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On the air

The Escape 88.1 (WSDP-FM) will air interviews with each of the candidates for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education between now and the Nov. 8 election. The interviews will air during the Community Focus Program.

Community Focus normally airs on Wednesday at 5:40 p.m. but to accommodate all 15 of the candidates the station also will air the interviews on Tuesday at 5:40 p.m. Listen each week for the interviews and learn about the candidates' thoughts on a variety of issues including school funding, the search for a new superintendent, budget cuts and much more.

Spaghetti dinner

The VFW Post 6695 hosts a spaghetti dinner to benefit Sue Willum, who handles duties for the CRUZ'N 528 car shows sponsored by Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 and VFW 6695.

The dinner is 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at the VFW Post on Lilley (just north of Ann Arbor Road) in Plymouth, and benefits Willum, who suffered a stroke last month.

Chapter officials said the outlook was originally bleak for Willum, but that doctors are now hopeful for a full recovery.

Cost for the all-you-can-eat dinner is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children.

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Board extends Hughes' pact

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

One of the issues facing the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education is the hiring of a new, permanent superintendent.

On Tuesday, board members bought themselves another year to get it done. The board voted 6-0 (Trustee Steven Sneideman was absent) to extend the contract of Jeremy Hughes, the interim superintendent they hired near the end of last school year, through

June 30, 2013. When they hired him to replace Craig Fiegel, his contract was designed to run until the board found a permanent replacement.

Hughes, who has hired several new administrators to rebuild a leadership team wracked by retirements, said he's glad for the chance to help lead them.

"With my experience working in a board office, I can be a mentor," Hughes said. "I'd like to mentor this group a little longer. I like to think it would help us all to not only finish this year with

them, but to carry on into next year."

When Hughes was hired, it was partly to bridge the transition from the tumultuous end to Fiegel's tenure to a new permanent superintendent. His experience in a large district — he was superintendent in Dearborn — and at the state level were attractive attributes.

Board members recently approached him to gauge his interest in staying one more year, and Hughes agreed. The

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Dr. Jeremy Hughes (left), interim superintendent for Plymouth-Canton schools, agreed to a one-year extension of his contract Tuesday, though details still need to be worked out. At right is school board President John Jackson.



Jerry and Maureen Makled prep the ingredients for their chili. They live in Plymouth.

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Hot time in the old town

Chili fans pack into Plymouth for 16th annual cookoff

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Enjoying weather that was more August than October, an estimated 20,000 people visited downtown Plymouth Sunday for the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff.

The 16th annual chili festival, which netted around \$40,000 for Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County, featured a motorcycle show, performances by dance troupes, live music by Steve King and the Dittilies, vendors' booths — and chili: 90 different varieties in five competition categories.

The crowd went through more than 50,000 samples of chili, according to organizers Annette and Ken Horn.

"It was the smoothest-running event so far," said Annette Horn, board president of Great Lakes Chili Inc., the nonprofit that runs the festival. "It's one of the most fun days of the fall season for us, even though it is crazy and hectic."



April Pierson, of Plymouth, waits to park on Main Street. Sunday was her first group ride. She bought her Harley Davidson Heritage Softtail in June.

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At its peak around 1 p.m., Horn said, people were packed into Kellogg Park. "You can't even move in the park, and getting from one side of the park to the other could take you 15, 20 minutes. It was jammed," she said.

Running dry

The chili ran out shortly before the event's official 5

p.m. closing time.

"Usually a restaurant here and there will have some chili left, but we absolutely ran dry," said Horn.

Returning cooks took some of the top honors in the cookoff at The Gathering.

"They're getting a little tired of me here," joked Richard Chauvin of Windsor after picking up his first-place award, in Inter-

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Literacy group gets boost from \$7,500 Comcast donation

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

A \$7,500 grant from Comcast Corp. will help the Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council, a nonprofit that helps adults in the area improve reading and writing skills, boost its programs and move its students into the digital age.

The grant, announced last month, bought four computers for the CLC's headquarters, helps fund an on-line newspaper designed for adults with basic reading skills, and will provide for online skills assessment tests that will tell students their progress and provide the CLC with accurate, up-to-date data by which it can measure its effectiveness.

"I'm very excited," said Penny Joy, the CLC's president, on Wednesday. "It was a wonderful gift that really helped move our organization into the 21st Century."

The CLC, which also serves the Northville area, also raises money through a fall fund drive and through its annual spelling bee, for which it enlists sponsors.

The new computers — four desktops and a laptop — will be used by CLC students who want to, for example, learn how to navigate e-mail or online job applications as part of their literacy studies.

"In today's knowledge-based economy, the programs provided by the Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council will greatly help our residents develop the skills they

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Community Literacy Council and Comcast Corp. officials celebrate the cable firm's \$7,500 grant to the CLC, which is being used to introduce a digital component to the CLC's mission of improving adult literacy. From left, front row, are Penny Joy, the CLC president; Maria Holmes, a regional community affairs manager for Comcast; and Ron King and Janet Campbell, both CLC board members. In back, from left, are Judge Ron Lowe of 35th District Court, Carol Saunders, Ed Schulz and Susan Underhill (far right), all CLC board members.

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Colbeck joins push for I-275/Ford upgrade

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer



Colbeck

Citing a need to improve the I-275/Ford Road interchange and create new jobs, state Sen. Patrick Colbeck has formally joined a push by Canton officials to seek federal dollars to reshape the traffic-snarled area.

Colbeck, R-Canton, has introduced a state Senate concurrent resolution urging prioritization of the I-275 project and imploring the U.S. Congress and federal Department of Transportation to approve funding for it.

Colbeck's move comes as Canton officials, after twice losing out on federal dollars, have revived their fight for a third round of TIGER — Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery — dol-

lars. Canton officials hope to secure a \$20.3 million TIGER grant to reconfigure the interchange — a project township officials and Colbeck say could ease traffic congestion and reduce crashes along one of the most accident-prone stretches of road in Michigan, along Ford between the south I-275 ramp and Lilley.

"Every day more than 50,000 vehicles travel the roads in and around the I-275/Ford Road interchange, creating lengthy traffic backups and numerous accidents," Colbeck said. "As the population continues to rise in Canton Township, this problem will only worsen. The proj-

ect is not only necessary to make our roadways more efficient, but to also protect human life."

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy and other Canton officials have repeatedly voiced frustration over a lack of funding to reshape the interchange. Just last month, LaJoy went to Lansing to make a renewed pitch to gain support from state leaders for the project.

In federal road money, LaJoy has said, a \$20.3 million grant "is chump change," especially considering the far-reaching impact it would have on Canton and neighboring communities.

In a statement, Colbeck said the interchange reconfiguration would reduce accident rates, reduce emissions due to fewer traffic bottlenecks and spur jobs.

"This project enjoys over-

whelming support from local leaders and the surrounding community, not just for the improvements we will see from behind the wheel, but also for its economic impact," Colbeck said in a statement. "The project itself will create more than 200 construction jobs, and upon completion the reconfiguration will encourage increased economic development, creating more jobs in the area."

Colbeck has indicated his Senate resolution will be sent to federal Senate and House leaders, members of the Michigan Congressional delegation and the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Colbeck also has asked the Senate Transportation Committee to conduct a hearing in the 7th District to discuss the issue. He said he is working with the committee's chairman, Sen.

Tom Caspersen, to try to get a meeting set.

The proposed road project involves building two new ramps, or slips, to allow motorists exiting southbound I-275 to access Haggerty, either northbound or southbound, without traveling on Ford Road.

The project also involves adding a service drive along the east side of I-275, allowing traffic from the Cherry Hill Road area to travel north and merge onto the interstate north of Ford Road.

LaJoy has said efforts to reshape the existing interchange would be far less costly than building an entirely new interchange. Area traffic has only worsened as Canton witnessed an 18.1-percent spike in population during the last U.S. Census.

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AROUND PLYMOUTH

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

HEARING LOSS

Date/Time: Oct. 26, Nov. 2, Nov. 9, 10:30 a.m. to noon
Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main

Details: "Living with Hearing Loss" is a three-part series conducted by Gerald Hug and Anne Barlow of the Hug Center for Hearing. Attendees will interact with the presenters and be able to ask questions. Caregivers, family members and friends can attend, but space is limited.

Contact: Register by calling (734) 451-0800.

GRIEF WORKSHOP

Date/Time: Eight-week workshop starting Oct. 18, 7-8:45 p.m.

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church, Plymouth

Details: First Presbyterian is sponsoring an eight week grief workshop from Grief to New Hope. This free workshop is open to anyone who is grieving after the

death of a loved one and will be presented by Cathy Clough, Founder/Executive Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses.

Contact: For registration information call (734) 453-6464.

JAZZ @ THE ELKS

Date/Time: Tuesday, Oct. 25, 7-10:30 p.m.

Location: The Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Details: The return of the Johnny Trudell Quartet at Jazz @ The Elks. The quartet consists of Johnny Trudell on trumpet and flugelhorn, Ray Tini on bass, Bill Cairo on drums, and Chuck Shermetero on keyboard. \$5 donation at the door.

MILLER WOODS TOURS

Date/Time: Oct. 15 and Oct. 23; 2-4 p.m.

Location: Miller Woods

Details: Join the Friends

of Miller Woods for their annual fall walk through the woods. Tours start on the half hour and are led by members of the Friends. The walks will highlight the unique trees in this urban forest and discuss the history of the land and the Miller family. The walks are free to the public and no dogs are allowed. Miller Woods note cards will be available for purchase.

SINGING HYMNS

Date/Time: Sunday, Oct. 23, 4 p.m.

Location: Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, between Sheldon and Beck

Details: Plymouth First United Methodist Church hosts "A Calendar of Hymns," a hymn festival led by the combined choirs of Plymouth First United Methodist and Chelsea United Methodist Church, with the Liberty Brass Quintet. You'll have lots of opportunity to join the choirs in singing well-loved familiar hymns and a few newer ones, too. This event is part of the NOTEworthy concerts with a cause series. Admission is free; a free-will offering will be received to benefit future concerts and a charitable cause.

Contact: For more information call (734) 453-5280.

Summit features nonprofit expert

When Pete Christ joined the nonprofit world as a CEO, he was challenged by the lack of defined responsibilities between a board of directors and his work. Learning the jargon used in charitable organizations was another challenge, not to mention getting his new board to work as a group rather than as individuals.

His experiences probably are not too unlike those shared by many in the nonprofit industry. "As nonprofits grow, they all run into a series of challenges," said Christ, former CEO for the Battle Creek Community Foundation. "Challenges never stop."

Christ will explain to nonprofit leaders how to address the challenges they may face in governing their organization at the Canton Community Foundation's annual Community Philanthropy Summit at 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 20.

"This will not be a textbook lecture on governance. It will be how-to on day-to-day governance," Christ said.

The free event, which

includes lunch, will be at the foundation's offices in the Canton Human Services Center, 50430 School House Road, Canton.

"Our summit this year is totally devoted to helping area nonprofits work with the governance of their organizations," said Joan Noricks, CCF president. "No matter what your strategic plan or your vision for the organization is, if your internal roles and responsibilities are not defined, you will not move forward."

Christ, who is now a consultant with the Council of Michigan Foundations, will help nonprofit leaders understand and use strategies that will take the mystery and agony out of governance.

"We tend to treat governance as some mystifying requirement that is being imposed," Christ said.

Governance of nonprofits has become an issue as a number of national scandals have hit the public airwaves, Christ said. "The big concern today is how do you run a good nonprofit?"

The annual summit will begin with registration

and lunch. The program — "Board Governance: Who is in Charge Anyway?" — will start at 12:30 p.m., followed by a half-hour of networking. At 2:30 p.m., Christ will facilitate a second program, "Conversation with Nonprofit Leaders: What Nonprofit Leaders are Saying."

Nonprofit leaders are encouraged to bring their concerns, challenges and ideas to the event so others can learn how to address governance and its problems, Christ said.

The central issue for many organizations is "who is responsible for the nonprofit organization?" Christ said. "Is it the board or the CEO? The challenge is: Where do the board responsibilities end and where do staff responsibilities begin?"

To add to the challenges, nonprofits rely on volunteers. "This can create a whole series of ripple effects," Christ added.

For more information, please contact CCF at (734) 495-1200. To register, please go to the CCF website at www.canton-foundation.org.

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Chili fest a hot venue for people-watching — and pooch-watching

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Downtown Plymouth was the place to see and be seen Sunday, but few visitors attracted as much notice as Oliver the pink leopard.

Oliver, a 2-year-old male poodle dolled up with pink spots, pink "pom-poms" above his paws and a mop of pink hair on his head, was the winner of the Hottest Dog in the Coolest City contest, one of several events held during Sunday's 16th annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff.

"I didn't even know it was going on," said Oliver's owner, Sally Patch of Canton Township, who runs a mobile pet-grooming business. She just

showed up at the cookoff with Oliver, she said, and visitors urged her to enter him in the contest.

Patch was out collecting donations to fight breast cancer, she said, with Oliver's pink get-up being part of the pitch. They had raised about \$150 by 4 p.m. Sunday, she said. "He's done his job for today," she said.

Patch said she was motivated to seek the donations because some local groomers were recently diagnosed with breast cancer; local groomers have formed their own group, Paws for the Cause, to do such fundraising, she said.

Blessed by warm, sunny weather, the cookoff brought an estimated 20,000 people to town, and many of them

appeared to hang out for hours — even after the chili sold out — people-watching, relaxing in Kellogg Park, admiring the thousands of motorcycles driven in by bikers attending the festival, and enjoying live music and dance performances.

"This is one of the nicer festivals," said Bill Donovan of Cincinnati, a retired firefighter and first-place winner in the salsa contest, part of the International Chili Society competition.

Donovan said he and his wife, Gail, attend cookoffs "all over the country," and that Plymouth's ranks highly because of its downtown venue, its friendly visitors and the support it receives from the community. "This is definitely a step up,"

said Donovan.

Organizers Ken and Annette Horn said the chili festival was their best-attended chili event so far.

"Anybody who has been coming" to the festivals for several years, Annette Horn said, commented that, "Wow, this is the biggest."

There were 90 different chilis in the event: 50 red chilis and 21 green chilis in ICS competition, plus 15 in the restaurant chili challenge and four in the people's choice category, Annette Horn said. More than 50,000 samples of chili were sold.

There were also 24 different salsas in ICS competition, which were not available to the public.

Matthew Marisco of Plym-

outh Township was tucking into a bowl of chili from the Rusty Bucket Restaurant and Tavern late Sunday afternoon.

"I'll give it my vote," said Marisco. "They had the most options for toppings."

Marisco, a first-time chili festival visitor, said he wished the event would stay open a longer.

Oliver, the pink leopard, meanwhile, was patient as people stopped to pet him and have their photographs taken with him. Patch said her dog is frequently dressed up in a different theme.

"Every month, month and a half he's in something," she said. "He'll be a peppermint for Christmas."

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national Chili Society competition, for chili verde, or green chili.

It was the third straight chili verde win for Chauvin, who was fresh from the Oct. 1 ICS world championship in Manchester, N.H., where he (and about 140 other chili verde cooks) lost to Gary Ray of Livonia.

With his win Sunday, Chauvin, a master cook in both green and red chili, is guaranteed a spot in next fall's world championship.

People's choice

By contrast, Ron Smith of Novi took home top honors in the people's choice category, a non-ICS competition, after com-

peting in the Plymouth festival for the first time.

Smith had whipped up a little more than 10 gallons of his white chicken chili.

"This is great," said Smith. "I know I have a popular chili, but it never dawned on me I would win the people's choice."

Smith is also a member of the Motor City HOG (Harley Owners Group) at Motor City Harley-Davidson in Farmington Hills, which sponsored one of two "chili rides" of motorcyclists into downtown Plymouth. The events — the other chili ride was sponsored by Dick Scott Classic Motorcycles in Livonia — brought about 400 motorcycles rumbling into town, the Horns said.

In addition, there were 146 motorcycles, parked on Ann Arbor Trail between Union and Main,

in the festival's motorcycle show, in which prizes were awarded in 18 different categories. Motorcycle-related events raised money for the Penickton Center for Blind Children in Taylor, and the proceeds were still being counted up Tuesday, Annette Horn said.

Horn said she and her husband were helped by about 200 volunteers, many of whom have a history with the festival.

"The people who work the event, the volunteers, they love coming back every year," Annette Horn said.

There's a lot of love going into this event, and I think that's a lot of its success," she added.

Other tip winners Sunday were:

- Diane Lentz of Nicholasville, Ky., who took first

place in the ICS red chili category.

- Leo Buk of Trenton, who won the best booth award for his "Nuclear Chili" booth. Buk was dressed in a yellow jumpsuit that made him look like part of a hazardous waste disposal crew.

- Bill Donovan of Cincinnati, who took first in the ICS salsa contest.

- The Picnic Basket Marketplace, which won first place, for the fourth straight year, in the people's choice category of the restaurant chili challenge.

- Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center, which placed first in the restaurant chili challenge's best-judged category.

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Center brings support class to Plymouth

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

For years, Cathy Clough's New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville has been offering its signature class in places like Northville, Canton and even Trenton and Troy.

Now, for the first time in her memory Clough, a Plymouth resident who is founder and director of New Hope, is bringing the class home.

First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth will host the eight-week workshop, "From Grief to New Hope," starting Oct. 18. And Clough is happy to be offering it in her hometown.

"We've been everywhere but Plymouth," she said. "This is our basic coverage area. We really want to reach this area because we get a lot of requests, and we don't want to make people drive all over the place."

The workshop is designed to help those grieving the loss of loved ones work through the grief process. Participants take the education part of the workshop together, then break off into smaller groups of people enduring similar loss.

It's a combination of education about the grief

GRIEF SUPPORT

What: "From Grief to New Hope" grief support workshop

Who: Sponsored by New Hope Center for Grief Support and hosted by Frist Presbyterian Church of Plymouth

Where: First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church Street, Plymouth

When: 7-8:45 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Oct. 18

Details: To register, call (734) 453-6464; call New Hope at (248) 348-0115

process, Clough said, and an opportunity for participants to share in a smaller, group setting.

"First we'll talk about a particular aspect of grief, and then they'll go to smaller groups with those who've suffered a similar loss, whether it be a spouse, a parent or a child. We normalize the grief process for them. We give them the educational piece, and then we give them a chance to get together to talk about their loss with people who can understand it."

Emily Campbell, associate pastor at First Presbyterian, said she'd been aware of the work being done by New Hope, partly from the experienc-

es of people in her own congregation. She said the chance to perpetuate that work, and with her own members getting a chance to be facilitators, made hosting the workshop an attractive idea.

She said the church jumped at the chance to provide the assistance as the holidays approach. The class meets the week of Thanksgiving and ends the first week of December.

"This class is important because it goes through the holidays a little bit," Campbell said. "Holidays are always a hard time for people, especially in that first year of loss. We're hoping to fill a gap."

Clough said learning to deal with the grief is the key to recovering from it, and the workshop is designed to help people do that.

"A lot of people don't have others they can talk to," Clough pointed out. "Friends and family members often don't understand, or they might be grieving over the same person, so they can't support each other. It's important to give people a chance to be allowed to grieve, but to also be encouraged."

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CRIME WATCH

TV taken

A man fled the CVS drug store at Ann Arbor and Haggerty roads Sunday morning with a new 13-inch television set.

The shoplifter ran across Haggerty and was last seen heading behind the Burger King there; officers from both Plymouth and Plymouth Township searched the area but didn't locate him, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said.

The theft occurred just after 9 a.m. Two store employees told police they spotted the man with the TV, still in its box, near the checkout counter. He began walking toward the exit, they said, and they told him he had to pay for the TV.

The man replied, "yeah," but continued heading out, they said, and ran across Haggerty.

Yards raided

Decorative outdoor items were reported stolen Oct. 7 from the yards at three different houses on Eastside Drive, east of Mill Street and south of Ann Arbor Trail.

At one house, a concrete angel statue was reported stolen from a garden and several bricks were also reported stolen from where they were stacked, a police report said. Those thefts occurred between Oct. 3 and Oct. 7, police said.

At another, the concrete statue of a nude woman was reported stolen. The time frame of that theft was not reported.

At a third house, an outdoor bench was reported stolen; the complainant told police she had heard a noise outside about 9:30 p.m. Oct. 6 but didn't go out until the next day.

SUV vandalized

The driver-side door of a Range Rover was scratched, or "keyed," on Oct. 7 as the sport-utility vehicle sat in the parking lot of a business on Concept Drive, east of Haggerty and north of Plymouth Road.

The complainant told police she parked the vehicle about 9:20 a.m. and returned to it shortly after noon to find the scratch.

Tire thefts

All four tires and rims were reported stolen Sunday from each of two vehicles parked in different lots on the township's west side.

One theft occurred in a lot on Green-

view Place, south of Ann Arbor Trail and east of I-275. The tires and rims were taken from a 2011 Chevrolet Malibu, and the car was left sitting on bricks, a police report said. The theft occurred between midnight and just after 10 a.m. Sunday.

The other occurred in a lot on Newport Drive, east of Haggerty and north of Joy Road, between Oct. 6 and Sunday. The tires and rims were taken from a 2011 Buick Regal, which was also left sitting on bricks, police said.

Equipment theft

A dynamometer, an instrument for measuring power, was reported stolen from the parking lot of a business on Halyard, west of Beck Road, on Oct. 5.

The device was taken some time between about 6 p.m. Sept. 30 and early on Oct. 4, an employee told police. An officer checked with two neighboring businesses, but no one reported seeing the device.

Vandalism

A front window in a trailer home on Tyler Drive, north of North Territorial and west of Ridge Road, was broken by a thrown rock late last month or early this month.

The complainant told police she discovered the vandalism at about 5 p.m. on Oct. 2; the window had been broken sometime after Sept. 29, a police report said.

The complainant found a rock in the trailer's living room, police said.

— By Matt Jachman

Fire runs

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following calls during the period Oct. 5-11:

- Tuesday, Oct. 11 — Rescue runs on Northville Road, on N. Territorial, on Forest, on Tavistock, on Ann Arbor Road, at Schoolcraft and Haggerty, on eastbound M-14 east of Sheldon, on Starkweather, on Newporte, on Shadywood and on Sheldon.
- Monday, Oct. 10 — Rescue runs on Five Mile, on Genoa, on Ann Arbor Road, on Main, on Leighwood, on Litchfield and on Holbrook.

- Sunday, Oct. 9 — Rescue runs on Forest, on westbound M-14 west of Beck, on westbound M-14 on the ramp to Sheldon, on Ann Arbor Trail, on Northville Road and on the southbound I-275 ramp to eastbound I-96.

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Salon trims locks to raise cancer awareness

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

When Leza Ivezaj of Northville was diagnosed with breast cancer three years ago, she wasn't so much scared of the disease as she was troubled by having to tell her two children.

She's beaten the disease, but Ivezaj, now 31, is still troubled by the memory.

"I was devastated," recalled Ivezaj, a staffer at the Lucky Hair Company in Canton. "I was so scared for the boys. I wondered how I was going to explain it to them, they were so little at the time."

It's stories like that of Ivezaj and others like her that prompted Dave and Melissa Coughlin, the owners of Lucky Hair, to start raising money for breast cancer awareness. Last year, the Coughlins and their stylists raised some \$1,200 with a bowl-a-thon at Super Bowl in Canton.



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Stylist Renee Stipkack of Redford applies dye to Whaler Nick Malysa's moustache. He is from Bridgewater, N.J.

But some 30 percent of the profits raised by the fundraiser went to pay the expenses associated with it. This year, the Coughlins wanted all of the proceeds to go to research. So, following plans designed by stylists Leia Wilson and Theresa Wojtan, Lucky Hair Company staffers took part in their first cut-a-thon to benefit breast cancer research.

"We wanted 100 per-

cent of it to go to breast cancer (research)," Dave Coughlin said.

The cut-a-thon, which took place Monday, was just one way Lucky Hair is raising money. Staffers also took donations, conducted raffles and gave away baskets to raise money this week. It all coincides with the Plymouth Whalers' Pink Out! for Breast Cancer game, scheduled for Saturday at Compuware Are-

na in Plymouth Township. Whalers players spent time this week getting their hair dyed pink for the occasion.

Lucky Hair Company will present a check representing their total donation at the game.

"We wanted to maximize our donation," Wilson said.

Rick Stone just happened to be looking for a haircut Monday, and called Lucky Hair to see if they were open (the salon isn't usually open on Mondays). He was happy to take part in the cut-a-thon.

"I think it's great," said Stone, a Canton resident. "Anything to support cancer awareness is great."

For their part, the Whalers will work the rest of the week with pink hair, playing in Windsor tonight (Thursday) and hosting Niagara Friday before Saturday's Pink Out! game.

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DONATION

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need to succeed," said Maria Holmes, the manager for Comcast's heartland region, in an e-mail. "Comcast is proud to help the Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council by providing computer, education and career programs."

Comcast is a Philadelphia-based cable television and Internet service provider that serves Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township.

Joy said the CLC is also benefiting from a \$3,600 grant from the Community Foundation of Plymouth that is allowing it to extend its Wednesday hours for its students. Normally open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the CLC is also now open from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays, either for

students to study on their own or for weekly tutoring sessions.

Founded in 1985, the CLC is based in a trailer at Tonda Elementary School in the non-profit exchange, the nonprofit provides literacy services to adult students in the district.

Joy said the CLC typically has between 40 and 60 students in a given month. The volunteer tutors go through a 14-hour training program and are matched with students for individual tutoring sessions in a public setting once a week.

The Community Literacy Council has scheduled new training sessions for potential tutors for November and December. Call the CLC at (734) 416-4906 for information on becoming a tutor. Adults who may want to improve their reading and writing skills are also urged to call to sign up for the program.

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HUGHES

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board voted Tuesday to allow the district's attorney, Gary Collins, to draw up a new pact for Hughes.

"I think that would be great," Trustee Nancy Eggenberger said. "(Hughes) has done great things. I like the stability he has brought with his new team, and I think that stability will only help the district going forward."

Board Treasurer Judy Mardigian said she, likewise, was pleased to hear Hughes was interested in sticking around.

"You told us you weren't going to just be an interim, that you planned to lead, and you've done that," said Mardigian, the board's longest-serving member. "I'm very excited to see what you and your team do going forward."

With the Nov. 8 school election on the horizon, one caveat was added: Hughes' contract will contain an escape clause that allows a new board to make a change, should it decide one was necessary.

The contract is expected to be finalized at the board's Oct. 25 meeting.

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Grants available for basic human needs

The Plymouth Community United Way has grants available for 501(c)3 organizations that provide basic human needs such as food, shelter and utilities. Nonprofits should not presently be funded by PCUW.

Deadline to apply is Friday, Nov. 25. Grants will

be awarded by Dec. 30. Applications are available at the office, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-6879, ext. 4.

In addition to giving grants, PCUW funds partner agencies including First Step, Angela Hos-

pice, The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps, Plymouth Community Council on Aging, and YMCA-Plymouth, to name a few. These nonprofits offer a variety of services from food pantries to an emergency dental fund, bus transportation for seniors, housing for adults with

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Figure skater wins regional championship

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

A Livonia teenager won a regional figure skating championship the first weekend in October.

Madison DeLuca, 15, won the novice ladies championship, which consisted of first-place finishes in the qualifying program, the short program and the long program, at the Eastern Great Lakes Regional championship in Mentor, Ohio. DeLuca, a sophomore at Stevenson High School, is the daughter of Kelly and Piero DeLuca.

The EGL Regional Championship was one of nine competitions scheduled to be held throughout the United States this year. Skaters competed in a variety of ability levels in men's and ladies singles, pairs and ice dance.

The EGL region is comprised of the states of Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama.

Madison will advance to the Midwestern Sectional championship in Fort Collins, Colo., in November. Winners of that competition advance to the U.S. National Championship in January in San Jose, Calif.

DeLuca, who skates at the Arctic Edge in Canton, placed first in the qualifying program on Sunday, the short program on Monday and the long program on Tuesday.

Hard work

DeLuca performed triple salchow and double axel jumps at the championship, said her mother Kelly DeLuca.

"She is just really a hard worker," said Kelly DeLuca about her daughter's efforts. DeLuca skates six days a week, two to three hours a day, then takes ballet lessons three days a week.

Through an arrangement with Stevenson, she is home-schooled and attends Stevenson part time.

DeLuca began skating when she was 3, Kelly said. Her mom took her to skate at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena, not far from the family's Livonia home.

"She just started out in a Learn to Skate program, and she loved it," Kelly DeLuca said.

Madison has always enjoyed figure skating. "It's just the excitement of the sport," she said.

Madison credits her Arctic Edge coaches, Lisa Kirby and Theresa McKendry. "They've supported me a lot and helped me get through everything," Madison said.



Kelly DeLuca (middle) stands with coaches Theresa McKendry (left) and head coach Lisa Kirby.

"They tell me what to do on elements."

It's also exciting for skaters to see the 2010 Olympic ice dancing medalists, such as Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir, Meryl Davis and Charlie White, and Madison Chock and Greg Zuerlein, all who skate at Arctic Edge.

"They are so nice," said Kelly DeLuca. "They are just regular people. They always say hello and chit-chat. They are also very supportive."

That exposure to those athletes also helps DeLuca. "It's exciting and inspires me to do well," she said.

Kelly said the Olympics are "probably all the girls' dream" at the competitions.

Focus on skating

At the competition, DeLuca skated to *Moon River* for her short program. "You can skate freely to it because it is graceful," she said.

Kelly DeLuca said her daughter is focused when she skates. "She knows what she needs to do. She puts her skates on and is a good competitor."

"She was determined to win. She worked hard at it all year and she was determined. We had faith in her and in God that she would do well."

Kelly DeLuca said she and her husband have three other children. Oldest daughter Mallory helps by watching the two youngest children.

"Everyone helps out to do what needs to be done," Kelly DeLuca said. "Everyone is supportive of Madison and so proud of her."

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Picking Medicare prescription plan takes research

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

It's that time of year when seniors must be proactive and start their search for a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. The time period for open enrollment begins Saturday, Oct. 15, and ends Wednesday, Dec. 7. In the past, the open enrollment period ended Dec. 31, however, that is no longer the case.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

If you did your homework last year and selected the right prescription drug plan, it would be nice if you could automatically resign up for that plan. Unfortunately, it doesn't work that way. It seems that every year the prescription drug plans are changing. Whether it is different premiums, co-pays, or benefits, plans change from year to year, therefore, every year you must begin your search anew. In addition, let's also recognize that your prescriptions may have changed over the year. Last year, you may have used one drug and this year you're using another or, your dosage may have changed. These are key factors in determining what prescription drug plan you should select. Therefore, my advice for seniors who have Medicare Prescription D is to begin your search anew every year.

There is no doubt that the Medicare Prescription D Plan is confusing and sometimes difficult to understand. I wish I could tell you which plan was the best but I can't. There is no one plan that is good for everyone. In fact, what you may find is that the prescription drug plan that is good for you may not be good for your spouse. In addition, you can't assume that AARP has the best and most cost effective plans because that may or may not be the case.

In looking for a new plan, it is

important to know that all prescription drug plans end Dec. 31 and restart Jan. 1. Therefore, by changing plans you won't have the problem of having a gap where there is no coverage.

I believe the best way to start your search is at Medicare's website (go to the Medicare Plan Finder at www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan). The finder is a great tool to help you find the best prescription drug plan for yourself. The key is to know the medications you're using and the dosage.

I recognize that not all seniors are computer-literate. If you don't have a computer or you just don't feel confident in using it, the State of Michigan does have an assistance program. The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) does offer assistance over the phone. The toll-free number is (800) 803-7174. Once again, knowing the medications you are using and the dosages is something they will need in order to assist you.

Many seniors will, unfortunately, take the position that if they're happy with their current plan they really don't have to do anything. What was good for you in 2011 may not be good for you in 2012. Therefore, there is no alternative but to re-look at all the Medicare Prescription D Plans available to you.

It is important to understand that you can only make changes in your plan once a year and it's not like if you get in the wrong plan you can change it three or four months down the road because you can't. The open enrollment period ends Dec. 7. Therefore, whether you like it or not, now is the time to be proactive and do your homework so you can get the best prescription drug plan for yourself. Good luck!

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Marchers tops in class, second overall at regional

By Diane Hanson
Correspondent

For the second year in a row, the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band captured the Class 4A championship trophy, and placed second overall of the 17 high school marching bands from five states, including Georgia, Illinois, Nebraska and Ohio along with eight Michigan bands at the Bands of America Regional Championships held Saturday at the Pontiac Silverdome.

"We are very, very proud of them," said Jonathan Thomann of the hometown marchers. Thomann is in his first year as assistant director of bands at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and took over the reins Saturday for Director David Armbruster, who was in New York making arrangements for the band's performance in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade later this year.

"Our show is not finished yet and they did an amazing job," added Thomann of the band's Saturday competition performances.

Day-long drama

Amazing was an appropriate description for the two performances the 180-member band con-

ducted during the day-long competition.

Their nearly 10-minute show, "Ancient Gardens of Babylon," still has about a minute to go before completion and is a captivating, dramatic, musical, marching portrayal of one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

The show was a real crowd-pleaser and pleased the judges as well. The preliminary performance netted the hometown marchers the Class 4A (largest schools are in this category) championship trophy along with trophies for all three caption awards - Outstanding Music Performance, Outstanding Visual Performance and Outstanding General Effect.

After the finals nighttime performances of the top 10 highest-scoring bands, Plymouth-Canton captured the second-place trophy with a score of 74.7 while first place went to the Harrison High School Marching Band from Kennesaw, Ga., with a score of 78.9. "I think we did really well," said Salem senior Ben Van Allen, an alto saxophonist. "I really enjoyed today's performance."

More music

So did Salem junior Amanda Houghton, who



PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band in preliminary Bands of America Regional competition at the Pontiac Silverdome Saturday. The hometown performers captured the Class 4A Championship and took second place in the finals evening competition.



From left, tuba players Jonathan Blomberg, Anna Marchesano, Alexandra Lemieux, Scott Davison, Ethan Williams and Prescott Vayda hit the low notes during the P-CMB finals performance at Saturday's Bands of America Pontiac Regional Championships at the Silverdome.

plays the baritone.

"I think this year's show is a lot more musical while last year's show was more visual," she said. "I like this show a lot more. It has been fun to see it develop and this one is still in the process of developing."

Senior Grace Wine, one of three drum majors along with Alison Johnson and Shelbie Torok, agreed.

"This show is a little different as compared to the last three years," she said. "We have fewer props and we're doing a lot more complex music. The marching is a little different and the brass is up front a lot, so it is really cool."

Thomann is excited

about the P-CEP band's potential as they complete the already award-winning program and tuck a few more competitions under their performance belt.

"We had only one show prior to this, but I would say our official competitive season is now officially started today," he said after the final awards were presented on Saturday. "We'll finish the entire show this week and I think the kids are really going to be able to max out everything. I can't tell you how proud I am of these students and I speak on behalf of the entire staff and the Plymouth community. They're just amazing people to work with."

Band hosts middle school event

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band is inviting all local seventh- and eighth-grade band students to PerCEption Week-end Oct. 28-29 at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

PerCEption Weekend is a two-day event designed to give middle school band students a first-hand, active experience as they perform among the students of one of the most recognized high school bands in the country. The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band is a 22-time state champion scheduled to march in the 2011 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York.

On Friday, Oct. 28, the student participants will join the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band at the Plymouth High School band room. They will then walk to the varsity stadium alongside the marching band to perform pep songs for fans attending the varsity football state playoff game.

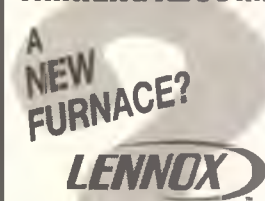
On Saturday evening, the annual Great Lakes Invitational, a local band competition hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters, will be held at the varsity stadium, where high school bands will perform their competition show for the crowd of hundreds. The public is welcome. The seventh- and eighth-grade band students will play center stage at this event and be part of the opening ceremonies, playing the National Anthem at the beginning of the event.

Middle school students will be able to talk to current marching band members and learn first-hand of the potential experiences that await them in high school. Parents of the students will also have the

opportunity to speak with band parents about their child's future participation in this rewarding activity.

Registration forms, times of events, drop-off and pick-up times, and additional information can be found on the marching band's website at www.pcmb.net. For further information, middle school students are encouraged to speak with their own band director.

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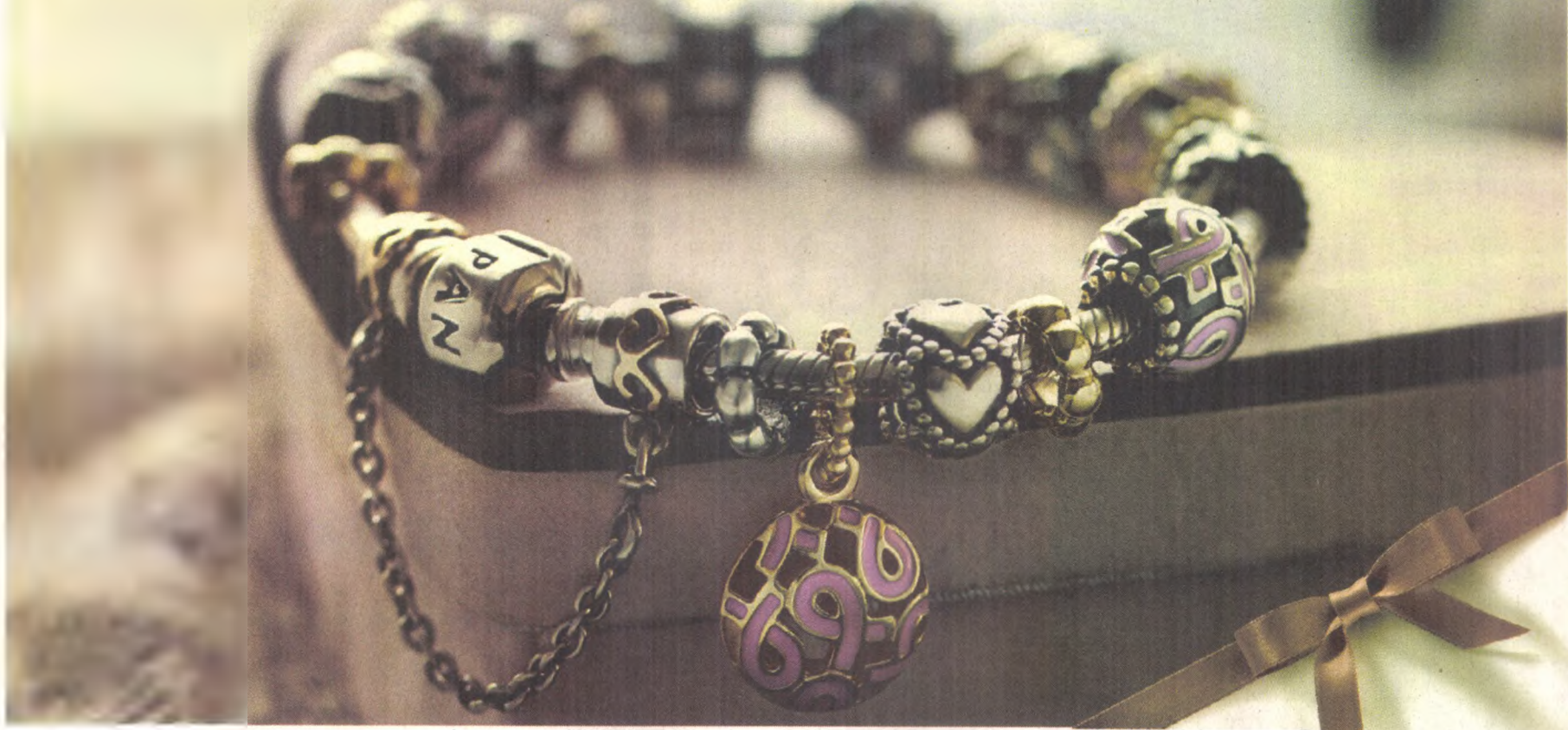
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Habitat benefits from red-hot chili festival

About 175 volunteers from Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne Community contributed to the success of Sunday's Great Lakes Chili Cookoff in downtown Plymouth. "This has been the best we've ever had," said Michael Sage of Livonia, a Habitat board member and volunteer coordinator for the annual chili event, partial proceeds of which support Habitat's home building for low-income people. "It's going very well. It's been a wonderful day."

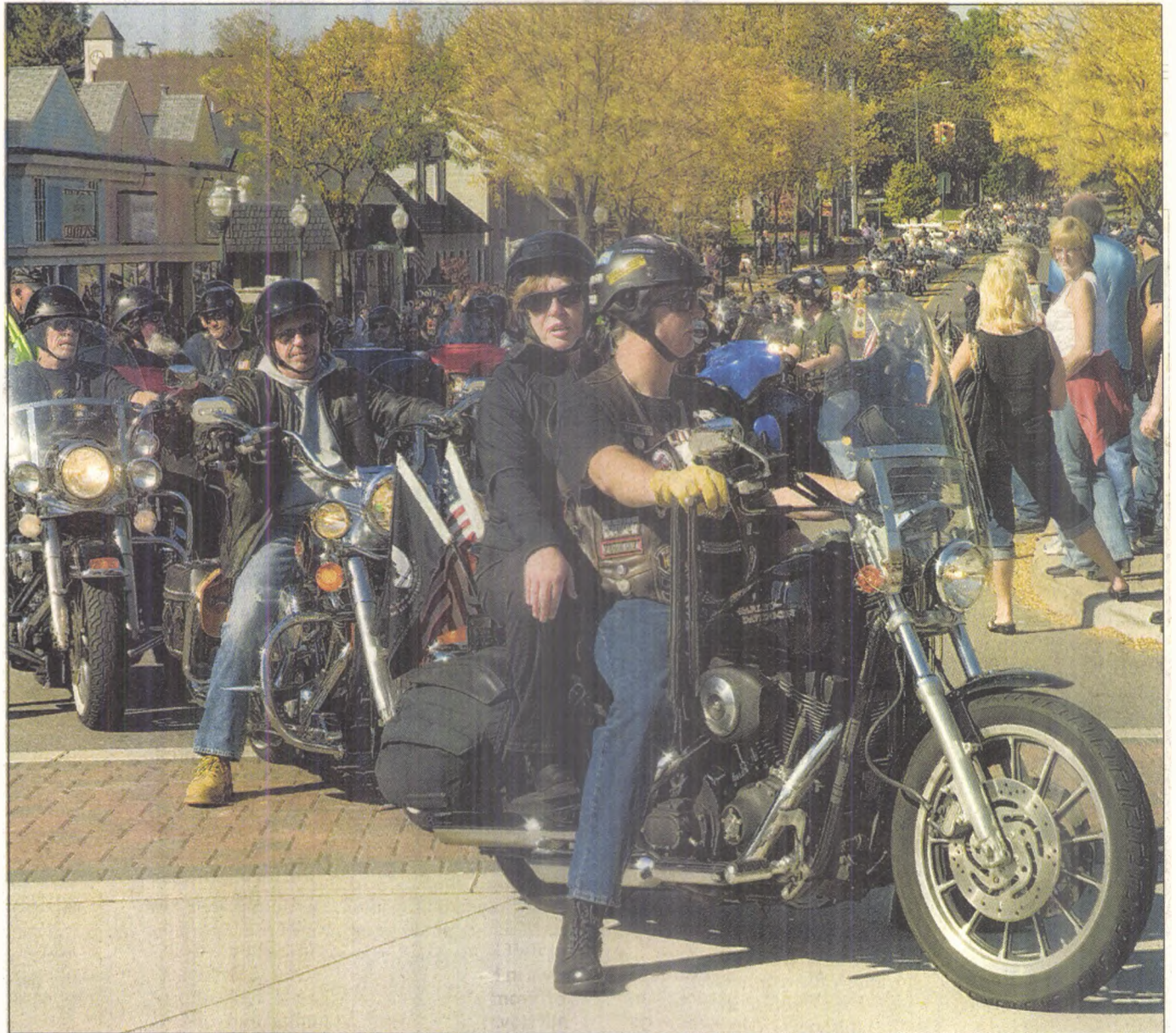
NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township sent a volunteer contingent, he said, as did the Apostles Build churches of Habitat. The National Honor Society members at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park also volunteered at the chili event, as did the Canton High Chiefs baseball team, which helped with setup.

DTE Energy, where Sage works, sent about 40 volunteers, with Monroe Bank & Trust sending about 12. The tellers were a big help with money counting chores, Sage said. Some volunteers had signed up online.

Sage wasn't talking early Sunday afternoon about the potential winners of the chili judging.

"I can't divulge that," he said kiddingly. "I would get in chili jail if I said anything like that."

— By Julie Brown



Bikers enter downtown in a line that stretches as far as the eye can see.



Bill Martin of South Lyon ladles up samples of BTB Chili.



Mother and daughter Corrine Frisch, of Springfield, Ill., and Nora Frisch of Plymouth stir a pot of Uncle Fuzzy's Armadillo Ambrosia. They're tight-lipped about their ingredients, but you hardly ever see an armadillo flattened along Hines Drive.



John Chamie of Livonia waits for the rest of his friends to arrive. Chamie is an officer with the Wayne County Airport Police Motor Unit.



Zach Smith of Livonia came to Sunday's chili festival for the chili, not the motorcycles. Zach and his dad, Kyle Smith, are "eaters, not bikers, according to Zach.



The "Chili Wenches" are Cathy Cherewick of Plymouth, Kim Martin of South Lyon and Karen Tulpa of Redford.

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PLYMOUTH CHAMBER CHAT



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Eight-year-old twins Izzie and Kenny Lashaway check out the Scarecrows in Kellogg Park. They are students at Spiritus Sanctus Academy and spent a morning off from school with mom, Veva Lashaway. The scarecrows will be around Kellogg Park until Nov. 1.

After Hours

The Plymouth Community and Northville Chambers of Commerce will hold a joint After Hours Oct. 26 at one of the area's most popular restaurants, Karl's Cabin.

This will give members from both Chambers the opportunity to meet each other in a relaxed setting, enjoying delicious food along with a cash bar. These joint events with neighboring Chambers are always great opportunities to network with people who are right in our backyard.

There is no fee to attend this event; RSVP by Oct. 24 to ter@plymouthchamber.org or call (734) 453-1540. Karl's Cabin is located at 6005 Gotfredson.

Drop-in theatre

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is offering theater classes for kids and adults through Dec. 12. Theatrical Movement and the Art of Improv (school-age thru adult); Learn to Love Auditions (school-age thru adult) and Introduction to Acting Techniques and Methods (age 10 thru adult). Classes are \$15 for members and \$18 for non-members.

For more information call (734) 416-4278 or visit www.plymoutharts.com/drop-in-theatre-classes.

Chamber Ambassador

Each month the Chamber features an active member of our Ambassadors Committee. On this Committee, members reach out to new and existing Chamber members, volunteer to help at events, attend ribbon cuttings and other Chamber activities. Anyone interested in learning more about the Ambassadors Committee, can call the chamber at (734) 453-1540.

This month's Ambassador of the Month, Deena Heath, is the branch



Heath

manager at Huntington Bank, located at Five Mile and Sheldon. She has been in banking for more than 25 years and has worked in every position in the branch. Her passion is helping customers achieve their financial goals and dreams.

Gala auction

Tickets are now on sale for the November Chamber Gala Auction featuring Dick Puritan as the emcee. Tickets are \$75 and include dinner, dancing and auctions all wrapped up in one GROOVY-FUNKY evening.

Those who buy tickets by Oct. 15 will receive \$10 worth of raffle auction tickets per guest to use at the event.

To order tickets call the chamber at (734) 453-1540.

Wicked Halloween Run

Elite Sports Marketing is holding a Halloween run Oct. 30. There will be a 10K run, 5K run/walk and a "Monster Mile." All events start in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth beginning at 8:15 a.m. All participants receive a T-shirt. After the run there will be entertainment, food and a costume contest.

To register, go to www.wickedhalloweenrun.com. For questions, e-mail awhitehead2009@gmail.com.

Shocktober series

The Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth is hosting the Shocktober Classic Series of movies, featuring:

- Oct. 13, "Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde," 7 p.m.
- Oct. 20, "Bride of Frankenstein," 7 p.m.
- Oct. 27, "Abbott & Costello Meet the Killer," 7 and 9 p.m.

PLYMOUTH BUSINESS BRIEFS

Top lawyers

Southfield based Sommers Schwartz announce that 17 lawyers were selected as 2011 Michigan Super Lawyers and two lawyers were selected as Michigan Rising Stars.

Robert Darling of Plymouth was named among the Top 100 Michigan Super Lawyers 2011.

Business News

From the desk of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:

• Avenue Market will be celebrating its two-year anniversary during the entire month of October. Check out their Facebook page for weekly specials or stop by the store to see what's on sale.

• E.G. Nicks hosts a Sweetest Day Spectacular Sunday, Oct. 16, with Frank Sinatra & Dean Martin from Las Vegas. Dinner at 6 p.m. followed by the show for \$40 per ticket. Call (248) 473-7777 to reserve a seat.

• Bagel Frangel is expected to begin renovations for its new restaurant. Look for it to open in the former Jeff Zak Catering space within a couple of months.

• Forest Computer Solutions is holding computer classes for senior adults (55+ crowd) Thursdays 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. On Oct. 13 its Photos; Oct. 20, Facebook; Oct. 27, Skype and Google Plus. Classes are \$20 each. Call Forest Computer Solutions to sign up at (734) 259-8611.

• Avenue Market will be celebrating its two-year anniversary during the entire month of October. Customers can check out their Facebook page for weekly specials or stop by the store to see what's on sale.

Pink cupcakes

The Cupcake Station is creating specially-decorated cupcakes to support Breast Cancer Awareness. For the whole month of October, the store will bake chocolate and vanilla cupcakes

frosted with pink or white buttercream and topped with a pink breast cancer awareness ribbon.

The Cupcake Station will donate \$1 for each Breast Cancer Awareness cupcake sold. All Cupcake Station locations will join in this effort and all proceeds will go to help local Breast Cancer Foundations.

Owner Kerry Johnson says, "Breast cancer touches everyone in one way or another," owner Kerry Johnson said. "We have friends battling it right now. This is just one way to show our support. We did the same thing last year and our customers really stepped up. It felt good to be able to help."

The Cupcake Station is located at 318 S. Main, across from Kellogg Park.

Better Made benefit

Better Made Snack Foods will donate partial proceeds for the sale of specially marked bags of delicious Better Made Snack Products to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute as part of the October Breast Cancer Awareness Program. The funds will be used to do further research to find a cure for breast cancer.

"The Better Made Snack Foods Breast Cancer Awareness Program was a huge success in 2010 and we are glad to be a part of it this year, as well," said Mike Esseltine, Vice President of Sales for Better Made Snack Foods. "The support we receive from the major chains and independent stores throughout Michigan allowing us to place pink displays to support this event is tremendous. It is a great feeling to see everyone put a big effort into such a worthwhile cause allowing us to make a donation in the fight against cancer. The spirit and heart of many people throughout this great State always shows up in the results of this program."

For more information, please visit www.bettermadesnackfoods.com. You may also follow Better Made on Facebook and Twitter. Michigan Made - Better Made.

Use online resources to win your fantasy league

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

Fantasy football season is in full swing and if your league is anything like my leagues, the competition is about to get intense.

Here are some helpful sites and tools that will give you a competitive advantage over fellow owners — without spending any money.

• **Free live scoring** — Many fantasy football hosting services offer free live scoring. My favorite is Yahoo.com's stat tracker, because it's been offering the service free for years and also has correct stats almost immediately. If you league isn't on Yahoo, check if the host offers a similar tool for free. Some sites also offer live scoring for a small fee. CBS Sports even offers a stat analysis program for \$24.99, but that is a bit pricey for fancy graphs and charts that you could quickly build yourself in PowerPoint or Keynote.

• **Thefootballguys.com** — One of the best sites around, thefootballguys.com offers a number of free services to keep you at the top of the standings. Sign up for breaking e-mail alerts for player injuries and news, plug in your players and receive a team rating from site experts and even receive advice on who to start and sit.

• **FFtoolbox.com** — Are you sick of sites like ESPN giving predictions based on ESPN standard scoring when nobody uses ESPN standard scoring? With FFtoolbox.com,



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

you can input your league scoring and settings and get customized player projections each week.

FFtoolbox.com also offers a number of other useful tools, including a strength of schedule chart, team depth charts, transaction trend reports and more.

• **Fantasysharks.com** — If you have a league dispute or simply need advice on trades or transactions, visit Fantasysharks.com. The site has busy forums as well as blogs and expert analysis about the players that are most important to your team.

• **Fantasy Football Now** — The popular ESPN2 television show, which airs at 11:30 a.m. each Sunday, is also available on ESPN.com. So if you don't have cable, or don't receive ESPN, visit ESPN.com and watch live streaming video with up-to-date injuries and projections for upcoming games. *Fantasy Football Now* is the best fantasy sports show. The television personalities and other fantasy sports experts share their knowledge on ESPN.com each week with composite rankings of the best players and start/sit lists.

• **Fantasyfootballcalculator.com** — Possibly the best pre-draft fantasy site around also serves a big purpose during the season because it shows

where players were drafted, helping owners plan fair trades.

• **Mobile apps** — This was mentioned in the last tech tips article, but it is worth repeating. Check and see if your league hosting site offers a free app with scoring, transaction information or other tools. This will help you stay on top of league happenings when you are traveling or not near a computer. Yahoo and ESPN mobile fantasy football apps have received great reviews this season and I plan on using them both each Sunday. Fantasy Football Insider also offers news and information plus premium content for *Pro Football Weekly* subscribers. Of course, most of that information can be found on other sites, and breaking news can be seen on Twitter. To find new fantasy football tweeters that can help you win your league, visit Twitter.com and type "fantasy football" into the search bar to find the most influential football tweeters.

These apps and sites will help you have better in-season management. And coupled with a solid draft and some good luck, you might be taking home your league trophy and bragging rights this winter.

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OUR VIEWS

On Nov. 8 Our choices in school board election

When Plymouth-Canton Community Schools voters go to the polls to elect a new Board of Education next month, they have 14 good candidates from which to choose.

We recommend **Sheila Paton, John Barrett, Nancy Eggenberger and Steven Sneiderman.**

Paton, of Plymouth, is co-founder of the Legislative Action Network, the grassroots group that has paid close attention to developments in Lansing, particularly as they pertain to public education funding. She has served as senior financial analyst for the University of Michigan Health System, so her background in finance will serve the board well.

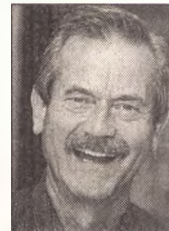
She's the mother of two West Middle School students, so she's got some skin in the game. Paton has ideas she thinks can improve the district (an International Baccalaureate program, for instance).



Paton

Paton is an independent thinker who will bring a valuable business acumen as tough economic times continue.

Barrett, also of Plymouth, gave up a potential re-election bid to the Plymouth City Commission to run for the Board of Education. He's lived in Plymouth for more than 30 years, and his daughters are Salem High School graduates.



Barrett

Barrett will bring a unique skill-set to the board: a long career in education. He spent 40 years as an educator, and was a principal in the Farmington school district when he retired. During that time, his school was recognized by both *Time* and *Newsweek* magazines as innovative.

On the city commission, he has demonstrated a willingness to listen to varied opinions and to come to his own conclusions, and would likely be an independent voice on the Board of Education.



Eggenberger

Eggenberger has been an effective board member. She's worked on a variety of committees, and has chaired the curriculum and development committees. She has a strong working knowledge of the district and an interest in seeing it

continue to thrive. With a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's in guidance and counseling, she has the background to help that happen.

She understands the district still has difficult decisions to make, and is willing to consider the tough choices. Like most of her colleagues, she has voted to protect smaller class sizes and gets credit, along with her fellow board members, for balancing the budget, as tenuous as that balancing act might be.

Sneiderman is a former board president who, like Eggenberger, has been an effective board member. He's pushed for stronger use of technology, has fought to protect class sizes and has been instrumental in the attempt to help the district connect with its alumni.

His experience will come in handy as the district wrestles with continuing budget problems and the search for a new superintendent. Sneiderman is tenacious and while he fought strongly and smartly (and we believe rightly so) for former Superintendent Craig Fiegel, the vote was taken and the district has moved on.

Sneiderman should put the issue aside and use the leadership skills he exhibited during his term as board president to work with other board members, whomever they might be, to form a cohesive team working in the best interests of the district's students.

When voters go to the polls Nov. 8, they have many good choices and some difficult decisions to make. It's amazing and encouraging to us that so many people — 15 in all — stepped forward to show their concern for the future of the children and their willingness to work toward bettering it. Those 15 people are putting an impressive amount of time and energy into this campaign.

Having said that, voters can only choose four. We have met the candidates, followed the issues and we believe Sheila Paton, John Barrett, Nancy Eggenberger and Steven Sneiderman are the best choices for the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education.

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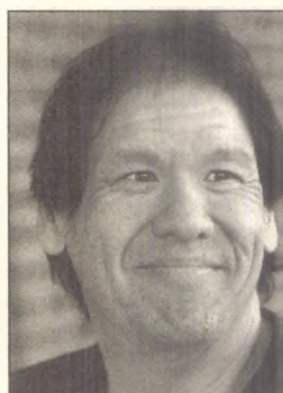
Do you think the Detroit Tigers can go all the way this year, and why or why not?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



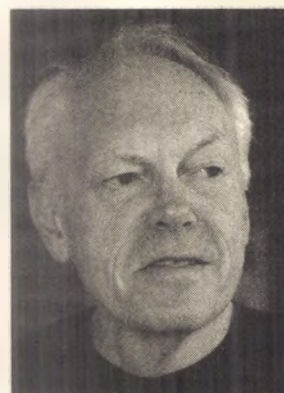
"Yes. Because I'm an optimist and I think they can do it."

Jeanine Gehringer
Plymouth



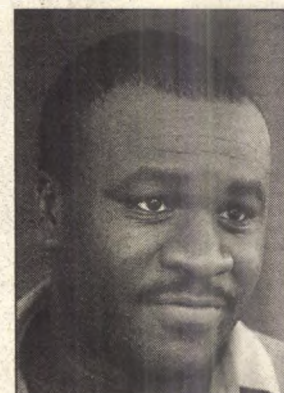
"Yes. Verlander, (Doug) Fister and (Max) Scherzer. I think they can go all the way if these guys pitch consistently."

Clarence Leung
Livonia



"Yes. There's a lot of talent there."

Steve Wilson
Plymouth



"Yeah. ... They have some good pitching in (Justin) Verlander. They have some good base-hitters."

Charles Ibe
Plymouth

LETTERS

Supporting Jackson

There is a school board election soon and it is vitally important to the future of our district. There are four seats that need to be filled and the voters need to carefully consider the candidates.

My children attended school in this district, and every year received an excellent education provided by professional, compassionate and dedicated staff. From kindergarten through high school the entire staff went above and beyond in providing a quality learning experience. I am offended that there are people running for the school board who are suggesting otherwise.

There are four men running together calling themselves either the Fiscal 4 or the M & Ms. They come off as negative towards the current school board and staff. There is a school board of seven and hundreds of employees; if elected they need to work collaboratively with each other and the district staff.

I'm not sure bad-mouthing the district during an election is an effective strategy for getting things done later. Several also seem overly committed to the idea of charter and cyber schools. Do they honestly believe that those are the best educational choices for this district or do they have another motive? Why is a political party funding their candidacy for school board, a nonpartisan race?

This is the first year that I have done anything other than simply vote in the school board election. I have never campaigned, given money, or even had a sign in my yard. I am supporting John Jackson this year because I know he will work tirelessly to provide this community with exceptional educational opportunities expected in this district.

Patti McCoy
Plymouth

Research, then vote

The PCCS is the third largest school district in Michigan, with an annual budget of over \$167 million.

A strong school system is a critical component for the vitality and well-being of our community. A majority of homebuyers begin their search for a new home based on the quality of the local schools.

Our local community governments are intrinsically tied together with our local school systems. The two obvious ties are public safety and property values which generate revenue for our local governments. Our local schools DO NOT receive any local tax revenue. The monies they receive come 100 percent from Lansing (bonds being the exception).

All Canton Township residents and businesses are direct beneficiaries of the ongoing success of our local school systems. While we in Michigan have taken our share of hits over the past decade Canton Township has continued to support the PCCS to ensure that our schools are the finest in Michigan. Things may not be exactly where we want them to be, but we need to stay focused on what is best for all our students.

We need a PCCS school board

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working cohesively as a team. The better our schools and community, the more people will want to move here. The PCCS does have all the pieces in place with amazing facilities, great teachers and staff. It is important that we elect candidates who will rebuild the "PCCS Board Team" and put our children first.

We all have a stake in this election. Please research all the highly qualified candidates for the PCCS school board and VOTE Nov. 8.

John Anthony
Greg Demopoulos
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Canton Township trustees

Simple mission

Some come to us in the still of the night, with nothing but the clothes on their back and a child at their side. Others sneak away during the day, and have enough time to pack a few essentials but little else before escaping their home.

These are survivors of domestic abuse.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, as proclaimed by President Obama, and locally, the YWCA of Metropolitan Detroit is observing the initiative to build awareness of our many programs and services for women and children.

Do you know someone who needs help? A safe place to stay? YWCA Interim House, the city of Detroit's only women's shelter dedicated to providing a safe refuge to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, operates a 24-hour crisis hotline, available at (313) 861-5300.

Admittance is on a first come, first served basis, not income-based.

Since 1979, the YWCA of Metropolitan Detroit's Interim House has given women and children who have fled domestic and sexual violence not just a place to stay, but a place to salvage their former selves. The YWCA Interim House is a 24/7, 67-bed facility dedicated to the needs of these women and their children. We provide food, clothing, emergency shelter, counseling and additional support services for up to 90 days. In 2010, 2,275 women and children were admitted to Interim House.

At the YWCA, our mission is simple — improving the lives of women, children and families in southeast In 2010, we served 4,749

women, children and men and provided 74,694 meals and 24,898 nights of shelter through Interim House programming. Four hundred metro Detroit area children participated in after school programs.

But we can't do it all alone. While we do receive funding from various sources, it simply isn't enough to support everyone who comes to us for help. Nationally, more than 9,500 requests for this kind of assistance went unmet in the U.S., mostly due to funding shortfalls.

This October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, please take a moment to remember the survivors of domestic violence. Your support is critical.

Emma L. Peterson
president & CEO
YWCA of Metropolitan Detroit

Must have priorities

Edmund Burke once said, "Government is a contrivance of human wisdom to provide for human wants. Men have a right that these wants should be provided for by this wisdom."

But there are so many people these days who think our problem is too much government.

When we start talking about cutting things like Social Security and Medicare, and aid to schools, and unemployment benefits when there are no available jobs, then we have to decide what our priorities are as a nation.

Do we take care of our elders, or do we tie them to a plank and float them out to sea? Who says Social Security must pay for itself? Aren't our parents and grandparents entitled to some dignity and self-respect in their old age, rather than having to perhaps live in your basement? So what if some money has to come out of the general budget.

Of course without sufficient Medicare funds maybe we won't have to worry about them. Just let them die off.

What about our children? Since they're probably going to have to take care of us when we have no Social Security, or our pensions are raided by greedy corporations or emergency financial managers, hadn't we better be sure that they get a decent enough education that they can take care of us?

Oh, charter schools will solve your problems? Or maybe privatizing of all the services associated with them. What about the whole concept of public education? Aren't many of these charter schools, and other services, "for profit" entities? Not your worry, you say, you'll take care of your own kids. But what happens to the whole tax base with an under-educated, under-employed population?

Before we start cutting government spending willy-nilly, we have to stop arguing and decide exactly what we want for our community and our nation. Burke also said "Merely parsimony is not economy ... Expense, and great expense, may be an essential part of true economy."

Irene Pollands Hall
Farmington Hills

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Political waters don't take long to muddy

Well, that didn't take long. More than a month away from the Nov. 8 Plymouth-Canton Board of Education election, a flier that can be categorized in its best light as disingenuous has already circulated blasting the three incumbent school board members seeking re-election.

The flier, which showed up in mailboxes last week, cautions voters against voting for the current "MEA school board" and takes the board to task for issues varying as widely as their handling of the budget to the district's hiring practices.

For instance, the flier blasts the "current MEA school board" for excessive spending, and claims the board has left the district facing a \$26 million deficit for the 2012-13 school year, attributing it to a June 2011 preliminary budget projection. Nowhere in the flier do they point out that projection has been reduced to estimates ranging from \$4 million to \$10 million.

It also points out administrators wiped out the district's entire fund balance, which was true until recent developments, including settling the teachers' contract, lifted it back above \$7

million (\$10 million if you count the Durant lawsuit money).

Nobody is trying to say the district is in fine financial shape. Heck, no one is even saying this board isn't dysfunctional, disorganized and discordant. For much of the last 18 months or so, they certainly have been. (Oddly enough, though, the current board has largely been on the same page when it comes to the budget).

Even the flier's main premise — that the current board is an "MEA board," is patently wrong, at least as it pertains to the incumbent candidates. Only one of those — President John Jackson — got the MEA's endorsement recently. Incumbents Nancy Eggenberger and Steven Sneiderman paid the price for their support of former Supt. Craig Fiegel, whom some in union leadership very much wanted gone.

The same flier claims the district has created a "diversity program" to increase the racial makeup of its teaching staff in lieu of simply finding the most qualified teachers. There's no proof offered that teachers hired by the district aren't qualified.

The flier also takes the board to task for failing to properly screen its teachers, which allowed a teacher who lied several times on his resume to end up bringing a gun to school. The obvious reference to

former history teacher Ray Schepansky neglects to point out the charge of bringing the gun to school was dropped, or that the hiring of teachers is not the board's responsibility.

It really shouldn't come as much of a surprise — though it's certainly disturbing in a nonpartisan election — the flier in question was paid for by the Wayne 11th Congressional Republicans. This same group torched one of their own, former Republican state representative candidate Beth Stewart, in a primary a few years ago.

If you want to think current board members have been irresponsible, so be it. But you should form those opinions based on something other than old projections and fuzzy numbers.

Voters have long memories, and pretty good baloney detectors. They don't have much tolerance any more for shady political maneuvers and negative campaigning. You'd think, after bashing Stewart into submission to secure a primary win for Mark Abbo the Republicans lost long-time control of the 20th District seat to Democrat Marc Corriveau, it's a lesson local Republicans would have learned.

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LWV Voter Guides online now

Non-partisan Voter Guides for the candidates running in the Nov. 8 election are now available on the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne

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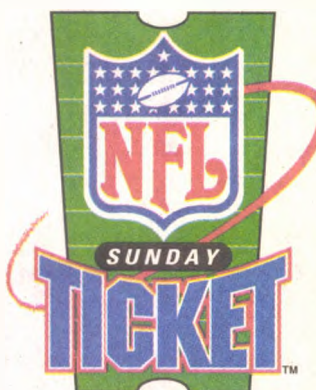
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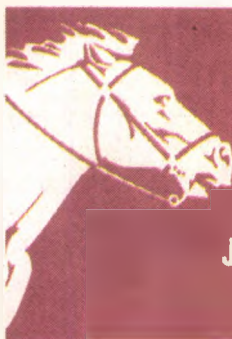
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Chiefs work OT for conference title

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Monday's showdown between host Canton and Novi for the KLAA Kensington Conference varsity boys soccer title had everything.

There were collisions that left players prone on the field for minutes. Players from each team were shown the sideline for disputing officials' calls against them and the teams needed overtime to decide the outcome.

As it turned out, a goal in the first 10-minute overtime by Canton sophomore Ken Krolicki broke a 1-1 tie and the state-ranked Chiefs went on to a 3-1 triumph to claim the conference championship.

"It was just the will and the desire to never quit," said Canton head coach George Tomaso about his squad's big win, which set up Wednesday night's association title tilt against Walled Lake Northern. "... This team has goals and they want to achieve them. They want to achieve them in the worst way.

"They would do anything, they'd sacrifice everything they had on the field to win the game."

The player who most epitomized that mindset Monday night was senior co-captain Connor Furgason, who scored on two penalty kicks after nearly being knocked out of the contest about 13 minutes into the second half.

Furgason knocked heads — literally — with a Wildcat on the play that resulted in a goal by Novi's Matt Wilson to make it 1-0.

Able to return

Play was stopped until paramedics could arrive at the



Canton senior defender Conner Hicks (No. 13) works to clear the ball out of his zone Monday, despite pressure from Novi's Sean Hazen (No. 6).

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity soccer field and attend to Furgason.

"When they check your neck and they press on it if it hurts they automatically have to call the ambulance," Furgason explained. "It's just procedure

... but I was fine. It hurt immediately, but after sitting there for a while it eased off."

That turned out to be fortuitous for KLAA South Division champion Canton, 14-1-2 overall.

At 22:40 of the second half, Canton senior defender Tyler

Wingham was knocked down inside the box in the Novi end of the pitch and a penalty kick was called.

Furgason took the kick, a hard, low shot inside the right

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PREP FOOTBALL

Rocks prevail, 28-27

Salem hung on for dear life to offset a furious Livonia Stevenson fourth-quarter rally Saturday, edging the Spartans 28-27 at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Stevenson trailed 28-7 after three quarters of the KLAA Central Division match before scoring three unanswered touchdowns capped by Joe Mims' 41-yard touch-down strike to Mitch Deacon with just over two minutes remaining.

Spartans' first-year coach Matt Furgason decided to go for the two-point conversion attempt and the win, but the Rocks stuffed a power running play and escaped with the victory.

Salem is 3-4 overall and 2-3 in the KLAA Central, while Stevenson falls to 2-5 and 1-4.

"We got sloppy in the second half," lamented Salem head coach Kurt Britnell.

Salem led 13-7 after one quarter thanks to a 40-yard TD run by Nick Troher and a 35-yard scoring pass from Jacob Deprez to Evian Pardo. (Alex Kenrick converted one-of-two extra points for a 13-7 advantage.)

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WAYNE COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Chiefs finish 4th; 'Cats' Gielarowski 2nd overall

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Northville's varsity boys cross country team coasted to victory in Saturday's Wayne County meet at New Boston's Willow Metropark.

But several Observerland squads were in the hunt for second and third place, with Livonia Churchill earning the third-place plaque (138 points) after winning a tie-breaker against Canton.

Taking second place was Dearborn Divine Child, with 124 points. In fifth and sixth place were Livonia Stevenson (151) and Plymouth (184).

"We were running a good pack," Churchill head coach John McGreevy said. "Our second, third and fourth runners stayed really close together. That makes a big difference."

The top Charger was Ryan Wise, who placed seventh with a time of 16:51. Other All-State finishers (top 35) were Robert Howard (18th, 17:13) and Ben Yates (32nd, 17:29).

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Plymouth senior Derek Gielarowski (No. 53) earned second place and All-County honors at the Wayne County boys cross country meet.

Good showing by Salem

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe South showed why it has the No. 2-ranked girls cross country team, topping the 32-team field at Saturday's Wayne County cross country meet.

The Blue Devils, with a total of 31 points, had four of the top five finishers at Willow Metropark in New Boston — with only Livonia Churchill's Kerigan Riley cracking the group. Riley finished fourth with a time of 19:03.34.

Also strong was second-place Northville (41 points), comfortably ahead of Livonia Churchill (third, 83 points) and meet host Salem (fourth, 101 points). The Chargers earned a plaque for third place.

"It was what I expected, that we'd take third," Churchill head coach Sue Tatro said. "We were hoping to get as many girls into the top 35 as possible in order to medal."

"This meet is the first big meet of a series of meets that are coming up. So this is always a good measuring stick to see where we're at, especially against such stiff competition."

Riley said it was rewarding both for herself and the team to have such success at the county meet.

She added that Tatro's encouragement

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The Shannon Flynn girls finished 17th in the Wayne County girls cross country meet Saturday.

'She'd be proud'

Renzi teen to play in tournament honoring her mom

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

It's bittersweet for Marina Renzi, whose mom Kim would be so proud to watch the teenager fly around the volleyball court setting teammates up with ready-to-hit passes.

"I'm really excited that I can kind of show her how much I've gotten better, and show everybody," said Marina, 14, who plays on the Plymouth junior varsity team despite being a freshman. "Hopefully we can win."

Marina will compete at Saturday's third annual Kim Renzi Memorial Tournament at Plymouth High School (8 a.m.). She is the first family member to

play in the tourney.

"I'm happy that they have the tournament just because she loved volleyball so much," Marina said. "And now, people can play for her still. They can represent her when they play."

Dream cut short

Kim Renzi's passions were her family and volleyball, in that order, and her "dream job" of coaching Plymouth High School's freshman team lasted just a short while in 2008 before she was struck down with melanoma. She died the following spring.

"She wanted to be a volleyball coach," said Canton resident Todd Renzi, Kim's widower. "She just got the job and was in

her first season when she got sick."

During the months between her diagnosis and death, a tournament was launched to help the Renzis with their medical bills.

But in subsequent years, it became a memorial tournament to celebrate Kim and the sport she loved.

Games on Saturday are set to begin at 8 a.m. and continue until mid-afternoon, with a 50/50 raffle and silent auction part of the festivities. All schools at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park are participating, as are teams from surrounding schools.

All proceeds will go toward college

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Plymouth junior varsity volleyball player Marina Renzi hammers a serve during Tuesday's match.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

P-C Steelers dominate Ypsi

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers junior football program geared up for its upcoming homecoming with a Saturday sweep of the host Ypsilanti Braves.

The varsity Steelers improved to 6-0 with an electric 42-24 triumph at Ypsilanti High School. The victors scored early and often, jumping in front on a Jake Meadows TD run (his first of two), which was followed by Alex Nicholson's 64-yard pick-six moments later. The Steelers also ran back a pair of kick-offs for scores, one each by Cameron Stella and Tyler Laurentius. Jalen Cochran added a 12-yard TD run.

The offense's success was spearheaded by the strong play of offensive linemen Gavin McAuliffe, Jack Pardington, Shane Prevo, Jim Szegei, Clay Walker, Chris Bennett and Evan Fisher. Jake McKinnon was a menace to the Braves' offense all afternoon.

The Steelers' JV squad improved to 6-0 with a 27-6 triumph over Ypsi. Led by offensive linemen Chase Cunningham, Thomas Noble and Spencer Zwarka, among others, the Steelers were bolstered by scoring runs from AJ Brazelton, Isaac Emminger and Mason Phillips. Kyle Burnette

hailed in an extra-point attack.

The Steelers' defense was led by Dylan Stackhouse (interception return for TD), Luke Walkley, Andrew Neal and Nick Saker.

The freshmen Steelers moved to 5-1 with a 27-6 win over the Braves. The Steelers won the battle of the trenches thanks to stellar play from two-way standouts Seth Troszak and Dean Kaye. Cameron Miller paced the Steelers' ground game with several strong up-the-middle runs.

The Steelers' junior-freshmen unit cranked out 16 first down and four touchdowns against the overmatched Braves.

Luke Janack and Nate Cain were both instrumental in the performance as they contributed two scores each. Defensively, Aidan Tafelski, Acelino Villarini and Tanner Wyatt excelled.

The Steelers will host the Dearborn Heights Redskins in four homecoming games that are set to start with the junior freshmen game 2 p.m. at Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth. The freshmen game will follow at 4 p.m., the junior-varsity game will kick off at 6 p.m. with the varsity game capping the day's festivities at 8 p.m.

Lions keep winning

The Canton Lions Junior Varsity football team flexed their muscles in the fourth quarter to take over the game last weekend with a 30-14 win over the Dearborn Heights Redskins.

The game was tied 6-6 early in the fourth quarter when the Lions (5-0) began to enforce their will against the Redskins. Victor Abraham started the Lions scoring early in the game on a nice run, followed by touchdown carries by Miles Davenport and Jason Arnold in the decisive fourth quarter.

Evan Voyles completed a key fourth down pass to Joey Glunt for a 30-yard gain which set up the Lions second touchdown. The Lions offensive line, battling all day against the stingy Redskins defense, was led by David Mason, Matt Wayne, Kyrece Smith, Ruben Williams, and Alan Farmer. The Lions also

received strong contributions from Nick Krone, Tyler Hernandez, and Adam Stepek.

Defensively, the Lions starting defense yielded their first points of the season to a tough Redskins offense, allowing a rushing touchdown late in the first half.

The physical Lions defense was led by Spencer Brown, Kyle Amick, Noah Brown, Joey Glunt, Miles Davenport, Colton Wieloch, Evan Voyles, Matt Wayne, Victor Abraham, Ruben Williams, Alan Farmer, and Jason Arnold, who returned an interception for a touchdown late in the game to seal the victory.

The Lions face Ypsilanti Lincoln at the PCEP football stadium this Sunday, Oct. 16th. First games begin at 10 a.m. for the Junior Freshman team, followed by the Freshman, JV, and Varsity at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., respectively.

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Sandwiched in between Salem's two first-quarter TDs was a 91-yard kick-off return by Tony Wilson.

In the second quarter, Salem scored again on a 2-yard run by Marcus Houston (11 rushes, 127 yards) followed by Kenrick's PAT.

The Rocks increased their lead to 28-7 when Troher (16-100) scored on a 1-yard run set up by Houston's 50-yard jaunt. Deprez, who completed seven of 15 passes for 83 yards, then converted the two-point conversion with a run.

Comeback bid

Stevenson mounted its comeback in the fourth when Mims hit Wilson on a 15-yard TD pass followed by a 31-yard scoring run by the junior quarterback on a scramble. Tyler Szerlag's PAT cut the deficit to 28-21.

The Spartans then scored again on the Mims-to-Deacon pass, but



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Salem senior running back Marcus Houston (No. 3), shown from earlier this season, played a key factor in the Rocks win Saturday over Livonia Stevenson.

came up one point short after the ill-fated two-point conversion attempt.

Five first-half turnovers led the Stevenson's undoing.

"We fumbled on the one going in to score and threw an interception in the red zone," Fielder said. "The last six minutes (of the game) was some of the best football we played, but we recovered too late."

Defensively, Devin Kelly came up with an interception for Stevenson.

STAFF GRID PICKS

Week 8	Wright	Smith	O'Meara	Emons
Friday, Oct. 14				
Dearborn Fordson (5-2, 4-0) at Thurston (6-1, 5-0), 7 p.m.	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston	Fordson
Harper Woods (3-4) at Redford Union (0-7), 7 p.m.	Harper Woods	Harper Woods	Harper Woods	Union
Edsel Ford (3-4, 2-2) at Garden City (5-2, 3-2), 7 p.m.	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City	Edsel Ford
Stevenson (2-5, 1-4) at John Glenn (3-4, 2-3), 7 p.m.	Stevenson	John Glenn	John Glenn	John Glenn
Salem (3-4, 2-3) at Franklin (3-4, 2-3), 7 p.m.	Salem	Salem	Franklin	Franklin
South Lyon (5-2, 4-1) at Churchill (5-2, 3-2), 7 p.m.	Churchill	Churchill	South Lyon	Churchill
Novi (3-4, 3-2) at Canton (5-2, 3-2), 7 p.m.	Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton
South Lyon East (1-6, 0-5) at Wayne (0-7, 0-5), 7 p.m.	Wayne	S.L. East	S.L. East	Wayne
Northville (7-0, 5-0) at Plymouth (7-0, 5-0), 7 p.m.	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
Luth. Westland (4-3, 2-2) at Parkway Christ. (4-3, 3-1), 7 p.m.	Parkway	Parkway	Parkway	Luth. Westland
Andover (0-7, 0-6) at North Farmington (5-2, 5-2), 7 p.m.	North Farmington	North Farmington	North Farmington	North Farmington
Harrison (7-0, 6-0) at Lake Orion (6-1, 5-0), 7 p.m.	Lake Orion	Lake Orion	Harrison	Harrison
Farmington (5-2, 4-2) at Pontiac (4-3, 4-3), 7 p.m.	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington
Saturday, Oct. 15				
Melvindale ABT (3-4) at Clarenceville (3-4), 7 p.m.	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville
Last week	7-4	9-2	7-4	11-0
Overall	71-21	63-29	74-18	82-10

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Persevering

According to Canton head coach Bill Boyd, it was a good showing for his team despite warm conditions that ultimately sapped some runners of their energy at the end of the 5-kilometer course.

"We had a few guys who didn't run real strong today," Boyd emphasized. "But we got some guys, we did two high-mileage weeks in a row so we have some nagging injuries."

"They're starting to recover, so hopefully in a week they'll be ready to go."

Miles Felton placed sixth for the Chiefs (16:51) while Mitch Clinton (22nd, 17:18) and Jeff Molchan (26th, 17:20) were All-County for placing within the top 35.

"Miles Felton jumped up, he was All-County with sixth place and had his season best time," Boyd said. "It was nice to see him kind of come out of his slump a little bit and have a big run."

"Hopefully, he'll be right there with the top guys in the region and qualify for states. It's a real tough region this year."

Boyd praised Molchan's effort, particularly since the senior is recovering from a leg injury that hampered him in recent weeks.

Molchan said shin splints and patella tendinitis in his left leg have slowed him in practices.

"It's more hard training than it is in the races," Molchan explained. "In the races, it's more adrenaline pumping. So it's less painful."



Salem's Steve McEvilly (No. 97) earned All-County honors for finishing 17th at Saturday's Wayne County boys cross country meet at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

"But it does feel a little bit weak at the end when I try to kick and finish it off. Other than that, it wasn't so bad. Just straining to get my mileage back up. I did pretty good for my second race back."

Stevenson assistant coach Jerry Young said his team did fairly well, considering the number of strong teams at the meet.

"We had two kids that didn't run real well, three kids that did," Young said. "Sometimes, that's what happens."

"It's the county meet, you're talking about all of Wayne County. I think

we're fifth or sixth out of 32 teams, and that's good. Unfortunately, we got beat by Churchill and Canton."

All-State finishers for the Spartans were Stephen Fenech (5th, 16:41), Jake Colley (20th, 17:16), and John Lynch (29th, 17:26).

String ends

For the Wildcats, the sixth-place finish ended a string of three consecutive championships at the Wayne County meet. But they did boast the No. 2 individual finisher in Derek Gielarowski. He finished in 16 minutes, 15

seconds, edging Novi's Dan Sims (16:19).

"I raced Dan (Sims) before, against Northville last week," Gielarowski noted. "The same kind of finish sort of happened. Me coming in fourth and him coming in sixth."

"But he's a good competitor, I stuck on him most of the time, and it was just a great race."

Plymouth's Liam Cardenas also won an All-State medal, placing 25th with a time of 17:20.

The meet hosts, Salem, took ninth overall with 227 points. Leading the Rocks were All-County finishers Steve McEvilly (17th, 17:11) and Riley Doxtader (27th, 17:21).

Salem head coach Steve Aspinall said it was a good performance by his young team, with most coming through with best times.

"We continue to improve our times and places as the year goes on," Aspinall said. "Our best is still in front of us."

He noted efforts by sophomore Donovan Drouillard (57th, 17:51), freshman Lewis Campbell (62nd, 17:55) and junior Jeremy Drouillard (64th, 17:58).

Other Observerland runners in the top 35 were Wayne Memorial's Daniel Malcolm (23rd, 17:19) and Livonia Franklin's Keenan Jones (31st, 17:28).

In the team standings, Westland John Glenn took 13th place with 376 points, followed by Franklin (15th, 473), Wayne (17th, 476), Lutheran High Westland (21st, 599), Redford Union (24th, 653), Plymouth Christian Academy (26th, 697) and Garden City (28th, 828).

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"helped us to do our best" as well as the fact the varsity race started earlier than the junior varsity race, when the sun started to really cook. The earlier start preserved some energy.

"It wasn't so hot for the varsity race, which was good," Riley said. "We were lucky."

Other Churchill medalists were Bethany Pilat (14th, 19:59.69), Sydney Anderson (15th, 20:06.67), Vivien Okechukwu (18th, 20:20.74) and Michelle Azar (34th, 20:56.54).

Moving forward

According to Salem head coach Dave Gerlach, his team continued to run well as a pack with five athletes coming away with medals. The top-35 finishers earn All-County honors.

"We started off last week getting the ball rolling with a big victory over Novi," Gerlach said. "And we knew today was going to be a nice day with some great competition."

"I wanted them to be a little more aggressive and we did that today. So fourth place out of 32



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Placing 12th overall at the Wayne County girls cross country meet is Plymouth's Marina DeBiasi.

teams was real good." Gerlach said Shannon Flynn (17th, 20:20.27) and Autumn Burin (19th, 20:28.73) ran outstanding races and his top five performed well overall.

"We've been running like a pack all year long," Gerlach said.

"We've been trying to move our pack up a little bit and we did that today."

"All five of our scorers medaled, so it was real nice to see. We're trying to keep it going for the conference meet and the

regional meet." Other Salem medalists were Emily Bizon (23rd, 20:38.83), Amanda Beyer (28th, 20:44.85) and Hannah Stoliker (33rd, 20:55.80).

Stepping up

Both Flynn and Burin said they felt the county meet continued the team's consistent improvement from the start of the season.

"I'm really happy with how we did today," Flynn noted. "We really ran

as a team and packed it in pretty well.

"We didn't all run exactly the times that we wanted but we got the places we wanted, and that's all that matters."

Burin said the team "really stepped it up today and I think it's motivation for the rest of the season."

The Chargers and Rocks had a healthy edge on nearest competitors Livonia Stevenson (fifth, 200), Canton (sixth, 209) and Plymouth (seventh, 217).

Medalists for those teams included Stevenson's Lindsey Gallagher (10th, 19:52.53), Canton's Jessica Siegler (21st, 20:31.63) and Emily Southern (24th, 20:41.15) and Plymouth's Marina DeBiasi (12th, 19:55.51) and Nicole Traitses (13th, 19:58.65).

The only other Observerland runner to win an All-County medal was Plymouth Christian Academy's Terra Crown (30th, 20:49.72).

Just missing the cut was Livonia Franklin's Tiffany Lamble, whose time of 21:00.48 was 36th best.

In team standings, Franklin finished ninth with 259 points.

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post past Novi goalkeeper Mitchell Adams.

"After we scored, they played like a team that was behind. They were throwing bodies forward, they got into our box and they drew a penalty there," Novi head coach Dennis O'Leary said. "So I don't think it's anything we did wrong, it's just that they were down a goal and they were going to play desperate."

Several minutes later, the KLAA Central Division champs (13-3-0) nearly regained the lead.

Wilson fed a pass to senior teammate Chase Jabbori, who collided with Chiefs senior goalkeeper Steven Murphy, near the top of the 18-yard box.

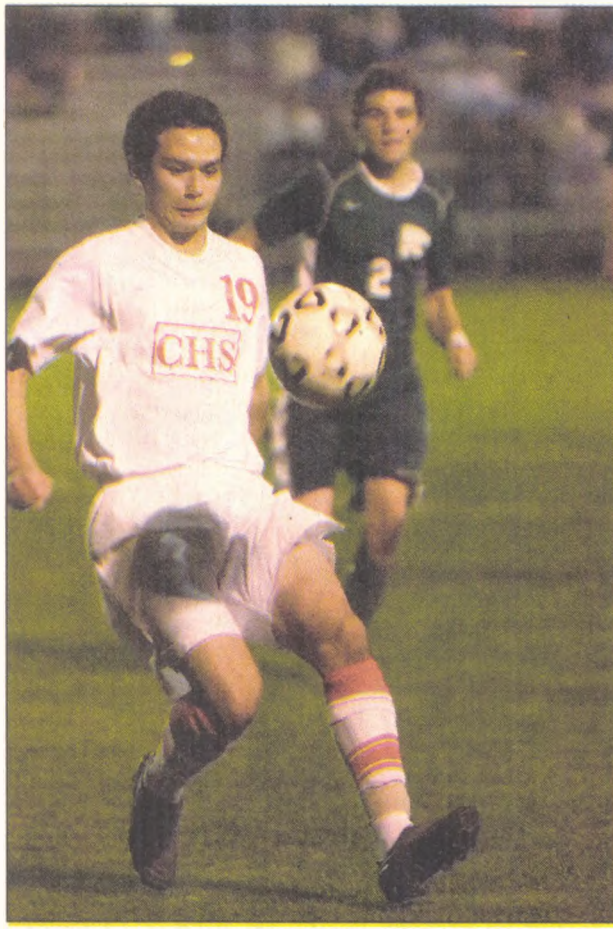
With Murphy down (he would require several minutes to recover after getting shaken up on the play), a Canton defender shot back toward the vacated goal to clear the ball from danger.

The game moved into the two 10-minute overtimes still tied at 1-1, and that's how things continued until the second extra stanza.

Just 58 seconds into the second OT, the Chiefs broke the ice. Winningham's re-start from about 40 yards on the left side of the field was punched out by Adams.

Breaking the tie

But Canton senior co-captain Mitch Posuniak pounced on the ball and sent it back toward the goal from inside the box.



Working to maintain control of the ball for Canton during Monday's game is senior midfielder Shean Krolicki (No. 19). Closing in on him is Novi's Chris Park (No. 2).

Adams made the save but Krolicki worked his way into prime position to knock in the rebound.

"Mitch took a shot within the box and Ken got a good step to go towards the goalie, saw the rebound and finished the goal," Tomasso said.

In the final minute of the second overtime, Furgason buried another penalty kick to the same spot he had success with earlier to salt away the victory.

Setting up the PK was a nice play from senior Brian Berinti to senior Shean Krolicki, with the latter

tripped up inside the box.

"I focus on putting it down low in the corner and hard," Furgason said. "As long as it's there it should go in, either side."

"I chose to go the same side on the second goal just because I thought the goalie would (think) I'd go to the opposite side that I did the first time."

Meanwhile, in the second overtime of the intense, physical match, the Chiefs lost Posuniak, who was tossed for deliberately fouling into the Novi goalkeeper at the end of a rush. He will miss Wednesday's association title game.



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"Sometimes high school boys get so emotionally involved in a game when everything's on the line," Tomasso said. "Emotions got the better of some of our players. We'll look to fix that and be better at that in the future."

Tomasso, however, praised his team defense, including seniors Furgason, Winningham, Neil Zech, Nathan Bergeson, Conner Hicks and junior Connor Shennan along with goalkeeper Murphy.

"You can never count Novi out, they're so dangerous every time they touch the ball," the coach said. "I felt the guys in the back line did a good job."

O'Leary downplayed not coming away with the conference trophy.

"We had two goals at the beginning of the year," O'Leary said. "Win our division, which we

did, and advance as far as we can in the state playoffs."

"The whole crossover thing to me is kind of mythical. So I'm not really that disappointed. I learned one thing, we're even with them. That's all I need to know."

SALEM 4, PLYMOUTH 1:

On Monday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, Salem defeated Plymouth in a Kensington Conference crossover matchup of second place teams.

The Rocks (8-6-4) broke a scoreless tie with four quick goals in the second half with the Wildcats finally getting on the board when Chandler Olah scored.

For Salem, Blake Townes netted two goals with Jake Pascarella and Brady Cole also scoring.

With the victory, the Rocks moved on to face Brighton on Wednesday night.

Plymouth's record dipped to 6-5-2.

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Tough loss for PCA

Birmingham Roeper overcame an early deficit to edge host Plymouth Christian Academy 3-2 in a matchup of Michigan Independent Athletics Conference boys soccer teams last Thursday.

The Eagles did get off to a quick start when senior Chris Scagnetti rolled a pass to Alex Chapman, who finished the play off to give PCA a 1-0 advantage in the opening minute.

But the Rough Riders answered quickly to make it 1-1 and had several other quality chances stopped by Eagles goalkeeper Jamey Putney.

And Roeper took a 2-1 edge midway through the first half, with a header getting past Putney.

That's how the game remained until PCA all-stater Dan Ross teed up a shot from 25 yards out and found the upper right corner, evening things up at 2-2.

However, Roeper regained the lead in the final 10 minutes of play, as a chip shot eluded Putney.

PROUD

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scholarships for Marina, 14, and Adeline, 12.

The younger Renzi plays volleyball on the St. John Neumann Dragons varsity team and attends Discovery Middle School.

"They're going to keep going with the girls through high school," Todd Renzi said. "Marina is a freshman and she's the first Renzi to play in it. It's pretty exciting."

He said the entire Plymouth volleyball program continues to be instrumental in the tourney.

It was originally spearheaded by Kelly McCausland, a longtime varsity coach for the Wildcats who turned over the reins this season to Sarah Marody.

Honoring Kim

One of the players Kim Renzi coached in 2008 is Plymouth senior Rachael Hille, currently on the Wildcats varsity.

"Their whole team (varsity) is going to be helping out," Todd stressed. "There's still a player on that team (Hille) that played for Kim when she was coaching here."

"And they're trying to get Kim's entire freshman team out to the tournament as well, so they can be reunited."

Todd, meanwhile, said he is optimistic the invitation will be a long-term endeavor, even after his girls are in college.

"I'd love for it to continue (after the girls graduate)," he said. "I think it would be a great way to honor Kim. Maybe with a scholarship."

Todd wiped some moisture from his eyes when talking about how much Kim would have been proud of Marina and Adeline.

"We think about it all the time," he said. "Boy, if Kim could see Marina playing right now, and Adeline, too. Adeline is just a great athlete. But if she could see them playing."

"And they're great kids. She would be (proud of them), I am."

Keeping tabs

Meanwhile, Marina remembers advice her mom gave her when things don't go well during a game or practice. It gets her through any rough spots.

"She taught us to never give up," Marina said, "(because) sometimes when I'd have a bad game or played really bad at practice, she'd just tell me 'Everybody has off days and it will get better next time.'"

And on Saturday, Marina will be playing as if her mom were up in the stands keeping tabs.

"Yeah, I just kind of pretend she's watching me and I kind of blow it (a mistake) off," she added. "I just make sure I get the next one and show her I can get better."

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Wildcats' night to celebrate

On "Seniors and Parents Night" Tuesday at Plymouth, the Wildcats varsity girls volleyball team sent everyone home happy with a 3-1 triumph over Westland John Glenn.

"It was an exciting and emotional night as the team and fans thanked our outstanding seniors and their families for all the hard work, dedication and commitment they have put into the Plymouth volleyball program over the last four years," head coach Sarah Marody said.

Madelyn Betts, whose dad Steve put together a video for the occasion, led the Wildcats with 10 kills and also tallied eight digs.

Others chipping in were Emilee Beyer (9 kills, 7 digs), Lindsay Stemberger (11 digs), Jessica Scott (32 assists, 7 digs), Rachael Hille (6 kills, 3 aces) and Taylor Rieckhoff (3 kills, 4 assists, 4 digs).

The Wildcats improved to 27-6 overall and 6-3 in the KLAA South Division.

Chiefs clinch

On Tuesday, host Canton wrapped up the KLAA South Division crown on Senior Night a 27-25, 25-11, 25-13 win over Livonia Franklin.

The victory gave the Chiefs a record of 28-6-0 overall and 8-1 in divisional play.

NORTHVILLE 3, SALEM 1: After coming out with a 25-22 win in Tuesday's opening set, the visiting Rocks could not keep up the momentum.

The Mustangs rolled to 25-20, 25-13 and 25-14 wins to finish a 3-1 match win over Salem. Head coach Amanda Nies said a bright spot for the team was an improvement on offense, spurred by Brooke Berberet (21 kills).

"She was our attack," Nies noted. "She has been playing smart and has been improving the past couple weeks. As a sophomore, this is something that is great to see."

Strong on the defensive side of things was Katie Vincent, with 32 digs. "She moved nicely and did not hesitate."

Other contributors were Katie Heitmeyer (10 digs), Emily Lipa (10 digs), Quinn Fillingier (35 assists, 8 digs), Erika Hatcher (6 kills) and Breanne Beaver (5 kills, 5 blocks).

Salem (2-8, 2-7 in the KLAA Central) will host South Lyon East at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Blazers stop

Sacred Heart

Senior goalie Mackenzie Holme made five saves Tuesday as Livonia Ladywood blanked

Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart in girls' field hockey, 2-0.

Senior Erin Cronyn had a goal and assist as the Blazers improved to 12-2-1 overall and 4-2-1 in the

division. Senior Emma Ellswood tallied the other goal, while junior Jackie Snyder drew an assist.

Mei-Mei Butcher had eight saves for Sacred Heart (2-9-1, 0-7-1).

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Church's spooky venue raises funds for missions

By Sharon Dargay
O&E staff writer

Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia will open the doors to its Halloween attraction on Friday, Oct. 14.

It's the second year the church has turned a storage building into a "haunted annex" complete with skulls, skeletons and creepy spider webs. The spooky venue is larger this year, its list of beneficiaries has expanded and it will remain open an additional weekend.

"It was pretty well received," said Sarah Nadeau, youth and young

adult ministry coordinator, recalling the event last year. "I'd say we had 300 people come through ... people from the community and other church youth groups and neighboring churches that wanted to support it."

The Halloween attraction is housed in a storage building, that at other times of the year is filled with items for the church's rummage sales. Several tents expand the attraction beyond the building.

Members of the church's mission committee and a crew of some 20-40 other church members help plan and devel-

op the scenes inside the attraction under the direction of members Mike and Katy Fillion. Mike is an actor at Erebus, a haunted house in Pontiac. Katy chairs Newburg's mission committee and is a frequent short-term missionary to Jamaica and Appalachia.

"Mike has gone out to Appalachia a few times, too," Nadeau said. "Both have a mission focus but they also have a passion for Halloween. It's a nice combination of gifts and skills."

Many young members of the church serve as actors and "try to be as scary as possible"

Nadeau said.

"I think it's pretty spooky. It's mostly creepy bolts in the head type of thing ... skulls, skeletons, spider webs. The witch was the greeter at the door last year," Nadeau said. "Workers have walkie talkies, so if a family comes through with little kids, they can give a code word to tone it down and make it more family friendly."

"It's a fun thing that families can do. We wanted to do a community event that was not expensive and was of high quality."

The event last year raised more than \$1,000 for Nothing But Nets, a global effort to end Malaria. This year,



Denise Klein gets ready to welcome visitors to the Haunted Annex last year.

Health Clinic and Community Development Corporation; Justice for Neighbors Southeastern Michigan, a local immigration legal aid provider; Cass Community Social Services; Appalachia Service Project, a youth and adult summer mission trip; and a team of Newburg members who plan to assist with reconstruction work in Haiti.

Admission to the Haunted Annex is \$6 per person. Call (734) 788-4580 for information on group rates.

The attraction is open 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 14-15, Friday, Oct. 21 and Friday-Sunday, Oct. 28-30. The church is located at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Newburgh, in Livonia; (734) 422-0149.

funds also will go to the church's non-food pantry, which gives toiletries and cleaning supplies to Livonia residents; Joy-Southfield

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BERRY, WALLACE MALCOLM

Age 50, Wally was born on November 3, 1960 in Dearborn and died at his home in Plymouth on October 7, 2011. He is survived by his father Tom, brothers and sisters Eileen, Phyllis (Zana Easton), Gordon (Dianne), Sandra (Mark LaPointe), Ron, Marcia Coll, Stuart, and his twin Craig (Laura); nieces and nephews Dan Easton (Kari), Kerry Iaconelli, Brent Iaconelli, Sharilyn Keller, Jill Danbert, Leah Coll, Gina Coll and George Berry. He was predeceased by his mother Jean, brother Bruce, and his grandparents, including grandfather Y.G.T. Rehner with whom Wally had a very special relationship. The family wants to thank the many caregivers at Plymouth and Redford Opportunity Houses for all the love and care they gave Wally. Wally was a gentle and loving soul, and the world was a better place because of him. Memorial contributions can be made to the Community Opportunity Center in Livonia, MI.

SLOAN, TIMOTHY J.

Age 47 of Toledo, passed away Sunday, October 2, 2011 in Perrysburg OH. He was born in Detroit on February 9, 1964 to John Jr. and Christine (Manning) Sloan. Tim was most recently a bartender and server at the Elephant Bar in Toledo, and had been employed in the Food Service Industry in Southeastern Michigan and Northern Ohio for more than 25 years. Tim's wonderful sense of humor brightened his family's and many friends' days. He loved geo-caching, power boating and water sports, and was an avid fan of Detroit's professional sports teams and the University of Michigan. He is survived by his parents John Jr. and Christine of Livonia; his wife Stacey (Lucas) of Toledo; his children Patrick (Foley) of Spokane Washington and Shaun of Toledo; his brother John III of Birmingham, Alabama; and his sister Kathleen (Kietur) of Westland, Michigan. A memorial service for Tim will be held Saturday, October 15th, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the Hospice of Northwest Ohio, 30000 East River Rd., Perrysburg, OH 43551. Blanchard-Strabler Funeral Home

TIBUS-BRICE, BARBARA

Age 80, September 28, 2011. Beloved wife of Donald and a wonderful loving Mom to her children Dawn, Cheryl, Shawn, Janice (deceased) and Joe. Also survived by grand and great-grandchildren. Barbara was born in Detroit, Michigan and predeceased by her parents, Leo (Doc) Derkis and Jean Thomason. Barbara attended Wayne State University and for many years owned a breeding, boarding and grooming kennel. She will be sadly missed by her family and dear friends. A memorial service will be held at RG & GR Harris Funeral Home, Livonia, Michigan on October 22, 2011. Visitation: 10:00 a.m. Service: 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Parkinson's Foundation.

IN MEMORIAM OF ROBERT WILLIAM PRESTON

Born February 14, 1970, killed in motorcycle accident September 23, 2011 in Missouri. A Memorial was held for him in southern California by his motorcycle club. Mr. Preston is survived by his fiancée, Jeri Laratta of Livonia, Michigan. Jeri wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, condolences, and donations. All donations are being forwarded to Forgotten Harvest in Robert's name. She asks that any future donations be given to Forgotten Harvest at www.sharedharvest.org or at .org. If you prefer, call F.H. at 1-800-352-3063 or donate to your favorite charity in Robert's name.

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Oct. 13-19

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Time/Date: Celebration at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15; anniversary worship service at 10:15 a.m. Oct. 16

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

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Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Oct. 14

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Time/Date: Through Oct. 16

Location: Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The church is collecting winter coats, sweaters, sweatshirts, boots and other winter gear. A drop box is available 24 hours a day for clothing donations. It's located under the canopy at the main entrance

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CLOTHING

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 15

Location: Farmington Hills Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 33900 W. 13 Mile, between Farmington Road and Drake, in Farmington Hills

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GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Oct. 19 and 26

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The event will help bring the Canton Farmer's Market to a close for the season.

Look for cider, pumpkins, gourds, hay bales, cornstalks, mums and a variety of apples at the market.

Pumpkin Carver, Ed Moody, also known as "Pumpkin Ed," from Frankfort, will carve a large pumpkin on site and Chef Paul will cook with apples.

Youngsters can parade in costumes at noon. Prizes will be awarded for different categories.



Families, groups and businesses may join the scarecrow decorating contest that will start at 9 a.m. at the park. The entry fee is \$10 and will include hay, hanging materials and a chance to win a scarecrow trophy and Canton Leisure Services gift certificates. Visitors to the market will vote on three winners.

Call Camille Ulrich for scarecrow contest details at (734) 394-5474.

It's pumpkin time

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Check out the Pumpkin Fest Craft Show 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Oct. 14-16, 21-23, and 28-30.

Admission to the Haunted Barn is \$1. It's open 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, 21, 28; noon-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 15, 22 and 29; and 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, 23 and 30.

Children, 3-10, can make a Halloween craft at noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22. Cost

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The Wilson Barn is located at Middlebelt and W. Chicago Road, in Livonia.

Pumpkin Palooza

Mark Sunday, Oct. 23 on your calendar for games, contests, activities, entertainment, trick-or-treating and more in downtown Plymouth.

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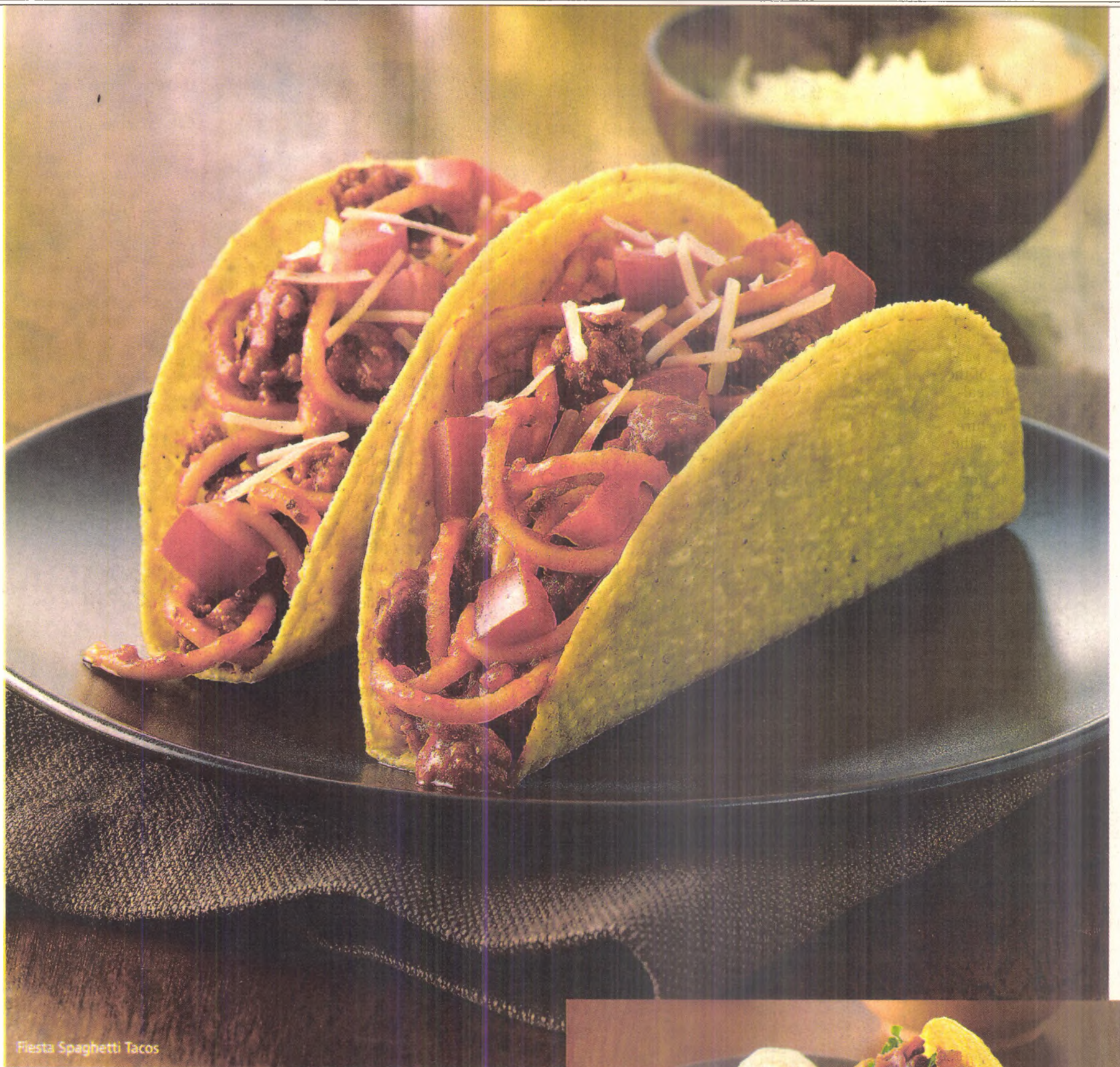
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• Need something to spice up spaghetti? Make Fiesta Spaghetti Tacos, which serve up spaghetti and meat sauce in a fun fiesta form.

• Chicken nuggets, again? Spice up the flavor by adding taco toppings such as lettuce, sour cream and salsa and serving in hard and soft taco shells.

Visit www.OldElPaso.com for coupons and more ways to put some fiesta into your weeknight dinner routine.

Fiesta Spaghetti Tacos

Prep Time: 25 minutes

Start to Finish: 25 minutes

5 servings (2 tacos each)
5 ounces uncooked spaghetti, broken in half

1 pound lean (at least 80 percent) ground beef

1 package (1 ounce) Old El Paso 40 percent less-sodium taco seasoning mix

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

$\frac{1}{4}$ cups tomato pasta sauce (any variety)

1 box (4.7 ounces) Old El Paso Stand 'N Stuff taco shells (10 shells)

1 medium tomato, chopped ($\frac{3}{4}$ cup), if desired

2 tablespoons shredded Parmesan cheese

Cook spaghetti as directed on package; drain.

Meanwhile, in 10-inch non-stick skillet, cook beef over medium-high heat 5 to 7 minutes, stirring frequently, until thoroughly cooked; drain. Stir in taco seasoning mix and water. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat; simmer uncovered 3 to 4 minutes or until thickened. Stir in pasta sauce; cook over medium heat until hot. Stir in cooked spaghetti.

Meanwhile, heat taco shells as directed on box. Spoon about $\frac{1}{2}$ cup spaghetti mixture into each taco shell; top with tomato and Parmesan cheese.

Variation: If you like corn, add 1 cup frozen whole kernel corn with the pasta sauce. Cook about 5 minutes or until hot.

Amazing Bacon Cheeseburger Tacos

Prep Time: 25 minutes

Start to Finish: 25 minutes

6 servings (2 tacos each)

1 pound lean (at least 80 percent) ground beef

1 medium onion, chopped ($\frac{1}{2}$ cup)

1 package (1 ounce) Old El Paso 40 percent less-sodium taco seasoning mix

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

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup Old El Paso Cheese 'n Salsa dip (from 15-ounce jar)

1 box (7.4 ounce) Old El Paso hard and soft taco shells (6 hard corn shells and 6 soft flour tortillas)

$\frac{1}{2}$ cups shredded lettuce

1 large tomato, seeded and chopped (1 cup)

6 slices bacon, crisply cooked, crumbled

In 10-inch nonstick skillet, cook beef and onion over medium-high heat 5 to 7 minutes, stirring frequently, until thoroughly cooked; drain. Stir in taco seasoning mix and water. Reduce heat to medium; cook 3 to 4 minutes, stirring frequently, until thickened. Stir in dip until well mixed.

Heat taco shells and tortillas as directed on box.

Fill heated taco shells and tortillas with warm beef mixture, lettuce, tomato and bacon.

Substitution: Can't find the Cheese 'n Salsa dip? Try 4 ounces Mexican prepared cheese product, cubed, or another soft cheese that melts easily. If you prefer less spice, use regular prepared cheese product.

Chicken Nugget Tacos

Prep Time: 30 minutes

Start to Finish: 30 minutes

6 servings (2 tacos each)

24 frozen breaded cooked chicken nuggets

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup sour cream

2 teaspoons Old El Paso 40 percent less-sodium taco seasoning mix (from 1-ounce package)

1 to 2 tablespoons milk

1 box (7.4 ounces) Old El Paso hard and soft taco shells (6 hard corn shells and 6 soft flour tortillas)

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup shredded cheddar cheese (3 ounces)

$\frac{1}{2}$ cups shredded lettuce

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup Old El Paso Thick 'n Chunky salsa

Bake chicken nuggets as directed on package. Cover to keep warm. Reduce oven temperature to 325°F. Heat taco shells and tortillas as directed on box.

Meanwhile, in small bowl, mix sour cream, taco seasoning mix and enough milk for desired consistency. Set aside.

Fill each taco shell and tortilla with 2 chicken nuggets, cheese, lettuce and salsa. Drizzle each with sour cream mixture.



Chicken Nugget Tacos

— Courtesy Family Features

Local Realtor tapped for Leadership Academy

By Julie Brown
O&E Staff Writer



Gary J. Reggish was chosen for the 2012 class of the National Association of Realtors Leadership Academy. Reggish, a Livonia resident, is broker/owner of Remerica United Realty in Novi.

Seventeen Realtors who have demonstrated personal and professional success in their respective local markets recently were selected to participate in the 2012 class of the National Association of Realtors Leadership Academy, an initiative designed to nurture and inspire new leaders in the real estate industry.

The only Michigan Realtor chosen was Gary J. Reggish, 45, a Livonia resident and broker/owner of Remerica United Realty in Novi. Reggish is immediate past president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, now the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors.

He is also vice chair of the RPAC Trustees (Realtor Political Action Committee) for the Michigan Association of Realtors, State and Local Issues Committee for the National Association of Realtors, Board of Directors member for the National Association of Realtors and two-time winner of the prestigious Realtor of the Year award by the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

The 2012 Leadership Academy class is comprised of Realtors from 11 states, and the

work with the best of the best, you couldn't buy this opportunity."

He looks forward to learning more about national initiatives. "It gives us the ability to really interact with the NAR staff," he said.

"It really helps individuals clarify your own personal goals from a higher level of thinking, and provides a window to how we can achieve our highest potential."

Reggish is also pleased about the international perspective "which is really exciting. It's going to provide the perfect way to meet new colleagues whose values, communication styles, beliefs are significantly different from your own. It causes you to stretch your thinking."

Training will last about a year and take place in Anaheim, Calif., Chicago and Washington, D.C. "My agents are going to have firsthand exposure through one on one training and office sessions."

He'll also share knowledge through the local real estate association with the public. "It really is an exciting opportunity." He compared it to personal business coaching combined with brainstorming with an international flavor.

Academy participants, who had to undergo an application

and interview process conducted by the Academy Advisory Board, will undergo a challenging series of team-building exercises and workshops.

Since the Academy was formed in 2008, over 100 Realtors have graduated and many advance to serve in volunteer leadership positions within their respective state and local associations, as well as within NAR.

Reggish said he'll bring back "an enhanced perspective" he's eager to share.

Bill Martin, state association CEO for the Michigan Association of Realtors, said, "This is highly competitive." The NAR has over a million members nationwide.

"Being selected is quite an accomplishment. We couldn't be more proud," Martin said.

"I think Gary is going to be such an integral part of this Academy," he said. "Gary's so well-versed in so many of these things already. He has a lot more to offer, I think, as an individual participant than the Academy has to offer him."

Martin found out about the selection the same time Reggish did. "I think Gary Reggish is the exact person they had in mind, young, vibrant and certainly an asset not only today but into the future," Martin said.

'Wind rights' law evolves

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: Do you know anything about a relatively new real estate issue concerning Wind Power Leases as I am interested in possibly utilizing my farm land for that purpose?

A: As the wind energy market has matured, the issues relating to the leasing of surface property necessary to build wind farms has become

more sophisticated and complex. As a land owner, you should not blindly sign any lease offered. Negotiations in virtually all facets of the wind lease, from lease compensation, uses and reserve rights to restoration security and renegotiation options, have become highly evolved and creative. Land owners should be introducing new protections and presenting new proposals to share in the revenues of the wind farm or benefit from better than expected wind production. You should consult with a knowledgeable expert regarding the latest compensation structures and land owner requested provisions as well as the possibility of new pooling and co-tenancy arrangements that are at the vanguard of negotiating these types of contracts. You also should be mindful of the severance of "wind rights" as opposed to a mineral right and the implications this has for wind leases. In short, this is a whole new area of the law which has just "blown in."

Q: Does Michigan law recognize an easement by necessity for utilities?

A: The answer is simply "no." In effect, the Michigan Court of Appeals said that owners of parcels lacking access to utilities cannot claim such access rights as a matter of law by necessity. Instead, they must obtain additional easements for utility access which may be an added cost of development. The decision is a good reminder that the terms of an express easement are paramount and that the scope of an easement for ingress and egress will not ordinarily be broadened by the court so that drafters of easements should insure that all potentially desired uses are included in the easement conveyance.

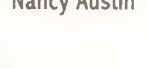
Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

Reader reaction to Senior Living column: Write on!

By Nancy Austin
Seniors Real Estate Specialist

Apparently, this Senior Living column has met with a great deal of enthusiasm. I have received numerous calls and e-mails and will share some with you.

Theresa from Canton says "It's great information." Joyce from Farmington: "I have read your article pertaining to detached condos in the Farmington Observer. We are retired, but are not interested in any type of retirement community. We are interested in looking for either a ranch home or a detached ranch condo. It seems like Realtors do not do much in the way of listing houses available anymore in



Nancy Austin

the paper or have open houses. How some place is to be found without either is mind-boggling."

I explained that many ads are online in the classified section of the paper; Craig's List, Trulia, Zillow, Realtor.com and MoveInMichigan.com, to name a few. I admit, however, that if you are not computer-minded, the search is not an easy one. Most Realtors have the information available to them through the Multiple Listing Service (MLS).

R. G. responded: "We are very interested in Del Webb. We have seen them in Florida. I hope they will build in Canton or even towards Ann Arbor or Howell."

C.K. called to say: "I am a landowner who has been trying to do something nice with my property instead of seeing it divided into a subdivision. It would be unique to the State of Michigan. I've been working on it for over seven

years." More on this later.

Karen from Canton: "Your articles are so informative. I look forward to reading them in the Observer."

Kathie, marketing manager for Village of Redford: "I read your article ... with great interest. It contained valuable information for area seniors, mainly those looking for independent living. The Village of Redford, offers the vast senior housing options all on one 33-acre campus. We are a continuing care retirement community and have served area seniors since 1945. We offer independent living apartments and ranch-style cottages, assisted living and memory support studios as well as sub-acute rehabilitation and skilled nursing services. Residents who live in our community are offered first priority to health care as they age and their needs change."

The director of American House Dearborn Heights

writes to say, "... our community is different from other American Houses because we have 51 Villas (like a condo) in the back of our main building. Private entrance, front porch, full kitchen with appliances, stacked washer/dryer, 1 or 2 bedrooms, ranch style, emergency pull cords in bedrooms and bathrooms."

I can't believe how many people have responded by telling me how informative and necessary this kind of a column is for seniors and for the adult children of seniors. I've been approached by readers in stores, at church, and at meetings. There is much more to come. There is a substantial need for this kind of information.

In the meantime, I will keep researching and writing. It's a pleasure to help you, readers.

Seniors Real Estate Specialist **Nancy Austin** may be reached at nancy-austin@gmail.com or by calling her at (734) 718-8900.

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 4-8, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

30708 Brown St	\$93,000	14196 Stonehouse Ave	\$103,000	14049 Breakfast Dr	\$141,000
27525 Chester St	\$66,000	15621 Sunset St	\$70,000	16901 Five Points St	\$13,000
33012 Hennen St	\$54,000	31511 W Chicago St	\$165,000	16017 Leona Dr	\$44,000
28897 John Hawk St	\$61,000	34207 Wood St	\$157,000	19545 Olympia	\$27,000
30948 Marquette St	\$63,000	NORTHVILLE		13584 Sarasota	\$70,000
LIVONIA		45017 Broadmoor Cir S	\$335,000	14075 Seminole	\$22,000
14809 Auburndale St	\$90,000	312 Buchner Hill Dr	\$185,000	11437 Sioux	\$53,000
28650 Broadmoor St	\$36,000	48724 Freestone Dr	\$98,000	19335 Woodworth	\$35,000
11884 Camden St	\$77,000	16193 Johnson Creek Dr	\$145,000	20017 Woodworth	\$20,000
14553 Cavell St	\$170,000	40630 Meadow Trl	\$275,000	WESTLAND	
20628 Chestnut Cir	\$260,000	39428 Oakmont Ct	\$242,000	1651 Ackley Ave	\$29,000
20336 Deering St	\$75,000	17398 Parkshore Dr	\$72,000	2034 Alanson St	\$47,000
27407 Dover Ave	\$115,000	48821 Rainbow Ln S	\$305,000	30014 Ann Arbor Trl	\$102,000
19230 Fairlane Ct	\$263,000	39832 Rockcrest Cir	\$197,000	30743 Birchwood St	\$85,000
36340 Fairway Dr	\$270,000	225 S Center St	\$107,000	30762 Birchwood St	\$82,000
14216 Fairway St	\$139,000	39494 Village Run Dr	\$191,000	33610 Blackfoot St	\$90,000
18233 Floral St	\$44,000	120 West St	\$180,000	6911 Deerpark Dr	\$80,000
9521 Hartel St	\$75,000	17442 Williamsburg Ct	\$555,000	6538 Geronimo St	\$79,000
9800 Hartel St	\$107,000	PLYMOUTH		7352 Haller St	\$40,000
27870 Long St	\$70,000	39546 Birchwood Dr	\$167,000	462 N John Hix St	\$22,000
31655 Norfolk St	\$142,000	49561 Donovan Blvd	\$90,000	8234 Perrin Ave	\$89,000
35492 Oakdale St	\$153,000	915 Hartough Ct	\$164,000	35359 Rosslyn St	\$50,000
34066 Orangelawn St	\$44,000	9237 N Sheldon Rd	\$135,000	930 S Venoy Dr	\$36,000
31275 Pickford Ave	\$225,000	40431 Newport Dr	\$66,000	313 Stephanie Dr	\$144,000
30164 Richland St	\$101,000	40835 Newport Dr	\$60,000	532 Worcester St	\$68,000
14740 Ronnie Ln	\$95,000	101 S Union St	\$154,000		
32223 Scone St	\$147,000	REDFORD			

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 27 to July 1, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

673 Smith Ave	\$515,000	FARMINGTON HILLS		51112 Hallfield St	\$45,000
2525 Yorkshire Ln	\$180,000	22185 Averhill St	\$14,000	40537 Lenox Park Dr	\$230,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS		31235 Bycroft St	\$118,000	23360 Meadowbrook Rd	\$123,000
727 Parkman Dr	\$324,000	36177 Old Homestead Dr	\$180,000	27580 Sloan St	\$45,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP		33230 Raphael Rd	\$175,000	24185 Westmont Ct	\$300,000
6223 Dakota Cir	\$1,800,000	29705 Ravenscroft St	\$140,000	South Lyon	
6181 Eastmoor Rd	\$360,000	21577 Riverwalk Ct	\$230,000	54763 Grenelefe Cir E	\$323,000
6861 N Adams Rd	\$114,000	30727 Shiawassee Rd	\$31,000	24057 Prescott Ct	\$61,000
1627 S Hill Blvd	\$51,000	20973 Sunnydale St	\$120,000	54388 Royal Troon Dr	\$233,000
4626 Stoneleigh Rd	\$200,000	22559 Vacri Ln	\$165,000	SOUTHFIELD	
3483 Sutton Pl	\$800,000	FRANKLIN		29449 Candlewood Ln	\$69,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP		26061 Hawthorne Dr	\$1,300,000	19026 Goldwin St	\$80,000
1735 Fenwick Dr	\$50,000	NOVI		27960 Larkmoor St	\$72,000
5267 Lancelot Ln	\$260,000	45167 Bartlett Dr	\$334,000	28602 Red Leaf Ln	\$37,000
3548 Trentwood Dr	\$158,000	29308 Douglas Dr	\$153,000	18327 Winterset Dr	\$115,000
FARMINGTON		24474 Fairway Hills Dr	\$193,000		
30789 Shiawassee Rd	\$33,000	26548 Glenwood Dr	\$535,000		

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Holiday decorations, jewelry, dishes, pots/pans, DVDs, VHS, radios, Christmas cards, candle holders, kitchen utensils, lots of knick knacks.
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CANTON GARAGE SALE:
Thurs-Sat, 10/13-10/15, 10-4p. 45426 Augusta Dr. Fairway Pines Sub. Misc. items, clothes, etc.

CANTON
Oct. 14 & 15, 9am-5pm. 6840 Trifany Cir. HUGE 2-Family Sale! Furniture, outdoor, camping, sports, household.

CANTON: 10/14 (noon-5pm) & 10/15 (9am-5pm) Toys, games, crafts, porcelain doll supplies and household goods. 7284 Wadebridge Dr. East (West of Beck).

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Furniture, appliances, very nice, also 1 hospital bed, never used. 17215 Santa Barbara. Mon-Sat. Oct. 10-15, 11-6.

FARMINGTON HILLS
Monster Garage Sale, 35415 Covenant Church, 15415 W. 14 Mile Rd. Fri-Sat. Oct. 14-15, 8-5.

FARMINGTON HILLS: 21365 & 21355 Parklane. Home & holiday decor, Halloween costumes, furniture, appliances misc. Thurs., Fri. & Sat. 9-4.

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