth management operations and lead a staff of 30 investment, trust, estate planning and retirement professionals. She holds degrees from Siena Heights University and Central Michigan University.

MBT Vice President Darren LaLonde, who led lending operations in MBT's Plymouth-North-

ville region, has succeeded Mistor and has been appointed senior vice president, MBT North Community president. He is a longtime Northville resident.

LaLonde, a 1988 graduate of Oakland University, has 24 years of banking and commercial lending experience. He began his banking career with Security Bank and Trust as a commercial loan officer. He later went to TCF Bank and was promoted to vice president for commercial lending, then to Michigan Heritage Bank, serving as managing director of

commercial real estate. Prior to joining MBT he served as vice president, commercial loans, at Plymouth's New Liberty Bank from 2002-09. The Northville branch is located at 201 E. Main St. and can be reached at 248-449-3700. The Plymouth branch is located at 706 S. Main St. and can be reached at 734-354-9200.

Founded in 1858, Monroe Bank & Trust is one of the largest independently owned community banks in southeast Michigan. For more information, visit MBT's website at www.mbandt.com.

Catching up on latest tech buzz

If a tree falls in a forest and nobody is there, it still makes a sound - especially if it has its Facebook account set to public. Recently, Facebook rolled out its new search feature to the global community.

In doing so, it set everyone's social private posts to public. Awesome.

To make sure your past posts and future posts stay private, log on to Facebook, click on account settings and change your security to make your past and future posts private.

It only takes about 30 seconds to change and can spare you some embarrassment from having the wrong people see the wrong posts. Of course, this Facebook change is another teachable moment in why nothing you want kept private should ever be posted to a social network.



Jon Gunnells

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Twitter plans IPO

Meanwhile, the social network everyone thought was a fad is now planning an IPO. And it probably couldn't come at a better time.

As of this being written, Facebook's stock is nearing its 52-week high of \$50.99 per share, while LinkedIn is hovering around \$245 per share. LinkedIn's 52-week high is \$257.56 and its 52-week low is \$94.75.

Reports show Twitter plans to raise about \$1 billion with its initially offering. Impressive for a company that is only 7½ years old.

Twitter now has an estimated 200 million or more users - including the Pope, who joined in

September.

It also offers some interesting multimedia, including free NFL instant replays courtesy of Verizon Wireless, as well as universal emergency alerts.

Apple iPhone hacks

The new Apple iPhone 5s has a fancy fingerprint scanner and it only took about 10 days for hackers to discover how to break in.

It turns out the picture of the user's fingerprint or a cat's paw can both be used to hack into someone else's phone. So I guess the moral of the story is, if you are a phone burglar, make sure to befriended some cats.

Jon Gunnells is a freelance writer and social media planner. Email jonathan.gunnells@twitter.com or follow him on Twitter at @Gunn92W.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

Ladies night

Canton-based Clearly You, a professional skin care center at 44633 Joy Road, hosts a Ladies Night Out 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13.

The event will feature palm readings, chair massages, express facial waxing and lash tinting by Clearly You. Raffle prizes will also be available, with proceeds to benefit the Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary.

For more information or to RSVP to reserve a service, call 734-453-7475 or visit www.clearlyyouonline.com.

Grand re-opening

The Comfort Inn Plymouth hosts a grand re-opening ceremony 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14. Hotel officials plan to show the newly renovated hotel to representatives of all companies with travel needs in the area. There is no cost to attend.

The Comfort Inn Plymouth is located at 40455 Ann Arbor Road.

For more information, call Lois Orfman at 734-453-8100 or email lois@trussdevelopmentllc.com.

Business mixer

Plymouth-based Ribar Floral hosts its next Business Mixer at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, at Northville Hills Golf Club, 15565 Bay Hill Drive, in Northville.

There are no fees and no groups to join. Participants should bring business cards for exchanging with fellow business owners in the Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Livonia and surrounding areas.

The mixers are designed as an informal, non-structured, non-membership get together of business owners who



Ribbon cutting

Victory Lane Quick Oil Change held a grand opening Oct. 26 at its new Plymouth location. Owner Justin Ciarella is cutting the ribbon and is surrounded by employees and community members, including state Rep. Kurt Heise, Bradley Gibbons, Anthony Pomeroy and Bruce Webb. Victory Lane is located at 903 Ann Arbor Road.

meet monthly over snacks and beverages for informal networking and general socializing. For more information, call 734-453-8622.

King named

Soil and Materials Engineers, Inc. announced that it has named Dennis M. King as the first independent member of the firm's board of directors. The announcement was made by SMC president and CEO Mark K. Kramer. In his role as an SMC board member, King will help provide strategic planning, mentorship and

marketing and business development insights to the firm. King is president of DMKING Consulting LLC, which specializes in strategic planning, business management, leadership development and recruiting for the design, construction and development industry. Previously, King spent more than three decades at Harley Ellis Devereaux, a national architecture and engineering firm including 20 years as chairman and CEO.

King also is currently serving as public policy director for AIA Michigan (as a consultant to the organization) and

serves on the Michigan Architectural Foundation's Board of Trustees. King received his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan.

Lighting and kettles

This year's Main Street Boulevard Tree Lighting and Salvation Army Red Kettle Kick Off, hosted by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, is set for Friday, Nov. 15.

The DDA will also collect non-perishable food for the Salvation Army pantry, which will give out a small gift to the first 100 people who come to the event.

Soft toy

The IKEA Soft Toys are coming to IKEA Canton and celebrating their 10-year milestone.

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Gold air returns are also the reason new homeowners are experiencing dust. While your drywall was being sanded, your cold air returns sucked all of the dust through the system and sent it on the bottom of the duct lines where a little at a time gets blown back into your home. To prove it, take a walk down your basement, look up at the ceiling for thin sheets of tin nailed between your floor joists. These are your cold air return lines. Give them a good pounding. You'll see puff of dust seeping out of the edges. That my friends, is the reason you have uncontrollable dust problems!

This debris cannot be removed without a professional. Which brings me to my next point, choosing an air duct cleaning company. Most companies use portable units, which are like a shop vac that you would vacuum your car with, obviously absolutely useless. Then there are companies who claim they have a truck-mounted system. In reality, they have a low powered

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Pottery sale

Date/Time: Nov. 21 (5-8 p.m.), Nov. 22 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.), Nov. 23 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and Nov. 24 (noon to 4 p.m.).

Location: Village Potters Guild, 340 N. Main in Plymouth
Details: The Village Potters Guild is holding its annual Holiday Sale, featuring functional and decorative pottery created by 25 members of the guild. Items include mugs, ornaments, tiles, dinnerware, and large platters. Prices range from \$4 to \$200.

Contact: For more information or directions to the studio for the sale, visit www.village-pottersguild.org or call 734-207-8807.

Health Clinic/Seminar

Date/Time: Saturday, Nov. 9, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: MCWS/MEC gym, 4040 Palmer (northwest corner of Palmer and Lotz) in Canton.
Details: MCWS is holding

its eighth annual Health Clinic/Seminar. Admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend. There will be lectures on healthy living and disease prevention throughout the day, free blood sugar and BMI testing, free flu shots and free physician consultations. Blood cholesterol testing by Garden City hospital staff for \$12. Breakfast and Lunch will be served at no cost. Babysitting will be provided free of cost as well. Register online at <http://www.mcws.org/workshop>
Contact: For more information, contact Dr. Sohail Hassan at (734) 788-4166 or e-mail soli786@yahoo.com.

Living the Savvy Life

Date/Time: Thursday, Nov. 14, 6-8 p.m.
Location: Antonio's Cucina Italiana, 2220 N. Canton Center in Canton.
Details: Melissa Tosetti, speaker, teacher and author of *Living the Savvy Life*, will offer a free program on taking control of your day-to-day

finances so you can enjoy life to the fullest. Tosetti will discuss how to create a strong financial foundation through easy-to-implement habits and routines. The event is being hosted by Michael K. Klassa, financial advisor with Klassa, Swaggerty & Associates, Livonia. There is no charge to attend.

Contact: RSVPs are required by Friday, Nov. 8, to Mary Zak, 734-432-6490.

BaseLine Folk event

Date/Time: Saturday, Nov. 16, 7-9:30 p.m.

Location: Joanne Winkelman Center for the Performing Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth.

Details: The BaseLine Folk Society hosts "open-mic" nights the third Saturday of the month. Performers can sign up between 6:15-6:45 p.m. Featured performer is Marty Cohn, who spends time working out finger-style arrangements of tunes from the 1920s and 1930s and writing his own



Helping veterans

Crystal Schroeder (center left) of Canton was one of several Comerica colleagues who volunteered their time at the 2013 Great Lakes Stand Down for Female Veterans. The event provided the nation's female veterans with information on employment and housing assistance, parenting services and had counselors available to discuss stress and other issues related to their military service.

songs. Host is Mike Mullen of Northville resident, who founded BaseLine in 2005 at the Northville Art House. Tickets are \$5 at the door, including performers.

Contact: Email the president, Scott Ludwig, at BFSpresident@aol.com

Blood drives

Dates/Times/Locations:
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OUR VIEWS

Monday a day to honor veterans

Area communities offer plenty of opportunities to show appreciation

On Monday, the nation will celebrate Veterans Day. Dating back to World War I in 1918, the annual national holiday honors our military veterans who have served during wartime and is a reminder that our freedoms have not been given to us, but earned on battlefields all over the globe.

One of the questions we hear every year Nov. 11 and will likely hear again Monday is, "Have you thanked a veteran today?"

All over the country, communities and military organizations will host ceremonies where we do just that — thank America's 21 million military veterans for the sacrifices they have made for each and every one of us.

In Canton, the annual Veterans Day service takes place in Heritage Park at 11 a.m. Later that day, Canton hosts a special "Salute to Service" ceremony at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill. Doors will open at 6 p.m. for the public to enjoy exhibited military memorabilia displays prior to the start of the formal stage presentation at 7 p.m. The program will feature the Fallen and Wounded Sol-



Communities all over the country will honor their veterans Monday.

diers Fund, whose mission is to support Michigan-based soldiers who serve and protect our country.

Plymouth also honors veterans Monday, with its annual 11 a.m. ceremony in Veterans Memorial Park (in front of Central Middle School). Students from Central Middle School will lead those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and *The Star-Spangled Banner*. The

ceremony will start with a prayer, then the Pledge of Allegiance, the national anthem and speakers from the veterans organizations. The traditional rifle salute and playing of *Taps* will close the ceremony.

But our veterans need more than just that annual pat on the back. In particular, recent veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan could use the

same commitment from their nation as they have shown in its defense. When the government was shut down recently, one of the many repercussions were delays in the delivery of veterans compensation, benefits, health care and other issues.

In addition to the thousands of veterans killed in action, thousands more returned from wars in Afghanistan and Iraq with visible — and invisible — scars of war.

Veterans of all conflicts have suffered divorce, mental anguish, unemployment and an array of other problems since their return.

It's not going to get any better. In postwar Afghanistan and Iraq, another million veterans are returning to civilian life, facing a bleak postwar landscape. It is understandable the nation has become war weary, but we still must not ignore the plight of veterans. We owe these people — these warriors and defenders of our freedom — more than just a pat on the back once a year in November. They didn't let us down, and we can't let them down.

Think about that Monday as we commemorate Veterans Day.

LETTERS

ACA will work

Conservative Tea Party people refer to the Affordable Care Act as "a train wreck waiting to happen."

Actually, the current health care system is the train wreck. Thousands of people in the U.S. die prematurely every day for want of adequate medical care. The World Health Organization, a United Nations agency, rated the United States as 17th among the industrialized nations in the quality of care it provides its citizens.

France was No. 1. Canada and Great Britain were high on the list. Ironically, it was the conservative Heritage Foundation that proposed the idea of insurance exchanges. The Democrats had proposed a single payer system like Canada. Conservatives responded with insurance exchanges.

And these same conservatives shut the government down for 16 days trying to defund the exchanges. Social Security and Medicare are government programs that have worked well for older Americans. The Affordable Care Act will work well for the majority of Americans.

Thomas M. Hartnett
Canton

Not really 'caviar'

Today I received one of those large, glossy postcards in the mail.

The sender was identified as "Americans for Prosperity." I imagine that this is another right-wing front whose job is to make sure all the "prosperity" comes to those who already have it.

Despite his losing Michigan \$600 million under the Affordable Care Act and costing our treasury another \$70 million, this flier praised Patrick Colbeck for his work against expanding Medicaid.

I swear the Tea Partiers are the only organization I know of that could serve up a plate of dog crap, call it caviar and expect us to dine on it.

Speaking of dog crap, I warned you it was only going to get deeper.

James Huddleston
Canton

Congressman 'embarrassment'

The shutdown of the federal government is now over, with nothing to show for it but a \$24 billion bill for the American taxpayer and the frightening evidence of just how damaging the tea party can be to the country as a whole and the Republican Party in particular.

The governing of this country has always relied on a strong two-party system. When one of the parties is hijacked by a renegade faction to the point where it can no longer function in the legislative process, the whole system breaks down and will continue to break down until the renegade faction is eliminated or at least weakened to the point where it can no longer be an obstruction.

In Michigan, we can do nothing to remove the "big guns" in the tea party. Minnesota will need to deal with Michelle Bachmann and Texas with Ted Cruz (which they won't). The only power we have is to rid ourselves of Kerry Bentivolio. Mr. Bentivolio is far from a "big gun" in Washington; he will hardly rate a footnote in the history of the U.S. Congress — perhaps only as the man who amazingly came into office when Thaddeus McCotter evaporated from office in amazing fashion. But he is clearly a voting member of the tea party bloc who, perhaps more than any, is single-mindedly focused on one thing — doing harm to President Obama — not representing his constituents, just getting one man.

Bentivolio sneaked into office by being invisible, relying on the fact that he was a Republican candidate in a heavily Republican district to win by party affiliation alone.

Be an informed voter. Look very closely at our congressman and make an informed choice next November. He is an embarrassment to this district and the tea party is a threat to the future of this country.

John D. Webster
Northville

COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you think of a proposed law to prohibit smoking in cars carrying anyone under the age of 18?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I'm a non-smoker, but I don't think you can legislate what goes on in a private citizen's car. It's a slippery slope."

Jamel Barker
Canton



"It's a great idea. I think young kids should not be exposed to smoking. It leads to cancer and all kinds of problems."

Phyllis Redfern
Canton



"No. I don't think we need to regulate to that extent."

Kim Krause
Wixom



"I don't think it should be a law. I think it should be public education."

Glenn Wallis
Canton

GUEST COLUMN

State focusing on improvements for vets

Michigan families have a proud heritage of serving in defense of our country, home to some 680,417 veterans who fought during a war or global conflict.

Returning to civilian life can be incredibly difficult on those individuals and their families. To address these challenges, we have renewed our efforts in Michigan to put in place services that respond directly to those needs as efficiently and effectively as possible.

As chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, I have been honored to oversee a profound improvement in the effectiveness and efficiency of these services. We still have a long way to go, but we have strong indications that we are making significant progress.

One of the most common service issues is long delays in the receipt of benefits that veterans have earned. To better address our state responsibilities, the Michigan Legislature — in concert with the Snyder administration — has changed the appropriations process over the past three budgets to emphasize performance against these objectives, not simply spending money on programs.

The agency responded to this challenge with the formation of the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency within the state Department of Military and Veterans Affairs in March. The purpose of this new agency is to serve as a centralized, coordinating unit in state government that will better



Patrick Colbeck

connect veterans to services and benefits. Veterans can connect to the agency through the web at www.mi.gov/dmva or by calling 517-284-5298.

This renewed focus on performance is already yielding results. When we started, states which submitted 20 percent of their claims with all of the information needed by the VA were considered the "gold standard." Michigan only submitted 4 percent of their claims as "fully developed." We are now submitting more than 22 percent, meaning fewer bureaucratic, paper-pushing ping-pong matches between the state and federal government. That means that our veterans will start to see their benefits more quickly.

Finding gainful employment for returning soldiers is another high priority. The state Legislature has introduced commonsense legislation that allows military experience to count toward licensure and other employment requirements for several occupations. Furthermore, Michigan's employment website features a section specifically designed to help veterans with their employment needs. The website can be accessed at www.milantent.org/veteran/. I am also introducing legislation that will provide incentives to companies that hire veterans if they participate in the state's pro-

cedure process.

Another focus has been working to improve the quality of care for residents of our state's two veterans homes, the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette and the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. We are seeing progress in this area as well.

For example, the last audit of the home in Grand Rapids under Gov. Granholm found 25 findings requiring corrective actions. This past April, a new audit uncovered only four findings. In the fiscal year 2014 budget, additional funding has been appropriated specifically to address these findings.

Lastly, there is good news regarding the Freedom Center at Detroit Metro Airport. The center, which provides a quiet lounge where military personnel and their families can relax and enjoy free amenities while passing through the airport, recently surpassed the 65,000 mark in the number served. With the success of the Center, there are now plans to expand to the Michigan Entrance Processing Station in Troy.

The Legislature is committed to ensuring the unique challenges of our brave service men and women are addressed. As we continue to identify areas where we can make improvements in the delivery of services to our veterans, we will continue our efforts to do so. Our veterans have served us. We are committed to serving them.

Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, is a state senator representing the 7th District, which includes Canton and Plymouth.

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D1 VOLLEYBALL DISTRICTS

READY TO SERVE

Plymouth spikers sweep Salem in dominant all-around display

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

It started out as a crisp, competitive Division 1 volleyball district matchup between campus rivals Monday night at Northville High School.

But then Plymouth senior libero Haylee Weber stepped up to the service line and reeled off six consecutive points to spark her team to an opening set win of 25-21 over Salem.

Weber and teammates kept piling on the points the rest of the way, with strong serving along with expert passing, hitting and defending spearheading 25-10 and 25-8 triumphs in the final two sets of the evening.

The lopsided match ended Salem's season at a disappointing 15-21 while Plymouth (28-14-2) advanced to face Novi on Wednesday night.

"We stayed as a team and we knew what we had to do," said Weber, who sparked with 20 digs, four aces and 23 service points, including a nine-point run in Game 3. "We knew we had to be consistent and run our plays and that's what we did. That's how we kept on going."

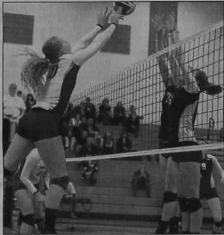
About her hot streak from the line, Weber smiled and credited hard work in recent weeks.

"That's what we've been practicing, keeping our serves in and that's how we score points," Weber noted.

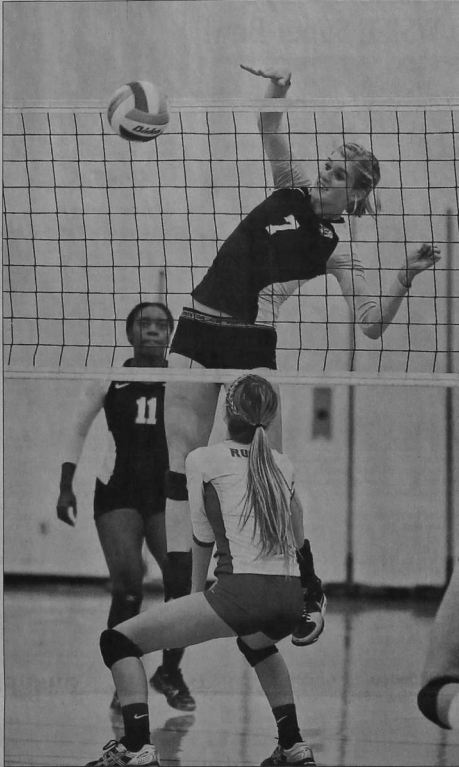
Getting better

Wildcats head coach Sarah Marody praised Weber's all-around performance as

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Battling at the net during the district volleyball contest are Salem's Madison Fairchild (No. 10) and Plymouth players Olivia Beyer and Jordan Schamp (No. 8). JOHN KEMSKI / EXPRESS PHOTO



Going up to spike the volleyball against Salem Monday night is Plymouth's Olivia Beyer (No. 7) while teammate Shayla Smalls (No. 11) watches. JOHN KEMSKI / EXPRESS PHOTO

Whalers to honor Pat Peake Sr.

The Plymouth Whalers before Saturday night's game against Windsor (7 p.m. game time) will



Peake Jr.

last summer.

The Peake family will be on hand at Compuware Arena to drop the puck and there will be a moment of silence for Pat Peake Sr., whose son (Pat Jr.) is the only player from the franchise to have his jersey retired.

Peake Jr. was the first player ever selected by the franchise (when it was known as the Detroit Jr. Red Wings) and is still the franchise's all-time leading scorer with 319 points over 162 games.

He went on to play in the National Hockey League with the Washington Capitals during the mid-to-late 1990s before a serious injury cut short his career.

Today, he coaches in the Honeybaked system, skating with the Red Wings' alumni and enjoying life with his family.

Meeting for Plymouth boys lax

Parents of all athletes interested in playing for the Plymouth High School boys lacrosse team in 2014 are encouraged to attend an important meeting 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13. It will take place in the school's media center. For more information, contact coach Brian Walsh at bwalsh015@gmail.com.

Middle school mat coaches sought

East and Pioneer middle schools are seeking wrestling coaches for the 2013-14 season.

Candidates should be high school graduates who have experience coaching at the middle school or high school level (or at least have experience as an athlete in the sport), knowledge of CPR and/or first aid, a schedule compatible with the school's, and the ability to work with parents and children.

Write a letter of intent to: Pioneer Middle School Principal Kevin Rhein, 46081 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth 48170; East Middle School Principal Scott Burek, 1042 S. Mill Street, Plymouth 48170.

Learn To Skate

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

CROSS COUNTRY FINALS

Berlanga area's top runner

Plymouth senior 17th in Division 1 boys race

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Zane Berlanga wanted to make sure the long trek to Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn wasn't a complete waste of time.

Even though Berlanga's Plymouth team had a disappointing showing at Saturday's Division 1 finals (17th place with 387 points), he nailed down 17th place in the individual standings.

The fleet, fourth-year varsity runner led all Observerland runners with his time of 16:01.4.

"Zane ran a smart race much like he has all season," Wildcats head coach Jon Mikosz said. "He gets right in the top pack and hangs in till the end."

"The course was slow by about 15-20 seconds. Had it been a dry course I am confident that Zane would have broke our school record."

Mikosz added that Berlanga demonstrated that "he is one of the top runners in the state."

Next to finish for Plymouth was junior Matthew Pahl, who placed 60th (16:41.9). In 77th, with a time of 16:54 was senior Luke Adenas.

Other Plymouth finishers included junior Jonny Dalton (112th, 17:09.4), senior Mayur Patel (121st, 17:15.9), senior Brie-mem Mema (129th, 17:19.2) and senior Max Rogowski (174th,

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KLAA SOUTH DIVISION MEET



The Canton varsity girls swimming and diving team celebrates Saturday after winning the KLAA South Division meet at Westland John Glenn.

Chiefs cruise to another championship

Pesky Wildcats finish a strong second to campus rival at KLAA South meet

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

For much of Saturday's KLAA South Division girls swimming and diving meet, it was certain Canton and Plymouth would finish 1-2 in the team standings and that's exactly how it wrapped up.

Yet that didn't lessen how hard the girls from both squads

competed in the Westland John Glenn natatorium, or how loud their teammates and fans cheered for them around the pool perimeter and up in the stands.

It got deafening when Canton senior Maddie Madison finished the meet's final event with a flourish, capping off the Chiefs' victorious 400-meter relay (she was the anchor of a team including Claire Green, Emily Osika and Mackenzie Duggan) in a total of 3:50.80.

Not too far behind in second place were the Wildcats (3:52.63), namely the tandem of

Alexa Earls, Kathryn Waters, Caylin Waters and Allison Lennig.

Swimmers and coaches from both Plymouth-Canton Educational Park rivals were more than happy with how the meet went.

"It was really important for us to just go our best times," Madison said. "We really wanted to beat Plymouth, but it was more important for us to get our best times. ... It was definitely a great victory."

According to Plymouth sen-

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KLAA CENTRAL GIRLS SWIM MEET

Plenty of highlights for third-place Salem Rocks

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Even though Salem finished in the middle of the pack at last weekend's KLAA Central Division girls swimming and diving meet, the Rocks showed plenty of top-notch performances at

South Lyon East.

"I was pleased with the girls' swims on Saturday," Salem head coach Chuck Olson said. "Now, they are looking forward to the conference meet."

The last chance for Salem swimmers to earn state cuts will be Friday and Saturday at

Novi High School, where the conference meet is slated to take place.

Salem tallied 445.5 points at the division meet, trailing champion Northville (733.5) and South Lyon (449).

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PREP FOOTBALL GRID PICKS

Week 11	Emons	O'Meara	Smith	Wright
Last week	5-0	5-0	4-1	3-2
Overall	91-28	93-26	77-42	86-33
Both games start at 7 p.m.				
Friday, Nov. 8				
Pinkney (7-3) at F.H. Harrison (9-1)	Harrison	Harrison	Pinkney	Harrison
University Prep (8-2) at Clarenceville (10-0)	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville

Two P-C Steelers teams advance to WSJFL Super Bowl

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity and junior varsity football teams punched tickets to Sunday's Western Suburban Junior Football League Super Bowls with victories this past weekend.

The varsity Steelers topped the Redford Rangers, 45-25, Sunday at Wayne Memorial High School to improve to 8-0. The Steelers will tangle with the Dearborn Heights Redskins in Sunday's dramatic finale. Kick-off is scheduled for 4 p.m. at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity stadium.

The Steelers found the end zone six times as AJ Neal and Lou Baechler both scored two touchdowns. Connor Engel and Parker Selby scored one TD apiece. Dean Kaye, Sean McCormack, Billy Flohr, Aaron Garbarino and Nick Prevot controlled the trenches for the Steelers' offense.

Defensively, Grant Harrison and Ryan Young picked off passes for the Steelers. Young returned his pick 96 yards to the Rangers goal line. Seth Trozask and Chase Cunningham recovered fumbles for P-C.

JV advances

The junior varsity Steelers rallied to knock off the Redskins, 21-12, in a thrilling contest played Saturday at Ypsilanti Lincoln High School. The Steelers will now face off against the unbeaten Westland Meadors, who handed the Steelers their lone setback of the season in October.

Trailing 6-0, the Steelers seized an 8-6 lead on a 4-yard TD run by Carson Miller and Miller's



Junior varsity Steelers running back Ben Wright outraces the Dearborn Heights defense to the end zone with no time left on the first-half clock after hauling in a flat pass from Jake Cain. KAREN HANSEN

ensuing two-point conversion kick. The score was set up by Jake Cain's third-down completion to Zack Kubacki.

The Steelers displayed a flair for the dramatic in the final seconds of the first half. With just one tick left on the clock, the Redskins ahead, 12-8, and the Steelers with the ball on the Redskins 40, Cain threw a pass in the right flat to Ben Wright, who outraced the Dearborn Heights secondary to the end zone with no time left on the clock to give his team a 14-12 advantage. The play was set up two plays earlier by Ben Bennett's 20-yard kick-off return.

Miller added an insurance TD in the fourth quarter on a 4-yard run. Logan Walkley's interception with under a minute to play sealed the deal and propelled the Steelers into Sunday's 2 p.m. Super Bowl at PCPE.

Defensively, the winners were paced by Nick Downs, Liam Radomski, Adam Janack, Jeremiah Penick, Connor Meadows, and Zack Sweet.

Offensive linemen Jack Gregory, Mason Hackney, Cooper Donlin, Gage Wheatley, Ben Vetter and James Hanson opened up holes for Erhan Rotell and Darian Moore.



Bumping the ball Monday night is Plymouth's Emily Burkman, backed by teammates Haylee Weber (No. 16) and Olivia Beyer (No. 7). JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

SPIKERS

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well as big nights from others such as junior outside hitter Lauren Clemmons (a team-leading eight kills, three blocks), senior setter/outside hitter Shayla Smalls (six kills, 20 assists, seven digs), senior right-side hitter Emily Burkman (six kills, 10 digs) and junior middle hitter Olivia Beyer (six kills, five blocks, 13 digs).

"We had a huge night out of Lauren Clemmons, she really stepped up tonight," Marody said. "And all that hard work paid off. This was her night tonight (with) hitting, blocking."

"And Haylee, as the season's gone on she's just gotten better and stronger," the coach continued. "She really showed it out there tonight. She was everywhere."

"There was no getting the ball past her tonight. And in serving she's really worked hard to pick up her consistency and hitting her spots." Marody said the Wildcats have been working on "finding the spots, finding the holes, trying to pick up the pace of our offense" in recent practices.

They showed on Monday that they were paying attention — moving with purpose and passion to keep volleys alive and hammer points home.

On the flip side, the Rocks were out of sync, to the dismay of head coach Amanda Nies.

"We came out of a



Salem senior Nicole Jablonski (No. 4) pounds the ball during district action. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

great tournament this weekend, too, so I was really hoping that would bring momentum into tonight," Nies said. "Our passing just totally took over in the wrong direction."

One player she absolved from blame was senior libero Nikki Manser, who registered seven digs and was "the most consistent player of the night for us."

Tough finale

Sophomore outside hitter Tess Ganich collected eight kills and five digs. Senior setter Nicole Jablonski (10 assists) and senior outside hitter Taylor Jaaska (five assists) did provide the Rocks with some positives, but they weren't enough to give Plymouth much of a challenge.

"We didn't start going for the balls, we got real quiet, no one was talking," Nies explained. "We tried to switch things up and it still didn't work. I put new players in differ-

ent positions, trying anything to get some kind of spark and we just could never get our passing under control."

"Some of my players that are usually my go-to (players) were just not consistent tonight at all."

Nies added that the up-and-down showing was par for the course this season.

She also was disappointed by how how the Salem careers of seniors Manser, Jablonski, Jaaska and middle blocker Kelly Whalen ended.

"Obviously, on your last match of the season you don't want to end like that," Nies said. "We're a lot better of a team than what we displayed. I think that's the hardest part for my girls, especially my seniors."

Meanwhile, Marody and the Wildcats know they'll have to keep sharp for the rest of this week's districts if they want to advance to the DI regional at Novi.

Should Plymouth survive Wednesday's match against KLAAS South Division champion Novi they will play the winner of Wednesday's other semifinal match between Canton and Northville. Wednesday's results were not available as of press time.

The district final is slated for 7 p.m. Thursday.

"This (win) will help us a lot," Weber noted. "We have a tough competitor this next game (Novi) so we're going to have to practice hard and keep on playing our game."

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The fair also will include national, and international fair trade organizations, non-profit charities, and social service agencies offering gifts for sale and opportunities for charitable giving.

More than 40 organizations will come together under a single roof to raise money and increase awareness of their activities. Admission is \$1.

Helping Hands Touching Hearts will sell jewelry, artifacts, wood carving

and puzzle lights to help fund its work in Africa.

Seedlings will offer braille items, including cards, toys, T-shirts, books and jewelry. And Sweet Dreamz, Inc. will sell holiday cards and gift tags, T-shirts, blankets, toys, nature photos and other items.

A sampling of other participants: On the Rise Bakery, Paws With A Cause, Providence Center for Healing Arts, The Salvation Army, Song and Spirit Institute for Peace, Heifer International, Forgotten Harvest, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries and Angels's Place.

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ASH, MILDRED M.

November 2, 2013, age 99. Beloved daughter of the late William and Hulda Ash. Dear sister of Ethel (the late Douglas) Eckles, the late Lucile (George) Prickson, and Edward Ash. Sister-in-law of Yvonne Moyer. Also surviving are nieces and nephews: Gerald (Kay) Prickson, Diane Wavrek, Susan (the late Robert) Larkins, LuAnn Eckles, Janis (William) Krug, Marvin (Jo Ann) Ash, William Ash, Joanne (Jesse) Moyer, and the late George W. Prickson and Lenore (Lawrence) Kramer. 13 great-nieces and nephews and great-grand-nieces and nephews also survive. Services were held Thursday at the Schneider-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, MI. Share your memories at: www.schneider-howell.com



BURGER, WILLIAM ERNEST

Age 81, of Traverse City died Thursday, October 31, 2013 at Cherry Hill Haven. He was born on March 2, 1932 in Plymouth, Michigan, the son of the late Ernest A. and Edna (Gotschalk) Burger. William was a bricklayer and worked with his father at Burger Construction, he retired in 1994. He was a member of the Plymouth Elks Club. He enjoyed latch hook rug kits, gardening, cuche and was an outdoorsman. William is survived by his wife, Carol A. (Pace) Burger. They were married on July 12, 1958 in Plymouth; his children, Debra (Mike) Brown of Traverse City, Richard Burger of Gaylord and Sandra (John) Birdsal of Traverse City; grandchildren, Sara and Kelly Brown and Eric Birdsal; siblings, Jim (Elma) Burger and Gene Burger of Texas; nieces, nephews and friends; and his devoted Sheltie, Jolo. Cremation has taken place. Private services were held at Life Story Funeral Home and burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. Memorial Contributions may be made the Muscogee Health Care Foundation; designate, Women's Cancer Fund 210 Beaumont place, Traverse City, MI 49684 or to the Hospice of Michigan, 900 E. Michigan Ave., Traverse City, MI 49666. Please visit William's webpage at www.lifestoryco.com to sign the guest book and share a memory with his family. The family chose Life Story Funeral Home, Traverse City to handle the arrangements.

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COLLINS, ANNE WEMMER
formerly of Birmingham, MI passed away in Eureka, CA, on Tuesday, Oct. 29th at the age of 82. She was born in Lima Ohio on September 30, 1931, the only child of Henry R. Wemmer and Martha Laughlin Wemmer. She attended Wheaton College in Norton Massachusetts and graduated from Beloit College in Wisconsin in 1953. She married Edward J. Collins on November 20, 1956. She is survived by a son Chuck Collins of Boston, Mass and Roberta "Gigi" Collins of Arcata, CA. She raised a family in Bloomfield Hills and Birmingham until 2001 when she moved to Humboldt County in Northern California to be near her daughter Gigi. Anne was an animal lover, supporting a family of dogs and animal welfare organizations. For most of her adult life she was a humanist and Unitarian Universalist. She was active in building the Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church in Troy Michigan and a member of the Humboldt UU Fellowship near Eureka, CA. Gifts in lieu of flowers can be made in her honor to Humboldt UU Fellowship, 24 Fellowship Way, Bayside, CA, 95524 <http://www.huuf.org> or the animal rescue organization, Friends for Life, PO Box 962, Eureka, CA, 95502 <http://www.dogrescuers.org>

SPARGUR, CLARK BARRETT JR.
In Pittsburgh, PA from complications of renal failure, on Friday, November 1, 2013, Clark Barrett Spargur, Jr., age 83, of Pittsburgh, PA. Beloved husband of 26 yrs of Jane L. Wetzel, friend of Ross Barrett Spargur, of Pittsburgh, PA, Valerie Ruth Rutherford, of Newport Beach, CA, and Robert Allen (Elizabeth) Spargur, of Lake Elsinore, CA; grandfather of Jessica Lynn & James Clark Rutherford, Karen A. Mazzeo, and Marcella Margarita Spargur. A memorial service will be held on Friday at 11 AM in Inagomari United Methodist Church, 1501 W. Ingomar Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237. Contributions may be made to Narcotics Anonymous, 701 Smithfield St., Pittsburgh, PA 15222. Clark served as a Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War working as a Personnel Officer in the Radio Relay Squadron, Having grown up in Rosedale Gardens, he graduated from Plymouth High School where he ran track. Clark also worked for 14 yrs. at Garrett Aerospace (Honeywell) Arrangements by Simons Funeral Home, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA (412) 367-3100.

SCOTT, ROBERT E.
November 2, 2013 age 83. Beloved husband of Barbara Jean. Loving father of William (Leanne) and David (Amy), dearest grandfather of Joe, Brad, Stephanie Savage, and Clint Savage. A memorial service will be held Saturday, November 9, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. at Garden Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills MI 48336.



May you find comfort in Family and Friends

RELIGION CALENDAR

NOVEMBER BETHANY

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16
Location: Leon's, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City
Details: Friends of Bethany bi-monthly breakfast
Coming up: Bethany Together Dance, 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Nov. 30, Don Hubert VPM Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft Road, Redford, includes beer, wine, soft drinks and snacks, along with music for dancing. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Attire is business casual. Admission is \$15. Bethany provides peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths. It's an organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Detroit
Contact: www.bethanysemi.org or 248-988-0454

CARD PARTY

Time/Date: 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22
Location: 55 Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland
Details: Door, table, prizes, 50-50, light meal and snacks. Play cards and games of your choice. Admission \$8
Contact: 274-722-1343

CONCERT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10
Location: St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: "Thanksgiving Praisefest," will include performances by five praise bands, with free will donations to help Livonia Cares, a group that provides utility and rental assistance to residents in need; Cass Corridor Apartment Rehab, which rebuilds buildings to create affordable apartments in Detroit; and Brightmoor Community Christmas Store, which enables needy families to create an affordable Christmas celebration
Contact: 248-622-6038

CONCERT

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 17
Location: Congregation Shaare Zedek, 27375 Bell, Southfield
Details: Laurie Berkner will bring her "You & Me Tour" to the congregation. Tickets range from \$18-\$118 per person.
Contact: 248-357-5544; shaarezedek.org/education/laurie-berkner

GRIEF PROGRAM

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 9
Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia
Details: New Hope Center for Grief Support is sponsoring a grief workshop an overview of the grief process and will also give participants an opportunity to talk in small groups and one-on-one.
Contact: 274-422-0149

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10
Location: Prentis Apartment Community Room, located on 10 Mile east of Greenfield, Oak Park
Details: The group studies and creates Judaic needlework. At its next meeting, members will prepare a Purim table for the Holiday Tables event Nov. 23-24 at Spicer House in Farmington Hills. They'll also complete Chanukah table runners
Contact: Judy Galperin at 248-661-5337

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27
Location: Lela Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Contact: 313-532-8655 or 248-968-3523

WHY BE CATHOLIC?

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: Deacon Tom Lowme, co-host of EWTN's "Notes From Above" and development director of Ave Maria Radio in Ann Arbor, will share the story of his reversion from Catholic school boy to, in Lowme's own words a "true prodigal son" to ordained Catholic deacon with the Diocese of Lansing
Contact: 274-261-1455, ext. 200; www.livonia-st-michael.org

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17
Location: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 N. Haggerty, Plymouth
Details: Mass, followed by fellowship and refreshments. Widowed Friends is a peer group of the Archdiocese of Detroit
Contact: Pat at 248-585-6246

DECEMBER ADVENT SERVICES

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Dec. 4, 11 and 18
Location: Lela Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Details: The theme for meditations is Waiting for the Savior
Contact: 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523
CONCERT
Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8
Location: St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: The 32nd annual Christmas concert will feature St. Aidan's Adult Choir, Children's Choir, and Contemporary Ensemble. Minimum donation is \$5 along with two non-perishable food items
Contact: 274-425-5950

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BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY'S CONCERT TO BENEFIT GOODFELLOW

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

A sell-out crowd at Baseline Folk Society's concert this month would help put smiles on more than a few faces this Christmas.

The organization, dedicated to promoting traditional and folk acoustic music, will donate all proceeds from its show on Saturday, Nov. 16, to the Plymouth Goodfellows. The Goodfellows' "No Child Without a Christmas" campaign raises funds to make the holidays special for needy children and their families.

It's the second year Baseline Folk Society has contributed the money it raises in November through donations and its refreshment sales for the Goodfellow's cause.

"We had a nice crowd—90 to 100," said Scott Ludwig of Canton, Baseline president, recalling last year's benefit show. "We had one person who gave us a \$100 donation. We gave the Goodfellows \$555. It goes to their kids drive."

The show will start at 7 p.m. at the JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, (PCAC) 774 N. Sheldon, at Junction, in Plymouth. Admission is \$5. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and \$50 for families and include monthly concerts through May 2014.

OPEN MIC



Marty Kohn of Huntingdon Woods, is the featured performer at Baseline Folk Society's next monthly show, Nov. 16 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

"Performers pay, too. They pay \$5 and get a chance to sing," said John Delle-Monache, Baseline's publicity chairman. An open mic segment kicks off each show—except December's event—which is all open mic performers—followed by a featured musician. Potential open mic performers sign up from 6:15-6:45 p.m. The 10 open mic spots in the musical lineup are assigned on a first-come basis. If five or fewer performers sign up, they may sing a three-song set no longer than 15 minutes. Six to 10 performers may sing a two-song set no longer

than 10 minutes. Delle-Monache said Baseline's open mic segment at the PCAC is different from shows at other venues where performers compete with drink service and the clatter of computer keyboards.

"Our entertainment is really the feature rather than a second thought. There is no one making a latte in the background," he said. "It's a room designed for good sound, with comfortable chairs. People come to hear what is kind of a forgotten genre of music. There are a lot of folkies out there—even though some of



Mike Mullen, founder of Baseline Folk Society, will emcee the show on Nov. 16 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. He also will perform.

us are pushing social security age.

"It's good, clean fun. This is a family (show) and you can bring children and never worry about being embarrassed," he added.

RECEIPTIVE LISTENERS

Ludwig said the open mic performers can expect a polite crowd, even if their stage presence needs polish or a bit more rehearsal.

"It's a lovely audience and they appreciate what we're doing," he said. "And that's not strictly folk. Sometimes someone may do early pop and rhythm and blues. We love

parodies. They are lots of fun." Mary Kohn, a retired Detroit Free Press reporter and editor, is the featured performer on Nov. 16. He writes and performs original songs and recently has been working out finger-style arrangements of songs from the 1920s-30s.

Mike Mullen of Northville, Baseline founder, will host the show. He sings, plays guitar, Celtic harp and mountain dulcimer, and will perform a few numbers during the open mic segment.

For more information visit its Facebook page or email to BFPSPresident@aol.com.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ART & CRAFTS GALLERY@VTS

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

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Robert H. Miller of Canton shows black and white photographs of veterans from his book, "Portraits of Service."

Contact: 734-394-5300

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1:15 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Dec. 14

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: Visit two exhibits, "Small Works," an all-media juried exhibit, and "Through the Lens: A Northville Camera Club Exhibit." The "Small Works" show is "cash and carry," meaning buyers may take the art home with them immediately after purchase. The "Through the Lens" exhibit will feature photos of nature, animals, family, cultural and architecture. Many of the photos also will be for sale.

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

UPPER HALL GALLERY

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

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

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

Contact: 734-207-9600

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 7-9 and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 8-9

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Ahmed Ahmed performs. Tickets are \$16 or \$29 with dinner

Contact: 734-261-0555

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 7-9 and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 8-9

Location: Corner of Troy and Fourth, east of Main and south of 11 Mile, in Royal Oak

Details: Kathleen Madigan performs. Tickets are \$25 on Thursday and \$30 Friday-Saturday

Coming up: John Hefton performs Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 14-16. Tickets are \$20 Thursday and \$25 Friday-Saturday

Contact: comedycastle.com

FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 8-9, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10, and 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "In a World," admission \$3 **Contact:** 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.org

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Nov. 8 and 2 p.m.



Steve Nardella performs at Blues @ The Elks, Nov. 12 at the Elks Lodge in Plymouth.

and 8 p.m. Nov. 9

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

Details: "Mister Roberts," starring Henry Fonda, James Cagney and Jack Lemmon, 55

Coming up: Third Classic Animation Festival, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, with rare, classic animated short subjects appropriate for all ages, hosted by Steve Nardella, tickets \$5

Contact: 313-537-2560

SENATE THEATRE

Time/Date: 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Nov. 9

Location: 6424 Michigan Ave., Detroit

Details: "Back to the Future" with Michael J. Fox will be shown. Doors open one hour before show. Tickets are \$5. Audiences will hear the Wurlitzer Theater Pipe Organ played before each showing

Contact: 313-894-4100

UPTOWN FILM FESTIVAL

Time/Date: Films start from 7-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Nov. 7-8 and 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9

Location: The Birmingham 8 and Palladium 12 in downtown Birmingham

Details: See feature films, shorts, documentaries, experimental works and student films. The 4th Annual Michigan Film Awards are set for 9:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 9 at the Palladium 12. Passes run \$15-\$150 or buy tickets for individual films at uptownfilmfestival.com

Contact: 248-631-8833

HISTORICAL PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: The current exhibit, 1647, highlights leisure activities that families and individuals engaged in before television. Exhibit runs through Nov. 10. Admission \$5 for adults and \$2 for students 6-17

Contact: www.plymouthhistory.org; 734-455-8940

MUSIC BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

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

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



"Approaching Midnight" is among several Michigan-made films that will be screened Nov. 7-9 at the Uptown Film Festival in downtown Birmingham. Filming locations for the movie include Mettall Airport in Canton.

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

Contact: Scott Ludwig at BFPSPresident@aol.com

BLUES @ THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month

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

Details: Steve Nardella Band will perform Nov. 12; \$5 at the door

Contact: 734-453-1780; plymouth-elks1780@yahoo.com

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15

Location: The Music Box at Max Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit

Details: The Danish String Quartet performs folk music from Denmark and other Nordic countries. General admission \$20; students pay \$10

Contact: 248-855-6070; www.ChamberMusicDetroit.org

CITIZENS FOR PEACE CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12

Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Brother Al Mascia and Steve Klapper help Citizens for Peace celebrate its 10th anniversary. They are co-founders of the Song and Spirit Institute, and work to promote peace through music, study and community service

Mascia is a minstrel who performs old melodies and original songs. Klapper shares teachings from a variety of traditions as he performs inspirational songs

Contact: Colleen Mills at 734-425-0079

D.VINE FINE WINES

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7

Location: 17386 Haggerty, Livonia

Details: Wine Club member Julie Haven will perform on piano

FARMINGTON PLAYERS BARN THEATER

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7

Location: 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Magic Bus plays classic rock of the 1960s and 1970s. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$17 for students and seniors. Buy them at <https://recreg.fhgov.com> or call 248-473-1848 or buy in person at the Cooks Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Contact: 248-473-1855

JAZZ@THE ELKS

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

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Cliff Monear Trio with Susan Tobocman on vocals, with Monear on keyboard, Jeff Pedraz on bass, and Scott Kretzer on drums perform Nov. 26; \$10 donation at the door which includes hours d'oeuvres. Proceeds go toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans.

Contact: 734-453-1806 or email to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

JAZZ CAFE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Nov. 14

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

Details: Elk Casazza writes and performs music rooted in blues, soul, jazz and pop; \$8

Contact: 313-887-8501

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17

Location: First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

Details: "Highland Pages" includes the world premiere of "Concerto for Bagpipe and Orchestra" by Peter Elyakim Taslid. Performed by pianer Nancy Tunndiffel. The concert also features the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra's Sinfonia. General tickets are \$30; seniors, 62 and over, pay \$25 and students with ID pay \$10. Buy them at the Michigan Philharmonic office, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth, by phone or online at michiganphil.org

Contact: 734-451-2112

MUSIC HALL

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15

Location: 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

Details: Grammy-nominated, Juno award winner, singer-songwriter Gino Vanelli and his band perform. Tickets are \$30, \$40 and \$50 and are available at the Music Hall box office or ticketmaster.com

Contact: 313-887-8501

PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

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

Location: 884 Pennington, Plymouth

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

Friday featured artist: Speak Low If You Speak Love, Nov. 8; Russ Glenn, Nov. 15; Michael Spain, Nov. 22; Tritone Paradox, Dec. 13. Featured performer concerts start at 8 p.m.

Contact: 734-454-0178

TOKEN LOUNGE

Time/Date: Doors open at 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 16

Location: 28949 Joy Road, Westland

Details: Legendary guitar shredder Michael Angelo Batio will present a multimedia extravaganza featuring the music of some of the greatest rock guitarists of the past 50 years. Tickets \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door

Contact: www.thetokenlounge.com

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

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

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Harper and Midwest Kind, Nov. 8; Mustard's Retreat, Nov. 9; Dana Cooper with Small Potatoes, Nov. 9; Ric Hardins, Nov. 16; Delta 88, Nov. 22; Lee Murdock, Nov. 23; Joe Crookston, Dec. 6; Around the House Variety Show, Dec. 7. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for seniors. Only cash and checks accepted

Contact: 734-464-6302

VIVACE MUSIC SERIES

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

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

Details: Yoosin Song, concertmaster of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, performs on violin with pianist Zhihua Tango. The program includes music by Beethoven, Bartok, Brahms and Tchaikovsky. General admission is \$23. Members, seniors and students under 18 pay \$20. Afterglow follows the concert

Contact: Joyce Czerach at 248-788-8338 or Ann Sipher at 248-661-1348

SOMETHING DIFFERENT DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 1-March

Location: 1696 service drive and Woodland, Royal Oak

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

Contact: 248-841-5717

FESTIVAL OF TREES

Time/Date: 2-7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Nov. 25-26; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 29-30 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1

Location: Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Livonia

Details: The 29th Annual Festival displays individually designed 7', 4', 3' trees, wreaths, gingerbread houses and other holiday gift shop items for purchase. The event will feature an elaborate holiday League display sponsored by the Michigan League Users Group, a train display from Glancy Modular Railroad Club, children's activities and photo opportunities with Santa. The event benefits the Evergreen Endowment Fund at Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation. Tickets for adults are \$5, for children 2 and up, \$3. Available at the door or in advance at fotom.com

Contact: Theresa Dielenbach at 248-336-2331; fotomichigan.org

THEATER EMERGENT ARTS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 7-9 and 14-16 and 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10 and 17

Location: The Mix Studio Theatre, 8 N. Washington Street, Ypsilanti

Details: "Hollywood And Hyde" is a dark comedy by Timothy Hennis. It's a modern spinoff of "Jekyll and Hyde." Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$12 for seniors and students with ID

Email at info@emergentarts.com for pay-at-the-door by cash or check

Contact: 734-985-0875

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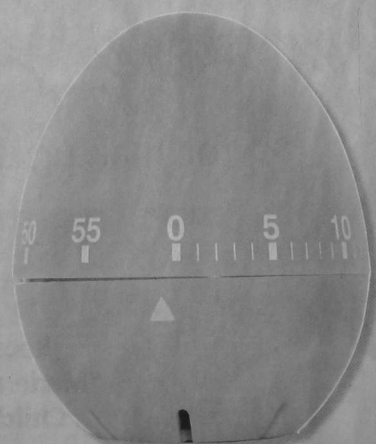


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EASY FAMILY MEALS IN UNDER AN HOUR

Family schedules can get hectic, but it doesn't have to be hard to make time for a great family dinner. Whether it's a hearty dish of Bolognese or lighter vegetarian fare, quality ingredients and easy recipes can help you get a great dish on the table in no time.

The whole family will love the Latin-inspired flavors found in Chorizo Bolognese. Ground beef, chorizo, sliced olives and adobo seasoning are cooked in tomato sauce and poured over pasta. Look for canned tomatoes and sauces that are 100 percent natural and free from artificial preservatives. When you're taking the time to prepare homemade meals for your family, it's important to use quality ingredients.

Another crowd pleaser is Easy Chicken Parmesan. Start by

combining grated Parmesan cheese with diced tomatoes flavored with basil, garlic and oregano. Coat each chicken breast with the delectable sauce and place it in the oven. While it bakes for 30 minutes, you can help the kids with their homework or enjoy a little time to yourself.

For those looking for a meatless option, try the Vegetarian Lasagna Skillet with a pre-prepared Alfredo sauce to help save you time. Combine the creamy white sauce with pasta, zucchini, beans, fire roasted tomatoes and part-skim mozzarella cheese and it's ready in just 30 minutes.

30-Minute Chili is a chunky, hearty mix of ground meat, beans and tomatoes — a time-saving week night meal.

For more delicious signature recipes, visit www.hunts.com.

EASY CHICKEN PARMESAN

Servings: 6
Prep time: 10 minutes
Total time: 45 minutes

- 1 (15-ounce) can tomato sauce
- 1 (14.5-ounce) can Hunt's Diced Tomatoes with Basil, Garlic and Oregano, undrained
- 6 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese, divided
- 6 small boneless skinless chicken breasts (1 1/2 pounds)
- 1/2 pound spaghetti, uncooked
- 1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese

Heat oven to 375°F. Pour tomato sauce and undrained tomatoes into 13-by-9-inch baking dish. Stir in 1/4 cup (4 tablespoons) Parmesan. Add chicken; turn to coat evenly both sides of each breast with sauce. Cover. Bake 30 minutes or until chicken is done (165°F). Meanwhile, cook spaghetti as directed on package, omitting salt. Top chicken with remaining cheeses; bake, uncovered, 5 minutes or until mozzarella is melted. Drain spaghetti. Serve topped with chicken and sauce.

CHORIZO BOLOGNESE

Servings: 6
Prep time: 25 minutes
Total time: 25 minutes

- 8 ounces dry fettuccine pasta, uncooked
- 1/2 pound ground chuck beef (80 percent lean)
- 6 ounces fresh pork chorizo (Mexican-style)
- 1/2 teaspoon adobo seasoning blend
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped yellow onion
- 1/2 cup sliced stuffed green olives
- 1 (15-ounce) can tomato sauce

Cook pasta according to package directions, omitting salt. Meanwhile, heat large skillet over medium-high heat. Add beef, chorizo, adobo seasoning and pepper to skillet; cook 3 minutes or until meat begins to brown, stirring once. Add onion and olives; cook 2 to 3 minutes more or until meat is crumbled and no longer pink. Drain. Stir in tomato sauce; reduce heat and simmer 5 to 7 minutes, stirring occasionally. Serve sauce over pasta. Sprinkle with grated Parmesan cheese.

VEGETARIAN LASAGNA SKILLET

Servings: 6
Prep time: 30 minutes
Total time: 30 minutes

- 8 ounces dry bowtie (farfalle) pasta, uncooked
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 2 cups quartered, sliced zucchini
- 1 (15-ounce) can Great Northern beans, drained, rinsed
- 1 (16-ounce) jar light Alfredo pasta sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
- 2 (14.5-ounce) cans Hunt's Fire Roasted Diced Tomatoes, drained well
- 1 cup shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese

Cook pasta according to package directions, omitting salt. Meanwhile, heat oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add zucchini; cook 5 minutes or until tender, stirring occasionally. Add beans, Alfredo sauce and garlic salt to skillet; heat until hot and bubbly. Add cooked pasta to skillet; stir to combine. Add drained tomatoes; toss to combine. Top with cheese. Reduce heat; cover and cook 2 to 3 minutes or until cheese melts. Sprinkle with Kraft Grated Parmesan Cheese.

30-MINUTE CHILI

8 servings
Prep time: 20 minutes
Total time: 30 minutes

- 1 pound ground chuck beef (80 percent lean)
- 1/2 cup chopped yellow onion
- 1 package (1.25 ounces) chili seasoning mix
- 1 can (16 ounces) beans in chili seasoned sauce, undrained
- 1 can (14.5 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 can (10 ounces) Ro*Tel Original Diced Tomatoes & Green Chilies, undrained
- 1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce
- 1 cup water

Cook beef and onion in large saucepan over medium-high heat 5 minutes or until beef is crumbled and no longer pink, stirring occasionally; drain. Stir in seasoning mix. Add remaining ingredients; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium; simmer 10 minutes, stirring several times.



Data whiz takes on National Association of Realtors duties

Today's ever-evolving technology world is transforming the real estate industry, not only with new applications and tools, but also in generating volumes of information about how people approach and conduct real estate transactions. To help Realtors understand and interpret these trends, the National Association of Realtors has hired Todd Carpenter to fill a new position, Managing Director of Data Analytics.

Carpenter was previously NAR's Director of Digital Engagement, and most recently worked at Trulia.com as Senior Manager of Industry Engagement. He assumed his new responsibilities recently.

"I am very excited to be returning to NAR, and to be a part of this groundbreaking initiative," said Carpenter. "NAR has access to an enormous amount of data, and I'm going to be looking at how we can use that data to help our organization, our brokers, and our members make better business decisions that, in turn, help the consumers they serve."

NAR is also creating a data scientist position; this person, yet to be hired, will report to Carpenter. Both positions will form a new Predictive Analytics group, which will be working closely with the Center for REALTOR Technology, NAR's well-known Research Division, and other NAR groups to create analytics



Todd Carpenter

from NAR data and a variety of other sources. Carpenter will report to Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer Mark Lesswing.

"Predictive Analytics is NAR's approach to the often misunderstood but intriguing area known as 'Big Data,'" said Lesswing. "Predictive Analytics supports business by identifying, with some certainty, upcoming shifts in priorities. Keeping in front of these changes will allow us to provide the value that Realtors

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The new NAR Predictive Analytics group will examine and analyze member and customer trends from a variety of data sets to better inform business planning. That means helping the association determine and develop services and resources that provide value to Realtors, and giving Realtors insights into ways they can better meet the needs of their clients and customers. Beyond NAR's data sets, Carpenter will also be responsible for acquiring and licensing data from other sources to achieve these goals.

NAR's interest in Big Data began with the Master Member Profile System in 2008, which studied a variety of in-house and outsourced data warehouse capabilities.

Tough to get someone back on board

Q: One of our board members resigned, and we do not know what to do. We did not want him to resign and we do not have a replacement. Do you have any answers?

A: Generally, directors serve until their successors are elected and qualified or until they resign or are removed. In the absence of an election, the former board has an obligation to remain. Unless the governing documents impose term limits, directors can stay on beyond their terms. In effect, you can refuse the resignation of the director, although, it is questionable whether or not a court will uphold such refusal, depending on the circumstances.

Q: I have heard of something called co-housing communities, and I am wondering if you can give me a general description of what that is all about, and what your thoughts are.

A: Co-housing communities generally include 10 to 30 homes or units that are close to and face each other and the common areas. Roads are on the outside. Typically, the community design plays a significant role in resident bonding and increases the likelihood that residents will run into each other when they are outside of their homes. Many co-housing communities I have represented also have a common house, usually a kitchen, dining room, laundry area and more that serves as an activity hub. Residents typically pay assessments to keep up the amenities and they are asked to maintain their community involvement by doing communal chores and participating in a certain number of common meals each week. These activities are vital to the community because they tend to be when neighbors really begin to bond. There can be, however, issues concerning the governance of co-housing in the normal course of condominium living since decisions must still be made by a body which typically is a board of directors but in co-housing may be the community as a whole.

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



Robert Melner

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

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

Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved.

Donna David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 1259 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at 248-782-

7130 or email jane.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Seminar on Tuesdays, Thursdays

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

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Pandora Bread on the southeast corner of

Middlebelt and I-96.

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

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update.

Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. each first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. Any questions or concerns, call Wayne Koehler at 313-277-4168.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 22-26, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON
43465 Abbey Cir \$255,000
50465 Amberly Blvd \$622,000
2214 Arcadia \$122,000
43883 Arlington Rd \$189,000
1039 Atherton Dr \$70,000
1765 Brookdale Dr \$224,000
4120 Brookstone Dr \$205,000
7441 Chichester Rd \$239,000
43671 Christopher Ct \$104,000
7121 Copper Creek Dr \$147,000
1928 Crowlake Ln \$388,000
1709 Emerald Pines Dr \$307,000
50677 Federal Blvd \$77,000
51133 Federal Blvd \$105,000
234 Filmore St \$287,000
44725 Glengarry Rd \$129,000
3141 Greenwich Ct \$340,000
48655 Gyle Rd \$350,000
1675 Hensley Dr \$180,000
7135 Latham Dr \$295,000
6663 Marshall St \$244,000
45519 Michael Ct \$185,000
45279 Middlebury Ln \$292,000
41136 Northwind Dr \$54,000
50039 Pelham Ct \$500,000
41831 Pocatello Dr \$214,000
2054 Peninsula Cir W \$160,000
3850 Reddick Dr \$126,000
1892 Scenic Dr \$215,000
46998 Sherwood Ct \$239,000

8120 Tillotson Ct \$234,000
6699 Weatherfield Way \$232,000
44647 Windmill Dr \$193,000
GARDEN CITY
30524 Book St \$155,000
7124 Burnly St \$63,000
30459 Florence St \$76,000
6681 Gilman St \$75,000
LIVONIA
34041 Ann Arbor Trl \$118,000
9727 Bassett St \$127,000
41933 Blackburn St \$178,000
19655 Brentwood St \$136,000
14058 Brookfield St \$180,000
28032 Buckland St \$130,000
12249 Cardwell St \$65,000
9610 Corrie St \$123,000
17385 Country Club Dr \$235,000
15401 Karen St \$45,000
36642 Dowling St \$116,000
19294 Fairlane Ct \$300,000
18528 Fairlane Blvd \$133,000
15458 Fedy St \$92,000
19033 Gill Rd \$195,000
9348 Harrison St \$100,000
35692 Hees St \$108,000
29600 Jacquelyn Dr \$170,000
11181 Karen St \$96,000
14434 Knolston St \$175,000
15213 Knolston St \$180,000
17269 Laurel Dr \$274,000
7430 N Laurel Park Dr \$130,000
29721 Nottingham Cir \$100,000
35835 Parkdale St \$116,000
17621 Parklane St \$40,000
29654 Ravine Dr \$115,000
19206 Renssler St \$78,000
36632 Richland St \$125,000
38289 Richland St \$139,000

38706 Roycroft St \$2,000
37551 Sunnydale St \$205,000
14285 Sunset St \$158,000
15753 Swothmore Ln \$210,000
31243 W Chicago St \$144,000
31213 W Chicago St \$138,000
28433 Wentworth St \$124,000
19351 Andover Ct \$115,000
17820 Briar Ridge Ln \$56,000
17820 Crestbrook Dr \$602,000
38408 Jasmine Cir \$335,000
47813 Lake View Ct \$159,000
15974 Morningdine \$15,000
42016 Queen Anne Ct \$163,000
7145 Randolph St \$100,000
39833 Rockcrest Cir \$149,000
331 Saint Lawrence Blvd \$250,000
19827 Seaside Harbour Dr \$250,000
18154 Shadbrook St \$578,000
39425 Village Run Dr \$250,000
17570 White Pine Ct \$520,000
18278 Woodbury Ct \$710,000
PLYMOUTH
551 Arthur St \$132,000
324 Deer Ct \$126,000
500 Ford St \$60,000
13707 Hilltop Dr W \$350,000
12415 Howland Park Dr \$551,000
12453 Howland Park Dr \$425,000
13355 Karl Dr \$188,000
891 S Harvey St \$172,000
141 S Union St \$255,000
3438 Stoneworth Ave \$628,000
REDFORD
31041 Barbara \$58,000
19342 Brady \$25,000

15445 Chelsea \$22,000
9911 Columbia \$53,000
8873 Dixie \$30,000
19829 Five Points St \$48,000
18500 Garfield \$27,000
26431 Ross Dr \$56,000
9216 San Jose \$77,000
39430 Silver \$66,000
WAYNE
15525 Pommelona Dr \$33,000
65431 Ross Dr \$152,000
33735 Clinton St \$48,000
35216 Glover St \$62,000
31745 Taft St \$35,000
WESTLAND
31523 Alpena Ct \$19,000
30836 Avondale St \$84,000
2633 Barns Dr \$185,000
2710 Barnes Dr \$186,000
7250 Cavell St \$38,000
1955 Edwin St \$129,000
7352 Garden St \$115,000
7384 Gilman St \$93,000
6367 Hermit Pointe St \$120,000
19283 Maes St \$120,000
7815 Manor Cir \$32,000
38200 N Richam Ct \$125,000
55333 Palmer Rd \$21,000
8158 Ram Dr \$75,000
36646 Rolf St \$92,000
1553 S Hambleton St \$105,000
1048 S Venoey Rd \$84,000
34639 Torquell Trl \$67,000
658 Van Laven St \$59,000
2688 Wilshire St \$93,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the -area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 1-5, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS
18375 Lochrie Ave \$233,000
22940 Lottchier Ave \$354,000
BINGHAM FARMS
23935 Greenleaf Ct \$325,000
BIRMINGHAM
174 Catalpa Dr \$495,000
1653 Cole St \$190,000
1709 E 14 Mile Rd Unit A \$407,000
1405 Holland St \$358,000
1645 Holland St \$155,000
672 Puritan Ave \$131,000
2051 Yorkshire Rd \$254,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS
1873 W Tahquamenon Ct \$352,000
218 Charing Cross Dr \$685,000
2483 Hickory Glen Ct \$307,000
1785 Holiday Dr \$369,000
5450 Hunters Pond \$290,000
595 Indianwood Ln \$300,000
3669 Middlebury Ln \$350,000
4340 Stony River Dr \$235,000
908 Tartan Trl \$220,000
6277 Worlington Rd \$220,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
481 Ardmore Dr \$1,250,000
2655 Aspen Ln \$268,000
4795 Burnley Dr \$428,000
5247 Clarendon Crest St \$200,000
3645 Darcy Dr \$455,000
1304 Forestglenn Ct \$135,000
1840 Long Lake Shore Dr \$900,000
6630 Meadowlake Rd \$448,000
6944 Meadowlake Rd \$375,000
4984 Ranch Ln \$345,000
866 Rock Spring Rd \$400,000
1205 Timberview Trl \$260,000
1650 Trailwood Path # 8 \$140,000
306 Vailwood Ct \$730,000
42160 Woodward Ave Unit 33 \$190,000
COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP
5085 Carinas Way Ct \$270,000
6945 Chaumont Dr \$172,000
2051 Portlock Ave \$138,000
FARMINGTON
32070 Grand River Ave Unit 7 \$40,000
17676 Hayden Dr \$130,000
3125 Marblehead Rd \$135,000
20966 Robinwood St \$152,000
22998 Warner St \$150,000
FARMINGTON HILLS
3811 Ashover Dr \$218,000
25544 Brookview St \$283,000
32015 Farmville Rd \$200,000
28849 Hidden Trl \$289,000

Hidden Valley Dr \$292,000
37740 Hollyhead Dr \$200,000
21295 Imper Ct \$120,000
29627 Meadowridge Cir \$100,000
34614 Rhonswood St \$189,000
22616 River Ridge Trl \$123,000
29139 Southampton Ln \$215,000
35888 Springdale St \$250,000
27400 W 10 Mile Rd \$178,000
32875 Colony Hill Dr \$380,000
30950 Foxlin Oaks Trl \$1,310,000
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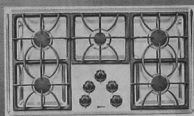
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