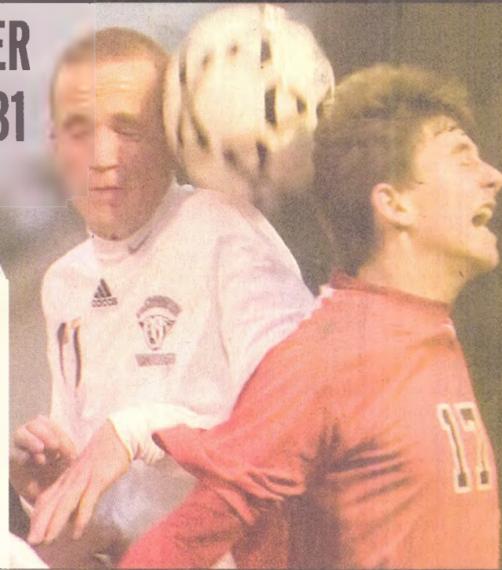


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### Halloween photos

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Second prize is two tickets to Rock of Ages, Nov. 9, at the Fisher Theatre featuring Constantine Maroulis, the "American Idol" finalist who was nominated for a Tony Award for his starring role in a Broadway production. Third prize is four movie passes to Emagine Theaters in Canton or Novi or the Palladium/Birmingham Theater in downtown Birmingham.

Readers can view the Halloween gallery and recommend your photo.

Be sure to include a first and last name and the town where you live (only contestants from Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties are eligible to win prizes, but anyone can recommend a photo).

Those who share photos that receive the most "recommend" votes as of midnight, Oct. 31, win prizes and will be published in the Plymouth Observer.

### Alumni outing

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Alumni Committee sponsors the first "Gathering @ the Gridiron" alumni event 5:30-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22.

The event is an Alumni Tailgate to take place before Canton and Salem high schools face off in a prep football game. The Alumni Tent will be set up south of the Canton parking lot and will feature food, music and high school memories. Cost is \$5.

For more information, call (734) 981-1971 or visit [www.alumni.plymouth-cantonschools.net](http://www.alumni.plymouth-cantonschools.net)

### Candidate forum

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County hosts a candidate forum featuring candidates for the 7th state Senate and 20th and 21st state House districts Monday at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Candidates for the 7th Senate seat (Plymouth, Canton, Northville and downriver) include Democrat Kathleen Law, Republican Patrick Colbeck, independents John Stewart and Michael Kheibari and Libertarian Marlin Brandys. That forum takes place 7-8 p.m.

Candidates for the 20th House seat (Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Wayne) are Democrat Joan Wadsworth and Republican Kurt Heise. Running for the 21st House (Canton, Belleville and Van Buren) seat are incumbent Democrat Dian Slavens and Republican Lori Levi. That forum runs 8-9 p.m.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

# Board denies Fiegel extension

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While members of one school board are pondering whether they want Dr. Craig Fiegel to lead their school district, the members of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education decided they didn't.

Plymouth-Canton's board voted 4-3 Tuesday not to renew the contract of Fiegel, the district's superintendent who is in the final year of his three-year contract. The move came one night before Fiegel returned for a second interview before the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools Board of Education.

Treasurer Judy Mardigian and trustees John Jackson, Adrienne



Fiegel

Davis and Dianne Gonzalez voted not to renew Fiegel's contract. Board President Steven Sneideman, Vice President Barry Simescu and Secretary Nancy Eggenberger voted in favor of the motion.

"I made a decision two years ago, and I've stuck with it," said Gonzalez, the only board member who voted against Fiegel's hiring two years ago (Jackson wasn't on the board then). "I didn't feel his background was conducive to this district. My concern is our superintendent courageously attempts to do so many things ... without consulting the team. I believe we've

encouraged collaboration, to no avail."

Fiegel, whose status has been the subject of debate in recent months, remained philosophical about the decision.

"That's what (the board) gets elected to do, and they have a right to do it," Fiegel said. "I continue to stand by my efforts here. I stand by my character. When you look at leadership, that's what you look at first. I think I did the right things for the right reasons."

### PUBLIC SUPPORT

The large crowd gathered at Tuesday's meeting seemed to agree. More than a dozen people spoke during the meeting, urging the board to renew Fiegel's contract.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Do you think the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education did the right thing in denying Supt. Craig Fiegel a contract extension? E-mail your opinion to [bkadrich@hometownlife.com](mailto:bkadrich@hometownlife.com).

"I think the board should renew (Fiegel's) contract now, rather than later, and for three years, not one," resident Linda Waldeck said. "If you don't, he'll be snapped up by another district, and we'll be spending money on another expensive search, and I'd rather that money went back into the classroom."

Please see **FIEGEL, A5**

## Jurors hear of confession by mother in baby's death

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A police detective described a Plymouth Township murder suspect's confession in court Tuesday, but a defense attorney returned Wednesday to attack the detective's credibility, saying she fell short of the "gold standard" by not documenting the statement.

Officer Marcy Linton, who interviewed suspect Emily Portellos at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, said they had a "polite" conversation and that Portellos "agreed" with her suggestion that she had smothered her newborn in order to keep her mother from hearing the child.

Portellos gave birth at her Plymouth Township home Oct. 15, 2008, and, suffering from severe blood loss, was taken to the hospital, where she underwent surgery later that day. The newborn girl, wrapped in a towel and inside a plastic garbage bag, was found in Portellos' bedroom that evening.

Portellos, 30, is on trial on four felony charges, including first-degree murder, before a jury in Judge Dan Ryan's courtroom in Wayne County Circuit Court.

"I asked her if she, you know, smothered the baby to keep her mother from hearing the noise," Linton said Tuesday when questioned by Lora Weingarden, an assistant county prosecutor. "She agreed with me. She said, 'Yes.'"

Portellos told the detective "her mother would be very unhappy with her if she knew she was pregnant,"



Emily Portellos listens to testimony.

Linton said. Portellos said she had intended to take the baby to a local fire station and surrender it under Michigan's "safe haven" law.

Linton had been called in on the case that evening by her supervisor, Sgt. Steve Rapson, who told her, based on information from the hospital, that Portellos had apparently given birth and no one knew the whereabouts of the baby.

"My immediate goal was absolutely to find that baby," Linton told Weingarden, adding that it was possible the baby was alive and in need of care.

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## Royal Rocks

Brett Foster and Jessica Pierce celebrated Friday after being selected Salem High School's Homecoming King and Queen. The night turned out better for Foster and Pierce than it did for the Rocks, who lost their homecoming tilt to Northville, 49-7. The loss dropped Salem to 0-5 overall, 0-3 in the KLA Central.

## Township board OKs \$1 water rate hike

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The average quarterly residential water bill in Plymouth Township will go up by about \$20 under a rate plan given preliminary approval on Tuesday.

Citing a drop in water use — which means a corresponding drop in revenue — and increases in the wholesale cost of buying water and sewage treatment service, the township Board of Trustees

voted 5-1 for a \$1 increase in the combined water and sewer rate, which would bring it from \$7.35 to \$8.35 per thousand gallons.

The plan is scheduled for a second reading by the board next month and, if approved, would take effect with the water bills sent out in November. The hike — about 13.6 percent — only affects the usage-based water and sewer rate, officials stressed, not fixed charges also on the water bill, such as for gar-

bage pickup.

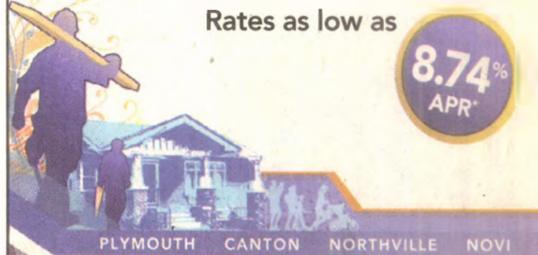
Officials said the township is in danger of cutting too deeply into the water department's working capital — defined as the cash on hand plus receivables, or monies owed — without passing on at least some rising costs to customers. Faced with wholesale increases in recent years, the board has often passed on none or only part of those increases to customers.

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"Around Plymouth" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

**Chili volunteers**

The 15th annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook off is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 10. This annual event draws thousands of spectators in downtown Plymouth.

Organizers are scheduling volunteers for 3- to 4-hour shifts throughout the day. To register to volunteer, phone the Habitat for Humanity office at (734) 459-7744, or e-mail GLRChiliCookoff2010@yahoo.com. Volunteers will receive an e-mail response confirming their spot as a volunteer. In exchange, volunteers will receive lunch and a T-shirt.

**Tae Kwon Do tourney**

The Salvation Army's Tae Kwon Do program is sponsoring a tournament to benefit The Salvation Army - Plymouth Corps programming. Funds collected from this event will support work within the Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville communities.

The tournament takes place at the Salvation Army Gymnasium, 9451 S. Main in Plymouth, Saturday, Oct. 16. Opening ceremonies start at 11:30 a.m., the competition starts at noon. Honorary Tournament Director will be Grand Master Prof. Eugene A. Humesky, Ph. D, 9th D, with co-director Sr. Master Joseph V. Hernandez, 7th Dan.

Competition will take place in Student Forms and Sparring Competition, Black Belt Forms & Black Belt Breaking Forms Competition. Spectator fee is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 5-13 years old; children 4 and younger are free. Refreshments will be available.

For more information, call (734) 453-5464.

**Grief workshop**

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church is sponsor-



**Orchestra opens**

The Plymouth Symphony opens its 65th season 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill with a concert full of great music which includes a new Flute Concerto by awarding winning composer Lowell Lieberman, to be performed by former Detroit musician Eric Lamb. Lamb was a recipient of the Millennium Young Artists' Award from the James Tatum Foundation of the Arts, the National John Philip Sousa Award and a Dean's Talent Scholarship from Oberlin College. Rounding out opening night are pieces by Bernstein and Berlioz, 'Symphonie Fantastique.' For tickets and information call (734) 451-2112 or visit the orchestra's new website at www.plymouthsymphony.com.

ing a one-day grief workshop, "From Grief to New Hope," Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to noon.

This free workshop is open to anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one. It will be presented by John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy. John is a published author of his own grief journey and a speaker with New Hope Center for Grief Support. Sandy is the Family Program coordinator at OLGCC and also a speaker at New Hope.

This informational workshop will go into aspects of the grief journey and offer

helpful coping ideas. Our Lady of Good Counsel is located at 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, Michigan. The workshop will be in the lower level social hall.

For registration information call Deacon Don Leach at (734) 453-0326, Ext. 223.

**Seeking vets**

The American Legion Beasley-Zalesny Post 112, located at 344 Elizabeth St. in downtown Plymouth at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail, is seeking veterans from all wars.

The post meets 7 p.m., the third Monday of each month, September through June. The active post, along with its Womens Auxiliary, works a number of programs both in Plymouth and at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor. The post's efforts are geared toward doing all they can to take care of needy veterans.

For more information please call Joe Burman at (734) 459-7324.

**Grief support**

Compassionate Care

Hospice offers a five-week grief support series, "Adult Loss of a Parent," beginning Tuesday, Oct. 5. The group is for any adult who has experienced the death of a parent and will provide support and education on the grieving process.

The group will be conducted at the Compassionate Care Hospice office located at 5730 Lilley Rd., Ste. A, Canton, from 6-7:30 p.m. There is no charge.

For information or to register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator, at (734) 983-9050.

**Color blind**

The Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion sponsors a discussion with essayist, author and educator Tim Wise, author of *Color-blind: The Rise of Post-Racial Politics and the Retreat from Racial Equity*, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, in the Vista TEch Center presentation room 55Q at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

If an under-privileged or disadvantaged group exists, then there must be a privileged or advantaged group

that also exists. As part of the Michigan Roundtable's public education effort, Wise will discuss how structures and institutions have been put in place and reinforced by people of privilege in order to marginalize the other. The message is quite clear: Acknowledge your privilege and take responsibility to eradicate it.

Admission is free to the public, but pre-registration is necessary. Registration is available online at www.mirrorroundtable.org or by contacting Tanaya Parker by phone at (313) 870-1500.

**Call for crafters**

The Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society hosts its annual juried handmade-only Craft Show on Saturday Oct. 16, at West Middle School in Plymouth from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event draws some 1,500 customers and features food and drawings.

For information on how to take part, call or e-mail Judy Stone at JBSTONE716@comcast.net or Alice Chrenko, (248) 348-9610 or dachrenko@hotmail.com

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For more information, call Sue McGrath, (313) 278-8424.

**PLAV recruiting**

PLAV Post #166, located at 39375 Amrhein in Livonia (at the corner of Amrhein and Eckles) is seeking veteran members interested in joining a vibrant post, restructuring itself in the 21st century. The Post goal is to have a significant and meaningful impact within the veteran community.

The post meetings are the second Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m., with the exception of July and August, and a light lunch with refreshments follows. Free beverages are provided throughout the meeting's. Those interested in additional information are welcome to call Roger L. Kehrier at (734) 453-2031 or stop in the night of a scheduled meeting.

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# Mosher: Stimulus plan is working

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



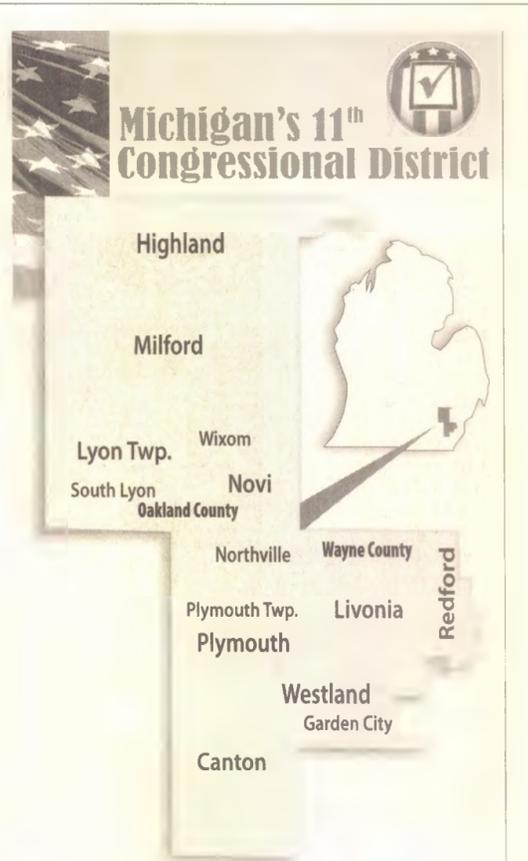
Natalie Mosher

Natalie Mosher supports the stimulus plan passed by Congress and believes governmental spending in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act can help turn the economy around. "I think we can bring it close to home, by investing in alternative energy," Mosher said. "Right in our own backyard in Livonia, we had the A123 plant that just opened up. It's North America's largest lithium ion auto battery plant." Currently 300 employees are employed. Mosher said 3,000 will eventually be employed there. "These are really good-paying jobs; they certainly can sustain a family, I think it gets us off the dependence on oil that we do need to get off of," Mosher said. "So I do support the recovery act money and I'm really happy to see it come back." "Unfortunately, my oppo-

issues facing small businesses in southeast Michigan is the loss of capital and credit, Mosher said. "I've been knocking on doors. If someone will open up and share with me that they own a small business, they are not able to get any credit. If they could get credit, they certainly would be able to hire people and expand their business." "We need to work in concert, government with business. It's a true partnership." Mosher believes the financial system needs "some serious" reform. "We need to end the predatory lending practices of the banking industry, regulate the high-risk behavior of hedge fund managers on Wall Street, close corporate tax loopholes, encourage companies to keep jobs in Michigan rather than outsourcing them overseas and keep lobbyists away from lawmakers," Mosher said. Smart government policies will help small businesses create jobs.

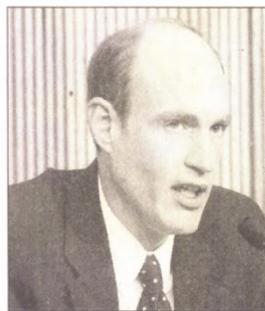
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Mosher would like to use congressional oversight of the Federal Reserve to ensure that the U.S. monetary policy supports the interests of small businesses and entrepreneurs and "not just those of big corporations." Mosher proposes tax incentives for small businesses who hire new employees and for businesses that hire in high unemployment areas like southeast Michigan. Mosher also supports tax cuts for middle-class families. "Middle-class families are paying too much in payroll taxes," Mosher said. She promised to work to reform the tax code "so that the wealthiest Americans pay their fair share," she said. "There's nothing wrong with making money," Mosher said. "We just need to ensure some basic fairness in our tax policy."

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# McCotter: Tax relief means more jobs

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
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Thaddeus McCotter

Thaddeus McCotter believes the stimulus plan is not working, and thinks tax relief is necessary so families can weather the economic storm. "The stimulus has not even lived up to what its proponents have said," McCotter said. The stimulus plan was an attempt to keep unemployment at 8.5 percent, but with interest, it put the country a \$1 trillion further in the hole, McCotter said. Stimulus plan supporters, including U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, now realize there isn't much left to that plan to get the economy going, McCotter said. "As we've seen with the \$26 billion attempt to bail out states and others, there's not going to be a simple spending solution to this," McCotter said. "In fact, what the spending will continue to do, and we've already seen this, it will continue to deepen the recession and prolong it because the fiscal situation of the United States is untenable." "What you have to have, and again this is not a novel approach, but you have to have tax relief that allows people, especially families and small businesses, to weather the storm and regain their con-

to decentralize the banking system in the United States by taking the large failed companies that had put us in this position and break them up and wall them off." Instead the smaller community banks have had regulations tightened up when they weren't the problem, McCotter said. The bipartisan banking reform through the Troubled Asset Relief Program was a failure. "It will continue to be the one largest drag on this economy," McCotter said. To address the problem, the failed banks should be walled off and broken up. "We're still talking about AIG at this point," McCotter said. Much of the debt and toxic assets remained parked at AIG even after AIG's and TARP bailouts, McCotter said. McCotter believes banks will continue to carry the toxic assets and not free up capital for the public. Without that infused capital and cleanup of the toxic assets, there won't be a solution, McCotter said. **MANUFACTURERS NEED CAPITAL** "States like Michigan which are capital intensive in the manufacturing sector are going to continue to suffer," McCotter said. "What's worse is federal regulators are coming into our

community banks and forcing them to write down their books and telling them to recapitalize outside. They weren't the people who caused the problem. These are things that weren't addressed." McCotter hopes that Congress will recognize that TARP failed. On tax relief, McCotter said about 40-50 Democrats have signed on to let the tax cuts continue. He believes the tax cuts have enough votes in the House, but he doesn't know about the Senate. "You have to do it because if you don't do it, you will have the people with the greatest ability to invest and create jobs not going to do it," McCotter said. "They will sit on the sidelines because their rate of return on investment will be diminished." "Right now, that probably is the worst place you want to start especially with the banks being frozen. You want to get private equity investment from outside of these financial institutions to start to come back in, to start to reinvest in the economy." "If you tell them they aren't welcome or tell them that they've somehow done something wrong where they merit special disparate treatment under the tax laws, then they're not going to do it."

# McCotter, Mosher vie for Congress

Republican Thaddeus McCotter and Democrat Natalie Mosher are running for a two-year term for the 11th Congressional District of Michigan, which includes the western Wayne and western Oakland County communities of Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth, Milford, Redford Township, South Lyon and Westland, as well as other communities. A Livonia resident, McCotter was elected in 2002 to Congress. He was elected by his colleagues in November 2006 to serve as chairman of the Republican House Policy Committee. McCotter is also a member of the House Financial Services Committee, where he serves on the Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises and the Housing and Community Opportunity subcommittees.

McCotter, an attorney, also was elected to the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees, the Wayne County Commission and the state Senate. McCotter is a graduate of Catholic Central High School, the University of Detroit and the University of Detroit Law School. Mosher of Canton is a former school teacher. She served on the Erie (Ohio) County Commission, is a former director of her county's American Cancer Society organization, former chief development officer of the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy and director of the National Retiree Volunteer Coalition. Mosher received her bachelor's degree in education from Michigan State University. Members of Congress receive an annual salary of \$174,000.

## WATER

FROM PAGE A1  
"You really, quite honestly, cannot continue to not pass along the full cost much longer," Joe Heffernan, an auditor with the firm Plante Moran, told the board. Heffernan had researched the issue and recommended an increase to \$9 per thousand gallons, about 22 percent. Such an increase, however, could backfire, Treasurer Ron Edwards said. "If you raise it too much,

people are going to start dropping some usage," thus cutting into revenue, Edwards said. Edwards also suggested that the pattern of falling water usage may have bottomed out and could reverse itself. "If by chance our volume goes up, it's going to offset some of this," he said. Trustee Bob Doroshewitz cast the lone "no" vote (Trustee Steve Mann was absent). Doroshewitz said that, unhappy as he was about raising rates, the township can no longer afford to absorb cost increases. "It could blow a seven hundred and fifty thousand-

dollar hole" in the water budget, Doroshewitz said after Tuesday's board meeting. Citing the board's recent history of not passing on to water customers the full amount of cost increases, Doroshewitz added: "There is no more next year." The proposed combined water and sewer rate of \$8.35 per thousand gallons includes \$3.10 per thousand for water and \$5.25 per thousand for sewer service. Residential water customers get a 25-percent discount on the sewer charge for the summer months, with the theory that

water used for things like washing vehicles and watering lawns does not end up in the sanitary sewer. The average household in Plymouth Township uses about 80,000 gallons of water a year, or about 20,000 per quarter. Residential customers are billed quarterly (not every four months, as reported last week) and business customers are billed monthly. According to Heffernan, the township sold 1.549 billion gallons of water in 2007 and 1.222 billion gallons last year.

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Prosecuting attorney Lora Weingarden questions defense witness Maryann Wright.

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## TRIAL

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But Wednesday, Linton agreed when defense attorney Gerald Evelyn said she had been "entertaining the likelihood that you were going to find a dead baby."  
 "You wanted to get a confession out of her, correct?" Evelyn asked.  
 "If that was the truth, yes," Linton said.  
 Linton also agreed when Evelyn said she hadn't met the "gold standard" of police interrogations by writing down Portellos' confession and having her read and sign it.  
 "Now all we have is your version of what occurred, right?" Evelyn said. "Yes," Linton said.  
 Linton said she was allowed to vary her questioning

technique, and that she had Portellos repeat what she had suggested about smothering the baby.  
 "I wanted to hear her say it in her own words one time," she said.  
 Evelyn referred to previous testimony, during a hearing last year, in which Linton couldn't describe how Portellos had agreed with her suggestion about smothering the baby. Linton said she "gave it some thought" since then and recalled that Portellos had said yes.  
 Also testifying Wednesday was police Lt. Robert Antal, who found the infant girl in Portellos' bedroom. The room was in disarray, he said.  
 "There were clothes everywhere, sheets everywhere, and blood that we could see also," Antal said.  
 Just as he was about to

search a black garbage bag, Antal said, the sergeant accompanying him relayed word from an officer at the hospital that Portellos had told Linton the baby was in the bag.  
 In the bag, Antal said, he found blood-covered sheets and blankets and a rose-colored towel.  
 "When I unwrapped the towel, I was surprised to find a full-term baby," he said. The baby was completely covered by the towel, which was wrapped "extremely tight" around it, he said.  
 "I couldn't determine any signs of life," he said, and paramedics at the scene pronounced the baby dead.  
 The trial, which began last week, continues Thursday at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.  
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## CRIME WATCH

### Shoplifting suspect caught with vodka bottles in pants

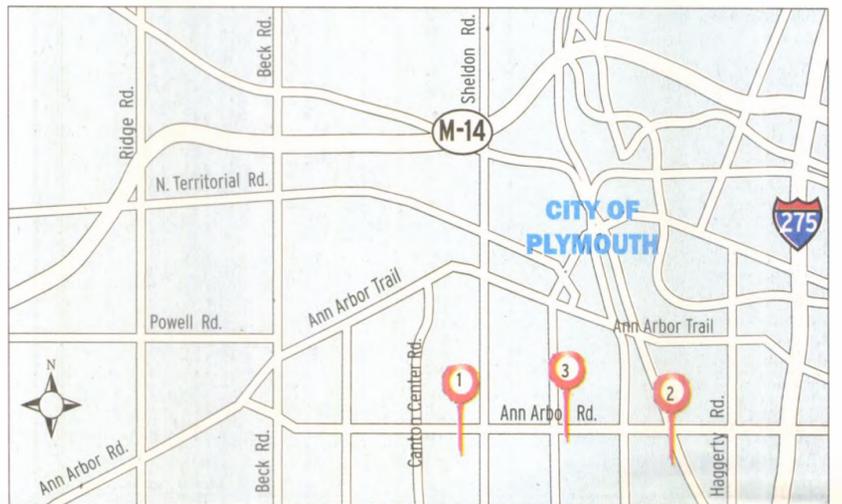
**1** A 49-year-old Plymouth man was arrested on a shoplifting charge on the night of Sept. 22 after a police officer caught him with two bottles of Mohawk vodka in his pants outside the Kroger store on Ann Arbor Road.  
 The officer was responding to a report of a shoplifting at the supermarket just before 10 p.m., a Plymouth Township Police Department report said. He pulled into the parking lot and a witness, the store's co-manager, pointed out the man, police said.  
 The officer confronted him in the north parking lot, and he surrendered the vodka tucked into his pants, underneath his shirt, police said.  
 The co-manager told the officer she had seen the man hide the bottles and leave the store without paying for them, and that she suspected him of past thefts.  
 The suspect was released after being given a court date.

### Trailer heist

**2** A truck trailer loaded with more than 1,500 cases of bottled water was reported stolen recently from Absopure Water Corp. on General Drive.  
 The theft occurred Sept. 13 or Sept. 14 and was reported last week, a police report said. The trailer was described only as a white 1999 Pines model with a Maine license plate.  
 Absopure had checked all of its lots and its associates but was unable to locate the trailer, an employee told police.  
**3** A purse, with cash, a debit card and a cellular phone in it, was reported stolen Friday night from a vehicle parked outside Zack's of Plymouth, at Main and Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township.  
 The victim told police she had stopped at the restaurant at about 11 p.m. and left just before midnight to find the vehicle had been burglarized. There was no sign of forced entry, and the victim was uncertain whether she had locked the vehicle, police said.

• Laptop accessories and a legal pad holder were reported stolen Saturday from a Ford Focus that was parked outside a house on East Trillium Court.  
 The car had been left unlocked, the victim told police. The burglary occurred between 10:30 p.m. Friday and about 4:30 a.m. Saturday, police said.  
 A nearby resident, seeing an officer at the victim's house, also reported the theft of change from her vehicle, but didn't want to file a formal report, police said.  
 • Three packs of cigarettes, cash and a satellite navigation system were reported stolen Sept. 22 from a Jeep Wrangler that was parked in the driveway of a house on Rocker.  
 The victim told police one of the Jeep's windows had been opened. The theft occurred between 8:30 p.m. Sept. 21 and 8 a.m. the next day, police said.  
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# Third book's the charm for teen author

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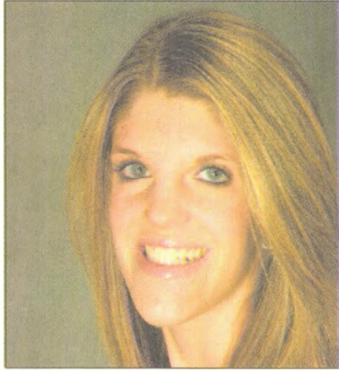
Taylor Joseph was at the Borders book store in Ann Arbor Saturday for the national release of her third book, *For Love or Honor*, but it wasn't necessarily a sign of things slowing down any time soon.

While Joseph, a 17-year-old senior from Canton, sat still long enough to sign copies of her latest book, her schedule will be ramping up toward a trip to Arizona in December, where she'll plug the book and talk to students about the importance of literacy, as she's done virtually since her first book was published in September 2008.

That schedule takes Taylor, the daughter of Larry and Monica Joseph of Canton, to places like Arizona and Texas and Florida, in addition to speaking engagements she's done around her own hometown.

"I love it," Taylor said of the travel. "I love seeing fans, and inspiring kids to read and write. It's fun when you get to travel to different states."

Much of her effort these days is devoted to plugging *For Love or Honor* (Four Star Publishing, \$12.95), the story of a long-ago king who has everything he desires, except peace in his own land. His wife dies giving birth to a third son, there's estrangement between father and son and a great love between the third son and a peasant girl the king



Taylor Joseph's third book, 'For Love or Honor,' was released Saturday.

deems unworthy.

In the end, it's about working it all out. And it brings together some of Taylor's own personal favorites.

"I've always liked romance novels, and growing up I liked kings and queens," Taylor said, causing her dad, Larry, to chuckle.

"She's a sucker for romance," he said, laughing. "She always has been."

It took Taylor some nine months to get the novel to the 60,000 words her publisher was looking for. It's a process about which Taylor always frets: Getting the right word count.

"She always freaks out about it," Larry Joseph said. "She worries she can't get it

long enough."

What she doesn't freak out about any more is the travel. She spoke at 16 schools in a whirlwind, six-day trip through Arizona last year. A teacher at a Texas school asked her to come down and she zig-zags the region signing books and talking to youngsters. Her message to them is simple.

"They can be whatever they want to be," Taylor said. "I want them to realize reading helps them achieve a better future."

Most of Taylor's weekends are filled with book-signings.

"It gets to the point where people ask you to do things, and you're just too booked up," Larry Joseph said. "You hate to say 'no' to people, but there's just no time."

It doesn't leave much time for a personal life, though Taylor admits to having a boyfriend and hanging out with friends.

"I'm constantly writing," she said. "I'm pretty busy with my job, which is my writing."

And writing and writing. With three books already in print and the fourth about to be, how has Taylor's style changed?

"I'm much more descriptive now," she said. "It's easier now, because I'm used to it now. It's like everything else ... it's easier when you practice."

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# Internet can be good for research, but be cautious

A friend received an e-mail recently that basically said his cousin had been kidnapped and in order to help him, he had to send money for his rescue.

It was an official looking e-mail and, of course, it was bogus and my friend laughed it off. However, it reminded me how important it is to always keep our guard up, particularly when dealing with the Internet.

From an investment standpoint, the Internet has been a wind-fall for those dealing in bad advice and bad investments. Lowlifes put up articles about certain investment strategies or about certain investments, hoping to entice the uninformed investor.

When you see a website touting huge returns over a short period of time, it should automatically raise your antennas because something is not right. In many of these situations the information provided contains a shred of truth. For instance,

if you had purchased stock at \$3 a share and now it is \$30 a share, you've done great. However, what these so-called experts may have given a hundred pieces of advice and the one that happens to come true is the one they tout.

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## FIEGEL

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The community support — "That felt good. It was very nice," Fiegel said — didn't sway the decision.

Mardigian, the longest-serving member of the board and one who voted in favor of Fiegel's hiring two years ago, objected to the addition of the resolution to the agenda at a time when Fiegel is interviewing for a job in another district. Walled Lake trustees are expected to make a decision as soon as next week on their new superintendent.

"I think this is the wrong move tonight," Mardigian said.

"He's in the middle of a job search. ... I'm disappointed it's on the agenda. I have concerns about the movement away from collaboration. I have talked to many people throughout the district who have concerns."

### CONTINUITY NEEDED

Simescu and Eggenberger argued a district that has changed superintendents five times in 14 years should strive for continuity, particularly in the face of a slate of retiring administrators next year — Deputy Supt. Ken Jacobs, Assistant Supt. for Instructional Services Cindy Swift, Director of Student Services Bob Hayes and Human Resources Director

Ray Bihun are all retiring after this school year — and unparalleled academic achievement the last couple of years.

Brooming Fiegel now, they argued, would make it tougher to draw not only a new superintendent, but also replacements for all of the leaders the administration is losing.

"If you're an administrator and thinking about applying here, and you don't know who your superintendent is, or if you're afraid he's going to be gone in a couple of years, why would you want to come here?" Eggenberger said.

Gonzalez said she'd talked to many people who work in the district who were afraid to speak up about their concerns

over Fiegel for fear of losing their jobs. She said those concerns are what kept teachers from speaking Tuesday.

"I think it speaks volumes," Gonzalez said of the lack of teachers in the audience. "I speak for the silent majority."

### STAFFERS SPEAK

While no district staff spoke up against Fiegel, three of the speakers who supported him were on staff in the district.

"I think we're about to make a mistake," said Mark LaPointe, the Central Middle School athletic director who has spent 37 years teaching at Central. "The carousel is going round and round again. I think (Fiegel) needs to be

on board ... he needs time. I really firmly believe if we do not renew, we're making a big mistake."

In the end, the decision not to renew Fiegel's contract left residents in the audience befuddled and angry.

"I'm upset this board can't function together," said Elizabeth Carlson of Plymouth, who has put three children through the district, including one still at Canton High School. "I'm very disappointed. We're going to waste a lot of money. The problem is some board members want to be the administration, and they're not."

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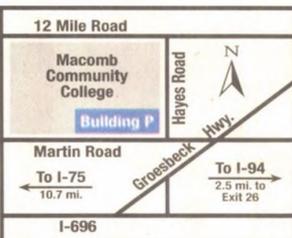
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Richard Serylo of Livonia, a student in the culinary arts program, puts the finishing touches on an Asian crab crisp served at Sunday's VIP reception for sponsors.

# Food, wine event: A delicious way to raise money for Schoolcraft students



Supporting Sunday's event, which raised money for student scholarships, were Linda and Jim McCann of Livonia and Brandon Kritzman, of New Perspective Architects in Livonia. Linda McCann is the director of Community Resources for the city of Livonia. Jim McCann is president of the Livonia City Council.

**F**ood, beverage and dessert purveyors from near (metro Detroit) and far (northern Michigan) offered tasty samplings for a good cause last Sunday at the 19th annual Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza. Nearly 700 people tasted samples from 50 vendors.

Guests sampled breads from Zingerman's Bakehouse, biscotti and shortbread from The Biscotti Bar Bakery in Plymouth, crab cakes from the Schoolcraft Culinary Department and cupcakes from both the Cupcake Station in Birmingham and Just Baked (a cupcake shop and bakery) in Livonia. The pulled pork mini-sandwiches offered by Red Smoke Barbeque and the samples of flavored vodka at the McCormick table were popular spots all afternoon.

"We were very pleased with this year's event," said Marge Lynch of Schoolcraft's Special Events and Fundraising Office and member of the 2010 Culinary Host Committee. "The restaurants were great — we even had two show up we didn't know about. Ticket sales exceeded last year and our volunteers were wonderful.

"The most important part is that the proceeds will help our students through scholarship support," Lynch added. "This fall our Financial Aid Office has been overwhelmed with students in need of aid. The event also benefits the culinary arts department. They use the funds to help with student support and for the students to prepare for and to attend competitions."



Mothers and daughters: Enjoying Sunday's food and wine extravaganza for the first time were (from left) Kristina and Kelly Johnson and Caroline and Christina Hinkle, all of Livonia. "We have heard about the event for years — this is our first time," said Kristina Johnson.



Chris Rennolds of Plymouth (right) selects a cupcake from Just Baked (a cupcake shop and bakery) in Livonia. Jordan Conn of Just Baked kept the pastry table well-stocked with a delicious assortment of cupcakes.



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Dick and Ann McDowell (from right) entertained friends Pete and Barbara Lanza from Pittsburgh (from left) at Sunday's food and wine event. Dick McDowell is a former president of Schoolcraft College and serves as a member of the sponsorship committee for the annual event.



Getting ready to serve a delicious assortment of pastries to patrons at the VIP reception are students Susan Summa of Detroit, Lucianna Benavidez of Livonia and formerly of Argentina and Geri Markley of Wayne.



Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress welcomes guests at the VIP reception at Sunday's Culinary Extravaganza.



Janice Quinn of Canton Township enjoys the desserts and wine at Sunday's VIP culinary reception for sponsors.

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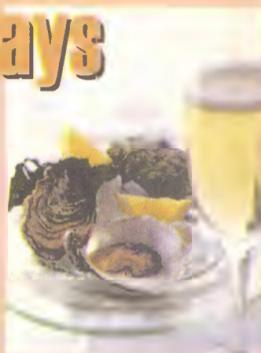
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# Angela Hospice walkers remember loved ones

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sheila Wofford of Canton normally gets up early weekdays for her school bus driver job. Sunday is church, leaving Saturday for sleeping in.

She made an important exception Saturday for the Angela Hospice Walk of Remembrance, held on the Felician Sisters' grounds in Livonia.

Wofford, husband Gary and others from their family were walking in memory of her mom, Betty Monteith, who died a year ago August.

"She had a wonderful life," Sheila Wofford said. "She had nine children. Very outgoing, always had something to say. Apples don't fall too far from the tree."

## GIVING BACK

Their family used Angela Hospice services, and agreed the Walk of Remembrance was a great way to give back.

"I think it's absolutely wonderful," Wofford said. "When people do good things for

you, it's always nice to give back."

Her mom lived with them for six years when healthy. They'd planned to use hospice for home care, and used it in the hospital.

The family was wearing Betty's picture, with a number of other walkers wearing photos of their loved one as well as name ribbons. Michael Gluth of Westland, a Livonia Franklin High sophomore, was walking for "my grandma, Ruth Gluth." She died three years ago.

Gluth, 15, was joined by his mom, brother, grandfather, aunt and uncle walking Saturday. "I like it," the teen said of the Walk of Remembrance. "It's good there's a way to remember."

"She was really nice," Gluth added of his grandmother. "Just everything" is what he loved about her.

Barb Iovan of Livonia, events coordinator for Angela Hospice, was busy Saturday, but took time to talk. "We have over 500 already preregistered," she



Walkers pass through the grotto on the Angela Hospice grounds.

said. "We'll be over 600, which is wonderful."

## BENEFITS BEREAVEMENT PROGRAMS

This year's event, the third annual, included something new, about 17 fund-raising teams that got together in August and did fund-raising for Angela Hospice.

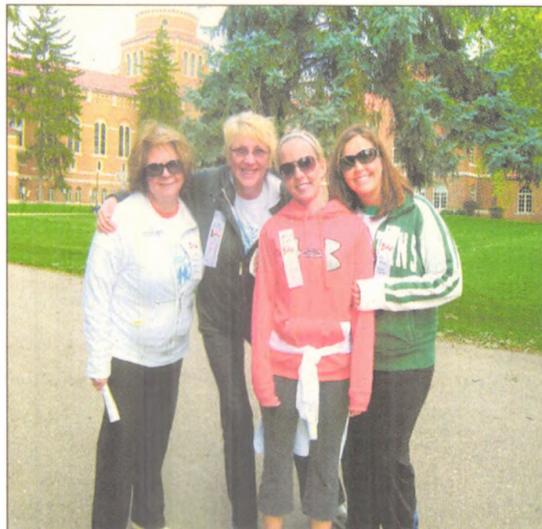
"Everybody's walking to remember someone," Iovan said. She was pleased with the partly sunny skies.

"We always count on Sister (Giovanni) for that, and it looks like she came through."

"It's something virtually everyone can do," she said of the event's appeal. "They had a loved one; they lost that person."

Proceeds are used for bereavement programs, not limited to Angela Hospice users, and offered free. There's one for loss of a spouse, Heartstrings for those who lose a child under 25, suicide loss and programs for children and teens.

Walker Marion Wisniewski of Livonia walked for the first time this year, in memory of



Cindy Neal of Milford, Karin Baugher of Livonia, Danielle Gill of Plymouth and Britney Fischer of Shelby Township pause during the Walk of Remembrance Saturday. They're with the Mimi's Marchers team and were passing by the Felician Sisters Central Convent.

her sister, Carol Keith. "She passed away seven years ago," Wisniewski said.

Volunteer Molly Rahmel of Livonia brought Wisniewski and five others to the event:

"Now I'm going over to work," Rahmel said with a smile.

## RAISING AWARENESS

Wisniewski, who lost her sister to cancer, said, "She

was the most wonderful person. Giving. She was very young when she died. She had just turned 51." She agreed the walk was wonderful.

"I think they're great because they bring an awareness," Wisniewski said. She agreed Carol would be proud. "I'm sure she is because I've never done anything like this."

Some 70 volunteers were at the event Saturday, with registration beginning at Madonna University. Syndie Best of Westland, hospice volunteer coordinator, said volunteers handled parking, registration, shuttles for older walkers, course marshal duties and refreshments and rock painting at the conclusion.

"And then, of course, the cleanup crew," Best said. "There's lots to do."

"We could not do this event without the volunteers," she added of those who gave up a chunk of Saturday. "I believe time is more valuable than money these days. We are so busy, and time is such a precious commodity. To give of their time is really meaningful."

Rhonda Tinsley of Belleville was walking for her nephew, Jason Glenn, who died as a newborn. He died "last year today, Sept. 25," his aunt said.

There were about 50 from Jason's family walking. "I think it's very special in regards to remembrance of loved ones," Tinsley said. "We love him so much."

She asked for prayers for Jason's parents, Jason and DeLisha Glenn of Romulus, both of whom walked. "They did a lot to help them through this grieving process," Tinsley said of Angela Hospice.

Canton's Sheila Wofford was also grateful to have matters tended to when her mom was dying. "It was nice just to concentrate on her," Wofford said. "We got to concentrate on being with her. Proud to be doing the walk."



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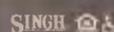
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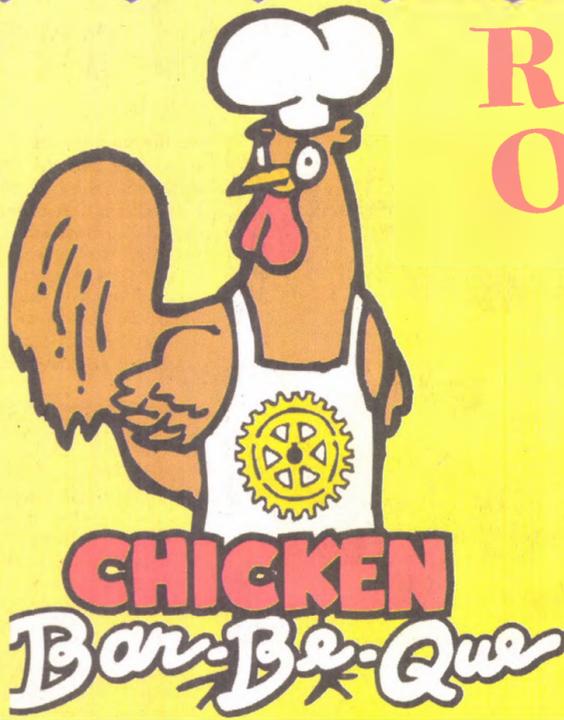


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## OUR VIEWS

# Stranger danger

## Keeping kids safe is everyone's job

The beginning of a new school year brings out a variety of warnings, cautions about increased school buses on the road and students walking to and from school.

One of the more important considerations has to be warnings about "stranger danger," reminding parents, guardians and neighbors to be vigilant in keeping kids, of all ages, in this community safe.

At home, it starts with talking to kids — telling them what to do if someone they do not know approaches them at the bus stop or on the walk to or from school.

This is important because children, even teenagers, have a false vision of "strangers" as being creepy, ugly, scary people who typically say things like, "Hey, little girl, do you want some candy?"

An ill-intentioned person can be a nice looking man, a woman, even a young adult who is dressed really cool.

Kids can't predict the motives of others — they think and live in the present moment. Even the most intelligent child cannot grasp that someone who looks nice, or someone who knows their name, is a stranger who could be trying to pick them up.

Children are taught to be nice; to respect adults and not be rude.

The following safety guidelines will help keep our children safe:

- Children should be aware of their surroundings, including strangers or people in parked cars.
- They should avoid people they do not know.
- They should not respond to or accept offers or requests made by strangers. This includes comments like, "Can you help me find my dog?" or "I'm lost, can you tell me which street I'm on?" Remember, adults wouldn't normally ask a child for directions.
- They should immediately report to their school, family and the police any suspicious approach made to them by a stranger.
- They should go directly home from school and check in with parents.
- They should walk in groups and not engage in conversations with strangers.
- Parents and guardians should not let their child dress in clothing that has his or her name on it — for example, a jersey with the child's first name on the back; or a name on the child's backpack. When kids are called by name, they tend to let their guard down.
- Parents and guardians should teach their children that it is OK to run away or to scream if someone is making him or her do something they don't want to do. Tell them they can run to a neighbor's house and knock on the door if they need help.
- Establish a family "code word" and teach children to ask for it, if they're approached by someone they do not know.

Some would argue that today's society is overreacting and being overly paranoid and it's causing children to grow up in fear and in sheltered environments. We do encourage kids in neighborhoods to walk to school — but only if they're taught to avoid contact with people they do not know.

They need adults to teach them that strangers who have ill intentions are tricky — they can contrive stories and scenarios that could easily sway a child in their direction.

We need parents, grandparents, guardians and neighbors to be the eyes and ears in our neighborhoods. It's unfortunate that we have to keep our guards up, but consider the consequences the one time that we do not. Obviously, a child's life isn't worth that risk.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you think the Detroit Lions will finish above .500 this season?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



"I'm going to say no. They have a history of not performing well."

Matthew Davis  
Canton Township



"Yes, I do. I like their chances. They've got a pretty good team this year."

Phil Rico Guise  
Canton Township



"No. Because they cut Jon Jansen. He's my neighbor."

Ellen Elliott  
Plymouth



"(Yes.) When we lived in different states, my husband was in the military. I always took the Lions."

Marge Duncan  
Canton Township

## LETTERS

### Supporting Fiegel

There is discussion among the Board of Education on whether to renew the contract of Dr. Craig Fiegel. I am wondering why the PCCS board would want to get rid of a superintendent who is doing as well as his record shows.

Last year, PCCS got an all "A" schools marking for the first time and the highest MEAP scores in PCCS history. There is an energy savings program, and he's come up with creative funding for bus replacement. He has restructured the Park, a long-standing need.

There's an updated Code of Conduct that actually might make sense. The budget has balanced over the past two years in the midst of tough economic times. He's involved the community in the budget process and now is calling on the community to help in strategic planning.

He's showed wisdom in hard decisions. In 2009 when districts around us closed down for a week for HINI, he shut down for two days to await the decision from the CDC. After two days, the CDC said it was safe to open school, and PCCS was back in business while districts around us had families that had left town thinking school was out for a week.

Over the last 15 years, PCCS has spent over \$100,000 to hire new leaders. That's just the dollars. What about the time and energy expended in transition, getting a new person up to speed, and all the challenges that accompany each change of administration?

I've sat in those chairs and know it's a thankless job. It takes hard work and unbelievably long hours, but it also takes a high level of selflessness and willingness to set aside personal agendas that seems to be missing in some of our board members. I was on the PCCS board and saw board members drive away Chuck Little in 1999. A few years later, some former board members pushed Kathleen Booher out. Board members also made Jim Ryan's life difficult. None of these superintendents were perfect, but I worked closely with all of them, and know they would have done far better if the majority of the board had stood behind them.

The adversarial spirit on the PCCS board troubles me. It's a spirit that seems to think superintendents should walk on water or solve every issue in the district. Sorry, that kind of leader just doesn't exist, but with the track record of this district, if Fiegel is pushed out the door, I'm not sure ANY superintendent will want to come our way.

The job of the board is to educate children in the best manner possible. It's time for the community to tell the board to quit infighting, get their hands and noses out of administration, and start leading with solidarity. They hired a superintendent and need to support him to do the job, not criticize every move he makes.

Elizabeth M. Givens  
PCCS board 1996 to 2004

With the support of Tom Wysocki, Marcy Staley, Dar Watts, and Carol Saunders — former PCCS board members

### Complaints unanswered

Complaints to the Charter Township of Plymouth go unanswered, so I am hoping that some publicity can change the situation.

I own four parcels of property in the township and pay substantial taxes, although I reside elsewhere. For the past five years or more I have not received my summer tax bills

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats.

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because I have the mail forwarded to my cottage and the township puts "Do not forward" on the envelope.

And in all these years I have called the township, reached Ron Edwards' voice mail and left messages — this year six messages and one letter requesting the bill or a duplicate. These messages and letters go unanswered. Occasionally I have the good fortune to have the phone answered by a female employee and am able to resolve the matter.

This year, I was told to access the Internet. At first, the taxes were not posted. When they were posted, there was a specific warning against reliance on the accuracy of the information. Ultimately, I had someone go to the office.

Here is a taxpayer, ready and willing to pay property taxes. And here is a township official who will not respond to business inquiries in which the township has an important interest. I'm frustrated at the continuing, unnecessary, unbusiness-like and time-consuming roadblock. Can anything be done?

Patricia Donaldson  
Birmingham

### Colbeck misleading

In response to the Sept. 23 letter to the editor submitted by Vasu Kotha in support of Patrick Colbeck for state Senate:

Patrick Colbeck's Campaign Finance Report discloses that he received \$2,500 from Senate Majority leader Mike Bishop.

This is a direct contradiction to Mr. Kotha's words that "He (Colbeck) will not be just another Senator who goes along with the Senate majority leader."

Upon further evaluation of Colbeck's finance report, it is clear that Colbeck is the poster child for special interests. His contributions and support have come from Bruce Patterson, Robert Young, and outspoken Tea Party member David Janda (www.sos.gov).

Patrick Colbeck is a phony if he is trying to pass himself off as a candidate for the people. It looks like he is indeed "toeing the party line."

Kristen Farmer  
Plymouth

### Stewart understands

Thank you to the scores of people from Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Grosse Ile and many other communities for being with us on Sunday, Sept. 19.

We held a "Meet the Candidate" open house at our home so that voters of all political persuasions could meet and chat with John

Stewart of Plymouth. John Stewart is an independent candidate for Senate for the Seventh District, a longtime resident of Plymouth, a prominent attorney, a former state representative, and an individual that we believe represents the best in public service.

We think that John Stewart understands that successful government of, by, and for the people requires that voters view themselves as the government. He believes that voters must tell elected officials how they want to be governed, how they want their tax dollars spent, how they want their education system improved, and to give priority to job creation.

We suggest that voters take the time to look at the records of the five candidates for the Senate from the Seventh District. What are their past voting records, community involvement, past (if any) attendance records at legislative sessions in Lansing, and try to determine if their political partisanship makes it impossible for them to truly represent their constituency?

Once again, our sincere thank you to everyone who made our Sunday gathering such a success, proving that people of all political persuasions can gather together for constructive dialogue.

Paul and Lee Coen  
Canton

### Supports Wadsworth

I am 28 years old and a resident of Plymouth Township. I support Joan Wadsworth for state representative of Michigan's 20th House District because she will bring her experience and talent in public service to Lansing.

She will help turn around Michigan's economy and bring jobs back to Michigan, strengthen education, and protect our Great Lakes. She has a strong devotion to community and education, and we need a representative who will have that same strong devotion to Michigan as a leader in Lansing.

I urge voters in Northville, Plymouth, Canton and Wayne to support Joan Wadsworth for state representative.

Justin Greer  
Plymouth

### Fiegel must go

Why do the citizens, and the Plymouth-Canton school board, continue to accept failure from Dr. Craig Fiegel? Dr. Fiegel continues only to meet minimum or below average scores by his own admission. Dr. Fiegel along with other Plymouth-Canton school board members need to go.

Judy Mardigian supports Dr. Fiegel, why? Maybe we need to clean house in the Plymouth-Canton school board.

I would like to remind the Plymouth-Canton school board that we the citizens only will accept above average performance from them. The Plymouth-Canton school board refuses to cut their budget, salaries, health care benefits, and has been totally irresponsible in their spending. The Plymouth-Canton school board continues to indulge themselves at the expense of the Plymouth-Canton citizens.

When if ever will the Plymouth-Canton school board become accountable for their performance, and their spending? Hopefully after Dr. Fiegel leaves along with the other irresponsible Plymouth-Canton school board members.

Keith Martin  
Plymouth

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues. In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

### In response to "Plymouth-Canton School Supt. Fiegel interviews for Walled Lake post":

"Budgets were balanced before Fiegel and they will be balanced after. Shame on you for wanting to rubber stamp a superintendent just because of your vindictiveness for certain board members. It's not about you or your hatred for these board members - I'm sick of hearing about it - it's about our kids and no one gets rubber stamped. Supt. needs to be reviewed yearly and the arrogance of some thinking the superintendent can get an early contract approval when the rest of the working people (parents) are losing jobs and finding out about our contract renewals at employers discretion. I've watched Fiegel at the school board mtgs and his public reports - I'm not impressed - his staff and administrators really do all the work. If anything, district test scores and budget balancing are from before Fiegel's reign. NO RUBBER STAMPS - yearly reviews!"

Melanie\_Phillips

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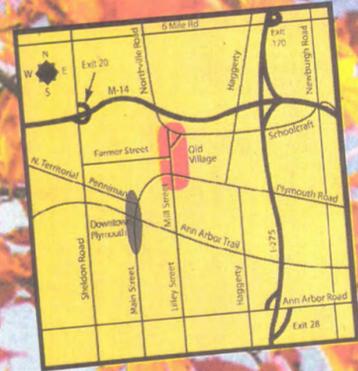
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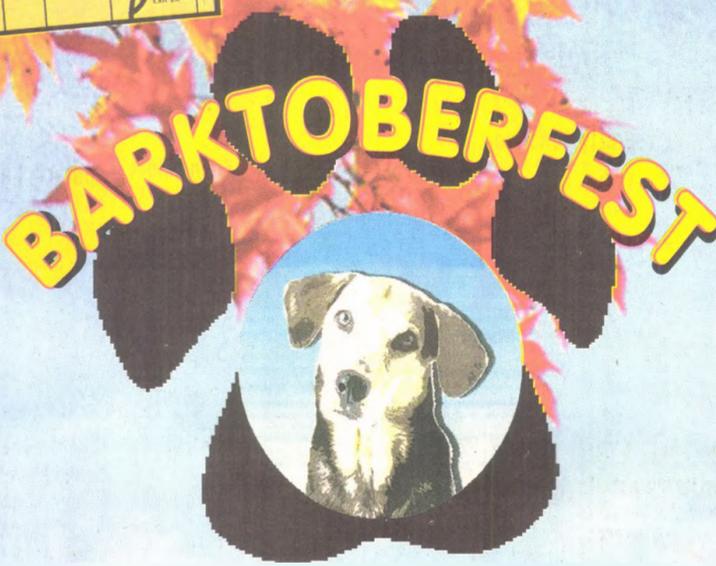
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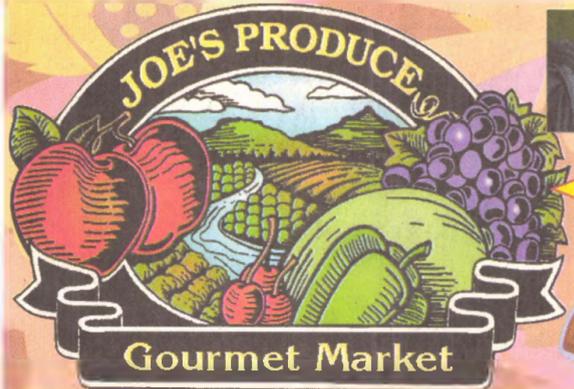
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Sgt. Justin Winch (left) and Canton Soccer Club director Pete Alexander greet each other after Winch donated a \$500 check to fundraising efforts to help three youth teams travel to a tournament in Scotland next spring. Two days later, Winch was redeployed to Iraq.

## Lifetime 'Experience' awaits soccer teams

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Soccer is viewed by many as the world's game, and young players in Canton — through the generosity of many, including an American sergeant now based in Iraq — hopefully will soon find out first hand what that means.

Three Canton Celtic teams (two U9, one U12) were invited to go to Scotland in April 2011 for a week's worth of games and cultural experiences. But for that to happen, \$35,000 or so in airfare money for the players needs to be generated through a series of fund-raisers.

Bottle drives, restaurant nights and bake sales are ongoing, but really jumpstarting money-raising efforts was an unexpected \$500 donation by Sgt. Justin Winch at an August picnic just two days before being redeployed to Iraq.

Winch's 8-year-old nephew is Noah Bachir, a player on one of the U9 Celtic squads.

All of the teams are part of Canton Soccer Club, which got the ball rolling for a "Scotland Experience" by hosting the Woodwynd Wolves of Scotland at the 2010 Celtic Invitational (part of the Canton Cup over Memorial Day weekend).

"Initially, he (Winch) walked over and the boys were all practicing," said Noah's mom, Jackie Rodriguez of Canton. "They called him over to do pictures with him. They all came up to him with their hands up, saying 'We surrender, we surrender!'"

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

Individuals and businesses interested in helping the teams raise money for the trip, please send an e-mail to scotlandexperience2011@gmail.com.

"He took a photo with all the boys, and the coach (Dana Jackson) and (Canton Soccer Club director) Pete Alexander, handing over the check."

Wearing full combat gear, Winch made the announcement of his donation to an emotional response. "Everybody was clapping and cheering," she said. "Some of the parents actually started crying. It was pretty moving."

### SHOCKINGLY SELFLESS

It was pretty incredible, too, according to Canton's John Savona, whose son Justin is on the Scotland-bound U12 team.

"I think just having a soldier like that around (for the kids) was kind of a big deal," Savona said. "They don't have access to that, usually. And because it was Noah's uncle, that was pretty special."

"And of course, he caught all of us off guard by saying he wanted to help and he pulled out his checkbook and wrote a \$500 check. It kind of shocked all of us."

Savona added that he is a military veteran himself, "and I know when you are serving the country they take care of you very well. But you don't get paid very much to do it."

Please see **CELTIC, B3**



Members of two Canton Celtic U9 boys soccer teams pose with Sgt. Justin Winch (standing, back row middle), during an August practice/picnic. Players include Winch's 8-year-old nephew, Noah Bachir. Also standing in the back row is coach Dana Jackson.

## Wildcats answer bell, win 2-1

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth played with a bit more purpose to open Tuesday's KLA South boys soccer matchup against Livonia Churchill and it paid off with an early lead and eventual 2-1 triumph.

The host Wildcats (8-3-3 overall, 5-2-0 in the South) never trailed, although the Chargers briefly evened things at 1-1 on a first-half goal by junior forward Allen Woodruff.

But Plymouth sophomore Do-Hyung Kim converted the winning goal with less than four minutes to go in the half and the Chargers — despite spurts of offensive pressure down the stretch — just could not score the equalizer.

"They're a tough club. They got us last time we played them," Wildcats head coach Jeff Neschich said. "It was good to come out on top tonight."

He explained his team was quick and on the ball much of

the night.

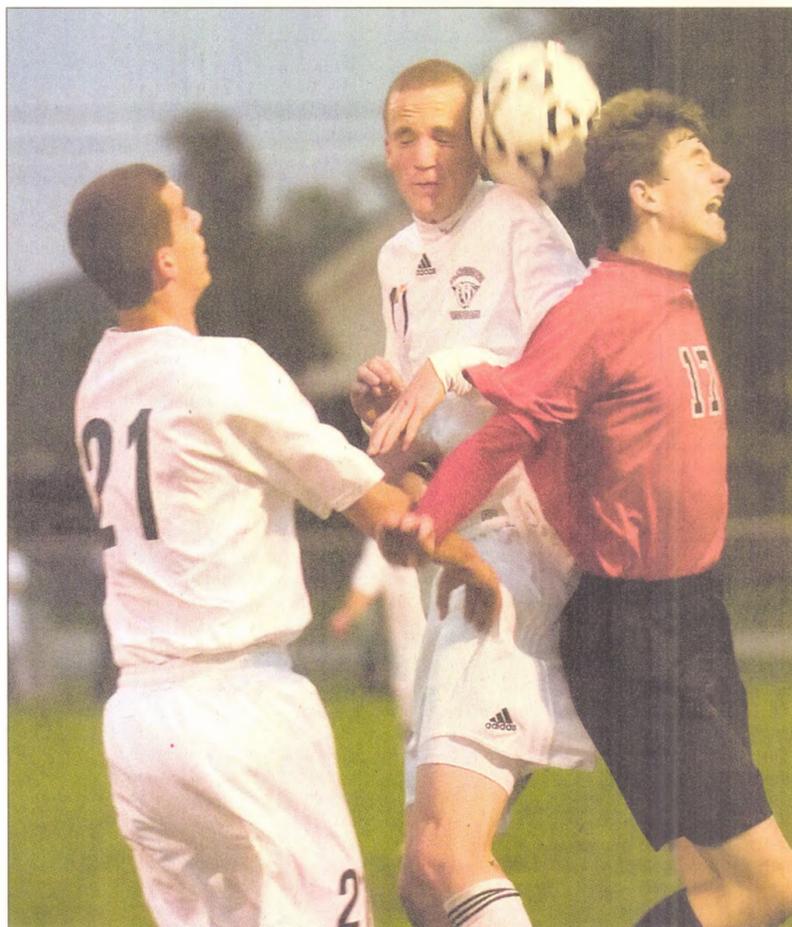
"I think the key was keeping the pace a little faster," Neschich said. "I think we had a little more pace on them and we could control the ball better."

"Our possession was very good tonight and we were pretty solid in the back."

### FALLING BEHIND

Lamenting his squad's slow start and inability to finish late was Churchill head coach Reid Friedrichs.

"This conference begins when the whistle starts and they should know that by now," Friedrichs said, stress-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Battling for a 50/50 ball Tuesday night are Plymouth's Zachary D'Agostino (No. 21), Joe Klonowski (middle) and Livonia Churchill's Austin Henson (No. 17).

ing that although his team turned on the offensive jets in the second half, it's never a good game plan to fall behind. "When you come out in the first half like we did, in the second half you're just fighting from behind to cre-

ate things when you're losing."

Playing well in the second half for the Wildcats was junior goalkeeper Rene Mejia (senior Kyle Brindza played the first 40 minutes) to frustrate Churchill (7-6-1, 5-2-1). Mejia raced out to cut off

Churchill's streaking junior midfielder Evan Schweitzer to stop a rush with about 33 minutes left. He also managed to get a hand on a high, hard blast taken by junior

Please see **WILDCATS, B3**

## Top line powers Whalers in home opener

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tyler Brown is on a mission as he opens the 2010-11 season with the Plymouth Whalers. Brown, 20, is fully aware he has the Pittsburgh Penguins' full attention after an impressive stint at the NHL team's rookie tournament and main training camp.

But who could blame Brown, who lives with a billet family in Canton, if he might decide he's having too much fun to want to leave should the Penguins or any other team come calling with a contract offer.

On Saturday at Compuware Arena, Plymouth's top forward line of Brown, new center Alex Aleardi (Farmington Hills) and right wing Garrett Meurs were dangerous right from the start as the Whalers opened the home schedule with a 6-2 romp over Barrie.

The win was a needed tonic for head coach Mike Vellucci and his players, who lost tough road games against Windsor and London to open the schedule.

"I thought we played pretty good," said Vellucci, following a postgame chat in his office with Whalers owner Peter Karmanos. "After three games guys are tired. I rode that top line quite a bit but they deserved it. They played really well."

Vellucci said one of the things Karmanos spotted about this year's team



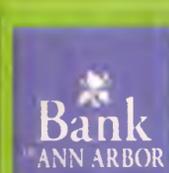
RENA LAVERTY

Celebrating his first of three goals Saturday night at Compuware Arena is Plymouth Whalers center Alex Aleardi (behind net) of Farmington Hills. At left is linemate Tyler Brown (No. 12).

is how fast and dangerous it can be. Plymouth (1-1-0-1, three points) outshot Barrie 45-21 and scored two goals in each frame against goalkeeper Peter DiSalvo.

"I thought the speed was awesome, we put so much pressure on their 'D' that

Please see **WHALERS, B2**



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North Farmington (1-4, 1-4) at Berkley (5-0, 4-0), 7 p.m.  
Plymouth Salem (0-5, 0-3) at South Lyon East (1-4, 0-3), 7 p.m.  
Livonia Churchill (2-3, 1-2) at Canton (5-0, 4-0), 7 p.m.  
Livonia Franklin (3-2, 1-2) at Wayne (0-5, 0-3), 7 p.m.  
Livonia Stevenson (2-3, 1-2) at Northville (5-0, 3-0), 7 p.m.  
Lutheran Westland (0-5, 0-3) at Southfield Christian (0-5, 0-3), 7 p.m.  
Livonia Clarenceville (3-2, 1-0) at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (0-5, 0-3), 7 p.m.  
Dearborn Heights Robichaud (2-3, 2-1) at Redford Thurston (4-1, 3-0), 7 p.m.  
Garden City (0-5, 0-3) at Dearborn Heights Annapolis (2-3, 1-2), 7 p.m.  
Redford Union (1-4, 1-2) at Dearborn Heights Crestwood (2-3, 1-2), 7 p.m.  
Westland John Glenn (2-3, 1-2) at Plymouth (4-1, 3-0), 7 p.m.  
Plymouth Christian (0-4) at Saginaw Buena Vista (2-3), 7 p.m.

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Berkley  
East  
Canton  
Franklin  
Northville  
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Plymouth  
Buena Vista

**11-2 (.846)**  
**58-13 (.817)**

**Dan O'Meara**

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Harrison  
Berkley  
Salem  
Canton  
Franklin  
Northville  
Christian  
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Annapolis  
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**10-3 (.769)**  
**59-12 (.831)**

**Tim Smith**

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Salem  
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Westland  
Clarenceville  
Thurston  
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Crestwood  
Plymouth  
Buena Vista

**9-4 (.692)**  
**44-27 (.620)**

**Jim Toth**

Farmington  
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Salem  
Canton  
Franklin  
Northville  
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Clarenceville  
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**10-3 (.769)**  
**50-21 (.704)**



Salem's varsity boys tennis team again was 'Rocks solid' Saturday at the Woodhaven Warrior Classic Invitational, capturing first place out of seven teams with 20 points.

**WHALERS**

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they had no time to react, none whatsoever," Vellucci said. "Our owner, Mr. Karmanos, was just sitting in there talking about our speed, he noticed this is a very fast team and we're going to have to utilize that."

Brown — a Plymouth over-age player (20) who could still sign a free-agent NHL contract for this season — jump-started the dominant performance with an even-strength goal at the 12-minute mark of the opening frame.

He hustled to get to the puck at the right side of Barrie's net and flipped in a wraparound shot in for his second goal in Plymouth's first three games. Brown only scored 14 goals in 66 games in 2009-10.

"I just wanted to throw it on net," Brown said. "I know both Meurs and Aleari are crashing the net so I just thought shoot it and see what happens."

But Aleari was the player of the game, scoring a three-goal hat-trick to give him seven markers already. Meanwhile, Meurs collected an assist, and the line wreaked havoc against the Colts, playing their first game of the season.

"It's a great feeling," said Aleari about playing in his backyard after a recent trade from Belleville. "It feels good

to be home, seeing all my family and friends. And this is a great group of guys here, they pass the puck well and I got three goals so I feel great."

**FITTING RIGHT IN**

Vellucci chuckled when talking about how quickly Aleari had meshed with the Whalers — a welcome sight indeed due to the team still being without No. 2 NHL draft pick Tyler Seguin, Robbie Czarnik and James Livingston (all with NHL teams or their affiliates at camp).

"He was even better the first two (games) than he was tonight, if you can imagine that," Vellucci said. "We were very fortunate to pick him up, but it is early. It's only three games, but he's played very well in those three."

The game also was a big one for Plymouth forward Peter Neal, who scored his first-ever OHL goal with 5:19 left in the third period, assisted by linemates Mitchell Heard (who scored in the second) and 16-year-old Tom Wilson (first OHL point).

Neal swept in and backhanded the rebound of a Wilson shot into the Barrie cage.

Also helping Plymouth's offense were Livonia's Austin Mattson, newcomer Rickard Rakell (each with two assists), Farmington Hills' Austin Levi, captain Beau Schmitz (Howell) and Jamie Devane (one assist each).

**MU aces golf Jamboree**

The Madonna University men's golf team continued its strong fall showing by tying for first place in Monday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Jamboree No. 3 tourney held at Quail Ridge Golf Club in Grand Rapids.

The Crusaders, who qualified for last year's NAAIA National Tournament, tied Davenport with a 13-over 301 each.

Rounding out the field was Siena Heights University, led by individual medalist Andy Myers (Westland John Glenn), third, 310; Cornerstone, fourth, 316; Indiana Tech, fifth, 318; Aquinas, sixth, 319; Northwestern Ohio, seventh, 322; and Concordia, eighth, 379.

Myers shot an even-par 72 on the 6,938-yard layout, while MU's Tommy Lucko (Livonia Churchill) and Austin Stillman (Livonia Franklin) finished second and third, respectively, with 73 and 74.

Other MU finishers included Vince Carango (Salem), tied for 11th, 77 each; Jimmy Uelmen, tied for 14th, 78; and last year's NAAIA National runner-up medalist Brett Quitiquit, tied for 34th, 83.

The Crusaders hold an 11-stroke overall advantage heading into this weekend's final

WHAC Jamboree hosted by Siena Heights at Tecumseh Country Club.

**MEN'S COLLEGE GOLF RESULTS**

**WHAC JAMBOREE NO. 2**  
**Sept. 25 at Fellows Creek (Canton)**  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Madonna University, 292 strokes (4-over); 2. Indiana Tech, 305; 3. Davenport, 307; 4. Siena Heights, 309; 5. (tie) Aquinas and Cornerstone, 310 each; 7. Northwestern Ohio, 319; 8. Concordia, did not finish.  
**Individual medalist:** Vince Carango (Madonna), 1-under 71.

**Other MU finishers:** 3. (tie) Austin Stillman (Livonia Franklin), 72; 6. Jimmy Uelman, 73; 11. (tie) Nick Sears, 76; 16. (tie) Tommy Lucko (Livonia Churchill), 78; 20. (tie) Brett Quitiquit, 79.

**Area players:** 3. (tie) Andy Myers (Siena Heights/Westland John Glenn), 72.

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE GOLF RESULTS**  
**OLIVET FALL INVITATIONAL**  
**Sept. 24-25 at Medalist Golf Club**  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Wheaton College (Ill.), 346-340-686; 2. Olivet, 342-345-687; 3. Otterbein College (Ohio), 357-339-696; 4. St. Francis (Ind.), 352-345-697; 5. Hope College, 358-346-704; 6. Madonna University, 374-345-719; 7. Trine University (Ind.), 368-362-730; 8. Albion College, 381-363-745; 9. Aquinas College, 382-363-745; 10. Calvin College, 404-382-786; 11. Rochester College, 408-401-809; 12. Kalamazoo College, 454-441-895.

**Individual medalist:** Casi Blanton (Wheaton), 79-80-159.

**Madonn finishers:** 12. Sara Simnitch, 85-88-173; 14. (tie) Michelle Hall, 92-84-176; 30. (tie) Kaitlyn Brasher, 100-83-183; 38. Mariel Meyers (Livonia Franklin), 94-95-189; 36. Chelsea Bathurst (Livonia Stevenson), 97-90-187; 41. (tie) Elena Thomas, 100-91-191; 56. (tie) Megan Fleischer, 105-101-206; 60. Caitlin Steele (Livonia/Dearborn Divine Child), 110-103-213.

**GIRLS GOLF RESULTS**

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 190**  
**CANTON 199**  
**Sept. 27 at Hilltop G.C.**  
**Churchill scorers:** Jordyn Shepler, 44 (medalist); Jackie Burdette, 46; Maggie McGowan, 49; Lauren Saam, 51; Nicole Kruse, 55; Amy Mikula, 69.  
**Canton scorers:** Paige Osler, 45; Kelsey McDougall, 46; Chloe Luyet, 51; Mary Elizabeth Winther, 57; Kaylie Lobb, 60; Ariel Alber, 61.  
**Dual match records:** Churchill, 7-2 overall, 7-2 KLAAS South Division; Canton, 5-4 overall, 5-4 KLAAS South.

**Salem netters win tournament**

Salem's varsity boys tennis team captured Saturday's Brownstown-Woodhaven Invitational, with several perfect performances leading the way.

The Rocks totaled 20 points to top the eight-team field. They were followed by Chelsea (17), Livonia Franklin (15), Trenton (13), Warren DeLaSalle (12), Woodhaven (10), Riverview (7) and Carleton Airport (2).

Perfect showings and flight titles were registered by Salem's Brock Foster (3-0, No.

2 singles), Brett Foster (3-0, No. 3 singles), Dion Walker (3-0, No. 4 singles) and the No. 2 doubles tandem of Michael Keum and Greg Selewski.

Meanwhile, No. 1 singles player Jacob Scott also had an excellent day with a 2-1 mark — topped only by Franklin's Steven Payne, who was named the tournament's "Top Gun." Salem's No. 1 doubles duo (Josh Perrin-Scott Devine) finished 2-1 for the day, as did No. 3 duo Cody Hazen-Alek Zultowski and No. 4 duo Tyler Foley-Vishnu Rajendran.

**Ocelots jump to top spot**

Two key victories over the weekend have propelled the Schoolcraft College men's soccer team alone atop both the Michigan Community College and NJCAA Region XII standings.

On Sunday, the host Ocelots avenged a tie earlier this season to beat Ancilla College (Ind.), 2-0.

Gavin Kelly scored what proved to be the game-winner in the 57th minute off an assist from Brent McIntosh.

Alex Tramel (Salem) then added an insurance goal five minutes later off an assist from Mark Djokaj.

Adrian Motta (Livonia Churchill) went the distance in goal making four stops to post the shutout as the Ocelots improved to 8-1-1 overall, 6-0-1 in Region XII and 4-0-1 in the MCCA.

In a battle of nationally-ranked NJCAA Division I on Saturday, No. 5 Schoolcraft downed No. 3 Cincinnati State, 3-0.

Second-half goals by Brent McIntosh, Mark Djokaj and Joe Carver proved to be the difference for the host Ocelots.

Schoolcraft goalkeeper Ian McDonald-Wilkins made four saves to earn the shutout.

The loss drops Cincinnati State to 8-2 overall and 6-1 in Region XII.

**Lady Ocelots win**

Jessica Lyon's goal 10 minutes into the first half of play Friday lifted Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team a hard-fought 1-0 triumph over visiting Cincinnati State.

The victory was the ninth in 10 games for coach Deepak Shivraman's club.

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Provided fundraising efforts are successful, the third Canton Soccer Club team to go to Scotland next year is the Canton Celtic U12 team coached by soccer club director Pete Alexander (back row). Here, the team celebrates after winning the Michigan Challenge Cup in Lansing.

# Chiefs roll to 12-0 mercy victory

Oh mercy, Canton really did it to Wayne Memorial Tuesday night.

Four goals by recent JV calypso Ryan Killgore (3 goals) and Cody Kahrs (1 goal) sparked a 12-0 rout, called at halftime because of the MHSAA mercy rule.

Also scoring for the Chiefs (11-2-2, 5-1-1 in the KLAAs South) were senior Garrett Derian-Toth, juniors Shean Krolnicki (2 goals), Bryan Ren (2 goals), junior Brian Berinti,

sophomore Bobby Budlong and sophomore Dan Ovesea.

Dividing the shutout were seniors Brandon Laabs and Garren Carr.

Collecting two assists each were Berinti and Budlong, with single helpers by Derian-Toth, junior Steven Murphy

(also his first varsity point after being called up from JV), Ovesea, freshman Griffin Parks, juniors Tyler Wunningham and Neil Zech.

**PCA 2, LUTHERAN WESTLAND**

1: Alex Chapman scored with a few minutes left in Thursday afternoon's game to lift host Plymouth Christian Academy to a 2-1 victory over Lutheran Westland in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference boys soccer matchup.

The Eagles (6-4 overall, 4-3 in the tough MIAC Blue) led 1-0 in the first half on a goal by Chapman, who fielded a long clearing ball from PCA goalie Jayme Putney and went all the

way down the pitch to place a shot past Warriors keeper Marc Rosin.

Lutheran Westland then evened things up early in the second half on a well-executed crossing play, but that only set the stage for the late excitement.

PCA captain Travis Dekruyter threw the ball in, leading to a flick by junior Dan Mullett. The ball then bounced over to where Chapman could rip it home.

## CELTIC

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Winch returned for his second stint at Iraq's Alpha Company Combat Support Hospital, where he is a combat nurse. He earned a Purple Heart his first go-around.

Rodriguez said Noah's uncle gave the youngsters more than a gift of money. What he did will forever be stamped on their hearts and minds.

"I think they really look at it as something special," she said. "Not every day do you get somebody who's home from Iraq to come and visit, and peel off \$500 out of his money to donate to their fund so they can get to Scotland."

"He's already serving our country, and then to go ahead and give his own money that he's earned from being in the war to the kids, that's the least selfish thing that you can do."

### SWEET PAYBACK

The soccer families did what they could to repay Winch for his generosity by packaging up 21 pounds of baked goods left over from a recent sale and shipping the cookies and cakes to him.

Savona said a care package is being put together for Winch, which will include T-shirts signed by all three teams, a Detroit Lions football (yes, Winch is a fan) and cases of Mountain Dew — a soft drink they apparently cannot get in Iraq.

As for coming up with enough money to fly the players over to Scotland (any coaches and parents who go on the trip will need to come up with their own money), Savona said some kind of auction event is in the works while businesses (and individuals) can sponsor the kids.

Details for a sponsorship program are still being firmed up, he noted.

"Businesses can sponsor and get a plaque or banner on back of the net," Savona explained. "If not, they can provide an auction item, we're looking to develop some kind of auction program."

### WHAT A REWARD

Rodriguez stressed that the concept of traveling to Scotland to play soccer is something her son is crazy about.

"Noah's so pumped (about playing in Scotland)," she said. "He tells everybody and anybody he knows that he's going to Scotland."

More importantly, the kids are involved in helping with the fund-raising efforts. More than \$2,000 has been raised just from the bottle drive.

"It's a team-building thing, it also teaches them you have to work hard at the things you want to do," Rodriguez continued. "Those are good life lessons that they'll have,

forever. And the reward they get is huge, they get to go to Scotland."

Once the teams and their chaperones are in Scotland, during the 2011 spring break, they will compete in tournaments, train with professional soccer clubs, soak in the Scottish culture.

"I think we're going for seven days, over spring break, playing in tournaments, doing training with some of the clubs over there," Rodriguez said. "They're putting the agenda together. It's all very family-oriented, we're going to go sight-seeing and visit some historical sites that are in relation to soccer."

### FUN AND GAMES

Actual soccer contests are only part of the fun awaiting the Canton teams.

"There's a lot of street-type soccer games that they do in Europe that we're not familiar with, fun things especially at this age," Savona said. "Like being able to control a ball and kick it into the back of a dump truck. ... They do a lot of that stuff in the streets, it's just a way of life there."

"It will give our boys a taste of why it's so much more popular in Europe than it is here."

Meanwhile, Savona emphasized that the forthcoming "Scotland Experience" wouldn't have been possible without Canton Soccer Club's invitation to the Woodwynd Wolves to compete at the Celtic Invitational.

"They played as part of a tournament and part of a brilliant effort to try and expand soccer here in the U.S. and get a little more excitement and gain that cross-country relationship with another club," Savona recalled.

He said the Wolves, who stayed in Canton at no cost, "wrote us a letter when they got back home" and invited the Canton Celtic teams to visit their country for a tournament.

"All of the boys are very excited," Savona said. "I don't know if any of these boys have been to Europe, so they're very excited about going there and they're very excited about playing somebody from another country."

Although Rodriguez will have to foot the bill herself to accompany Noah, she is just as excited to have a trip to Scotland on the horizon.

"I have never been overseas, I've never been to Europe," Rodriguez said. "This will be my first opportunity to go and I am just ecstatic that it's for my son (and) for his soccer."

"What more can a parent ask for?"

Individuals and businesses interested in helping the teams raise money for the trip, please send an e-mail to scotlandexperience2011@gmail.com.

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## Plymouth clicks in four-game win

BY TIM SMITH  
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It took a while, but Plymouth volleyball coach Kelly McCausland gave her team full marks for a complete performance with Tuesday's 3-1 victory over KLAAs South rival Westland John Glenn.

The visiting Wildcats (10-4-1 overall, 2-1 South) rolled to 25-13 and 25-18 wins in the first two games, dropped the third game 21-25 and came back to clinch with a 25-19 triumph in Game 4.

"We finally played outstanding volleyball tonight with all cylinders running together," McCausland said. "Everything was finally clicking like we have been waiting for all season."

"I am so proud of our back court play tonight. Our passing

and defense led to an aggressive offensive night."

The sparkplug was Kayla Bridge, who "was on absolute fire tonight both offensively and defensively," the coach noted.

Bridge led the Wildcats to victory with 19 kills, 24 defensive digs and a 100-percent passing rate.

Jessica Scott also was stellar with 35 assists and a perfect night in the serving department. "She continued to get the ball to our hot hitters all night," McCausland said.

Those would include Dani Risi (14 kills) and Madelyn Betts (8 kills).

Adding 24 digs with a hard-nosed game was Mariah Tesarz.

Lindsay Stemberger chipped in with nine digs and a 100-percent night serving-wise.

## WILDCATS

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forward Jeffrey Thomas from about 20 yards in front.

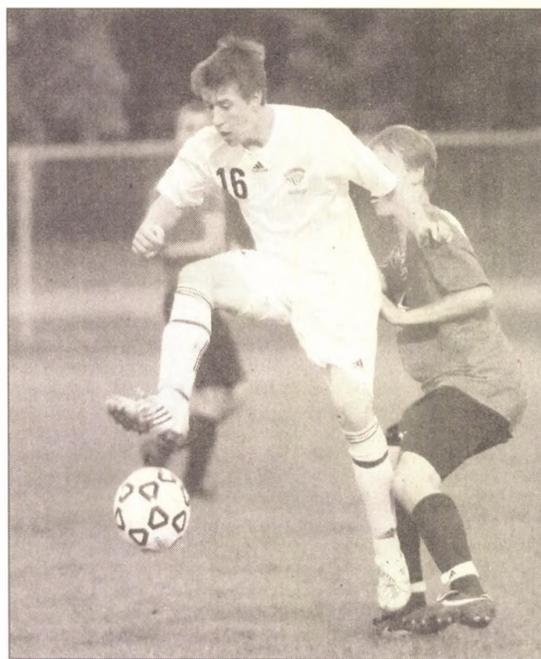
"He (Mejia) had to come up with a couple big ones," Neschich said. "They got a little bit of pressure there on us for a while."

### HELPING OUT

Mejia had a lot of help from his friends, clearing loose balls out of danger areas away from dangerous Chargers such as Thomas and senior midfielder Stephen Foster (who set up Woodruff's goal).

"They had four forwards at the end and coach just told me to drop back on center-D and I just got physical back there," said senior midfielder Joe Klonowski, one of the all-around standouts for Plymouth. "We had a disappointing effort against Canton (a 3-1 loss last Thursday), so we were just looking to turn it around against Churchill."

Klonowski, senior Andrew Yoder and senior Mitch Vaughn were all in the defensive mix with less than three minutes to go and Churchill threatening to tie the score off a corner kick.



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Maintaining sharp focus on the ball is Plymouth's Derek Austin (No. 16), with Livonia Churchill's Alex Jones (right) closing in.

Somehow, the Wildcats teamed up to keep the ball out of the goal and that pretty much locked up the victory.

"I saw it bounce right on the goal line," Klonowski said. "So I just tried to scissor it and I

hit one of our own guys and then I turned around and the ball was out."

That sequence summed up the night for the Chargers.

"We created a lot of opportunities, a lot of restarts. The

ball was bouncing in the box all over," Friedrichs said. "We just needed someone to put a foot on it and we're always just a second behind."

### OPPORTUNISTIC

The Wildcats took a 1-0 lead about 15 minutes into the match, when Klonowski set up senior forward Derek Austin for a nifty goal against Churchill junior goalkeeper Bryan Bartig.

Woodruff netted the equalizer around the 30th minute, but Plymouth chipped in the lead goal off of a scrum and never looked back.

On the winner, Bartig came out for the ball, but slipped and injured an ankle in the process, leaving the goal wide-open.

"He (Bartig) just slipped, rolled his ankle as he slipped and their guy (Kim), with him on the ground, headed it in," Friedrichs said. "It was unfortunate."

The Chargers brought in junior goalkeeper Mario Canestraro to finish up the half. Canestraro played another five minutes in the second half, grabbing a low, hard shot by junior Rob Korstjens, before Bartig was able to return.

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## Salem divides and (almost) conquers at invites

Members of Salem's girls cross country team competed Saturday at two invitationals, with the Rocks having solid showings both places.

The "A" team placed fifth at the Jackson Invitational, with 137 points. Meanwhile, the Salem "B" team came in second at the Catholic Central Invitational, held at Cass Benton Park.

At Sharp Park in Jackson, Salem freshman standout Kayla Kavulich came in fourth overall with a time of 18-minutes, 51.6 seconds to pace the Rocks.

She was followed by Victoria Tripp (15th, 19:16.6), Shannon Flynn (31st, 19:51.2), Adrianna Beltran (35th, 20:00), Kara Booms (52nd, 20:19.1), Amanda Beyer (85th, 20:56.8) and Autumn Burin (104th, 21:24.8).

Meanwhile, the "B" team (2nd with 69 points, trailing Grosse Pointe South's 32-point tally) featured Emily Bizon (8th, 20:47), Alejandra Beltran (9th, 21:05), Madison Goodpasture (10th, 21:07), Natasha Stevenson (16th, 21:42), Phoebe VanHoof (26th, 22:54), Adelaida Jepperson

(33rd, 22:57), Mariam Mroueh (34th, 23:10) and Emily Marcero (3-JV, 22:30).

### Canton girls fifth

Sparked by Bianca Kubicki's fourth-place finish of 19-minutes, .08-seconds, the Canton girls cross country team placed fifth out of 14 teams at Saturday's Monroe Jefferson Invitational.

Kubicki wasn't too far behind the overall winner, Livonia Franklin's Megan McPherson (18:29).

Other Chiefs to finish on

a windy day were Rachel Rohrbach (17th, 20:10), Abigail Gorzalski (32nd, 21:00), Emily Southern (37th, 21:22), Jessica Siegler (39th, 21:28), Katie Grimes (42nd, 21:41) and Chelsea Smith (51st, 22:24).

"Despite the tough conditions, the girls performed really well," said Canton head coach Eric Pahl. "It was very windy but still they posted some fast times."

"When I looked at the results, I couldn't believe how fast we ran."

### PREP CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

**GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS**  
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 21, PLYMOUTH 39  
Sept. 28 at Cass Benton Park  
Individual winner: Megan McPherson (Franklin), 19:38.

**Other Franklin finishers:** 2. Leslie Gomez, 20:22; 5. Megan Wickens, 21:17; 6. Pia Klein, 21:24; 11. Tiffany Lambie, 21:47; 8. Kelly Walblay, 21:57; 10. Madeline Herman, 22:39.

**Plymouth finishers:** 3. Nicole Traites, 20:50; 4. Brianna Lax, 20:52; 9. Marina DiBiase, 22:14; 11. Julie Hahn, 22:28; 12. Jessica Scarpello, 22:56; 13. C. Manettas, 23:02; 14. Sophie Roberts, 23:03.

**Dual meet records:** Franklin, 2-1 overall; 2-1 KLAAs South Division; Plymouth, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAAs South.

**SALEM 20, LIVONIA STEVENSON 43**  
Sept. 28 at Cass Benton Park  
Individual winner: Karlie Gallagher (Stevenson), 20:25 (5,000 meters).

**Salem finishers:** 2. Alejandra Beltran, 20:30; 3. Emily Bizon, 20:50; 4. Shannon Flynn, 20:53; 5. Kayla Kavulich, 20:53; 6. Amanda Beyer, 21:12; 7. Autumn Burin, 21:15; 8. Adrianna Beltran, 21:21.

**Other Stevenson finishers:** 9. Allison Gudeman, 21:22; 11. Taylor Cieslak, 21:28; 12. Meghan Gilson, 21:36; 14. Barbara Scupholm, 22:05; 15. Michelle Krawczyk, 22:11; 16. Sofia Lynch, 22:18.

**Dual meet records:** Salem, 3-0 overall; 3-0 KLAAs Central Division; Stevenson, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLAAs Central.

**BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS**  
CANTON 27, LIVONIA CHURCHILL 29  
Sept. 28 at Cass Benton Park  
Individual winner: Mitch Clinton (Canton), 17:14 (5,000 meters).

**Other Canton finishers:** 2. Miles Felton, 17:32; 5. Braden Conley, 18:11; 8. Keegan Sullivan, 18:23; 11. Tom Walkinshaw, 18:33; 12. Zach Cox, 18:40; 14. Jeff Molchan, 18:54.

**Churchill finishers:** 3. Tom Windle, 17:43; Ryan Wise, 17:56; 6. Sam Yurgil, 18:16; 7. George Bowles, 18:20; 9. Ben Yates, 18:26; 10. Cody Rossier, 18:26; 13. Stephen Charnley, 18:43.

**Dual meet records:** Canton, 3-0 overall; 3-0 KLAAs South Division; Churchill, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAAs South.

**LIVONIA STEVENSON 23, SALEM 39**  
Sept. 28 at Cass Benton Park  
Individual winner: Steve McEvilly (Salem), 17:14 (5,000 meters).

**Stevenson finishers:** 2. Matt Williams, 17:05; 3. Joe Urso, 17:16; 5. John Lynch, 17:28; 6. Ryan Petru, 17:37; 7. Adam Chludzinski, 17:37; 9. Joey MacDonald, 18:10; 10. Stephen Fench, 18:12.

**Other Salem finishers:** 4. Andy Rabe, 17:19; 8. Michael Karizat, 17:37; 12. Jeremy

Drouillard, 18:19; 15. Tom Patterson, 18:38; 16. Mason Mills, 18:39; 17. Alex Creekmore, 18:39; 18. Evan Bruyere, 18:50.

**Dual meet records:** Stevenson, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAAs Central Division; Salem, 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLAAs Central.

**PLYMOUTH 18, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 41**  
Sept. 28 at Cass Benton Park  
Individual winner: Joe Porcari (Plymouth), 16:53 (5,000 meters).

**Other Plymouth finishers:** 2. Derek Gielarowski, 17:04; 4. Brandon Dalton, 17:54; 5. Jimmy Maciag, 17:57; 6. Justin Heck, 18:03; 7. Garrett Neumann, 18:25; 8. Liam Cardenas, 18:26.

**Franklin finishers:** 3. Austin Jones, 17:28; 8. Mike Witt, 19:14; 9. Josh Beesmer, 19:48; 10. Gabe Martinez, 20:07; 11. Chad Walters, 20:39.

**Dual meet records:** Plymouth, 3-0 overall; 3-0 KLAAs South Division; Franklin, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLAAs South.

**MONROE JEFFERSON INVITATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY MEET**  
Sept. 25 at Sterling State Park

**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Brighton, 27 points; 2. Canton, 83; 3. Livonia Churchill, 105; 4. Ann Arbor Huron, 118; 5. Monroe, 119; 6. Belleville, 133; 7. Livonia Franklin, 213; 8. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 215; 9. Allen Park, 217; 10. Southgate Anderson, 228; 11. Wayne

Memorial, no team score.

**Individual winner:** Austin Whitelaw (Monroe), 15 minutes, 27 seconds (5,000 meters).

**Canton finishers:** 5. Miles Felton, 15:48.6; 8. Mitch Clinton, 16:59.66; 13. Braden Conley, 17:09.0; 27. Keegan Sullivan, 17:58.6; 30. Tom Walkinshaw, 18:01.95; 35. Kurt Kowalski, 18:16.16.

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Brighton, 40 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 76; 3. Livonia Franklin, 80; 4. Monroe, 113; 5. Canton, 129; 6. Saline (B), 149; 7. Plymouth, 150; 8. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 215; 9. Allen Park, 242; 10. Belleville, 298; 11. Taylor Kennedy, 343; 12. (tie) Romulus and Wayne Memorial, no team score.

**Individual winner:** Megan McPherson (Franklin), 18:29.7 (school record).

**Canton finishers:** 4. Bianca Kubicki, 19:08.45; 17. Rachel Rohrbach, 20:11.34; 32. Abigail Gorzalski, 21:00.15; 37. Emily Southern, 21:22.51; 39. Jessica Siegler, 21:28.47; 42. Katie Grimes, 21:41.82; 51. Chelsea Smith, 22:24.91.

**Plymouth finishers:** 8. Brianna Lax, 19:46.04; 12. Nicole Traites, 19:59.44; 34. Sophie Roberts, 21:08.82; 46. Julie Hahn, 22:02.88; 50. Elyse Gryniwicz, 22:20.91; 57. Jessica Scarpello, 22:41.70; 59. Dana Rebar, 22:48.56.

## Big return for Plymouth Christian's Malcolm

Plymouth Christian Academy warmed up for a big division showdown by defeating a pair of opponents in a tri-match Tuesday at Whitmore Lake.

The Eagles — with standout middle hitter Kristin Malcolm back in the lineup after recovering from an injury — defeated Whitmore Lake 25-16, 24-26, 15-10 and followed up with a 16-25, 25-13, 15-13 win over Detroit Country Day.

Malcolm had 11 kills and three blocks against Whitmore Lake, her first game back.

Other PCA standouts included outside hitter Amy Zinn (11 service points, 6 digs), setter Brianna Harris

(21 assists), libero Abby Bartes (11 service points) and middle blocker Folake Olojo (7 kills).

Against the Yellow Jackets, Malcolm fared just as well with 11 kills and 11 digs. Harris (21 assists), Bartes (10 digs), Olojo (9 kills) and Jessica Rich (10 service points, including eight consecutively in the key Game 2) also were key players for PCA.

Next up for the Eagles is Thursday night's Michigan Independent Athletic Conference showdown against Lutheran Westland.

### Salem sweeps

Every player contributed to Salem's 25-12, 25-15, 25-

12 victory last Thursday over South Lyon East.

Kerry MacDonald (18 assists), Quinn Fillingier (10 assists), Nicole Merget (11 kills, 4 aces, 5 digs), Bree Berberet (3-for-3 in kills), Kara Hewett (2 kills, 1 ace) and Katie Heitmeyer (4 digs) all were instrumental to the win.

### Chiefs win silver

Canton head coach Mary Kryska said her team was inconsistent at Saturday's Bedford Invitational. But the Chiefs, after going 1-3 in pool play, turned it around to capture the silver bracket thanks to a 25-20, 25-18 win over Bedford.

The Chiefs defeated

Pinkney (19-25, 25-22, 15-10) and Livonia Stevenson (25-20, 25-20) earlier in the bracket.

The lone win in pool play was against Grand Ledger, 25-20, 19-25, 15-11. Following that were defeats to Carleton Airport (19-25, 25-21, 8-15), North Farmington (19-25, 23-25) and Stevenson (25-22, 21-25, 15-17).

Statistical leaders for Canton included Alaina Turner (54 kills, 18 blocks, 6 aces), Kristen Muir (38 kills, 88 digs, 6 aces), Erica denBoer (25 kills, 7 aces), Maggie Deloy (21 kills), Jackie Waite (67 assists, 31 digs, 7 aces), Lauren Martin (56 assists, 30 digs, 9 aces), Alex Bryden (30 digs, 4 aces) and Laura Fcasni (27 digs).

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**BARBARA ANN DOWELL**

Age 63 died Sept. 27, 2010 at Providence Hospital after a brave 17 month battle with cancer. Preceded in death by husband Larry and parents Ralph Wineman and Margaret Cowley. Barbara retired from Farmington Public Schools, where she worked for 27 years. Born in Yonkers, NY April 27, 1947 but moved to Michigan as a young child where she resided in Detroit all her life. Survived by son Brian (Carmen) Boyd of Livonia, Mark Dowell of Novi, grandchildren Jordan and Matthew, Jackie & Christopher, Sister Carole Layne of Livonia, special nieces Colleen (Jason), Lauren & Ashley Brasgalia of Secaucus, N.J., nephew Timmy Ray of Novi, Uncle Tom Stankey of Indianapolis, IN and many other family and friends who will greatly miss her, especially Linda Hogan who was a dear lifelong caring friend. Visitation Thursday 3-8pm, service Friday at 11:30am at Charles Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly, between 6 & 7 Mile Rds.



**GEORGE ROMEO HAMEL**

Age 91, September 22, 2010 Loving husband of Margaret (Haggerty) Hamel of 64 years, brother of Leo (Wanda) Hamel (age 98) & his current 22 direct descendants: His five children Patricia (Robert) Nakonecny, Larry (Lynette) Hamel, Diane (Dave) Wallen, Kenneth (Deborah) Hamel & Colleen (George) Siroonian; his 15 grandchildren Carrie (Jason), Matt (Danae), Dan, Greg, Nick, Brian, Christopher, Jeff, Megan, Kellie, Michael, Brett, Griffin, Katie & David; and was "Grandpa George" to his great granddaughters Madeline & Natalie. He was "Uncle George" to the children of his best friend Jim Feeny and Margaret's twin sister Marion: Jim (Kathy) Feeny, their children Jennifer, Molly, James & Katie; Kathleen (Steve) Goch, their children Alex & Anneliese; Nancy (Rick) Gorton, their children Michelle, Nick & Colleen; Daniel (Teri) Feeny, their children Maureen, Bridget, Colleen & Tim; Bob (Maribeth) Feeny, their children Brian, Patrick & Kevin. George R. Hamel was youngest of 17 children born to Azarie & Emma Hamel in Port Arthur, Canada on November 22nd 1918. Since then the number 22 has followed him throughout the years: born on November 22nd, became a U.S. Citizen on May 22nd, inducted into the Army on September 22nd, wounded in the Battle of the River Roer on February 22nd and received the Purple Heart, discharged on January 22nd, on June 22nd married his sweetheart Margaret (born March 22nd), retired on December 22nd and on September 22nd with a chuckle, he left to watch over his 22 descendants, extended family and friends who dearly loved him. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, October 2nd at 10:00 a.m. at Church of the Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, just north of 10 Mile Rd. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: The Autism Society, 4340 East West Hwy., Suite 350, Bethesda, MD 20814 or online at: www.autism-society.org



These good folks participated in last fall's Plymouth-Canton CROP Walk.

## CROP walkers fight hunger one step at a time

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Local businesses have stepped up in support of this year's Plymouth-Canton CROP Hunger Walk.

Barb Fichtenberg of Canton, CROP Walk coordinator, lists Community Financial Credit Union, Hiller's Markets and the Canton dental practice of Drs. Pinkney, Greenbaum, MacFarland and Timpner as supporters. Holiday Market of Canton will provide bottled water for the Sunday, Oct. 17, benefit, which will begin at St. John's Episcopal Church on Sheldon in Plymouth Township.

Organizers appreciate that business support, which has made possible special event T-shirts to mark the 20th Plymouth-Canton CROP Walk.

"I think there may have been a year or two we missed in there," said Fichtenberg, a Garden City Hospital staffer. This year's event adds up to the 20th. There's another local CROP Walk, Livonia's, taking place Sunday, Oct. 3.

Registration for Plymouth-Canton will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the walk starting at 2 p.m. Walkers are being recruited from Plymouth-Canton churches.

This year's congregations include First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, Geneva Presbyterian Church of Canton, St. John's Episcopal, Praise Baptist Church of Plymouth, the Plymouth-Canton Salvation Army, Living Peace of Canton — which meets at Field Elementary School — and First United Methodist of Plymouth.

Last year's Plymouth-Canton walk raised just over \$7,000.

"I think last year the economy affected the walk," Fichtenberg said. "We're hop-

ing this year things are getting a little better."

### LIVONIA WALK

The 27th annual Livonia Area (Livonia and Garden City) CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, Oct. 3, from Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. and the send-off celebration and walk at 2 p.m. Participants can walk the two-, four- or six-mile route. Those with mobility problems can do the short walk in the park.

Livonia organizers expect about 250 walkers from about 20 churches from Livonia and Garden City. Their goal is to raise \$30,000 for the fight against hunger. Last year, they raised over \$23,000 with one-quarter of that money going to local food banks in Livonia, Garden City, Redford and Detroit. Contact John Hirtzel at (248) 477-5181 for further information or pledge sheets.

That walk can also be accessed through cropwalkonline.org, which has walks throughout Michigan listed.

### WORLD, U.S. RELIEF

Of Plymouth-Canton proceeds, 75 percent will go to Church World Service (www.churchworldservice.org) which provides disaster relief, humanitarian assistance and development work worldwide. The remaining 25 percent will go to the Salvation Army locally, which serves Belleville and Northville in addition to Plymouth and Canton.

Walkers will raise pledges and walk either two or four miles. The Salvation Army locally received almost \$1,800 last year from the event, assisting 2,452 people from 669 families.

"Everybody is very supportive of

the Salvation Army and their work," Fichtenberg said, adding organizers are pleased the Army's involved in planning and participation. Church World Service appeals to walkers and donors as well, giving money both overseas for projects like helping with recent Pakistan flooding, as well as U.S. relief.

"It's a community event and churches are working together," she said. "A lot of people are aware of it."

The name now is CROP Hunger Walk with a new logo, to help people who didn't know the acronym of Communities Responding To Overcome Poverty.

Three participating churches, Geneva, Living Peace and St. John's Episcopal, also supported the T-shirt project, Fichtenberg said.

There's "Walking on the Web" information at www.cropwalkonline.org, in which participants can pick Michigan and then their local walk, signing up as an individual or team. For information on the Plymouth-Canton walk, call Fichtenberg at (734) 981-4205.

The Salvation Army will provide a canteen on walk day, she said, and can transport anyone who gets tired walking. The walk has been held in Canton in the past, but in Plymouth in recent years.

"We get more visibility walking through the city," Fichtenberg said. "The Canton walkers don't mind going to Plymouth."

This year's goal is to have 120 walkers, who are encouraged to raise \$100 each. "Basically we just want to increase our walkers and our total amount," she said. "I'm sure we will do that."

Strollers and wagons are welcome at the Plymouth-Canton walk, but organizers ask participants to leave bicycles and Rollerblades at home.



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## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Compuware Arena draws large crowds for Plymouth Whalers games, and also offers a restaurant and drive-in movie theaters.

# Compuware becomes entertainment mecca

**Observer:** Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature?

**Whalers/Compuware:** The Plymouth Whalers play in the Ontario Hockey League, which is the highest talent level of hockey players in the world in the age group of 16-20. The Whalers have made the playoffs 19 straight seasons, which is a current OHL record. The reputation of the Whalers is the team never rebuilds, but reloads.

The Whalers are one of the most active teams in the Canadian Hockey league in terms of community involvement. As a result, the local community has embraced this team. It seems that nearly every player on the team has his own cheering section, because they've connected in one way or another with someone in the community.

The Compuware Arena Drive-In Movie Theatres run in the summer months and has developed its own following. Drive-in movie patrons are as passionate about the drive-in as Whalers fans are about their hockey team.

CJ's Brewing Company is the restaurant located at Compuware Arena. Like the Whalers and the Drive In, CJ's has developed its own passionate following. CJ's is packed before, during and after Whalers games and has started gathering crowds for other events like Motor City Trivia on Thursday evenings.

Compuware Arena also hosts high school and college graduations, Detroit-Novi Catholic Central hockey, the Michigan Boys State High School Hockey finals, Compuware AAA hockey, concerts, Fox Sports Net/Gatorade Replay, chamber events, figure skating shows, boxing and wrestling events and was the home of the Detroit Ignition of the Major Indoor Soccer League.

**Observer:** How did you first decide to open your business?

**Whalers/Compuware:** Compuware CEO and Whalers owner Peter Karmanos wanted to build a clean, first-class facility for the Whalers.



Compuware Arena also hosts graduation ceremonies, like this one for Schoolcraft College.

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**Observer:** Why did you choose Plymouth?

**Whalers/Compuware:** Centrally located and excellent area.

**Observer:** What makes your business unique?

**Whalers/Compuware:** Compuware Arena is a place where people can have fun, follow their passions (hockey, figure skating, etc.) and enjoy themselves. Something is happening here pretty much seven days a week.

**Observer:** How has it changed since you opened?

**Whalers/Compuware:** With the opening of the restaurant and the drive-in - and the willingness to bring in other events - Compuware Arena is much more than a hockey arena.

**Observer:** Do you have a funny tidbit of story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

**Whalers/Compuware:** We once had a marriage proposal during a Whalers game. The perspective bride accepted. We've had sellout crowds for the last two Division 1 high school hockey finals between Detroit-Novi Catholic Central and Howell, where people were lined up out the door trying to buy a ticket. You haven't lived until you've seen Mascot Madness during a Whalers game. Strange, but funny nonetheless. A number of years ago, we had the Green Men invade Compuware Arena during a Whalers playoff run. It started with one man dressed in green, then two and multiplied exponentially throughout the playoff run. We may have had as many as 20 Green Men by the second round of the playoffs. We had the Oscar Meyer Weiner Mobile visit Compuware Arena several years ago.

**Observer:** How has the recent economy affected your business?

**Whalers/Compuware:** Attendance was up 25 percent last season for the Whalers. Attendance was excellent for the high school hockey finals.

**Observer:** Do you have any advice for other small-business owners?

**Whalers/Compuware:** It's great to have fun when you work.

**Observer:** What's in store for you're the future of your business?

**Whalers/Compuware:** I think we'll continue to find ways to keep people coming to Compuware Arena.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Cupcake station

The Cupcake Station opened for business last week.

Owner Kerry Johnson gave away hundreds of cupcakes in exchange for donations to the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Cupcakes included chocolate cheesecake, lemon lust, Boston cream and strawberry delight, among two-dozen different cupcake treats.

The Cupcake Station, located at 318 Main, will be open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### Pet Costume Contest

The Plymouth Howl-Ween Pet Costume Contest is set for Thursday, Oct. 28, from 5-6 p.m. in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

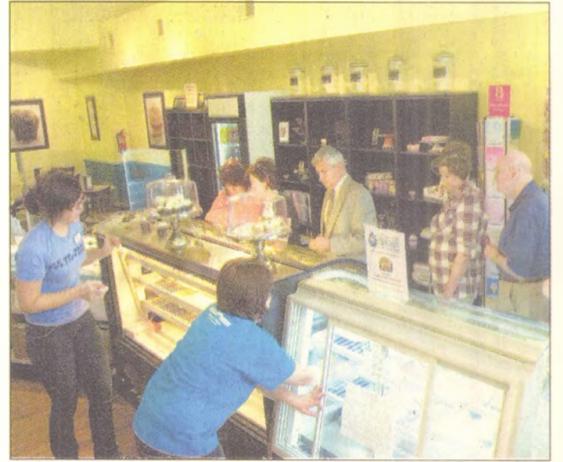
The contest is free to enter, and registration takes place 5-5:20 p.m., with the contest beginning at 5:30 p.m. The costume contest will consist of first-, second- and third-place winners. Prizes will be given to the top three winners. Pets must have current vaccinations and be people- and animal-friendly.

Visitors can stay downtown for The Great Pumpkin Caper, which includes trick-or-treating and a kid-costume contest starting at 6:15 p.m.

For more information e-mail [dda@ci.plymouth.mi.us](mailto:dda@ci.plymouth.mi.us) or visit [www.downtownplymouth.org](http://www.downtownplymouth.org).

### Camp Quality

Tech Tool Supply announced Camp Quality Night with the Plymouth Whalers, set for 7:05 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1. The Plymouth Whalers will



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Customers line up for cupcakes at Cupcake Station, which opened for business with a cupcake giveaway Tuesday.

play the Saginaw Spirit, but before that night arrives, the goal is to sell 3,000 tickets to the game. For each \$11 ticket sold, \$4 will go directly to Camp Quality Michigan. In addition to selling 3,000 tickets, Tech Tool Supply would like to raise an additional \$3,000 through donations and the 50/50 raffle. By achieving this goal, a total of \$15,000 will be raised for Camp Quality.

On Oct. 4, Tech Tool Supply will celebrate its sixth anniversary. And as a way of giving back, Tech Tool Supply has decided to throw its first charity event for a great cause. Brent Hagood, the owner, says, "Over the 12 years that I have been involved with Camp Quality, I've seen first-hand all of the amazing things they do for children with cancer and their families," said owner Brent Hagood. "I volunteered

at their summer camp in northern Michigan for seven years when I was younger, and the atmosphere they create for the kids is wonderful. Camp Quality is a wonderful organization that is very close to my heart."

Tickets for this event can be purchased from Tech Tool Supply via phone by calling (877) 208-6657; visiting the local showroom; mailing a check to Tech Tool Supply, Attn: Rebecca Gillespie, 9060 General Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170; or online at [www.TechToolSupply.com](http://www.TechToolSupply.com)

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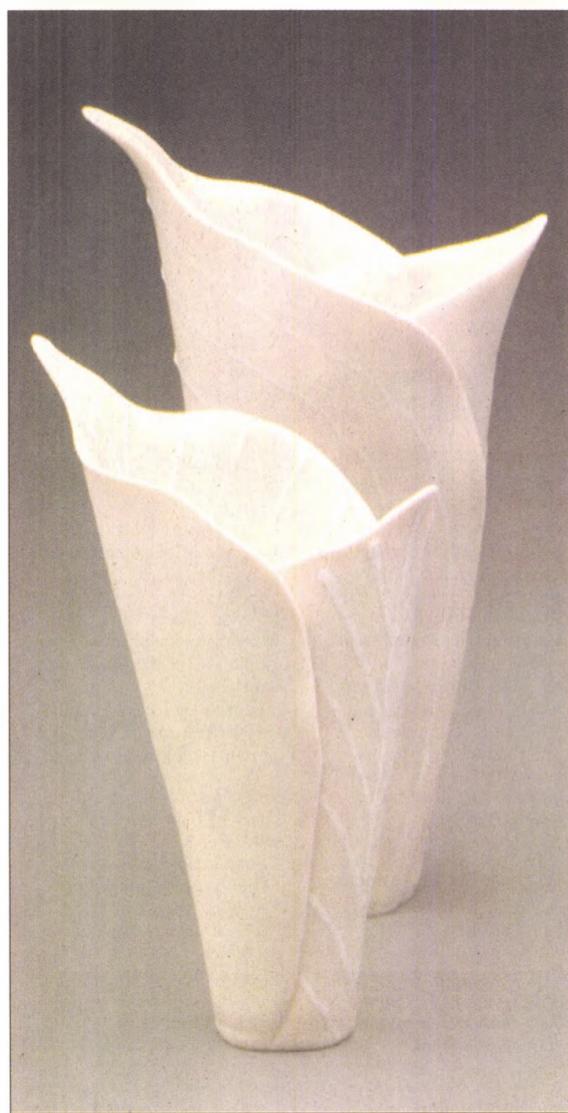
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## Visit a working porcelain studio at artist's open house



Elizabeth Lurie will open her home studio to the public Oct. 9. Visitors will see ceramics, such as these hosta vases.

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Elizabeth Lurie exhibits art on her own terms and turf.

"I'm in a new place in my career where I'm cutting back on the places I am exhibiting. I'm producing less and I want to produce less, but I want to maintain my relationship with the community," said Lurie, a Farmington Hills ceramicist who works in porcelain. "I'm not as interested in maintaining relationships with galleries. It's not worth it in the present economic climate."

"I haven't done art fairs in 10 years except for Philly (Philadelphia Museum of Art Craft Show). But one thing I always enjoyed about art fairs was that I was able to talk to the public."

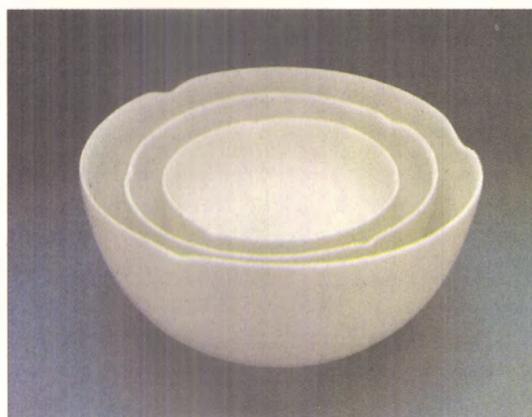
Feedback from art lovers was so important, that Lurie simply began to invite the public to her home studio a few years ago. Her annual studio open house is 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 9, at 29228 Summerwood, Farmington Hills; (248) 851-1732.

Home studio open houses aren't new, but Lurie says "not enough" local artists market their works that way. She prefers to bring people to her art because they get a chance to see a functioning ceramicist's work space.

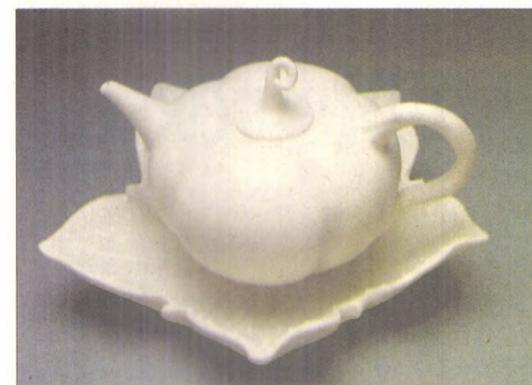
"People love to come because they get to see where I work and then they can talk to me directly. I serve refreshments. They enjoy the whole atmosphere."

### LARGE KILNS, STUDIO

Students from Oakland Community College and



Nesting bowls are among the ceramic works by Elizabeth Lurie of Farmington Hills.



An Elizabeth Lurie tea pot.

friends will assist with the show, freeing Lurie to talk with visitors.

The 800-square-foot studio includes a room for making pieces and glazing them and a kiln room for firing.

Last year Lurie bought two new large kilns — for the first time in 30 years — and

demonstrated firing. The equipment was so large she had to remove a garage wall for the installation.

"They are very large. I knew I wanted to start making larger pieces. For the Pewabic (Pottery) show in the spring I'll have large pieces."

### MAJOR MUSEUMS

Lurie took her first ceramic class in the late 1960s at Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, before studying at Pewabic Pottery in downtown Detroit for three years. At Pewabic she experimented with glazes, salt firing, honed her skills on the wheel and tried porcelain for the first time. "Working in porcelain still intrigues me, still frustrates me and still fills me with wonder at times," she said.

Her works are in permanent collections of major museums around the country, including the Detroit Institute of Art, and she has exhibited at The American Pottery Festival and the Smithsonian Craft Fair. In addition to her own open house, she'll participate in the Philadelphia Museum of Art Craft Show in November, an online show in March 2011 and the Pewabic Pottery show in May 2011.

She also plans a hands-on workshop for four participants in her home studio next year.

Lurie suggests that visitors check out her Web site, at [www.elizabethlurie.com](http://www.elizabethlurie.com), before heading out to the open house.

"This is very important because my subdivision entrance is off Middlebelt, which is closed between 12 and 13 Mile Roads because of a major sewer collapse," she said.

The Web site has a map and alternative routes. She plans to update the site to adjust for changes in road closures the night before the event.

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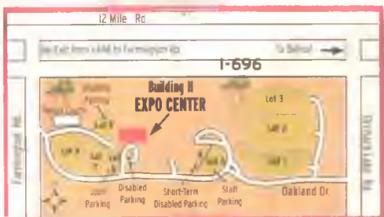
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12 p.m. - 1 p.m.  
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**Details:** Great Lakes Beadworkers show beads with "attitude."  
**Contact:** (248) 473-1856

**Music Hall**

**Time/Date:** 2-5 p.m., Oct. 2  
**Location:** Jazz Cafe at Music Hall, 350 Madison, Detroit  
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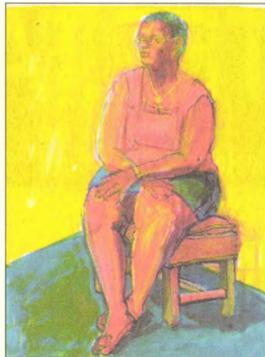
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Adnan Alousi, 6, of Huntington Woods, was our first winner. He attended the April 11 Tigers game at Comerica Park. For his sixth birthday, Adnan had 25 friends bring baseball equipment instead of presents for him. He donated the equipment to the Tigers "Gloves For Kids" program.



Tommy Wiaduck, Noah Gould and Jimmy Wiaduck stand with Paws before the Sunday, May 2, 2010 Tigers game. Tommy of Highland Township won the tickets for his award-winning essay. For his 10th birthday, Tommy asked his guests to buy Cuddle Alert teddy bears instead of presents for him.



Ian Naccashian, 13, of Livonia attended the June 13 Tigers game. He attends Holmes Middle School in Livonia. As part of the Youth Makes a Difference program at his elementary school, he started collecting eyeglasses for the AAA Sight Night program at age six. During the 2009/2010 school year with the help of family, friends and his school community, Ian collected another 23 pairs of eyeglasses. Bringing his total collection to 488 pairs of eyeglasses.



Karlie Cummins, 12, of Farmington Hills is concerned about the environment and tries to make her school "a more eco-friendly place." She attended the July 11 Tigers game and met Paws. She attends O.E. Dunckel Middle School in the Farmington School District.

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Ryan Schmatz, 9, of Canton Township, was the August winner of the Observer Eccentric/Hometown Newspapers Paws for Applause Essay Contest, allowing him to meet Paws, the Detroit Tigers mascot, at the Aug. 22 game. Ryan attends Field Elementary School in the Plymouth-Canton Community School District. He likes to recycle paper, cans, plastic, cardboard, and glass at home and in his neighborhood.



Steven, 10, and Seta, 7, Hagopian of Commerce Township and formerly of Milford were winners of the Sept. 12 Tigers tickets. They attend Country Oaks Elementary School in the Huron Valley School District. They believe in helping family and community. They are members of St. John's Armenian Church in Southfield where they helped to raise money for the Gavor School in Armenia.



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## Garage sale benefits Plymouth theater

Love a good garage sale? How about a "reverse" sale? Barefoot Productions in Plymouth is offering both. The more traditional garage sale runs 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 2, in its theater at 240 N. Main. The troupe will sell a variety of items, including furniture, a piano, electronics, decor, household items, clothing, books, toys, sporting goods and more. All proceeds benefit the theater.

The new twist to its fund-raiser is the "Reverse Garage Sale." The theater maintains an ongoing wish list of needed items and its members are asking supporters to consider donating. The full list is available on the Barefoot Productions Web site at [www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com). It includes such items as 100 wine glasses, 150 mobile upholstered seats, a shop vac, table lamps and more. All donations receive a tax-deductible receipt. Any unsold garage sale merchandise will be donated to a local charity.



Blackthorn will perform a benefit concert for Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, in Canton.

## Concert benefits cultural arts in Canton

Blackthorn, a Michigan-based group known for Celtic music, will perform a benefit concert for the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, at Ridge Road, Canton.

Partnership for the Arts and Humanities is a non-profit organization that advocates for the arts and educates, encouraging the development of cultural arts in Canton. It also financially supports artists.

Blackthorn has played throughout the Great Lakes region since 1984. The group performs traditional songs of emigration, sea shanties, lively jigs and reels, and haunting ancient airs, along with some

of Ireland's best contemporary songs.

Each member of the band plays multiple instruments, including wooden flute, accordion, tin whistle, five string banjo, cittern, bones and more. These instruments complement the lead vocal of Belfast native Richard McMullan and the band's tight blend of four-part harmony.

Tickets are \$25, available online at [www.cantonvillage.theater.org](http://www.cantonvillage.theater.org) or by calling (734) 394-5300. For more information about the concert, call (734) 394-5460 or visit [www.cantonvillage.theater.org](http://www.cantonvillage.theater.org) or [www.blackthorn1.com](http://www.blackthorn1.com). To learn more about the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, visit [partnership-forthearts.org](http://partnership-forthearts.org)



## Opening night

The Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras begin its concert season with "Flute Fantastique," 7:30 p.m., Oct. 9, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, Cherry Hill and Ridge Road, Canton. The program features flutist Eric Lamp with Bernstein's Candide Overture, Lieberman's Concerto for Flute, and Symphonie Fantastique by Berlioz. Subscriptions for five concerts are \$110 general admission, \$85 for senior citizens and \$40 for students. Individual concert tickets are \$25 general, \$20 for senior citizens and \$10 for students. For more information or to buy tickets, visit [www.plymouthsymphony.com](http://www.plymouthsymphony.com). Or call (734) 451-2112

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Auditions for the team are set for 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 5, at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Potential Spare Tires must

be at least 18 years old.

The audition process will include registration, learning and performing dance moves, performing a special talent and personal interviews. Candidates can pre-register at [Pistons.com](http://Pistons.com). Walk-ins will get a chance to audition subject to time constraints. Candidates should enter through the West Atrium and will be directed to the registration area.

The Palace of Auburn Hills is located at 6 Championship Drive, off Lapeer Road, in Auburn Hills.

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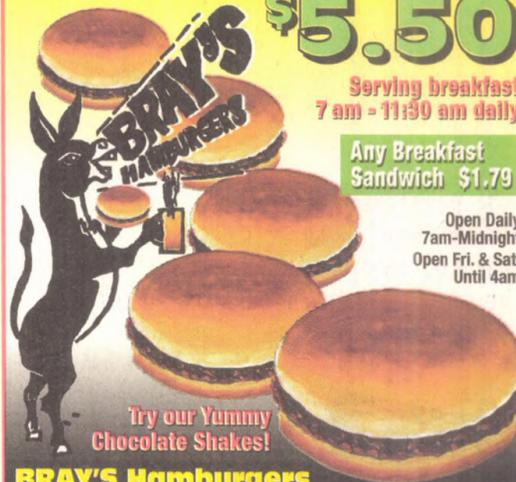
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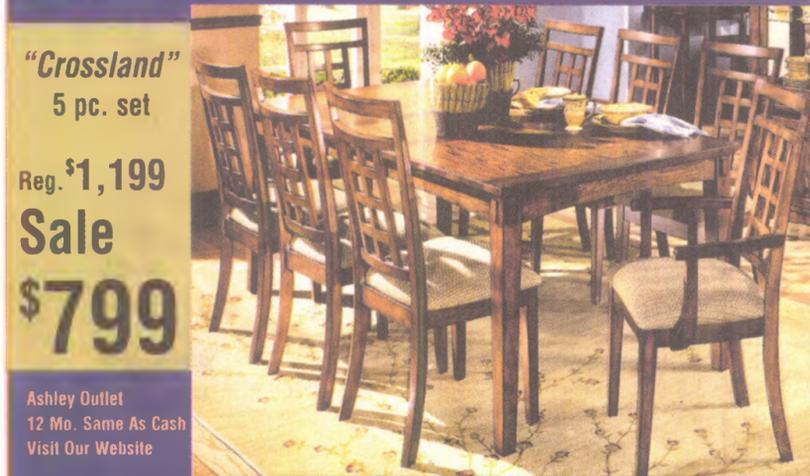
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### Public service announcements sought for contest

Michigan high school students can compete to win gift cards in a student filmmaking competition sponsored by The Meijer Foundation, M.E. Davenport Foundation, The Van Singel Fine Arts Center and Celebration Cinema.

Contestants must submit a 30-second public service announcement promoting positive choices in the areas of character education, healthy lifestyles, and/or celebrating diversity. Students must target one of two audiences with their PSAs: Kindergarten through 6th grade or 7th through 12th grades. Deadline for submission is February 11, 2011 with a \$10 registration fee; or submit by January 14, 2011 and pay a \$5 registration fee. Students and their teachers can download registration materials and guidelines at [meijergreatchoices.com](http://meijergreatchoices.com).

Audio/visual students and professors from several Michigan universities are the preliminary judges and choose the finalists based on specific criteria. The top three winners from each category will receive prizes of \$2,000, \$1,000, or \$500 in the form of a gift card to their choice of Meijer, Apple, or Dell. Eighteen winners also will be chosen in first, second and third place.

More than \$20,000 in prizes will be awarded at a VIP ceremony and reception tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 4, 2011 at Celebration Cinema North in Grand Rapids.

The winning PSAs in each category will be reproduced on DVDs and distributed to schools across the state as tools for their character education, health education and diversity programs. DVD's also will be made available to all Meijer Stores for in-store airing, and to the media.

For complete details, guidelines, registration information, or to view the 2010 winning PSAs, go to [www.meijergreatchoices.com](http://www.meijergreatchoices.com).



Chainsaw artists will create works of art, like this bird, Oct. 9 in Canton.

## Festival combines wood art and raku at recreation trail

Enjoy an afternoon of arts and eats from noon-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Chainsaw Art & Fall Festival, at the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail located off Morton Taylor Road at Michigan Avenue, in Canton.

Throughout the event, chainsaw artists will use their special talents turning logs into intricate sculptures. Popular carvings include totem poles, birds, bears, and other wildlife. Completed pieces will be available for purchase.

"These trails are the perfect location to showcase the unique art of chainsaw carving," stated Jon LaFever, recreation coordinator. "We've recently added a permanent wooden bench and

additional carvings along the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail to enhance these open spaces."

New this year, Raku artists will be on site demonstrating the ceramic glazing process that uses both fire and smoke to create exceptional patterns and designs.

Tim & Sally's Awesome Eats and Canton Coney Island will sell lunch items and Home Depot will provide a fun craft for kids to make and take home.

For more information about this family-friendly event visit [Cantonfun.org](http://Cantonfun.org) or call (734) 394-5460.

## Canton program marks Festival of Lights

Celebrate Diwali the Festival of Lights, and the anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's birth, Saturday, Oct. 2 at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill in Canton.

The theater will open at 6:30 p.m. and a program will begin at 7 p.m.

Canton Supervisor Phil Lajoy will kick off the event with a welcome and introduction. The

program will include songs, skits, dances, displays and speakers.

Diwali is a Hindu festival celebrated over five days, with the third day regarded as the most important celebration day.

Lighting candles during the Festival of Lights is meant to illuminate the darkness of the New Year's moon and strengthen close friendships and personal

knowledge.

The program also will honor the life and legacy of Mahatma Gandhi by celebrating the values that he lived every day.

Admission is \$1 donation at the door. The theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Visit [Cantonvillagetheater.org](http://Cantonvillagetheater.org) or call (734) 394-5300 for more information.

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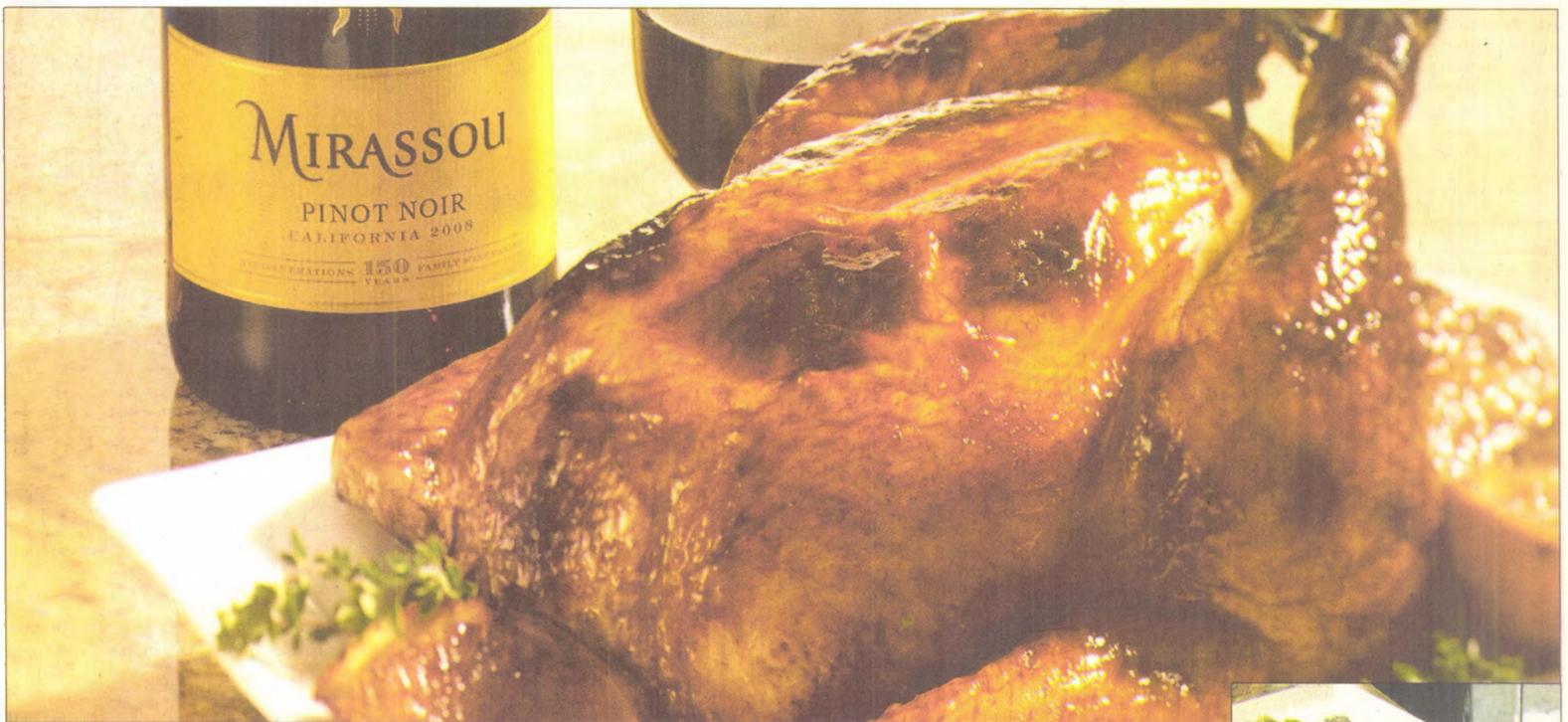
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## FRESH Fall FLAVORS

Seasonal ideas for adding full flavor from Food Network Chef Aida Mollenkamp

This fall, create a menu to remember by incorporating fresh, seasonal flavors into the traditional, comforting dishes of the season. As the air becomes crisp and the sun sets a little earlier each day, it's the ideal time to warm up your kitchen while experimenting with fresh ingredients. Plus, matching each dish with a corresponding wine is a simple technique for enhancing the flavors in the food and wine.

Chef Aida Mollenkamp, host of the popular Food Network show *Ask Aida* and Cooking Channel series *FoodCrafters*, suggests adding bright bursts of flavor, such as citrus zest, or a unique topping like chimichurri, to give a dish an unmistakable taste of the season.

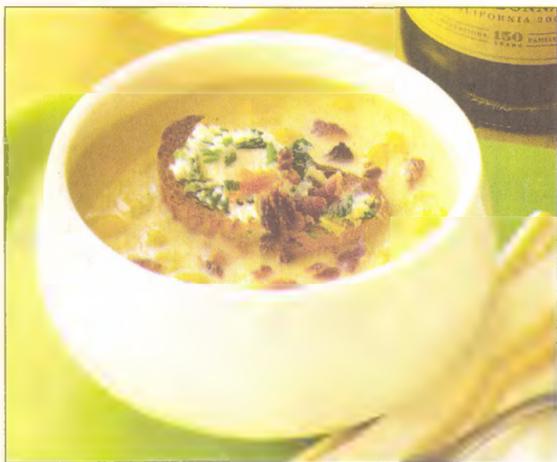
To start off a great meal, or even as a light main dish, try Aida's version of creamy corn soup topped with an indulgent cheese toast and crumbled bacon. Paired with a glass of crisp Chardonnay from California's Mirassou Winery®, this is a perfect pairing for any autumn evening.

For a main dish, pump up the flavor of a juicy roasted chicken by following Aida's recipe that incorporates a spiced pomegranate-orange glaze. Served with Mirassou's fruit-forward California Pinot Noir, this pairing is a crowd-pleaser for any occasion. Or try topping a grilled hanger steak with a colorful and spicy basil chimichurri, and pair with a glass of Mirassou's lush Cabernet Sauvignon to create an unforgettable fall flavor combination.

For more recipe ideas from Aida, and wine pairing tips, visit [www.mirassou.com](http://www.mirassou.com).



Chef Aida Mollenkamp



### CREAMY CORN SOUP WITH BACON TOASTS

Pair with Mirassou California Chardonnay

Makes 6 to 8 servings

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 1 hour 20 minutes

Inactive Cook Time: 15 minutes

Difficulty: Easy

#### For the soup:

- 6 ears fresh corn
- 2 tablespoons (1/4 stick) unsalted butter
- 1 medium sweet onion, finely chopped
- 4 medium garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 cup Mirassou California Chardonnay
- 4 cups vegetable or chicken broth
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 cup half-and-half
- 1 vanilla bean, split in half

#### For the garnish:

- 1/2 cup fromage blanc or ricotta cheese
- 2 tablespoons minced chives
- 12 1/2-inch-thick slices french bread, toasted
- 4 slices cooked bacon, crumbled

Prepare corn by cutting kernels from cob; reserve cobs. You should have approximately 5 cups of corn kernels from 6 cobs of corn. Heat butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat. When it foams, add onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until browned, about 5 to 7 minutes. Add garlic and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add half of the corn kernels and cook, stirring constantly, until golden, about 3 minutes. Add wine and scrape up any browned bits on bottom of pan. Cook until alcohol smell is gone, about 2 minutes. Add broth, water, reserved corn cobs, and season with salt and freshly ground black pepper, increase heat to high and bring to a boil. When soup is boiling, reduce heat to low and simmer, stirring occasionally, for 40 minutes.

Remove soup mixture from heat, discard cobs and set aside. Place half of soup mixture in a blender and puree until very smooth, about 2 to 3 minutes. Repeat with remaining soup mixture. Return mixture to saucepan, add remaining corn kernels, half-and-half, and vanilla bean and cook over medium heat for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally to prevent burning. Taste and adjust seasoning as desired. Meanwhile, prepare garnish. Mix cheese and chives and season with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Divide cheese mixture evenly among toasts. To serve, remove vanilla bean from soup and ladle soup into bowls. Garnish soup with bacon and float 1 to 2 cheese toasts in each bowl.

### SPICED HANGER STEAK WITH BASIL CHIMICHURRI

Pair with Mirassou California Cabernet Sauvignon

Makes 4 servings

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 10 minutes

Inactive Cook Time: 15 minutes

Difficulty: Easy

#### For the basil chimichurri:

- 1 packed cup fresh basil leaves, trimmed of thick stems
- 3 medium garlic cloves
- 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1/4 cup olive oil

Finely chop basil and garlic (or process in a food processor several pulses). Place in a small bowl. Stir in remaining ingredients and season to taste with salt and freshly ground black pepper.

Let sit at least 15 minutes before using. (Serve or refrigerate until ready to use. If chilled, return to room temperature before serving. Can keep up to 2 days.)

#### For the steak:

- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons canola or vegetable oil
- 1 1/4 to 1 1/2-pound beef hanger steak or skirt steak, sliced crosswise into 4 pieces

Combine spices and salt in a bowl and mix thoroughly. Lay steaks on baking sheet, drizzle all over with 1 tablespoon oil. Sprinkle on spice mixture, and rub it in until moistened. Repeat, coating steaks as evenly as you can. Let sit at room temperature at least 15 minutes before cooking.

When ready to cook, heat a large cast iron skillet over medium-high heat and add remaining 1 tablespoon oil. When oil begins to smoke, place steaks in pan and cook, undisturbed, until crust has formed and blood appears on surface, about 3 to 5 minutes, flip and repeat on second side.

Remove steaks to a carving board, cover loosely with foil, let rest for 10 minutes. To serve, slice against the grain and serve drizzled with basil chimichurri.



### ROAST CHICKEN WITH SPICED POMEGRANATE-ORANGE GLAZE

Pair with Mirassou California Pinot Noir

Makes 4 to 6 servings

Prep Time: 20 to 30 minutes

Cook Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Difficulty: Medium

- 1 tablespoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons canola or vegetable oil
- 1 4 to 5-pound roasting chicken
- 1/2 medium orange
- 1/2 cup pomegranate juice
- 1/2 cup Mirassou California Pinot Noir
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 3 garlic cloves, smashed
- 2 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper
- 2 cloves
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard

Heat oven to 425°F and arrange rack in middle. Mix together salt and pepper in a small bowl and set aside. Pat chicken dry and rub all over (under skin, too) with oil and season with salt and pepper. Stuff cavity with orange half, and let sit at room temperature while oven heats up, about 20 to 30 minutes. Place, breast side up, on a roasting rack; roast until skin is golden brown, about 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, combine pomegranate juice, wine, orange juice, honey, garlic, black pepper and cloves in a large pan and boil, stirring frequently, over high heat until syrupy (you should have about 1/4 cup), about 25 to 30 minutes. Remove from heat, discard garlic and cloves, whisk in mustard, and reserve half of the glaze for serving.

Continue roasting chicken, brushing with glaze every 5 minutes, until chicken is cooked through and an instant-read thermometer inserted in the thickest part of the thigh, avoiding bone, registers 165°F, about 30 to 45 minutes more. Let rest 10 minutes; carve and serve with reserved glaze passed on side.

— Courtesy Family Features

## Tell us why family dinners are important

The *Observer* wants to hear about your family dinnertime and to encourage and challenge local families to eat together.

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children's essay and family dinner photo, one for a teenager's essay and family photo and one for a couple's essay and family photo.

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Family Day — A Day to Eat

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More than a decade of research by The National Center on Addiction

and Substance Abuse at Columbia University CASA has consistently found that the more often kids eat dinner with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use drugs.

Family Day began as a grassroots initiative and has grown to become a nationwide celebration. In 2009 President Barack Obama, all the governors and more than 1,000 mayors and county executives proclaimed and supported Family Day.

For more information on Family Day, see [www.casafamilyday.org](http://www.casafamilyday.org). Sharon Dargay can be reached online at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com) or (313) 222-8883.

## CITY BITES

### Benefit for braille

**Livonia** — Eat at California Pizza Kitchen in Livonia from Sunday-Thursday, Oct. 3-7, and you can support Seedlings Braille Books for Children, the local nonprofit that provides high quality, low cost children's literature in braille. Download a flyer from the Seedlings Web site, [www.seedlings.org](http://www.seedlings.org), and present it when you dine. The organization will receive 20 percent of your bill. Every \$10 raised at this event will make another braille book possible.

Dining hours are 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday and noon-8 p.m. Sunday. California Pizza Kitchen is located in Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and Newburgh, Livonia.

### At Farmer's Market

**Milford** — The Milford Farmer's Market now accepts Michigan's Bridge Card, which

dispenses federal food assistance dollars to needy families and individuals through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly Food Stamps. Clients can exchange their food assistance benefits for wooden tokens at the farmers market that are accepted by vendors who sell qualifying foods, like fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods and meats.

Milford Farmer's Market is open 3-9 p.m. Thursdays on Liberty between Main and Union.

Other local farmer's markets that accept Bridge Cards are:

- Canton — 500 N. Ridge Road, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday through Oct. 17.
- Redford — 12121 Hemmingway, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, through Oct. 31
- Wayne — 35319 Michigan Ave., 3-7 p.m. Wednesday, through Oct. 27

# Vegetarians celebrate national awareness month

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

VegMichigan wants to make it easy for you this month to eat more vegetables, fruits and grains and less meat.

The organization is celebrating national Vegetarian Awareness Month with events throughout October.

"VegMichigan is a very welcoming group and people love it when new people join," said Cyndi Summers, who handles publicity.

Vegan potluck dinners are planned for 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7 and 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia.

Vegans eat no animal products of any kind, including dairy foods. The Oct. 7 dinner will include a demonstration and raw foods. The Oct. 24 potluck will include a video.

Participants should bring a dish to pass or \$7.50.

"We really do encourage people to bring a dish," Summers said. "There are plenty of different things vegetarians can eat. You don't have to be an accomplished cook. You can bring vegetables, a side dish, salad. You can bring watermelon, a fruit salad.

"The potlucks can be pretty intimate, sometimes fewer than 20 people."

The group's Thanksgiving potluck draws upwards of 100 individuals all in various stages on the same path.

"Some may be vegan, some raw vegan, some people may just be trying to eat less meat."

VegMichigan offers lectures, classes, social outings and an e-newsletter that goes out to approximately 6,000 e-mail addresses. VegFest — a mix of food tastings, guest speakers, and educational workshops — grew so large that it will move from Ferndale High School to Rock Financial Center in Novi next year.

"The vegetarian food market is growing from year to year. In an economy where things



VegMichigan holds monthly potluck dinners at Unity Church in Livonia.

usually are on the decline, the vegetarian category continues to increase. Vegetarian options grew 100 percent this year over last year," she said, citing statistics from farmusa.org.

VegMichigan cites three major reasons — health, environment and humane treatment of animals — for eating a plant-based diet.

Its Web site points out that vegetarian diets are typically high in fiber and low in saturated fat and cholesterol; animal agriculture creates waste and methane gas emissions that contribute to pollution; and factory farming creates cruel, crowded living conditions for animals that are

headed for slaughter.

"People are starting to seek out more information. It's a subject people avoided for many years, but the more they hear from the mainstream media and see clips of factory farms, they know where their food comes from and it's hard to maintain that disconnect," Summers said.

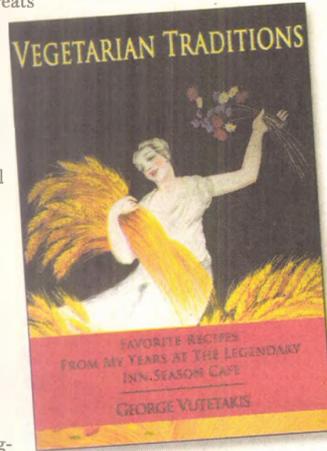
Other VegMichigan events in October include a screening of the documentary, *Earthlings*, followed by a speaker and discussion, at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 6, at the Caroline Kennedy Library, 24590 George, Dearborn Heights. The film, narrated by Joaquin Phoenix,

looks at the way society treats animals. Call Rob Butler at (313) 791-3800 for more information.

The group's monthly dinner club will visit Jade Palace, 13351 W. 10 Mile, Oak Park, at 7 p.m., Oct. 9. Cost is \$15. E-mail to karen@vegmichigan.org by Oct. 7 for details.

A Halloween potluck is planned in Troy and VegMichigan representatives will offer a cooking demo in Rochester Hills. For more information about VegMichigan visit <http://vegmichigan.org>.

Here's a sampling of vegetarian recipes to celebrate Vegetarian Awareness Month:



## TUSCAN WHITE BEANS AND ROASTED ASPARAGUS

The beans and asparagus are a perfect topping for roasted, stuffed polenta.

- White beans:  
1 tablespoon of extra-virgin olive oil  
1 cup of leeks, diced  
2 cups fresh fennel bulb, trimmed, cored and thinly sliced  
1/2 teaspoon of garlic, minced  
2 cups water or bean stock  
1 cup soy milk  
1/2 teaspoon fresh ground white pepper  
1/2 teaspoon sea salt  
4 cups cooked cannellini or great Northern beans  
1/2 cup almond meal or flour  
Asparagus  
24 spears fresh asparagus, washed and stemmed

## ROASTED STUFFED POLENTA

Serves 8

- Polenta:  
2 1/2 cups of water  
2 tablespoons leeks, finely minced  
2 tablespoons carrots, minced  
1/2 cup corn off the cob  
1 bay leaf  
1/2 teaspoon sea salt  
1 cup organic medium ground corn meal  
Baking sauce:  
1/2 cup balsamic vinegar  
1 1/2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil  
2 teaspoons dried oregano  
1 tablespoon tamari  
1/2 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper  
Basil Pesto  
2 cups loosely packed fresh basil leaves  
1/2 cup pine nuts  
1/2 teaspoon garlic, minced  
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil  
1/2 teaspoon sea salt

salt. Simmer broth for five minutes. Slowly stir in corn meal and cook until it thickens. Transfer to a double boiler on medium-high heat and cook, stirring frequently for 30 minutes. Transfer to a parchment-lined baking sheet, flatten to 1/2-inch thick and let rest for at least 30 minutes. Cut polenta into 4-inch squares and then angle-cut into triangles.

Baking sauce: Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Mix together all baking sauce ingredients and spread onto a parchment-lined baking sheet. Place individual polenta pieces on the sauce and bake for 15-20 minutes or until edges are browned. Remove from oven and allow to cool.

Basil Pesto: Puree all basil pesto ingredients in a food processor until they become a paste with texture. Spread pesto on half the polenta triangles and place the remaining halves on top sandwich-style. Toast in a 400 degree oven for 8 minutes just before serving.

Polenta: In a sauce pan on medium heat, add water, leeks, carrots, corn, bay leaf and sea

Preparing beans:  
Heat oil in a medium-sized saucepan on medium heat. Add leeks, fennel and garlic. Cook until leeks are clear, then add water, soy milk, white pepper, sea salt and beans. Simmer until beans start to break up. Add almond meal and simmer another 5 minutes.

Preparing asparagus:  
Mix asparagus with all ingredients. Spread out on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Bake for 10 minutes.

To serve:  
Place 1 cup of beans in the center of a plate. Put one Roasted Stuffed Polenta on the beans and arrange 3 spears of asparagus across the top of it in a fan pattern. Sprinkle red bell peppers around perimeter of plate.

All recipes courtesy of Chef George Vutetakis, former chef at Inn Season restaurant in Royal Oak. All are from his book, *Vegetarian Traditions*. For more on the book visit [thevegetarianguy.com](http://thevegetarianguy.com)

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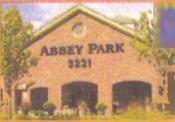
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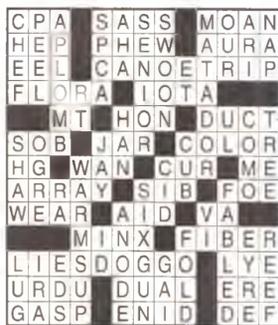
**ACROSS**

- 1 Contractor's figure
- 4 "Back in Black" group
- 8 Small bird
- 12 Hotel freebie
- 13 Extol
- 14 BMW rival
- 15 Playhouses
- 17 Move up and down
- 18 Egg — yung
- 19 Comes across as
- 20 Day fraction
- 23 Customer
- 26 Herr von Bismarck
- 27 Razor brand
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- 37 Understood
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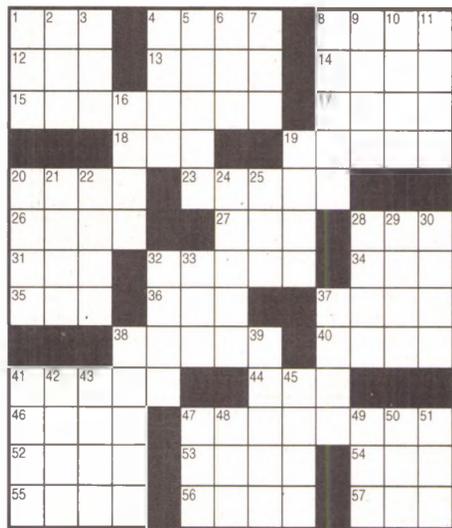
**DOWN**

- 40 Caesar's worst day
- 41 Provide capital
- 44 Night flyer
- 46 Sharp
- 47 Financial
- 52 Osprey kin
- 53 Encourage strongly
- 54 Baby babble
- 55 Decimal points
- 56 Cubicle filler
- 57 Cash dispenser (abbr.)
- 1 Morsel
- 2 Wolfgang, to himself
- 3 Kiki or Joey
- 4 Deep-voiced lady
- 5 Chocolate substitute
- 6 Unpaid
- 7 High-tech albums
- 8 Thin cookie

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

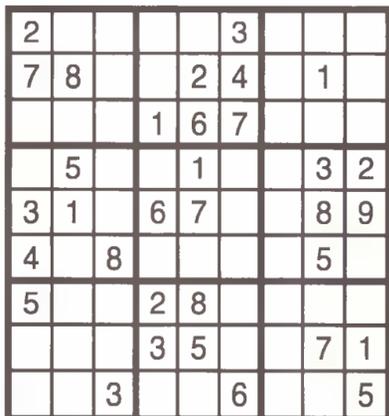


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- 9 Be in control
- 10 Wax-coated cheese
- 11 Puppy bites
- 16 Frizzly haired
- 19 Jiffies
- 20 Fervent wish
- 21 Redding or Skinner
- 22 Sporty trucks
- 24 "Lusitania" sinker (hyph.)
- 25 Kennel cry
- 28 Variety
- 29 Toward shelter
- 30 Somber evergreens
- 32 Misrepresent
- 33 Bucks and toms
- 37 Plaid garment
- 38 Davy or Casey
- 39 Tunes
- 41 Barely scraped by
- 42 Caligula's nephew
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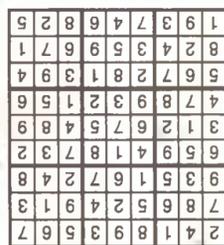
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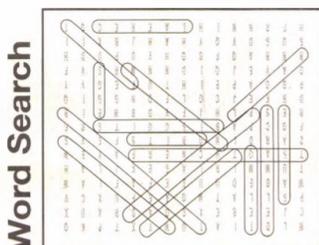


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- breakfast
- cereal
- eggs
- french toast
- fruit
- grits
- muffin
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Co-op Services Credit Union	(734) 466-6113	4.625	0	4	0 J
Dearborn Federal Savings Bank	(313) 565-3100	4.5	0	4	0 A
Fifth Third Bank	(800) 792-8830	4.375	0	3.875	0 J/V/F
First Michigan Bank	(248) 498-2824	4.5	0	3.75	0 J/V/F
First State Bank	(800) 372-2205	4.375	0	3.75	0 F
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Golden Rule Mortgage	(800) 991-9922	4.25	0	3.75	0 J/A/V/F
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**HERE**

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May be the Sacred Heart of  
Jesus be adored, glorified,  
loved & preserved throughout  
the world now and forever.  
Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for  
us. St. Jude Worker of  
Miracles pray for us.  
3 Glories, 3 Our Fathers  
& 3 Hail Mary J.A.#

**Found - Goods** (6350)

**RING** Found ring on sidewalk  
Sept 21 on McMunn, in  
South Lyon Please call 248-  
437-2401 to identify.

**7000-7780**  
**Merchandise**

**Absolutely Free** (7000)

**FREE** Round Oak pedestal  
table, w/leaf and 2 chairs.  
Good condition. 248-437-5534

**Antiques/Collectibles** (7020)

**LIVONIA:** 15422 Golfview,  
5/Levan Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 9-4  
Antique Furniture, Blue wil-  
low, Flow Blue, Modern Tulip  
dishware, china, glassware,  
crochery, graniteware, oil  
lamps, pictures, Steiff  
Hedgehog, Girl's Polish dance  
outfits, household items,  
clothes & much more.

**Rummage Sale/**  
**Flea Market** (7050)

**BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN**  
**CHURCH RUMMAGE**  
**& BOUTIQUE SALE**  
38651 N Woodward Ave.  
Bloomfield Hills (N of Lone  
Pine Rd). Sale begins on  
Thurs. Sept. 30, 6:30-9  
Fri. Oct. 1, 10-2, everything  
1/2 price. Sat. Oct. 2,  
9-noon. \$5 & \$10  
for a bag of rummage.

**FLAT ROCK**  
**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
Antiques/Flea Market  
Sun., Oct 3rd, 7am-4pm.  
200+ Dealers. Free  
parking & admission. No  
pets allowed Flat Rock  
Speedway, 1 mile S. of  
Flat Rock on Telegraph Rd.  
(734) 782-5220  
www.flatrockhistory.org

**Rummage Sale/**  
**Flea Market** (7080)

**LIVONIA CHURCH**  
**RUMMAGE SALE**  
Pre-Sale Thurs. Sept. 30,  
5-8pm (Adults \$2). Free  
Admission Fri., Oct. 1st, 9am-  
1pm & Sat. Oct. 2nd, 9am-  
noon (1/2 off sale). Newburgh  
United Methodist Church,  
36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

**WESTLAND -** Huron Valley  
Lutheran. 33740 Cowan Rd (N  
of Warren, E of Wayne).  
Thurs. & Fri. Sept 30-Oct 1,  
9am-5pm. Sat. Oct. 2, 9am-  
noon (\$3 bag day).

**7100 Estate Sales** (7100)

**ANTIQU:** Vintage, collec-  
tible, retro & Shabby Chic  
items. Also, American Girl  
Dolls & access, scrapping &  
crafting supplies. Great  
stuff too much to list! Thurs.  
9-5 & Sat. 9-1, 44850  
Dunbarton Dr. Novi.

**COMMERCE LAKE**  
**ESTATE SALE**  
4901 Juniper Drive.  
Fri. Oct. 1, 9-6pm.  
Sat. Oct. 2, 9-2pm.  
No pre-sales.  
Numbers 8 on Fri.  
Fine furniture, household,  
jewelry and more.  
www.estatesales.net/  
estate-sales/132528.aspx  
517-256-0695

**PLYMOUTH:** Estate Sale.  
42435 Apple Creek Dr. Thurs.  
Sat. 9-6. Antiques, Jenny  
Lynn beds, tools, household &  
sewing items, books & more.

**SOUTH LYON ESTATE SALE**  
Oct 1st & 2nd, 9-5pm.  
Lafayette Woods Condos, 261  
Ash Ct. Furniture, china,  
antiques, household items.

**Garage Sales** (7110)

**BIRMINGHAM**  
**Eton Academy's**  
**Annual Fall Bazaar!**  
Thursday, Sept. 30th, & Friday,  
Oct. 1st, 8:30 am-4:00 p.m.  
1755 Melton, Birmingham. A  
wide variety of items will be  
available. All proceeds will  
benefit Eton Academy.

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** 5518  
Kings Mill Dr., btwn Franklin  
& Inkster, off Quarton. Fri. & Sat.  
Oct. 1 & 2, 9am-? Furniture,  
jewelry, antiques, collectibles,  
craft supplies, & much more!

**CANTON TWP -** Fri-Sat, Oct. 1-  
2, 8-4pm. 48922 Castleside  
Dr., off Warren btwn Beck &  
Ridge (Pheasant Ridge Sub).

**DEARBORN:**  
24840 Richmond, S. of Cherry  
Hill, E. of Silvery Lane. Thurs  
Sept 30 & Sat Oct 2, 10-5pm

**FARMINGTON HILLS**  
**\$1 GARAGE SALE**  
Most items \$1 Or Less! Sofa,  
oak dresser, oak TV cabinet,  
bunk bed, occasional tables,  
computer hutch & misc.  
32249 Tall Timber Dr. S. of  
14, off Middlebelt. Sat. Only!  
8-3pm. (Rain Date: Sun. 10-3)

**Garage Sales** (7110)

**FARMINGTON HILLS**  
25612 Livingston Cr., 11  
Mile/Halsted, Drake/Grand  
River. Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 9am-  
3pm. Furniture, household.  
Moving Must Sell!

**FARMINGTON HILLS**  
Huge Garage Sale! Friday,  
Saturday & Sunday. Lots of  
Christmas decorations, elec-  
tronics, housewares, etc.  
29599 Belfast, Farmington  
Hills (south of Grand River @  
Middlebelt).

**Farmington Hills - MOVING**  
**SALE!** Kid's riding tractor &  
toys; 95 Camaro, furniture  
Oct 1-2nd, 10-6pm. 28400  
Hawberry Rd., N of 12 Mile,  
W of Farmington Rd

**GARDEN CITY SIX FAMILY**  
**GARAGE SALE -** Old books,  
coin pool table, furniture, etc.  
29840 Brown Ct., Garden City,  
Oct. 1st-3rd, 9am-5:30pm.

**LIVONIA - Estate Sale**  
Saturday, Oct. 2nd, 9AM-5PM  
& if needed Sunday, Oct. 3rd,  
10AM-2PM. No early birds  
please! Craftsman table saw,  
furniture, kitchen stuff, elec-  
tronics, books and more. Too  
much to list! Everything  
priced to sell fast. 27827  
Buckingham, Livonia NW  
corner of Inkster &  
Schoolcraft Roads.

**LIVONIA - Family Garage Sale.**  
36788 Sunnydale, N of 5 Mile.  
W of Levan. Proceeds for  
Susan G. Komen, Sept 30 &  
Oct 1, 8-3pm. Preview 9/29,  
5-7pm. \$5 admission.

**LIVONIA** \*8846 Hillcrest - Fri-  
Sun. Oct. 1-3, 9am-5pm.  
Furniture, books, household  
items, clothes, misc.

**LIVONIA** 28390 Terrence,  
btwn Inkster/Middlebelt, north  
side of 5 Mile, to Harrison to  
Terrence. Thurs. & Fri. Sept.  
30 & Oct. 1st, 9-5pm. Buffet,  
printer's drawers, household  
items, books & misc.

**LIVONIA** Furniture, tools,  
clothes, and more! Oct 1-2  
from 9am-4pm. 37470  
Plymouth Rd., Livonia

**LIVONIA GARAGE SALE**  
33621 Rayburn (N of 5 Mile,  
W of Farmington). Sept 30 -  
Oct. 2, 9-4. Children's items,  
household, furniture, etc.

**LIVONIA GARAGE SALE**  
Sept 30 - Oct 2, 9-4pm  
16376 Houghton, S of 6 Mile,  
W of Newburgh in Laurel Park  
South Hill sub.

**LIVONIA -** DVDs, books, golf,  
jewelry, household decor,  
clothes, toys & more! 10/1-  
10/2, 9-5pm. 37690 Kings-  
bury, off Newburgh, N/5 Mile.

**LIVONIA:** 15422 Golfview,  
5/Levan. Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 9-4.  
Antique Furniture, Blue wil-  
low, Flow Blue, Modern Tulip  
dishware, china, glassware,  
crochery, graniteware, oil  
lamps, pictures. Steiff  
Hedgehog Girl's Polish dance  
outfits, household items,  
clothes & much more.

**Garage Sales** (7110)

**LIVONIA:** 9/30 - 10/3, 8-5pm.  
Furniture, TVs, electronics,  
appli, bikes records, sporting  
goods, etc. 15875 Blue Skies,  
S/ 6, W/ Newburgh.

**LIVONIA: KIMBERLY OAKS**  
**SUBDIVISION SALE**  
Fri-Sat, Oct. 1 & 2, 9-5pm.  
N. of 96, E. of Farmington Rd.

**LIVONIA:** Mom 2 Mom Sale.  
Sat. Oct. 2, 9am-1pm.  
Franklin High School  
31000 Joy Rd.  
Gently used children's items.

**LIVONIA: Multi-Family Sale**  
Thurs-Sat. 9-6, 8945 Pere, N  
of Oct 1-2nd, 10-6pm. 28400  
Hawberry Rd., N of 12 Mile,  
W of Farmington Rd

**LIVONIA:** Multi-Family Sale.  
Clothes, tools, crafts, toys,  
household items. Fri-Sat, Oct.  
1-2, 9-5. 18355 Loveland, E  
of Farmington, S of 7 Mile.

**LIVONIA: Multi-Family Sale.**  
Lots to look through, come  
and see! 29739 Robert, off  
Middlebelt, btwn Joy & W.  
Chicago. Thurs-Sat, 9:30-4pm.

**MILFORD -** 4th Annual Kurtz  
Fundraiser Garage & Bake  
Sale. Sept 30-Oct 1, 9am-  
3pm. New location: Baker  
Elementary Gym, 716 Union  
St., Milford Village.

**NORTHVILLE -** Giant Garage  
Sale! 18945 Edenderry Dr.,  
btwn Rogers & Clement on S.  
side. Fri-Sat, Oct 1-2, 9-5.  
Furniture, kitchen, bikes, etc.

**NORTHVILLE** Huge  
Baby Sale! Swing  
exersaucer, lots of  
boy & girl clothes  
42602 Knollwood Ct.  
Whisperwood Sub (btwn 5 &  
6 Mile Rds, Bradner to  
Steepview) 9/30 & 10/1,  
9:30am to 4:00pm.

**NORTHVILLE -** A little bit of  
everything incl furniture. sat  
9-4pm. 21456 Summerside  
Ln. E of Beck, off 8 Mile.  
Northville Estates.

**NORTHVILLE -** Moving sale!  
Lots of furniture, musical  
instruments, TV, VCR, DVDs  
& player, more! All cheap!  
Oct 1st starts at 5pm. Oct 2nd &  
3rd 9-3pm. 112 Walnut St.  
off Center St. 2 bks N of Main

**Northville/Novi -** Huge moving  
sale! Furniture, household &  
holiday, toys, collectibles,  
yard equip, tools. 10/1 & 10/2,  
9-3pm. 41306 Liwelyn Dr. NE  
corner 8 Mile & Meadowbrook

**NORTHVILLE:** Home Decor  
Garage Sale. Let our Decor Fill  
your home with Galore. Sept.  
30 & Oct. 1, Thur. & Fri. 10-3,  
18245 Edenderry, S. of 7  
Mile, btwn Sheldon & Beck.

**NOVI** Sat. & Sun., Oct. 2 & 3rd,  
9am-4pm. 22340 Cascade, off  
9 Mile, Turtle Creek Sub. Large  
variety of items (garage items)  
& Dept. 56 collectibles.

**PLYMOUTH TWP - 4 Families**  
Golf equip, furniture, house-  
hold items & more! 47605  
Powell Rd, Ann Arbor Trail &  
Be

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**Help Wanted-General 5000**

**ASPHALT PAVING CO.**  
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**AUTO TECH**  
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**QUALITY ASSURANCE ASSISTANT**

Pharmaceutical mfg/packaging facility in Wixom is looking for a Q.A. asst. Exp in Quality Assurance a plus. \$11/hr. benefits after 90 days. Hours are 7am-3:30pm. Mon-Fri. Please fax resume: (248) 486-0886

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**Administrative Medical Secretary**  
for President & Administrator of large physician office practice. Knowledge of Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Internet, Physician Credentialing and scheduling meeting appts. Experience preferred. Fax resume to Sheila: (248) 893-2951

**CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANT-REDFORD**

Part-time, Tuesdays, Thursdays, occasional Saturdays. Must have office exp., preferably in a chiropractic setting. Please email resume to: drjkravis@sbcglobal.net

**MEDICAL ASSISTANT**

Part-time, 2-3 days. Farmington Hills. Must have experience. Fax resume to: (248) 855-0190

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Insurance Service firm providing Medical Assessments (IME's and Reviews) seeking RN to perform Quality Review on med assessments for Disability. Good benefits/Competitive pay  
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# CHEVROLET CRUZE SERVES NOTICE IN 'LETTERS' TO COMPETITORS

Advertising Feature

## CAReport



By Dale Buss

Looking at the initial phase of General Motors' marketing launch for the new Chevrolet Cruze, the company is betting heavily that American consumers will agree with its own exalted judgment of the new compact.

GM's first TV ads for Cruze are out, and while understated in terms of technique, the spots make clear the company's strategy for positioning and promoting its biggest new product since last year: unapologetically going for the throats of the traditional segment leaders.

"We're hoping to change the rules for Chevrolet and for small cars," said Mary Kubitsey, Cruze advertising manager. "That's holistic and simple, but that's what we're trying to do. And with our first campaign, we're hoping to entice people to take a second look at Chevrolet."

Already, perhaps, the ads are having some effect. Cruze site traffic on Edmunds.com more than doubled over the two weeks ended September 19, up 129 percent compared with August, according to Santa Monica, Calif.-based Edmunds.com. And its share of visitors gathering information on compact cars on the site rose 161 percent during the same period.

These ads are the first in which Chevrolet utilizes actor Tim Allen to do the voiceovers, but his persona isn't a huge factor in the company's

advertising strategy just yet. His identifiable role as Chevy's new hometown spokesman will grow for the Michigan-born funny man over coming weeks.

Instead, the point of the first ads to introduce Cruze as "the new kid on the block," as one spot puts it, and to pointedly challenge the reigning small-car champs to one-on-one duels.

In the stage-setting overall spot, Cruz - in the "first person" as it were - admits to being the newest entry in the segment, with faux modesty, notes that third-party experts already are comparing features such as its leather seating and interior appointments favorably to Lexus and Cadillac. At the end of the spot, Cruz pulls into a driveway of a house where the trees in the front lawn have been toilet-papered - presumably by jealous rivals.

"That ad really says, 'We're keeping pretty good company' with the name-dropping," observed George Cook, executive professor of marketing for the University of Rochester, and a former marketing executive for Ford.

Kubitsey explained, "We like to think it's confident. It's not like us to come out mud-slinging, but frankly, Chevy isn't in a good place with small cars, and [Cruze] is a home run for us. So to have relevant third-party people loving this car - it's a good



The 2011 Chevrolet Cruze isn't backing down from the competition.



Cruze is built at GM's Lordstown, Ohio, plant.

opportunity for them to speak.

Actually, the mud-slinging is pretty much reserved for the other two of Chevrolet's first trio of spots for Cruz.

In "Dear Corolla," Cruze "brags," among other things, about having Bluetooth connectivity, whereas Toyota Corolla doesn't. "It's saying, 'We've got the hottest new features, and you don't,'" Cook said. "It's raising the bar for Toyota."

And in "Dear Civic," Cruze warns the venerable Honda subcompact not to "look over your shoulder" as the Chevrolet upstart lurks in the shadows for the ideal spot to ambush a Civic nearby.

"Saying that 'we're after you; don't look back' is a very positive thing for Chevrolet," Professor Cook said. "It reconstructs GM's small-car image."

And like the other two ads, this spot ends with a new tag line for Chevrolet: "Get Used to More."

Intentional or not, that tag line is a double entendre for Cruze and for Chevrolet. GM's new chief marketing officer, Joel Ewanick, has promised that Cruze launch-marketing efforts would provide the first clear indication of the re-direction of the

company's marketing and branding efforts under his watch, especially for the crucial Chevrolet brand, which represents about 70 percent of GM's U.S. sales.

Formerly CMO for Hyundai of America (and then briefly for Nissan USA) before jumping to GM in May, Ewanick even brought in an old lieutenant, Chris Perry - who had succeeded him as CMO at Hyundai - to take over the Chevy division. It's uncertain how much influence Perry could have had on these TV spots in just a few weeks on board, but there's no doubt that he and Ewanick are on the same page in constructing the brand's future.

The way Ewanick described that path in a recent interview with AutoObserver.com, the redefinition of Chevrolet will become increasingly distinct over the next several weeks. GM will introduce the highly anticipated Chevrolet Volt extended-range hybrid in November. And then, Ewanick has promised, GM's re-entry into Super Bowl advertising in February, after a two-year absence, will focus on bolstering Chevrolet.

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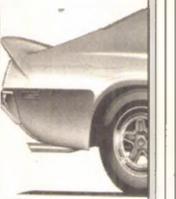
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