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# Residents push for fire plan

**Bv Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer** 

Residents of Plymouth Township asked their elected officials about the future of the Plymouth Community Fire Department, echoing concerns raised a week earlier.

Officials at Tuesday's special Board of Trustees - which included a nearly two-hour closed-door session during which the department was discussed, according to Supervisor Richard Reaume — gave few answers, other than to say they will come up with a plan for running a department facing the loss of nearly a quarter of its revenue.

The city of Plymouth is withdrawing from the joint department, which was created in the mid-1990s, beginning in January, meaning the loss of \$925,000 in revenue, more than 23 percent of the PCFD budget. The proposed fire department budget for next year is just over \$3 million, vs. the \$3.95 million budgeted for the current year.

Resident Don Schnettler noted the funding drop when he addressed the board toward the end of Tuesday's meeting.

"Are you cutting a quarter of the people?" Schnettler said.

'I don't know if there's been a decision on personnel issues at this time," Reaume said, adding that a decision could be made at the next board meeting or perhaps the one after that. The township's new fiscal year begins Sunday, Jan. 1.

The fire department is currently staffed with 21 firefighters plus Chief Mark Wendel, an inspector and a secretary. Township officials have talked about cutting the number of firefighters, having them work 12-hour shifts instead of the traditional

24-hour shifts and supplementing their ranks with part-time, on-call firefighters. Partnerships with fire departments in neighboring communities have also been discussed.

Jim Sark, a resident of the Lake Pointe subdivision, said he's concerned the impending budget reduction will mean the closure of Station No. 2 in his neighborhood.

"You spend a lot of money on other things in the township," said Sark, the civic affairs chairman for the Lake Pointe home-

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Mary Clark is concerned about the maple trees in her neighborhood.

# Maples marred by leaf, trunk damage

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

Something is affecting the health of maple trees in her Plymouth Township neighborhood, and Mary Clark wants to know if they can be saved.

Clark and her neighbors in Country Club Village Estates, a subdivision of detached condominiums on the township's far west side, have noticed many maples in the area have been affected by dark leaf spots and vertical cracks, or gashes, in their trunks. The symptoms began appearing about six weeks ago, Clark said, and the stricken trees seem to be losing leaves earlier than those that are unaffected.

"If you're on the street, you can see them everywhere," said Clark, who takes regular walks in the

The maples, most about 12 to 20 feet tall, were planted when the development was built, all within the last seven to 12 years, Clark said.



The maple leaves have black spots. The trees have split trunks.

"Are they going to die? Can they be saved? Will it spread?" she said recently during a tour of her street. The symptoms appeared on a high percentage of the maples, but not all, on Clark's street.

According to arborist Jan Byrne, a plant pathology diagnostician at Michigan State University, the trees can be helped by improving growing conditions — the use of fertilizer and, during times of low rain during the growing season, appropriate irrigation. "You give it the best conditions possible," Byrne said Wednes-

The leaf spots, Byrne said, are called leaf tar, which is caused by a fungal pathogen.

"The good news is that this disease does not significantly impact the health of the affected trees," Byrne wrote in an e-mail. "The infection actually occurs in the spring, but is not read-

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## City candidates profiled; election set for Tuesday \\

Coverage of the 2011 race for the Plymouth City Commission continues today with profiles of incumbent Commissioner Mike Wright and candidate Diane Bogenrieder (find the profiles on page A4).

However, both hopefuls are all but guaranteed a spot on the seven-member commission - there are only four candidates this year for four opens slots.

The other two candidates, incumbent Commissioner Ed Hingelberg and Meg Dooley, a Plymouth Planning Commission member, were profiled in Sunday's Plymouth Observer.

The election is Tuesday, Nov. 8. The three top vote-getters will receive two-year terms, while the fourth-place finisher will win a two-year term.

The four commissioners elected this year will take office later this month; they will be paid \$20 a meeting, down from \$40 a meeting, as pay cuts the commission approved last year will start to take effect. The commission typically meets twice a month.

Incumbents John Barrett and David Workman were eligible to run again this year but chose not to. Barrett, a retired educator, is seeking a spot on the F mouth-Canton Community Schools Board & ducation.

## Party time



Brittney, 2½, of Westland, enjoys the 'Doughnut Gallows,' a variation of apple bobbing where doughnuts are hung on strings and contestants compete to see who can finish first. Brittney's parents say they visit Plymouth's Old Village once a week so Sunday's block party was a must for the family. For more on the party, please turn to page A6.

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# Hearing ends with support for Ford Road plan

**By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer** 

Amid strong, bipartisan lobbying by local and regional officials, the Senate Transportation Committee capped a visit Tuesday night to Canton by approving a pair of resolutions imploring federal authorities to provide \$20.3 million to improve the trafficsnarled I-275/Ford Road area.

In another boost to a nine-year battle to revamp the beleaguered interchange, Michigan Department of Transportation officials indicated the state will support efforts by Canton to secure federal dollars from a third-round grant program dubbed TIGER, or Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery.

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Canton, publicly backed Tuesday by leaders from neighboring communities such as Westland, Livonia, Plymouth, Northville Township and Wayne, made an impassioned plea for help by portraying Ford Road as among Michigan's most accident-prone thoroughfares.

**Canton Township** Supervisor Phil LaJoy described himself as "cautiously optimistic" after the Senate Transportation Committee concluded a three-hour public hearing attended by an estimated 125-150 people inside Summit on the Park.

"I believe they heard the message," LaJoy said.

#### Message ignored

It's a message he and others implied has been largely ignored by the



Michigan state Sens. Tom Casperson (right) and Goeff Hansen, who came to Canton with three of their transportation committee colleagues, listen to complaints about Ford Road traffic woes.

state even though a consultant hired by MDOT in 2006 suggested a threepronged effort to ease traffic congestion:

• Install a new ramp, or slip, allowing motorists exiting southbound I-275 to access northbound Haggerty without traveling on Ford.

• Install another ramp to allow drivers on the same exit to access southbound Haggerty, also without using Ford.

• Build a service drive along the east side of I-275 from Cherry Hill Road - one that would allow motorists to drive past Ford and merge onto the interstate.

Canton has twice been rejected for a TIGER grant, and MDOT came under fire Tuesday amid accusations state officials haven't strongly fought for it. But MDOT officials Tony Kratofil, metro region engineer, and Kelly Bartlett, governmental affairs office director, indicated the state will join the push for the third-round grant.

"MDOT supports this TIGER grant," Kratofil

#### **Needing support**

Bartlett pledged he will relay to state Transportation Director Kirk Steudle the contents of Tuesday's hearing. Senate Transportation Committee Chairman Tom Casperson, R-Escanaba, said the latest TIGER proposal needs strong support from Lansing.

"We need the director (Steudle) to pick the phone up and say (to federal authorities) that this is a priority," Casperson said.

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, appeared encouraged after the Senate panel voted 5-0 Tuesday to approve two separate pro-TIGER resolutions he introduced one which he said could go to Washington, D.C., within days and another that still needs a state House vote.

"It's a major safety issue," Colbeck said during the hearing.

Project supporters say the federal grant would improve traffic flow, ease traffic hazards and generate as much as \$45 million for the local economy.



Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas (from left), Supervisor Phil LaJoy and state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, seek help from the Senate Transportation Committee to reshape the I-275/Ford Road interchange.

#### **Local voices**

Among the highlights of Tuesday's hearing:

 LaJoy questioned why the project "was not on anyone's radar" despite the earlier MDOT study that cost \$450,000. Traffic congestion has skyrocketed since I-275 was built in the mid-1970s.

 Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said the stretch of Ford Road from Canton Center to the Westland city limit had 2,411 accidents during the last six years with 815 of those occurring between Haggerty and Lilley. Moreover, he said fixing the I-275 interchange would be far less

costly than a new \$200 million interchange at Cherry Hill or Warren.

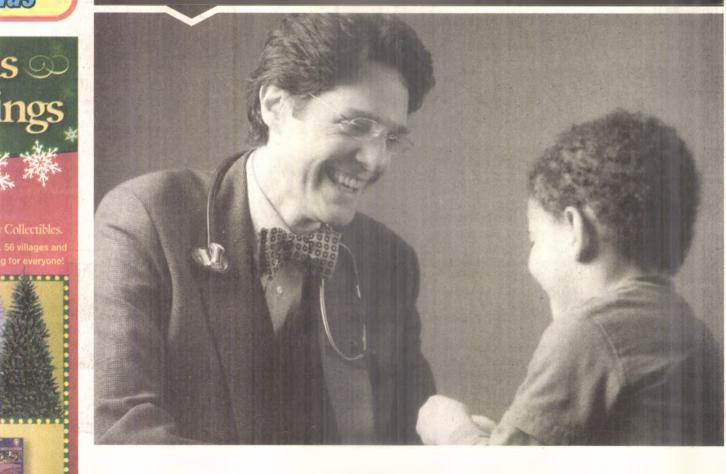
• State Reps. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, and Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, jointly addressed the Senate panel, with Heise calling the I-275 corridor "the economic backbone" of western Wayne County.

• Kratofil, MDOT's region engineer, said the state has tried to fix roads within severe budget constraints. He said officials have tried to maintain what already is built rather than pay for costly new projects, though he said Canton has received help with certain intersection improvements.



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# Boycotts threatened over school board support

By Brad Kadrich **Observer Staff Writer** 

Owners of several businesses in Canton are upset at what they say are threats by callers alleging to represent the teachers union to boycott their businesses if they show support for a slate of candidates in Tuesday's Plymouth-Canton Board of Education election.

The callers, owners say, are telling them to remove any signs of support for the socalled "M&M" slate of candidates — former board presidents Mark Horvath and Mike Maloney and political newcomers Matt Dame and Mike Andro — or face boycott of their establishments.

Businesses reportedly targeted included a BP gas station, The Crow's Nest, Mexican Fiesta and others whose owners asked not to be named for fear of retribution. One



business owner, who asked not to be identified, confirmed one instance of being told "teachers won't come in here" if he continued to show support.

Owners Domenic Tassielli of The Crow's Nest and Robert Alderado of Mexican Fiesta did not return calls seeking comment.

Andro said he checked with Canton Township officials on the proper procedures for putting up signs, and obtained permission from Alderado to put his sign up at Mexican Fiesta.

Andro said Alderado told him if other candidates approached him, he'd also allow their signs. He said he's disappointed someone would threaten a local business with a boycott, rather than support it.

"I was just trying to promote myself the fairest way I could. ... If it's going to cause trouble for the business, I don't want that," Andro said. "It's kind of disheartening to me that folks would take the other approach and say, 'If you're going to put this guy's sign up, we're not going to frequent your business.' It's kind of disappointing to me that other folks have that same opportunity, but instead take the negative way.

"We have to do everything we can to promote local business," Andro added. "This seems like the opposite idea."

On a Facebook page titled "Working for Change," several posts referencing phone calls to businesses were posted in the last few weeks. One woman, Dara Whitmer Edgerton, wrote, "Noticed today that the Andro for School Board sign was taken down from in front of Mexican Fiesta. The calls

must have worked:)." Edgerton did not return a Facebook request for com-

ment. Her post was followed by several others clearly in sup-

port of the tactic.

One poster, Bridget Bak Nichols, is a teacher at Field Elementary School in Canton. Nichols wouldn't comment on whether she was helping make the calls - "I don't feel comfortable saying whether I'm making them," she said — but said anyone participating in such a telephone campaign is "exercising their constitutional rights."

"I believe it's within our constitutional right," Nichols said. "It's something our country has done numerous times. I don't think there's anything wrong with boycotts; many things have changed in our country because of boycotts."

If Nichols, or any other teacher in the district, is making those calls, they aren't doing it

with either the backing or the blessing of the teachers union. The union isn't backing any of the "M&M" candidates, but instead endorsed incumbent President John Jackson, Plymouth City Commissioner John Barrett, Plymouth resident and activist Sheila Paton and newcomer Abdul Muhiuddin.

"There are no MEA reps boycotting any businesses in Plymouth or Canton that I know of,' said Ken Fistler, president of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association, which represents the district's 1,100 teachers. "I don't know of anyone making phone calls. We're not making them through our office and I'm not recommending such calls, nor would I ever recommend boycotting.

"We are definitely looking for positive people for our district," Fistler added. "I want to stay away from those kinds of divisive tactics."

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Date/Time: Every Tuesday through Nov. 15, 6-7 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Roc, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth

Details: The PPN will be holding 50/50 raffles to raise funds for the Daisy Wall. Tickets are \$1 each, the more tickets sold, the bigger the jackpot. Ticket buyers don't need to be present to win.

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# Incumbent aims to stay on 'excellent team'

**By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer** 

For Mike Wright, civic involvement is one of the keys to Plymouth's suc-

"You can't expect a community like ours to stay as good as it is unless residents are willing to spend time and energy to keep it that way," said Wright, a four-year Plymouth City Commission member, during a recent interview.

Wright, 62, the owner of Forest Laundry & Dry Cleaners on Ann Arbor Road and a former executive for an area civic organization, is seeking a second term on the commission, saying he wants to stick with the "excellent team" that's doing "exciting work" and see major ongoing projects,



Wright

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tion. Wright is one of four candidates on the ballot in the Tuesday, Nov. 8, election for four commission spots.

#### 'Aggressive commission'

The mayor pro-tem he chairs commission meetings in the event of Mayor Dan Dwyer's absence — Wright says the current commission addresses tough issues head-on.

"We've been a pretty aggressive commission, I think," Wright said. "Aggressive in the sense that we're willing to take on some of the complicated issues the city has faced and do it in a deliberate way."

Wright sees continuing budget issues and the transition to the Northville Fire Department and an expanded role for Huron Valley Ambulance the change officially begins Sunday, Jan. 1 — as the city's two biggest current challenges. Though the groundwork has been laid, he said, both endeavors require continued commission focus.

On the budget - Plymouth has a general-fund budget of nearly \$7.2 million for this fiscal year Wright said the city should keep looking for

savings and greater efficiencies, perhaps through sharing more services or purchases with neighboring communities. Information services and police and fire dispatch are two areas where more intergovernmental agreements may lead to savings, Wright said.

#### **Downtown balance**

Wright said there also is a need to continue to nurture a vibrant downtown, and that Plymouth's cap on licenses to sell alcohol by the glass is an important part of maintaining a good business balance. The cap, instituted more than a year ago, is reviewed by the commission on an annual basis.

"It's an ongoing analysis of how that balance is faring," said Wright, who chaired the commission's most recent liquor committee, which is charged with an in-depth examination of issues surrounding licensed drinking establishments and the strain they can put on city services.

On another issue that affects downtown Plymouth, parking, Wright is optimistic that current work by a city parking committee and the Downtown Development Authority will result in short- and long-term solu-

A recent parking study showed the current downtown parking stock is adequate, but the city should plan for future growth and central Plymouth's increasing popularity, Wright said.

**Professional career** 

Wright spent 20 years with what is now called the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau, leaving in 2000 as an executive vice president. He was also the membership director for the Michigan-based Society of Manufacturing Engineers for two years. In addition to owning Forest Laundry, he has a second shop in Dundee. Mich., where his drycleaning plant is located. He was a five-year DDA member before joining the commission.

A U.S. Army veteran who served in Vietnam, Wright has a bachelor's degree in political science from Wayne State University. He and wife Nancy have lived in Plymouth for 26 years and have two grown sons.

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# Newcomer wants to do her part for Plymouth

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

Her career and her hobbies have taken her all over the state and to many parts of the world, and now Diane Bogenrieder wants to bring that experience to helping Plymouth.

A retired human services professional and a motorcycle and boating enthusiast who has biked throughout North America and sailed to the Bahamas, Bogenrieder says she comes from a civic-minded family and wants to get involved in her adopted town.

"I believe in doing what's best for a community. That might sound hokey or whatever, but it's a firm belief," Bogenrieder, 64, said during a recent inter-

Bogenrieder, who has lived in Plymouth for eight years, is one of four candidates on the

ballot in Tuesday's election for four spots on the City Commission.

Not dissatisfied

**Bogenrieder** 

She likes Plymouth's downtown charm and sense of community, and says she knows it's taken a "concerted effort" to preserve that.

She stressed she's not running for office because she's dissatisfied with city politics. Virtually guaranteed to be on the commission, Bogenrieder added she's "very fortunate" to be "coming into a working group that has intelligence and common sense."

Bogenrieder listed filling business vacancies and continuing Plymouth's good public safety record as the two biggest priorities the new commission will face.

Plymouth, she said, offers good business spaces that could be occupied by small, desirable businesses.

Speaking of the city budget - which is nearly \$7.2 million this year in the general fund - Bogenrieder said she's impressed with steps city officials have taken to find efficiencies and cut expenses. "They're looking at what needs to be done," she said.

#### **Preserve services**

While there could be more room for more consolidation, she said. Plymouth also needs to continue to provide good services to residents. "Part of Plymouth's charm is that we have good services," she said.

Bogenrieder said she's "curious" about the planned partnership with the city of Northville

for firefighting and emergency medical services, but that she trusts the officials who made the decision.

The city is leaving the Plym-

outh Community Fire Department, which is shared with Plymouth Township, at the end of the year and joining Northville, plus having Huron Vallev Ambulance take on a greater role in responding to medical emergencies, as a cost-cutting measure.

Bogenrieder is also supportive of the city's cap on the number of licenses to sell alcohol by the glass (14 licenses downtown, 10 outside of the downtown area). The limit is "working," she said, and an important tool for maintaining a good balance of businesses in town.

On public parking, and the perception by some that there's a shortage of it, Bogenrieder said a new parking deck is the obvious solution. A new city committee and the Downtown Development Authority are currently working on both short- and longterm parking solutions.

#### **Broad view**

Bogenrieder has two master's degrees, one in educational psychology from Northern Michigan University and one in social work from Michigan State University. Retired for more than two years after a more than 30year career, she once worked in Germany, under a federal contract, providing social services to U.S. troops stationed there. Describing herself as "eclectic," Bogenrieder said her experiences have broadened her view.

Bogenrieder, who is not married, has three grown children. She is active with the Plymouth Community Council on Aging.

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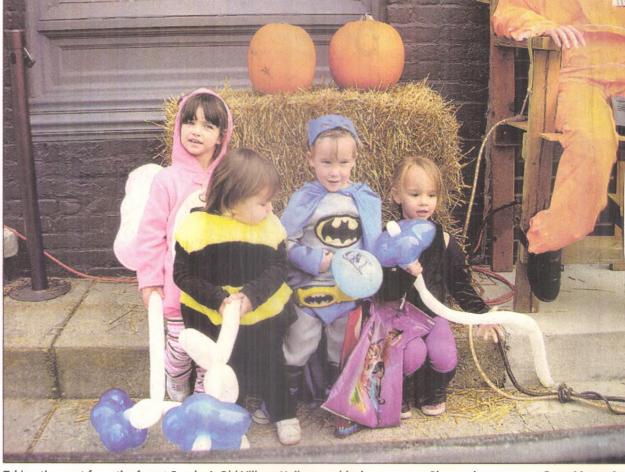
# Old Village dresses up for Halloween

Kids and adults got an early start on Halloween Sunday at the fifth annual Old Village Association -sponsored Haunted Halloween Block Party.

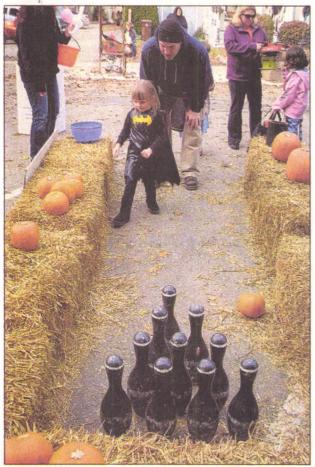
The family-friendly event took place on Liberty between Starkweather and Mill in the heart of Old Village. The four-hour party featured pumpkin bowling and pumpkin stacking — called the Pumpkin Tower of Death — pumpkin patining and train rides from the popular Dan-Dan the Choo-Choo Man. There were costume contests for kids, adults and pets and of course treat or tricking for the kids at various candy stations along the street.

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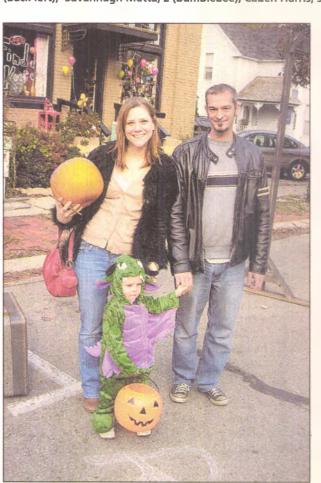
Event sponsors were Community Financial, Hermann's Olde Town Grille, the Old Village Market and the Liberty Street Brewing Co. Waggin' Tails Dog Rescue Inc., sponsored the pumpkin-painting and the dog costume contest.



Taking time out from the fun at Sunday's Old Village Halloween block party were Plymouth youngsters Ryan Matta, 4 (back left), Savannagh Matta, 2 (bumblebee), Caden Harris, 3, (Batman) and Lexi Harris, 4.



Getting ready to try her hand at pumpkin bowling is Bat Girl Brynlee Williams of Dexter.



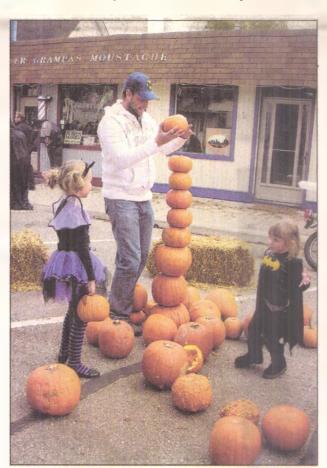
The Linkowski Family of Plymouth Township — Robin, Truman, 2, and Paul -- joined the fun at Sunday's event.



Taylor Lynn Mutch puts a washable tattoo on Samantha Barber, 4½, of Canton Township outside of Urban Roots at Sunday's block party.



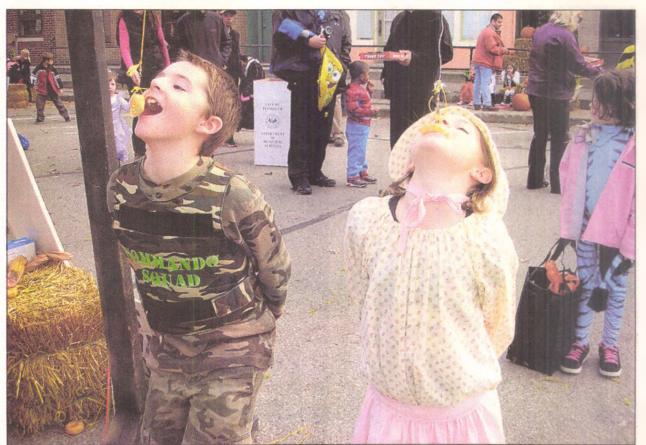
Spiderman Stephen Miller, 3, of Plymouth is ready for candy and games. He was escorted by his grandmother, Angie Skiba of Alpena. Skiba joined in the fun and came dressed as a bumblebee.



Trying his hand at pumpkin stacking is Luke Noble. Getting ready to hand the next pumpkin to be added to the tower is Isabella Greene-Noble of Plymouth while Brynlee . (Bat Girl) Williams of Dexter watches.



The sights of Old Village last Sunday included some real



Mitchell, 9, and Danielle White compete in the 'Doughnut Gallows,' a variation of apple-bobbing where doughnuts are hung on strings and contestants compete to see who can finish first.



Allyssa Hastings, 4, of Plymouth gets a little help with pumpkin painting from Julia Long Ackland of Hartland. Ackland is a longtime volunteer at the Old Village Halloween block party.

# Marchers, boosters host band spectacular

LOCAL NEWS

**By Diane Hanson** Correspondent

Eleven talented high school marching bands from southeast Michigan marched onto the P-CEP home gridiron Saturday for an extraordinary display of musical prowess, masterful marching and creative choreography at the annual Great Lakes Invitational, hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band and Music Boosters.

"These are good kids doing something very special," said Carl Battishill, member of the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters and GLI chairperson. "And this is a unique program where no one on these teams is left on the sidelines.'

Battishill is a longtime music booster. His daughter Maddie is a junior clarinetist with the band and son Nick, a P-CMB alumnus, is now a U of M marcher.

"We have 1,300 kids involved in this competition today, an audience of approximately 3,000 people and 200 to 250 volunteers," noted Bat-tishill. And planning for one of the largest fundraisers for the nationally acclaimed hometown band is a yearlong process. "Next week we'll start talking about what needs to happen for next year's event," he said. This year's event

was evidence of all the hard work and planning poured into the creative show. The band spectacular kicked off with a performance from the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps and the playing of the National Anthem by local seventh- and eighthgrade band students. The middle schoolers also had



PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON

Jackie Wine, left, and Tony Nyberg concentrate on their music during the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's exhibition performance of their show, "Ancient Gardens of Babylon" Saturday at the Great Lakes Invitational.

long hours of practice have certainly paid off in the band's performance, according to the students as well.

"I thought we did extremely well," said clarinetist Michael Fluegemann, a Canton

senior. "I felt really good after our run-through and I loved it."

Baritone player Emily Hanson, a Plymouth sophomore, agreed.

"It was a really good run," she said. "Most of the band feels pretty confident now. The hardest thing is how fast the tempo is. It's a lot more tiring than last year's show we start out fast and end even faster."

Local marching bands at Saturday's competition included Farmington, cap-

turing third place in Flight II with a score of 75.87. In Flight I, Livonia Franklin was fifth, 70.97 and Novi took fourth, 76.45.

Walled Lake Central marched off with the Flight I first place trophy along with the Lundy trophy for highest score of the competition, 88.27.

Practice will be intense this week as the hometown marchers prepare for the Michigan Competing Marching Band Association State Championships on Saturday at Ford Field.

And practice has already begun for their first-time appearance in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. "We have been working on Macy's for several weeks now," said Armbruster.



The Walled Lake Central marchers captured all Flight I trophies, including the Lundy trophy for highest score of the competition with an outstanding performance of the music of Beethoven titled, "Through the Master's Eyes," complete with baby grand piano.

the opportunity to participate in a special weekend program with the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band to learn more about the prestigious program.

The 180-member hometown marching band took the field in exhibition performance for the final show of the evening and wowed the crowd with their intriguing performance of "Ancient Gardens of Babylon," a fast-paced, visually

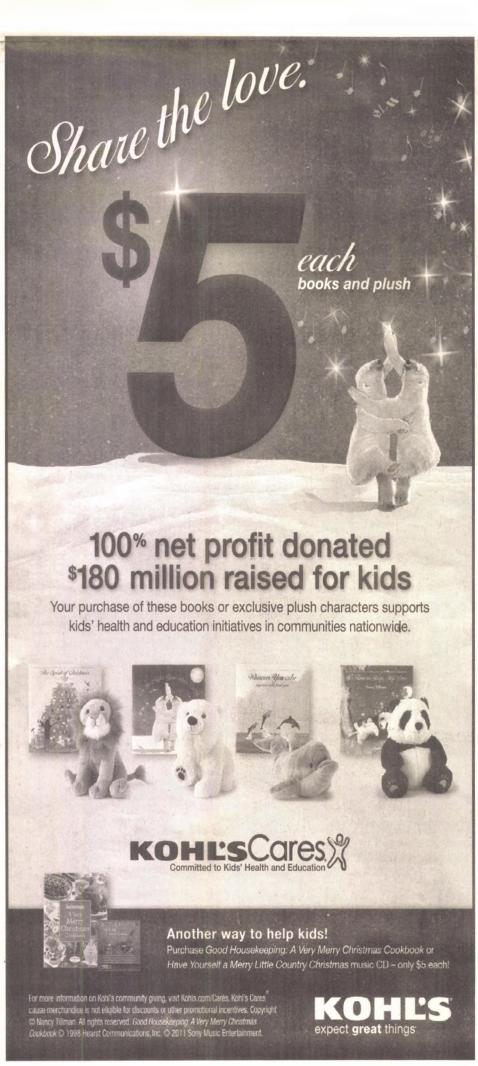
and musically stunning presentation.

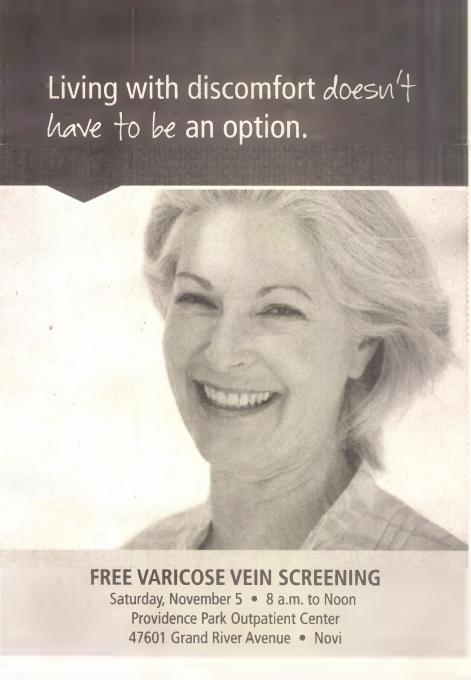
"The band had a pretty solid run tonight," said David Armbruster, director of bands at P-CEP. "The show is extremely difficult from both a musical and visual viewpoint. We have many tempo changes as well as visual demands that

80 yards." But the hard work and

spread that band out over







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## **MAPLES**

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ily noticeable until fall, when the shiny black layer develops on the leaf spots."

A leaf tar infestation may cause accelerated defoliation in the fall, Byrne said. But she wouldn't recommend the use of a fungicide in most cases.

The trunk cracking was more puzzling to Byrne.

"There are many different things that will cause cankers on trees," she said. Such cracking could be caused by the freezethaw cycle, by mechanical damage, by a fungus or by insects, Byrne said.

But Byrne, who examined a photo of one of the affected trees, said she doesn't see evidence of insects, such as boring, and that frost damage seems unlikely because it's usually found on the south-facing side of a tree, where it would get the most sun exposure.

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The damaged part of the trees in Clark's neighborhood seem to face mostly in a northwesterly direction.

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Mechanical damage, such as being struck by a car door or lawn equipment, doesn't seem likely either, given the number of trees affected and the height on the trunk of the damage, she said.

Byrne said she would need to examine affected tissue under a microscope in order to diagnose a fungus.

Pointing out the live callous tissue forming around the edges of the trunk gash depicted in one photo, Byrne said that kind of scarring indicates the tree had been affected for at least a year.

"That roll of callous on the edge doesn't form that quickly," she said.

The hope would be, Byrne said, that with proper care, the callouses would continue to form around the cracking. She suggested Clark and her

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Split trunks are a problem with some of the maple trees in one Plymouth neighborhood.

neighbors could judge the health of their trees by comparing this year's

shoot growth to the shoot growth on maples that have not been affected.

## FIRE

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owners association. "How are you going to man that?"

Reaume said there were no plans to close a fire station, and that other township departments, including the police department, have survived budget cuts in recent years. "Crime went down. ... This community stayed safe," he said.

Sark asked if the board might consider putting on the ballot a proposal for a property tax increase to help fund the department. He pointed to a petition drive by the Citizens Action Group of Plymouth Township, which is attempting to get a proposal for a special assessment district on the ballot, as evidence of support for higher taxes. More than 3,500 signatures were collected, but the drive fell short in August of getting a question on the ballot. The petition drive continues.

Reaume questioned whether support for a new tax was very strong. "I think what I've heard

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is, 'Live within the means and tighten the belt," he

Sark expressed concern that homeowners' insurance rates in the township would go up after changes in the fire department, but Trustee Bob Doroshewitz called that a "myth."

"It's not true that an ISO (Insurance Services Office) rating is impacted by ... whether firefighters are part time or full time," Doroshewitz said.

After the meeting, Reaume said it would be the board's preference to not close any of the township's three fire stations.

Plymouth's departure from the PCFD is a costcutting move by officials there. The city will be covered, for firefighting and emergency medical service, by the Northville Fire Department, which will bill Plymouth for its services, while Huron Valley Ambulance will assume a greater role in responding to medical emergencies. The Northville department relies on part-time, on-call firefighters who receive no benefits.

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Attention, hockey enthusiasts. Now's the time to catch two hockey games for one price and help the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation at the same time.

It's the second annual charity hockey event, and it starts at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at Compuware Arena, 14900 Beck in Plymouth.

The first game at 4:30 p.m. is between the Canton Firefighters Guns & Hoses team and the city of Brighton's police department.

The second game at 7 p.m. is between the Plymouth Whalers and the

Windsor Spitfires. Tickets cost \$12. They are available online at plymouthwhalers.com/ buytickets. Click on Canton Fire Tickets next to the Nov. 5 date. Enter Canton FD as the promotion code so \$4 will go to the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation. The ticket is good for both

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By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

eaves are falling off trees and football season is under way which means two things: it's no longer socially acceptable to wear shorts and it's the perfect time for a road trip or fall color tour.

But before you cram your family into the minivan, or the SUV — brush up on all the new car technology that can make your drive easier, safer and more fun.

Let's start with navigation systems — because if you are like me, you haven't bought one yet, and you refuse to ask for directions.

With navigation systems there are a few routes you can choose. There's the traditional option of a GPS unit like a Garmin or TomTom that is compatible with all vehicles and plugs into your cigarette lighter.

There's also the frugal route where you can download a smartphone app like Google Maps to enable navigation from your handheld device.

But, the most comprehensive unit is a new take on an existing technology. You've likely heard of OnStar, but maybe you haven't heard of the new OnStar FMV mirror. The new product is compatible for a variety of makes and models and even works as a replacement for former OnStar subscribers who had older analog units.

The FMV mirrors have the same capabilities as

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tion and more.

The FMV mirror is available nationally at retailers like Best Buy and can be purchased for \$199 for a limited time after a \$100 instant rebate. To see if your car is compatible with the new mirror, visit OnStar.

Whether you are going on a long road trip or commuting to work, a wider variety of music wouldn't hurt. Ford owners with Sync or MyFord Touch have been linking up their phones and MP3 players with their vehicles for years — but now Buick will be linking up their vehicles with Pandora

Beginning with select 2012 models, Pandora will be accessible through Buick's infotainment system — and by 2013 it will be standard in all models.

Ford has also added a new wrinkle to its in-car communications systems which should make texting while driving both safe and legal. Drivers who connect their smartphones to their Ford Sync systems will have their text messages read to them while they drive. The feature is available in 2011 and 2012 models

including the Ford Focus. Updates will also be available for users with 2010 models.

Phone technology can also help you save money when you are cruising around in your vehicle.

Need to find the cheapest gas? Of course there's an app for that — some of the best apps for gas prices as "Gas Buddy" "Fuel Finder" and "Gas Hog."

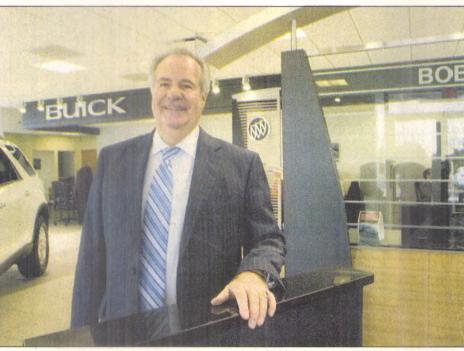
The Gas Buddy for example is a free app that is available with iPhone and Android smartphones.

There are even smartphone apps to help users avoid speed traps. Trapster, is a speed trap sharing app that is available for iPhones, iPods, Blackberry and Android Phones and GPS units.

Trapster currently has more than 13 million users sharing more than 4 million speed traps.

After you get your oil changed and tires inflated, make sure you set aside some time to update your car communications center, get your navigation unit and download all the money-saving apps you can find. There are thousands of apps available that can help you on your way. Current automotive and smartphone technology can do just about everything except tell you what type of snacks to bring. You're on your own there.

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Bob Jeannotte recently remodeled his Buick/GMC dealership, making it more customerfriendly "to reward their loyalty," he said.

# Remodel meant to reward customers

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

When Buick comes out with its snazzy new compact, the Verano, next month, Bob Jeannotte, Sr., wanted his dealership to match the high-tech beauty of the new product.

With the \$1 million renovation he just completed at his Sheldon Road complex, Jeannotte, owner of Bob Jeannotte Buick-GMC, thinks he accomplished just that.

Jeannotte, who's been in business for some 35 years, recently finished a "complete renovation" of his dealership, including adding a new entrance in the center of the building, all-new furniture and expansion of the customer lounge.

"I've seen some of the new products coming out with Buick and GMC in the future," Jeannotte said. "I could have avoided this for another couple of years ... I wanted to be ready when we get this new product from Buick."

Jeannotte chuckled a little talking about bringing the dealership, established in the late 1970s, into the 21st Century. It features new furniture (which replaces some pieces in place since the beginning), and added "green" lighting. He's



Bob Jeannotte Buick/GMC has a fresh, new look after a million-dollar remodeling program.

even added Wi-Fi service for customers who want to get some work done while they're waiting.

"We had a teacher in here the other day who had her papers spread all over the place," Jeannotte said. "You wouldn't believe the number of people who come in with their computers."

To make them more comfortable, Jeannotte said he nearly tripled the size of the customer lounge and added comfortable seating and refreshments. The showroom has been remodeled, and flower planters have been added to the patio area "to break up the car displays," he said.

The new center
entrance means sales
staff can move customers
into the lot without hav-

ing to exit out of one side of the building or the other. "We figure it's much easier, rather than taking them out the sides of the building," Jeannotte said. All of the work was

All of the work was done in an effort by Jeannotte to reward his customers for their long-time support.

"I et's face it they don't

"Let's face it, they don't really want to here, because it's either a warranty or a maintenance problem, so we wanted them to be able to relax while they're here," Jeannotte said. "The bottom line is, we really did this for our customers, and the loyalty they've shown us for the last 35 years. Most of the things I did, I had to do at GM's suggestion. (But) I went way beyond that, because my customers deserve it.

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# Don't let overspending ruin your holiday season

By Rick Bloom Guest Columnist

t's the time of year where stores will be ramping up their advertising and, once again, starting to hype the holiday season. I just read an article that stated stores will start their holiday sales earlier than they did last year. Before you know it, holiday sales will begin right after Labor Day. Although the holidays should not be about buying gifts, the reality of the situation is that giftgiving has become an integral part of the holidays. Because of this, and because many Americans are struggling like they have never been before, it is important to design a game plan before you begin your holiday shop-

The first thing I recommend is to write down the



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

gift-giving list.
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There are other gifts, such as making or doing something special for someone, that may be appropriate. Also, keep in mind in today's difficult economy, people recognize that other people have to cut back.

The next step is to set up a budget. Unfortunately, too many Americans overspend for the holiday season and find that they're still in debt from last year's holiday, even before they begin shopping for this year. Setting a bud-

get and sticking to it will help you stay within your means.

My general advice is when buying gifts, spend what you can afford. In other words, if you have to finance your purchases, it's probably a sign that you cannot afford them. If you charge something and you cannot afford to pay it in full when the charge card bill arrives, once again, you know that you are overspending.

The holiday season should be a time of happiness and joy. Unfortunately, for many this is not the case. Suicides increase during the holiday season and people are generally very uptight. One of the main reasons for this is they tend to associate the holidays with the ability to buy gifts. Nothing can be further from the truth. One way of reducing the pressure on yourself is to limit your list as to who you are buying gifts for and

to set a budget and stick with it. These two little steps can help you have a much more enjoyable holiday season.

When it comes to gift-giving, let's face facts, it's generally for the kids. With the difficult economic times, adults who are giving gifts to children should consider alternative gifts as opposed to giving them the latest toy or whatever. I always recommend that parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles consider giving the gift of education during the holiday season.

The Michigan Education Savings Plan is a great way to accomplish this. The beauty of the MESP is that the money can virtually be used for any public or private institution in the country. We all hear about how expensive college has become and we all know the importance of a good education. Therefore, during this holiday season, if you're looking for a gift for a child, putting money into MESP is a gift that will pay dividends years and years from now.

As we enter the holiday season, let's not lose focus as to what the holidays are really about. The holidays should be a time of happiness and joy and not frustration. Therefore, during this holiday season, limit the list of people that you are giving gifts to and set a budget. By doing these two things, it should allow you to enjoy the holiday season. Good luck!

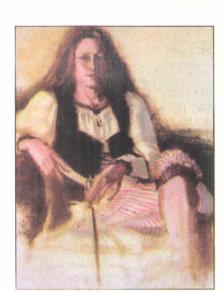
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## **Exhibit features work of Muses**

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will exhibit the collected works of The Muses, a group of independent artists hailing from the Detroit area, in the Gallery@VT through Nov. 28. These artists meet weekly to create figurative art featuring real figure-based representation of female and male models.

As varied in their styles as the mediums they work in, the group shares ideas and energy in their studio sessions. This current exhibit will include works in oil, watercolors, inks, pastels, charcoal, graphite pencils, acrylic, markers and even rubber stamp.

Participating artists include Candace Brancik (Milford), Sandra Bozer (Ann Arbor), Jeff Cancelosi (Northville), Daria Fileta (Novi), Linda Logan (Huntington Woods), Peggy Kerwan (Novi), Barbara Eko Murphy (Northville), Kathleen O'Connell (Dearborn), and Mary Step (Novi).



'Musician' by Candace Brancik.

Past Muses' exhibitions include Livonia Civic Center Library February 2009; Capturing the Craft: Theatre Portrayed Through The Artists' Brush (at the Tipping Point Theatre in Northville) May 2009; Capturing the Craft continued (at the Northville Art House) June 2009; and Favorite Things at Picasso's Cafe Novi Dec 2009-Jan 2010.

This art exhibit at the Gallery@ VT is free and open to the public Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., one hour prior to and during public performances at the theater, as well as by appointment. The Gallery@VT is closed on holidays.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton, is a regional center for the arts that offers the magic of live theatre, soul-stirring music, the thrill of the dance, and the enjoyment of fine art exhibitions and events, in addition to providing a home for several cultural organizations and community groups.

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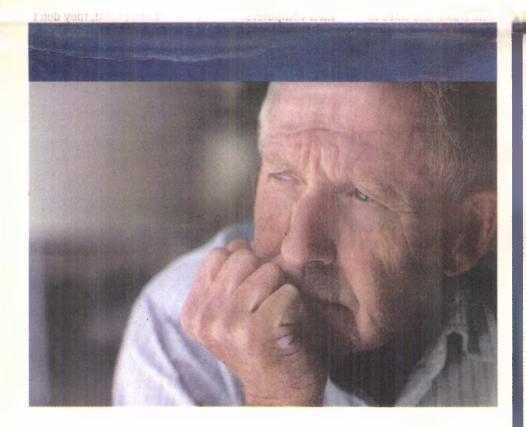
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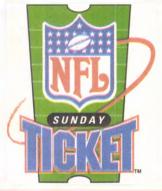




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**OUR VIEWS** 

# Voter ID

## Showing identification is a reasonable safeguard

The power of the individual's vote is sacrosanct in our democracy. So it stands to reason that there should be unfettered access to the voting booth and that all votes should be legitimate and accurately counted.

Since the Florida presidential recount 11 years ago, accurate votes have come into question, particularly in recounts of high-profile races across the country, such as the long ordeal that preceded a U.S. Senate seat finally awarded to Al Franken, previously best known as a comedian on Saturday Night Live.

But the legitimacy of the votes themselves comes under fire from both Democrats and Republicans.

Democrats generally push for more access to polls, through such initiatives as no-excuse absentee ballots and extended voting periods that allow people to cast ballots several days before election day. When Republicans oppose these changes, they are sometimes accused of trying to restrict voting access for likely Democratic

For their part, Republicans think the liberalized voting agenda is really a nationwide plan to co-opt the election process by peppering voting lists with ineligible, nonexistent or easily manipulated voters. Republicans prefer rules, such a photo identification, that substantiate that the prospective voter is, indeed, who he says he is. Democrats suggest that such actions are ways to not only discourage but also to intimidate likely Democrats, such as the urban poor, from voting.

These are broad generalizations, to be sure. In Michigan, for instance, some Republican county clerks and secretaries of state favor more liberalized rules for registering voters and absentee voting. Nonetheless, the party positives are usually staked out as we've described them.

What's significant, though, is that for all the fear of voter shenanigans, there is scant evident of actual voter fraud. Yes, there are stories of multiple people registered at a single, perhaps vacant, building. And, yes, there were some stories of inappropriate names gathered on voter registration

But a wrongly gathered name isn't the same as an illegal vote. Without better evidence of voter fraud, Republicans look like they are merely trying to use scare tactics as a politi-

For all the Democratic arguments about the barriers to voting, the facts don't bear them out. Yes, voting can be terribly light in some elections. But in others — in the same communities the turnout is significantly higher. If people can find a way to vote in November, particularly in bad weather after waiting in long lines, then the reason they don't vote in August is because they aren't interested - not because they are held back.

For that reason, we've never bought into the Democratic objections to the relatively new Michigan law that requires voters to provide photo identification. We just don't see how that is an unjustifiable obstacle to voting. Rather, it increases the likelihood that the right person is voting in the correct precinct.

Such laws can go too far, such as the case in another state where a number of nuns were not allowed to vote because they didn't have a driver's license or other pictured ID.

But Michigan law has provisions to prevent such an occurrence. If the voter doesn't have a driver's license, he or she can obtain a state-issued identification card. Failing that, the voter merely needs to sign an affidavit at the polls that verifies his or her identification.

In a society that demands photo ID to cash a check or board a plane, Michigan's law is a reasonable step toward ensuring that only legitimate ballots are cast.



**Brad Kadrich**, Community Editor Susan Rosiek, **Executive Editor** 

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#### **COMMUNITY VOICE**

#### Do you think it's important to vote in local school board elections, and why or why not?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



"Sure. The people's voice always makes a difference. It should, anyway, in a democracy." **Roy Edwards** 

Plymouth Township

"Yes, it's very important. The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools are an important part of our community, help to keep

our home values up and

educate our children." Missy Sullivan Plymouth Township



"It's important for children. ... Whether they're our children or not, it's important that children get a good education."

**Beverly Shaffer** Plymouth Township



"We did vote. ... That's questionable."

**Bob Shaffer** Plymouth Township

#### **LETTERS**

#### **Supporting Paton**

Sheila Paton is an excellent candidate for the Board of Education for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. She brings a unique perspective to the board as she is skilled in the financial aspects of the business world, but she has also been involved in the educational aspects of our schools. Sheila has served in numerous fundraising aspects of Isbister Elementary School, has experience volunteering in classroom activities for her children and speaks with our legislators on a regular basis.

Sheila was a dedicated volunteer in many PTO activities while her children attended Isbister Elementary. As PTO president, PTO treasurer, Relay for Life chair for the Bird/Isbister team, Scripps Bucks chair and a room parent for many years, she has seen what our schools are about, and what our financial needs are on a yearly basis. As the Lansing climate became less agreeable to school funding, Sheila became more and more involved in what was going on in our state Legislature. She became a co-creator of the PCCS Legislative Action Network. Speaking to senators and representatives regularly, and bouncing ideas off parents and teachers, she has covered many bases to get a complete picture of the complexity of school funding. She truly leaves no stone unturned

#### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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

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when it comes to possible fixes or new ideas. I know of no one who has the passion and business acumen she will bring to the board. Sheila has a strong understanding of how state funding affects the students of this district.

Sheila is not only concerned about her own two children, but about all students of Plymouth-Canton Schools. Her desire to keep the focus of her campaign on the students of this district speaks volumes about her as a parent and a candidate. The future of our schools will affect all of us, but will most directly affect the children who attend our schools. She is and will continue to be their advocate.

As a board member she will be honest, forthright and dedicated to the students of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Adrienne Bodnar, Susan Gamble, Corinne Childs, Dixie Pedersen, Maggie Schneider, Marsha Fistler, Laura Riegal, Kathy Baumgart, Rachel Miller and Julie Dillon Plymouth and Canton

#### Diverse ideas needed

I would like to thank the Observer for interviewing the school board candidates. I attended the live panel discussion at the Village Theater and have read the responses on the Canton Chamber of Commerce website. It has been extremely helpful to see which candidates actually answered the specific questions being asked or gave a generic "pc" response.

It has also been enlightening to see which candidates stayed on topic, informing us of what they will do, instead of what the current board is not doing. No one wants to hear the negativity.

I personally would like to see four very different people elected. A diverse group of individuals that can each offer a variety of ideas, but that are able to work together as a team in the best interest of Plymouth-Canton.

Jill Engel Canton

#### **GUEST COLUMN**

## District has sound fiscal management

**By Judy Mardigian Guest Columnist** 

s the longest serving member of the Plymouth-Can-**Aton Community Schools** Board of Education and the current treasurer, I felt it was important for the community

to hear directly from me on the subject of district finances. I have been on the board since 1998 and have

served three terms as pres-Judy Mardigian ident and four terms as treasur-

er during that time. Keeping close tabs on district finances has been my top priority over the years. That's why it bothers me so much to see others inappropriately distorting the truth about the P-CCS budget.

Recently, the Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee has put out some literature stating that the district is either \$26 million or \$28 million in deficit, depending on which brochure you look at. There is absolutely no truth to its claims.

What its is referring to is a discussion that took place early last summer when the board adopted the budget. By law, we must submit a balanced budget by June 30, and that's exactly what we did. At that time, we also took a hypothetical look at what our budget would be in years to come. The \$26 million

figure represented what our deficit would have been in two years had we taken no action at all. The truth is those numbers are just a snapshot to give board members a frame of reference, nothing more.

What the committee fails to tell you is that the board agreed at that meeting to continue its budget work. Since that time, the

 Returned more than \$7 million to the general fund by settling all union contracts with substantial give-backs from district employees.

 Outsourced district transportation services, saving more than \$3.6 million.

 Saved another \$2.4 million in insurance costs when hundreds of employees declined insurance benefits because they would be paying 20 percent of the costs.

 Saved nearly \$6 million in its budget preparation in June in the form of reductions and revenue enhancement.

This newspaper even reported that the claims of a deficit by these people have been grossly misrepresented. It is important for the public to know our district's finances are, by law, scrutinized every year by an indepen-

dent auditing firm. For each of the past 15 years, P-CCS has received the highest rating possible from Plante & Moran on its finances. Our budgets are a matter of public record and anyone is able to see the facts for themselves by visiting the district's website and

clicking on the transparency

report button. I can assure you we know where every dime of taxpayer money is being used at P-CCS. Budgeting is a fluid process and the numbers change as information about funding and student counts become available. In the end, we may very well finish the school year with a budget deficit, but I can guarantee you it will never be in the \$26 million range.

Finally, you should know that the Board of Education is extremely proud of every one of the nearly 2,500 employees that serve our district. These people really stepped up and helped us by taking large concessions, above what was required by law, in their contracts this year. When the contracts were settled, they went back to doing their usual fine work. Despite the state budget crisis over the past decade, our students continue to achieve at a high level and their scores are trending upward. This proves we have a great district with great staff who are part of the solution.

I hope you will continue to trust us as we carefully work to live within our means. Please remember the overall budget is more than \$150 million each year and we will continue to use every cent wisely as we work to educate our more than 18,000 stu-

Judy Mardigian is treasurer of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education.



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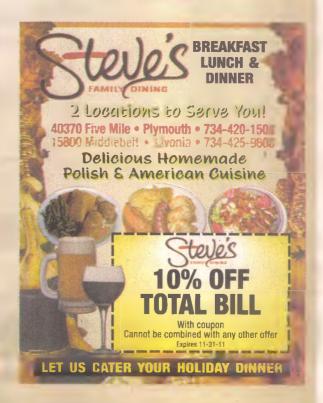








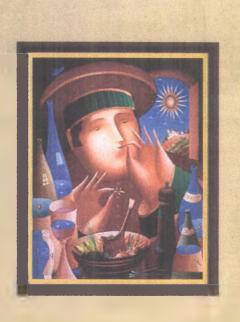




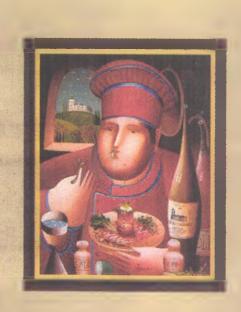












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# SPORTS

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> **Guns & Hoses** The Plymouth Whalers

> host Windsor at 7 p.m. Saturday at Compuware Arena, but there's another game worth checking out earlier that day.

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Department will play the

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**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL DISTRICTS** 

# One and done for Wildcats, Rocks

**By Tim Smith** Observer Staff Writer

Tuesday marked the end of the road for two of three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park volleyball teams.

In the first of two Division 1 district quarterfinal matches at Novi High School, Plymouth lost in four sets to Northville.

In the nightcap, Canton (38-9) swept Salem to advance to Thursday's district semifinal against South Lyon. That match begins at 7 p.m., following the 5 p.m. contest between the host Wildcats and Mustangs.

In the opener, Plymouth got off to a good start with a 25-21 win.

But Northville took control early in the second game, with strong defense from libero Makenzy Wilson and power hitting up front by Rebecca Martin and sophomore Symone Abbott. That led to a 25-12 victory to even the match.

It didn't help Plymouth's cause that senior setter Jessica Scott left early in the second game after spraining an ankle. Scott contributed nine assists in the match.

Plymouth battled in the final two games, briefly

leading in each. But the Wildcats could not sustain any momentum and lost 25-22 and 25-23 in those sets.

Just not enough

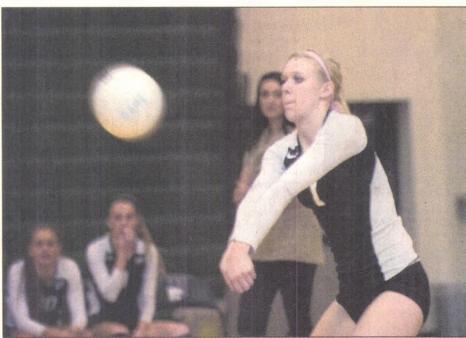
"I'm so proud of them and the way they played, especially my seniors going out like this," Plymouth first-year head coach Sarah Marody said. "We can walk out with our heads held high because we played a good

"They worked hard, they fought and came back from being done. They just didn't have that little extra push to get over the hill today."

One of three Plymouth seniors whose prep careers ended Tuesday was libero Lindsay Stemberger, who tallied 25

"It's really hard having it all come to an end because we're such a close team and I love all the girls," Stemberger said. "But looking back, we had one of Plymouth's best seasons. We set a lot of records and won a lot of tournaments, which was really good.'

Stemberger said losing Scott hurt Plymouth's chances because "we run our plays with two setters most of the time. But



**BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER** 

Plymouth's Emilee Beyer (No. 7) puts a solid hit on the ball during Tuesday's Division 1 district volleyball quarterfinal against Northville.

we adjusted well. We had new people in and they stepped up pretty well."

Senior outside hitter Rachael Hille got the Wildcats off to a 5-0 start in Game 4, with a serving string including three aces.

But the Mustangs answered when senior Jenna Borgstrom reeled off four aces among seven points and Northville never looked back.

Sophomore setter Shayla Smalls (28 assists),

junior outside hitters Emilee Beyer (13 kills, nine digs) and Madelyn Betts (10 kills, 10 digs) and freshman middle hitter Olivia Beyer (four solo blocks, five kills) helped the Plymouth cause.

**Change of pace** 

For Canton's match against Salem, the Chiefs moved senior Kristen Muir from outside hitter to libero.

After a brief hiccup

to open the proceedings (Salem led 6-2 early in Game 1), Canton rolled to a 25-17, 25-17, 25-10 vic-

"I've seen teams win with defense," Canton head coach Mary Kryska said. "So I decided to try and change it up to have what I think is our best defensive player in the back row the entire time.

"That means other hitters have to pick up for

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# **Eagles soar in**

district opener

The Plymouth Christian Academy volleyball team defeated Rudolph Steiner in three games Tuesday to get off to a winning start in the Class D districts.

The host Eagles won 25-14, 25-13, 25-10 to improve to 40-6-4.

Top players for PCA included Kristin Malcolm (17 kills, six blocks), Army Zinn (nine kills) and Jessica Rich (17 digs). PCA now advances to the district finals at 6:30 p.m. Friday against either Ypsilanti Calvary Christian or Saline Washtenaw Christian.

## **BOYS SOCCER REGIONAL FINAL**

# **Chiefs in Final 4**

**By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer** 

Canton needed just two minutes and 19 seconds to score twice in response to a tally by Ann Arbor Pioneer forward Ahinga Selemani during Saturday's Division 1 regional final boys soccer game at Saline's Hornet Stadium.

That propelled the Chiefs to a 4-1 triumph over the Pioneers, for their second consecutive D1 regional title. Canton (22-1-4) will now face Warren DeLaSalle at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Farmington High School in a Division 1 semifinal.

"I think the kids really wanted it and they proved it by scoring two goals within five minutes of the Pioneer goal," Canton head coach George Tomasso said. "But Pio-

neer's team is a class act. They did a great job to get this far in the tournament.

Scoring just 1:22 after Selemani was Canton senior midfielder Nate Bergeson. A re-start by the Chiefs from well beyond the 18-yard box got the sequence started.

Senior defender Connor Furgason headed the ball up top and senior forward Mitch Posuniak then threaded a rightto-left crossing pass that Bergeson — sliding to the left of Pioneer goalie Peter Tappenden — finished with a shot inside the far post.

"We got a cross, and it got over everyone and it just went in the net," Bergeson said. "I wanted to just put it on goal. get it to the other side and make sure it got in.

... That was the goal we needed, we needed to get one right away and we got it.

**Back to back** 

The Chiefs needed only 57 seconds to make it a 3-1 game.

Junior forward Danny Ovesea, who opened the scoring in the final seconds of the first half, raced up the middle and sent a pass to the left flank that Posuniak gath-

ered. Posuniak quickly punched a 15-yarder past Tappenden.

Canton tacked on another marker with 24:39 remaining, on a penalty

kick goal by Furgason. The PK was set up by a fragrant foul in the box against Ovesea, who

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STEVEN KAHRS

Canton varsity boys soccer coach George Tomasso hoists the Division 1 state regional championship trophy while senior co-captain Connor Furgason (left) shows his approval.

## **PCS Penguins** hockey tryouts

Tryouts for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins girls varsity hockey team continue Friday at Canton's Arctic Edge Arena. The cost is \$20 to

attend the session. Athletes from all three high schools at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park are eligible to play.

For more information, e-mail or call PCS Penguins head coach Mary Beth Johnson at smeemb@aol.com or (734) 891-6159.

#### PREP CROSS COUNTRY REGIONALS

## It's a first

## PCA makes D4 finals; Plymouth's Gielarowski top D1 runner

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

For the first time ever, Plymouth Christian Academy's boys cross country team qualified for the Division 4 state finals.

But the three schools from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park will only send two individuals from their boys squads, based on Saturday's Division 1 regionals at Willow Metropark.

For PCA, which won the D4 regionals at Willow Metropark with 44 points, reaching the finals in and of itself is a bonus for what head coach Jennifer Lemieux called a very rewarding season.

"It was awesome,"

Lemieux said. "The boys all did exceptionally well. We walked through and had a plan because our thoughts were who ran the smartest race, not necessarily the fastest, was going to win it."

Making the regionals was a major accomplishment for a PCA team in the first place. The only other team in any sport to make it that far in state tournament play was last season's volleyball team.

"They wanted it as a team, they all wanted it together," Lemieux said. "They all trained together and encouraged each other and that's what made them better."

The top PCA runner was Jimmy Parks, who came in



Christian Academy boys cross country team, shown after winning the Division 4 regionals at Willow Metropark. In the top row (from left) are coach Jennifer Lemieux, Nathan Harold, Ethan Levack, Steven Zomermaand, Jimmy Parks and Megan McHugh. In the middle row (from left) are Terra Crown, Jacob Nichols and co-captain Ian Rose. In front is co-captain Trevor Baloga. Both McHugh and Crown are members of the coed team, but they ran separately in the D4 girls regionals where Crown finished fifth to qualify for the state meet.

fifth with a time of 18:34.06. He was followed in the top 10 by Trevor Baloga (18:51.10) and Ian Rose (career-best 19:02.81).

The other Eagles going to Brooklyn for the state

finals are Jacob Nichols (career-best 21st, 19:38.27), Steven Zomermaand (career-best 20:29.42) and Nathan Harold (22:57.62).

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## Salem girls fall agonizingly short

By Tim Smith **Observer Staff Writer** 

The mantra all season for Salem's varsity girls cross country team was to run as a pack. The Rocks did just that in beautiful fashion at Saturday's Division 1 state regionals.

But their team effort at Willow Metropark in New Boston had a crushing outcome. Salem tallied 97 points for fourth place one point out of third place and a trip to this weekend's D1 final at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Teams qualifying included Livonia Churchill (first, 47 points), Dexter (94) and Pinckney (96).

#### **Almost**

"Three points from region runner-up and down



Salem's Shannon Flynn, pictured at the recent Wayne County Invitational, and her teammates on the Rocks' girls cross country squad missed qualifying for the state meet by one point.

one point from going to the show," Salem head coach

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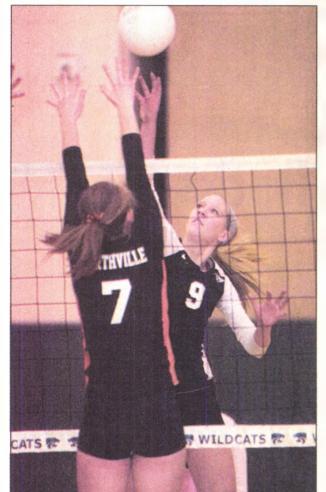
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Northville's Jenna Borgstrom (No. 7) tries to put a block on Plymouth's Madelyn Betts (No. 9) during Tuesday night's district game.

### **SPIKERS**

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her (Muir) not being in the front row."

Muir was solid with 19 digs, plus three aces, while handling front-row chores were senior outside hitters Alaina Turner (15 kills, six digs) and Maggie Deloy (seven kills, three blocks) and junior outside hitter Erica den Boer (five kills with no errors, six digs).

Senior setter Lauren Martin (15 assists) said the team rebounded from the early trouble because of strong commitment to staying focused.

"We never let ourselves get down and never give up," Martin said. "We didn't give up and it paid off in the end."

Finishing off the third game on a six-point run at the service stripe was sophomore setter Madison Kielty, called up from the junior varsity for the tournament.

"She's a sophomore and I brought her up from JV," Kryska said. "So I wanted to be able to give her some playing experience tonight, which really worked out well for us."

#### Salem sendoff

How the Chiefs closed out the night was the opposite of how they began it.

Salem started strong, sparked by senior outside hitter Kara Hewett's three service points. It was 6-2 following a successful tip at the net by

Salem Wrestling

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senior middle hitter Leslie Rodriguez.

But, Salem head coach Amanda Nies lamented, the team reverted to the season-long pattern of making momentum-killing defensive errors.

"With a total of 10 serve-receive errors tonight, it is so hard to get in a rhythm of any attack or play," Nies said. "We could make two great plays and then give away five points to Canton.

"We at crucial times would make errors that would make the momentum shift right back (to) Canton. This has been a struggle all year."

Hewett (eight kills, two aces, two blocks), one of six Salem seniors playing their last match, said the Chiefs are tough to beat because "they have some incredibly good hitters and they have good defense. The don't ever really let a ball drop."

Besides Hewett and Rodriguez, Salem players who are leaving include libero Katie Vincent (10 digs), setter Quinn Fillinger, outside hitter Katie Heitmeyer (five digs) and outside hitter Parisa Rashidi.

"I think we've overcome some struggles and won some big games," Hewett said. "But we just couldn't pull it out tonight. It's always hard to lose to a campus rival."

Sophomore outside hitter Brooke Berberet tallied five kills for the Rocks.

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# District Round Friday, Nov. 4 O.L. St. Mary's (8-2) at Redford Thurston (9-1), 7 p.m. Thurston Thurston St. Mary's St. Mary's St. Mary's

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## JV Lions hold off Steelers

The Canton Lions
Junior Varsity football
team completed an undefeated season going 8-0
with a thrilling 47-40 victory over the previously
unbeaten and rival Plymouth Steelers last weekend.

LOCAL SPORTS

Canton (8-2) at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (9-1), 1 p.m.

Birmingham Brother Rice (6-4) at Harrison (10-0), 7 p.m.

Farmington (6-4) at Southfield (7-3), 1 p.m.

Last week

**Overall** 

The Steelers scored first to take an 8-0 lead before the Lions offensive machine answered, scoring 31 first-half points to take a 31-14 halftime lead.

Canton's offensive line of Matt Wayne, Ruben Williams, Kyrece Smith, Alan Farmer, David Mason and Kyle Amick opened big holes to allow for TD runs by Victor Abraham (30 yards) and Jason Arnold (20 yards).

Evan Voyles also hit Victor Abraham with two beautiful passes of 18 and 28 yards to account for the Lions two other firsthalf touchdowns.

The Lions started off the second half strong with a 55-yard touchdown burst by Miles Davenport to give the Lions a 39-14 lead.



Southfield

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Victor Abraham (No. 34) of the Canton Lions junior varsity football team receives the handoff from quarterback Evan Voyles (No. 30) and follows the blocking of Miles Davenport (No. 60) and Jason Arnold (No. 32). Abraham scored a 30-yard TD on the play.

The tide turned after that with the Steelers scoring 26 unanswered points to take a 40-39 lead late in the fourth quarter.

But a final drive for the Lions, culminating in a 5-yard TD run by Miles Davenport, got the lead right back. Alan Farmer's fifth successful extra point kick of the day gave the Lions their final margin of victory.

Holding off one last Plymouth goal-line stand were defenders Spencer Brown, Noah Brown, Joey Glunt, Colton Wieloch, Wayne, Mason, Williams, Davenport, Arnold, Voyles and Abraham. The freshman and JV Lions host the first round of the playoffs at the PCEP football stadium this Sunday. The freshman game against the Westland Comets will begin at 11 a.m. and the JV game against the Redford Rangers follows at 1 p.m.

## Warriors routed in playoff debut

By Brad Emons
Observer\_Staff Writer

Lutheran High Westland's first trip to the state football playoffs in school history proved to be a re-run of a Saturday morning cartoon.

The Warriors' defense never could corner Darrylnotay Hines, who could be nicknamed "The Roadrunner."

The junior quarterback went "Meep, Meep" and did his best impression of Wile E. Coyote, rushing for 208 yards on just 10 carries and passing for 99 more to lead Melvindale Academy of Business & Technology to a convincing 46-14 Division 8-Region 4-District 2 victory Saturday afternoon over the host Warriors

over the host Warriors.
The 5-foot-6 Hines, ironically, is playing his first year of high school football. He played Pop Warner football last year in the Detroit Dolphins pro-

gram.
"It's a lot of zone
(defense) reads and making big plays off teams'
mistakes," the speedy
Hines said. "I drive my
team to work hard on and
off the field. That's the
key to winning."

Lutheran Westland, which bowed out with a 6-4 record, wanted to control the ball and the clock while trying to keep the elusive Hines off the field as much as possible.

The Warriors did drive to the Gators' 32 on their first possession, only to be stopped by an interception.

But Hines, utilizing the shotgun formation, then ran a keeper and bolted 77 yards for AB&T's first score with 1:39 to go in the first quarter.

Kevin Darden, who wound up with 171 yards rushing on just 13 carries, added a 33-yard TD dash with 9:52 left in the second quarter after the Warriors fumbled away the kickoff at midfield following a 33-yard return by Jacob Richter.

Hines, who figured in five of AB&T's seven TDs, came right back with 5:19 remaining in the half to make it 19-0 on an 84-yard scamper.

"Michigan had a day off and Denard (Robinson) came here," joked Lutheran Westland coach Paul Guse afterwards. "He (Hines) is pretty amazing. We had no answer, speed-wise, for him. Not many teams have had a whole lot of luck chasing him down. And that's the biggest problem we ran into. We started chasing him

instead of trying to contain him."

The Warriors, however, showed life at the end of the first half scoring their first TD when Richter, who had 72 yards on 14 carries for the day, scored on a 4-yard run with 2:54 left. Richter also ran in for the two-pointer to cut the deficit to 19-8. (The TD was set up when Ed Abranovich recovered an AB&T fumble at the Gators' 27.)

But AB&T, despite getting a 90-yard kickoff return by Hines negated by an illegal block, scored again with only 29.1 seconds remaining on a Hines 11-yard run to make it 27-8 at intermission following a two-point conversion pass (by none other than Hines).

### Momentum stalls

The Warriors cut the deficit to 27-13 on Martin Kemp's 2-yard TD run with 6:09 remaining in the third but AB&T answered again when Hines hit Allan Davis for an 18-yard TD scoring pass with 1:19 to go in the frame.

The Gators added to their lead, 40-14, on the next play from scrimmage as the Warriors fumbled the ball at midfield and scored on Carl Foxhall's 40-yard return.

Hines then added his fourth TD of the game with 11:27 remaining to make it 46-14 and the Warriors missed out final chance to score when Richter fumbled the ball away on a 26-yard run just before crossing the goal line for a touchback.

AB&T dominated in every statistical category racking up 448 total yards to Lutheran Westland's 126. The Gators had 16 first downs to the Warriors' eight.

"They (AB&T) are good athletes," Guse said.
"Their speed at linebacker we weren't able to get the second-level blocks. We got through the line of scrimmage O.K., but boom, it's three yards instead of five. Give them credit."

Despite the loss, Guse was proud of his team's effort this season.

"What a great group of Christian young men," the 10th-year coach said. "They're class individuals that did something no one in school history has been able to do. It started way back when last season ended. Their heartand-soul was evident to everybody out there today."

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## CHIEFS

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injured a leg on the play. He did not return, but is expected to play Wednesday.

Pioneer had a corner kick cleared out of trouble by the tandem of Bergesen and sophomore midfielder Ken Krolicki.

The ball bounced down the field, where Ovesea took control and sprinted down the field.

"I knew I had to keep on going with the ball and go all the way to the net," Ovesea said. "I dribbled the goalie and got fouled." Furgason scored on the ensuing penalty kick with a low, hard shot inside the right post.

Canton senior goalkeeper Steven Murphy then made sure the lead held up with a spectacular stop.

With less than 15 minutes remaining, Murphy elevated to his left and managed to tip a laser shot by Chase Pagani

over the crossbar.

The second half was a scoring extravaganza compared to the first, which remained scoreless until the final minute.

Nick of time

But with time running out, Ovesea drilled a one-

hop direct kick from 40 yards out inside the left post to give the Chiefs a 1-0 lead.

When the ball entered the Pioneer goal, only 7.4 seconds remained on the clock.

Before Ovesea took the kick, players from both teams scurried into position. That confusion might have helped the Canton forward find an opening for his 21st goal of the season.

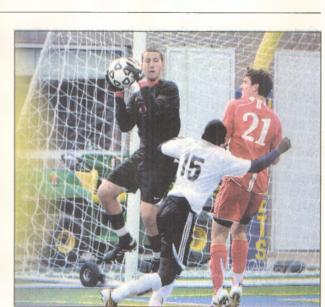
"There was 30 seconds left (with a running clock when the re-start was called) and I knew I had to take my time, take a breath," Ovesea said. "I saw the corner and placed it right there.

"They (Pioneers) were panicking because we had everybody up there and they had to man mark. I just put it on target."

Tomasso said Ovesea "did a great job just to calm the group down. He judged the time on the clock very well and he found the window and the ball went through for the goal."

It marked the second game this season where Canton defeated Pioneer, with the Chiefs winning 3-1 on Sept. 16. Canton was the only team to beat Pioneer (17-2-4) all season.

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Canton senior goalkeeper Steven Murphy (left), snags the soccer ball while teammate Connor Shennan (No. 21) guards Ann Arbor Pioneer's Ahinga Selemani (No. 15) during Saturday's Division 1 regional final.

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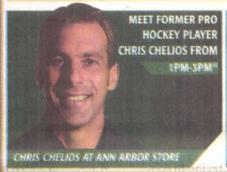
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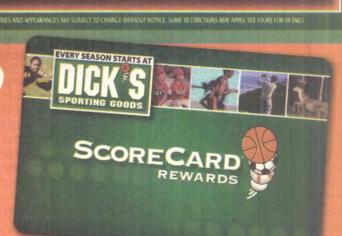
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# 'Cats win division meet, share crown with Chiefs

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth and Canton finished 1-2 in virtually ever race at last weekend's KLAA South Division swimming and diving meet at Westland John Glenn.

The Wildcats' outstanding depth — with a number of contri-

KLAA butions from **SOUTH** swimmers who swam

much of the year at the JV level - helped Plymouth capture the Friday-Saturday meet with 744

Finishing second with 647 points was Canton, followed by Livonia Churchill (356.5).

**But because Canton** defeated Plymouth in the dual meet earlier this season, the two Park rivals officially are KLAA South co-champions. Canton was 5-0 in dual meets and the Wildcats 4-1.

"We really have a nice rivalry with them (Chiefs), it's really friendly," Wildcats head coach Doug Schade said. "They're coached very well and they have very good athletes on their team.

"Especially since they changed to this new format, with divisions, we've really, especially on the girls side, had a nice rivalry. It kind of goes



Plymouth's Emily Toro, shown from a dual meet earlier this season, set two KLAA South Division meet records last weekend.

back and forth." Canton head coach Ed Weber had the same take on things.

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#### **Records abound**

"For the last few seasons Canton and Plymouth have been highly competitive with each other," said Weber, whose team has been co-champs for four straight seasons.

At the division meet, Canton swam 57 personal bests.

"Even though we didn't come away with a divisional title, we swam real well," Weber said.

Earning meet records for Canton were event winners Madeline Madison (200 free, 2:01.68),

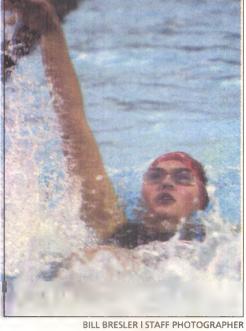
Destinee Barmore-Hicks (50 free, 25.38) and Claire Green (500 free, 5:19.35).

For the Wildcats, Emily Toro established two meet records with firsts in the 200 individual medley (2:13.79) and 100 butterfly (1:00.49) while Stephanie Matsui's winning time of 55.27 in the 100 free also was a meet record.

#### Fresh start

Plymouth benefited from Schade's pep talk to make up for the earlier dual meet loss to Canton. "We suffered a pret-

ty hard defeat against them," Schade said. "They (Chiefs) swam great and beat us pretty



badly in our dual meet. "... I challenged the girls to pick themselves up and look ahead, start fresh and see what we

could do."

According to Schade, his main swimmers all season were strong at the division meet. In addition to Toro and Matsui, taking first in the 100 backstroke was Linda Erickson (1:02.55) and the Wildcats claimed all three relays.

The other Canton victory was scored by Hannah Jenkins in the 100 breaststroke, with a time of 1:14.02.

But Schade emphasized

that the division meet wouldn't have been won without the contributions of many others on his Plymouth roster.

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The unlimited entry format (teams can swim as many girls per event as they can) was deemed instrumental, he noted.

"The girls that won this meet for us were the girls that did not swim varsity for us all year," Schade explained. "... They swam exhibitions for us all year, but a lot of those girls rarely had made a varsity meet yet and they knew that this was their chance to really contribute to our team, and our success."

And Schade said the division meet gave those JV girls a legitimate shot at a varsity letter, awarded to anybody finishing in the top-16.

"Those girls had a lot of motivation," he continued. "They were swimming for their letter, they were swimming to help our team. Those girls did a great job."

Heading that group, Schade said, were Emily Vos, Lauren Wischer, Abby Humphries, Kailey Morren, Caylin Waters and Stacey Jedele.

#### **Conference meet**

Now, both the Wildcats and Chiefs will look forward to the KLAA Kensington Conference meet, this Friday and Saturday at Novi High School.

Canton's Weber said his team already has D1 state qualifiers in the 200 IM (Delaney Adams, Jenkins), 50 free (Barmore-Hicks), 100 fly (Adams), 500 free (Green), 100 breast (Adams) and 400free relay.

"At the conference meet, we hope to add to that state team," Weber stressed.

So far for Plymouth, Toro has qualified in the 200 IM and 100 fly while all three relay teams will compete at the D1 state meet.

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# Salem swimming squad tunes up for next test

**By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer** 

Salem veteran girls swimming and diving coach Chuck Olson likes to win as much as anybody.

But he said the Rocks had a good showing at Saturday's KLAA Central Division meet at South Lyon East, even though they finished fourth out of five teams with 396 points.

"For the most part, we swam well," Olson said. "I tried not to put too much pressure (on the

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girls) for that meet."

He stressed that the division meet was a good opportunity for girls to compete in events they normally don't swim in.

"We had some good swims (but) they were mostly in their off-events," Olson said. "Like (Lauren) Seroka swam breaststroke, and she was third" with a time of 1:12.65.

Northville, which had control of the division in dual meet play, solidified the divisional championship with a first-place tally of 551.5 points at the meet.

South Lyon finished second with 515 points, followed by Novi (461), Salem and Stevenson (275.5).

Olson emphasized that this weekend's KLAA Kensington Conference meet at Novi will be where teams turn up the pres-

"The conference meet is going to be interesting," Olson said. "... We can do better in the conference than we did in the division."

The KLAA Central features five very talented teams, where dual meet records do not reflect how strong they are. Salem had an 0-4 record in divisional dual

As far as the division meet goes, Olson noted how Julia Suriano earned her Division 1 state cuts in the 200 free (with a first-place time of 1:59.42) and 500 free (first, 5:16.32).

"That was one of the things we

were looking for at that meet," Olson said.

Taking third place in the 500 free was Maddie Gorman, with a time of 5:29.78.

Seroka placed second in the 100 butterfly, with her mark of 1:01.97 falling just short of first place Andrea VanderMey of Novi (1:01.40).

Another second place finisher for the Rocks was Abby Aumiller, going 56.22 in the 100 free.

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Plymouth Christian also will have a female runner at the state final, as Terra Crown qualified with her fifthplace time of 21:31.63 in the girls D4 race. Megan McHugh placed 26th (25:10.74).

Slim pickings

In the D1 boys regionals, the three PCEP teams fell short of the cut to reach the state finals (the top three teams qualify, along with others making individual state cuts).

Plymouth tallied 122 points to finish fourth, but that was a good distance behind third-place Pinckney (59 points).

Finishing in sixth and seventh place were Canton (146) and Salem (217)

By far, the highlight for those teams was the first-place finish by Plymouth senior Derek Gielarowski. He won the race with a time of 16:00.86.

"Derek ran a great race," Plymouth head coach Jon Mikosz said. "He stayed with the lead pack from the start of the gun. With a half-mile to go he took off and never looked back (and) he showed that he is the best runner in the area with the finish that he had.

"Had the course not been a mess Derek would have had a chance at our school record. Hopefully we will have a better course on Saturday so he can get the record then."

Mikosz added that a fourth-place finish for his team "in one of the toughest regionals in the state" was a good accomplishment.

Canton's lone state qualifier was Miles Felton, who turned in a time of 16:41.94 for the 5,000-meter course.

Salem did not qualify any runners, with top performer Steve McEvilly just missing with a 16th-place time of 16:50.74.

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## Whalers happy to be home

**By Tim Smith** Observer Staff Writer

With a two-week road trip in the rear-view mirror, the Plymouth Whalers returned to the friendly confines of Compuware Arena with Saturday's 3-1 win over Kings-

Doing plenty of damage in his first full game back after an injury. Plymouth forward Stefan Noesen chalked up three assists against the Frotenacs.

Netting a goal and an assist each in the Ontario Hockey League game before just over 2,000 fans were center Rickard Rakell and winger Garrett Meurs.

"We had five (road) games in a row and you always worry about this one when you come back from a long road trip," Plymouth head coach and general manager Mike Vellucci said. "Our guys (usually) kind of settle back. But they stayed pretty motivated for this game.

"We got back at 4:30 in the morning (from Sault Ste. Marie). so I was tired. But the guys stayed focused. That team (Kingston) battles hard, their record's not great but they work extremely hard."

#### Welcome back It took almost the entire

first period before the Whalers (8-6-2-0) remembered what it was like to score on their home ice. With just 18 seconds left,

still on the power play, Rakell dug the puck out of the left corner in the Frontenacs' zone. He sent a crisp pass across

the goal mouth to defenseman Dario Trutmann, pinching on the play. Trutmann, near the right post, tapped the puck into the wide-open cage behind Kingston netminder Igor Bobkov (29 saves).

The Whalers showed some



RENA LAVERTY

Plymouth's Rickard Rakell celebrates his goal in the second period Saturday against Kingston goalie Igor Bobkov at Compuware Arena. Also pictured are the Whalers Garrett Meurs and Kingston's Ryan Spooner.

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stanza, with Kingston (2-11-2-1) out-shooting them 14-10 and scoring the only goal. At the 6:30 mark, wing-

weary legs during the middle

er Petr Beranek one-timed a feed from Kyler Nixon and the puck eluded Whalers goalie Matt Mahalak and squeaked through.

Other than the goal, Mahalak played soundly. He stopped 34 shots, including several clutch saves in the late stages of the second peri-

Mahalak stoned winger Darcy Greenaway on a breakaway with just over one minute to go, and also scrambled to deny Greenaway's rebound attempt.

#### **Back in front** It only took Plymouth 1:20

to regain the lead at 2-1, and the line of Noesen, Rakell and Meurs made it happen. Noesen skated up the left

wing, then into the Kingston zone and slipped a pass to Rakell - who was skating into the slot. Rakell then cut in on Bob-

kov, went forehand-backhand and roofed a shot over the goalie's blocker. "They (goals) all start with

hard work down low," Rake-

ll said. "And on my goal it

fan Noesen. I think we played good today." He added that it was good to have Noesen back on the ice

was a good play from Ste-

with him. "We have some good chemistry," Rakell said. "I hope he can keep doing what he's

Meurs finished the scoring with an empty netter at 19:31 of the third period. Drawing assists were Noesen and defenseman Austin Levi (Farmington Hills).

Having Noesen playing a full game (he played briefly in Friday's 5-3 loss at Sault Ste. Marie) was welcomed by Vellucci, still missing right wing Tom Wilson to an injury.

"I thought he (Noesen) competed," Vellucci said. "He made a nice play on the pass on that goal, he's definitely a big part of our team."

Plymouth, which went 3-2 on the long road trip, now have a chance to do some damage on home ice.

The Whalers will play seven of their 12 November games at Compuware, beginning with games at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday against Barrie and Windsor, respectively.

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## **GIRLS XC**

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Dave Gerlach said. "I guess the disappointing thing about how things played out ... we beat Pinckney in every cross country statistical category on that given day, except for (total) points.

"We put seven runners in front of their fourth, and still came up short."

The reason Pinckney was able to hold on for third place was having three runners finish in the top 10. "It's going to sting, but that's cross

country," Gerlach said. "That's postseason competition." Plymouth was the sixth-place team with 167 points, while Canton's

216 earned eighth place. On the positive side for the Rocks, Adrianna Beltran and Amanda Beyer did qualify as individuals. Beltran placed 12th with a time of 19:54.11, while Amanda Beyer finished 15th with a mark of 20:02.77.

The only other Plymouth-Canton Educational Park state qualifiers from the girls side were Wildcats, Plymouth's Marina DeBiasi (19:44.63) and Nicole Traitses (19:58.20) earned fourth and 14th

place, respectively.

Canton's top runner was Jessica Siegler, who finished 20th with a time of 20:20.18.

**Up for grabs** 

We were the fourth-ranked team in our region going into Saturday and we knew it was up for grabs who was going to take that third spot," Gerlach said. "It was a great race. Out of our varsity seven we had five decent races, (but) the cards didn't come up for us." Gerlach stressed that despite the

"very heartbreaking" finish, "we have two kids that ran great races and qualified for state finals. We're very happy for them to see what they can do this weekend." Salem's seven varsity finish-

ers (behind Adrianna Beltran and Beyer) were Emily Bizon (19th, 20:11.18), Hannah Stoliker (25th, 20:33.88), Autumn Burin (26th, 20:34), Shannon Flynn (29th, 20:41.96) and Alejandra Beltran (30th, 20:42.23).

In the D4 girls race, also at Willow Metropark, Plymouth Christian Academy's Terra Crown was a state qualifier. Her time of 21:31.63 was good for fifth place.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

# See a local play or musical every weekend this month

Laugh or hum along when two new local theaters debut this month.

Two Muses Theater in Farmington Hills will offer a gender twist on Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple* and Paul's Players in Livonia celebrates Veteran's Day with nostalgic World War ll songs.

Two Muses founders, Diane Hill and Barbie Weisserman play Florence and Olive, the female versions of Felix and Oscar in Simon's story about two mismatched roommates. Neil Simon wrote the original *Odd Couple* in 1965 and created the female version 21 years later.

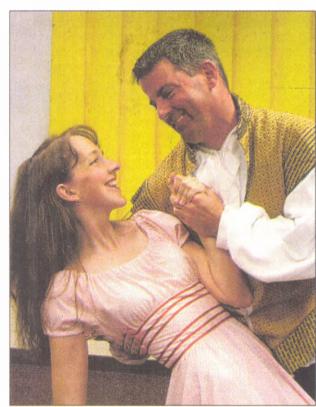
The play runs weekends, Nov. 4-27 inside the Barnes & Noble Bookstore at 6800 Orchard Lake Road, just south of Maple in West Bloomfield. Shows are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$18 general admission, and \$15 for seniors and students. Buy them online at www.twomusestheatre.org or by calling the box office at (248) 850-9919.

The Two Muses cast includes Nancy Cooper of Farmington, Julie Yolles of Birmingham, Cheryl Glicker of Milford, and Teri Spencer of Commerce Township in addition to Hill and Weisserman. Alan Madlane of Ferndale and Bob Hotchkiss of Birmingham, the only men in the play, make their appearance during the second act.

Hill, who is co-directing and handling marketing, in addition to acting in a lead role, said the production is a perfect fit for Two Muses, which aims to offer female artists opportunities on stage and behind the scenes.

In addition to acting, Weisserman designs costumes, handles props and is assisting set designer and builder Bill Mandt of Southfield dress the set.

"Everyone is juggling a lot of roles in order to



Dave Fedewa and Rebecca Winder, both from Canton, rehearse a scene from "I Hate Hamlet."



Paul's Players' women's ensemble, Shannon Groves (left, clockwise) of South Lyon, Rachel Birk Kain of Livonia, Catherine Rayes of Livonia, and Pam Gunderson of Redford, will help the audience recall the music of the 1940s during the theater's debut show, "Remember When."

get this first show up and running," Weisserman

#### In Livonia

Paul's Players will coordinate both music and letters between service men and women and their families in its debut production, *Remember When*, on Veteran's Day, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile,

in Livonia.

"These letters reflect so many of the same emotions and feelings of today's military personnel and their families," said Patricia Hutchison, director and founder of Paul's Players. "The show reminds us that the love of family and home are timeless emotions."

The musical revue will include songs such as



Julie Yolles of Birmingham, (left), Two Muses Theatre co-founder Barbie Weisserman of Farmington Hills and Cheryl Clicker of Milford rehearse a scene from the female version of "The Odd Couple."



Sohpie Szczotka, (left) plays Jasmine, Anirudh Keshamouni plays Aladdin and John Szczotka is the Genie in the Forever After production of "Aladdin Jr." in Canton.

Chattanooga Choo Choo, I'll Be Seeing You, Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, and Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree, along with a salute to the armed forces.

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#### Musicals, comedy

It's also a busy month for adult and youth troupes in Canton, adult theater in Plymouth and youth theater in Farmington Hills.

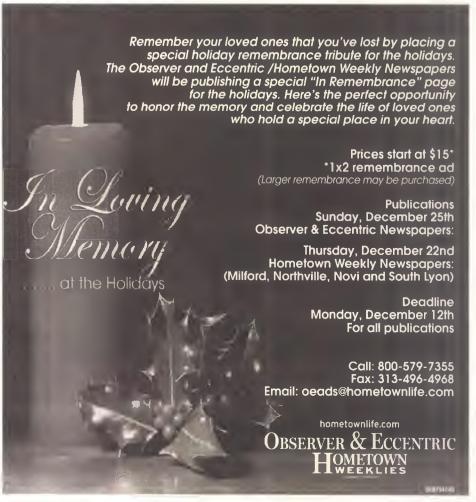
Barefoot Productions will stage *Behind the Curtain* and *Fonts! A Type of Musical*, two original oneact musicals, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 11-12 and 2 p.m., Nov. 13, at 240 N. Main, Plymouth. All seats are \$18. Call (734) 560-1493.

Spotlight Players opens its two-weekend run of the comedy, *I Hate Hamlet*, Friday, Nov. 11. Shows

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Zack Heger (left, clockwise) of Farmington Hills, Elisabeth Levandowski of Farmington Hills, Daryl Treger of Farmington Hills, Julia Jacob of West Bloomfield, and Jordan Treger of Farmington Hills will perform Aladdin Jr. this month at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills.

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are 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 11-12 and 18-19 and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 12-13 and 19-20, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton.

The play tells the story of a young television actor who is offered the role of Hamlet in a Shakespeare-in-the-park production. He trains for the part with actor "The show is a celebration of actors and acting. It is a comedy that pokes fun of Shakespearean actors while at the same time showing us why they are so wonderful at what they do, and why they work so hard to do it," stated Mike Cuba, director." It is a comedy that manages to work four romances into a show with only six characters. And where else can you see John Barrymore, the greatest Hamlet of them all, live on stage?"

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and students and are available online at www.spotlightplayersmi. org, by calling (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460, at The Summit on the Park in Canton or at the door.

Youngsters will get a chance to see two different casts perform Aladdin, Jr. on different dates this month.

Forever After Productions brings the stage adaptation of the Disney hit to life Nov. 3-6 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road,

Canton. Performances are 7 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 3-6 and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 5-6. Tickets are \$15. Buy them at foreverafternow.com or at the door.

The Farmington Hills Youth Theatre plans six performances of Aladdin, Jr. at the Costick Center. 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills.

Performances are 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Nov. 17-18 and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 19-20. Tickets are \$10. No charge for children, 3 and under.

Tickets are available at https:// recreg.fhgov.com, can be reserved by calling (877) 785-7763 and also will be available at the door.

— Compiled by Sharon Dargay

# Fair offers thousands of books, dozens of speakers

The Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit's 60th Annual Jewish Book Fair, features more than 70 authors from the arts, entertainment, politics and business through Nov. 13 at its campuses in West Bloomfield and Oak Park.

The Book Fair will hold a patron night with Jim Lehrer, author of Tension City, Inside the Presidential Debates, from Kennedy-Nixon to Obama-McCain, offering an insider's look at the presidential debates. Lehrer will speak at 6:45 p.m, Saturday, Nov. 5 at the West Bloomfield site. 6600 W. Maple.

In addition to the speakers, the book fair will include a Chaldean cooking demonstration, a local author reception, a store with more than 10,000 titles and a film, held in the West Bloomfield JCC's new Berman Center for the Performing Arts. Most events are tree and open to the pub-

Speakers include: • Nathan Wolfe, author of The Viral Storm: The Dawn of a New Pandemic Age, was named one of the 100 Most Influential People of 2011 by Time magazine, Wolfe is director of the Global

Viral Forecasting Initiative, which studies new and emerging infectious diseases. In The Viral Storm, he discusses why another global pandemic may be just around the corner.

• Rebecca Rosen, author of Spirited: Connect to the Guides All Around You, is a psychic to the stars, best-selling author and regular contributor to Oprah Winfrey's O Magazine. She tells readers how to contact deceased family and loved ones and find happiness.

· Mitchell Bard, author of The Arab Lobby: The Invisible Alliance That Undermines America's Interests in the Middle East, takes a look at the history and influence of this powerful group.

· Josh Linkner, author of Disciplined Dreaming: A Proven System to Drive Breakthrough Creativity, speaks during a breakfast session. The New York Times bestselling author is CEO of Detroit Venture Partners, which helps rebuild urban areas through technology and entrepreneurship, and he is founder, chairman and former CEO of ePrize, the largest interactive promotion agency in the world.

• Gayle Tzemach Lemmon, author of The Dressmaker of Khair Khana: Five Sisters, One Remarkable Family, and the Woman Who Risked Everything to Keep Them Safe, tells the true story of an unlikely entrepreneur who mobilized a community under the Taliban.

 Ned Zeman is author of The Rules of the Tunnel. Detroit native Ned Zeman is a contributing editor at Vanity Fair and has written for Newsweek, Spy, GQ, Outside and Sports Illustrated. When he decided to pen Rules of the Tunnel, Zeman was about to enter new territory his own experiences with depression.

• Marc Agronin, M.D., author of How We Age: A Doctor's Journey Into the Heart of Growing Old, takes a new look at medical care of the elderly.

• Charles Fishman, author of The Big Thirst, looks at the perilous future of water

• Francisco Goldman, author of Say Her Name: A Novel, is a former University of Michigan student and now an author/ journalist who recalls the death of his young wife.

• Gilad Sharon, author of The Life of A Leader, offers a look at his father, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, a complex, passionate man who has forever shaped the past, present and future State of Israel.

• Tom Fields-Meyer,

is author of Following Ezra: What One Father Learned About Gumby, Otters, Autism and Love from his Extraordinary Son. Meyers shares the tender story of his autistic son Ezra and how rather than mourn the person Ezra would never become, he decided to embrace the boy Ezra is.

 Darin Straus, author of Half a Life: A Memoir. Darin Straus' memoir won the 2010 National Book Critics Circle Award for best autobiography, was named a New York Times Editor's Pick and a NPR Best Book of the Year.

· Joseph Braude. author of The Honored Dead: A Story of Friendship, Murder and the Search for Truth in the Arab World, tells the true story of a murder mystery in Iraq.

• Phillip Schultz is a Pulitzer Prize winner and author of the memoir, My Dyslexia.

• Mary-Lou Weisman is author of Al Jaffee's Mad Life, the story of MAD magazine's writer/illustrator.

· Al Abrams, author of Hype & Soul - Behind the Scenes at Motown, was Hitsville's director of publicity. In Hype & Soul, he offers a behindthe-scenes look at one of Detroit's most famous businesses and its iconic founder.

For information and a complete Book Fair schedule, visit jccdet.

## **GET OUT!**

#### **ART & IDEAS**

Art

Time/Date: Through Dec. 24; gallery hours are 1-6:30 p.m. Thursday and 1-7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, or by appointment

Location: 15095 Northville Road, in Plymouth

**Details:** "Downtown Foot Art" includes works by the gallery's artist-in-residence, Shaqe Kalaj. She focused on historical buildings in downtown Plymouth for her series of works which she sketched and painted with her feet in the outdoors over the summer

Contact: (734) 420-0775

#### **NORTHVILLE ART** HOUSE

Time/Date: Nov. 4-Dec. 10 Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: The seventh annual Northville Holiday Art Market opens with a reception from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, and will include refreshments and handcrafted work in painting, printmaking, glass, mosaic, fiber, photography, jewelry and mixed media for sale by well-known local artists. A used book sale is set for the lower level gallery during the reception. Hours for the market are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. On "First Fridays" only in November and December hours are 1-9 p.m

Coming up: An Antiques and Fine Arts Appraisal clinic with Robert Du-Mouchelle of DuMouchelle Art Galleries, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18. The registration fee is \$10 per item with a limit of 3 items per guest. Walk-ins without prior registration will be admitted on the day of the event if time allows. Guests may bring items such as antiques, collectibles, family memorabilia, furniture and artwork. Large or fragile items should be submitted by photograph. Coins, stamps, and jewelry will not be appraised at this event. Register in person, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday or call Northville Art House

#### Contact: (248) 344-0497 PLYMOUTH COMMU-**NITY ARTS COUNCIL**

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Thursday in No-

Location: 744 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

**Details:** Drawings by Marilyn Meredith of Three Cities Art Club

Ornament class: Help instructor Lisa Howard make ornaments for the PCAC's pine in the Downtown Plymouth Holiday Walk of Trees, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6. The class is aimed at ages 6 and up. Suggested donation is \$5. All materials will be provided. Call the PCAC office to register Contact: (734) 416-4278

#### **VILLAGE POTTERS GUILD**

Time/Date: Opening reception, 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19; and noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20

Location: 340 N. Main, G-11, behind Plymouth Crossing Restaurant, in downtown Plymouth

Details: Holiday sale; refreshments served **Contact:** (734) 207-8807

## Comedy

Go Comedy! Time/Date: Various show

times Wednesdays thru Sundays Location: 261 E. Nine Mile,

Ferndale **Details:** Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is

10 p.m. Wednesdays Contact: (248) 327-0575; gocomedy.net

#### JD'S HOUSE OF COM-**EDY**

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

#### JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB **OF LIVONIA**

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays Location: 36071 Plymouth

Road, Livonia Details: Tom Simmons, through Nov. 5; Tim Kidd, Nov. 9-12; Chris Barnes, Nov. 16-19; J. Chris New-

berg, Nov. 23, 25-26 Contact: (734) 261-0555. www.kickerscomplex.com

#### **MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE**

Time/Date: Michael Loftus, Nov. 3-5; Robb Little, Nov. 10-12; Kathleen Madigan, Nov. 17-19; Dave Landau, Nov. 25-26; Alex Ortiz, Nov. 30-Dec. 3

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

#### Dance

#### **MOON DUSTERS**

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m. Location: Livonia Civic

Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia **Details:** Singles and couples dance to music of the '30s, '40s and '50s;

free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members

Contact: Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-

#### **Family**

#### **BAKERS KEYBOARD LOUNGE**

Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays

**Details:** Jazz for Kids

Program

Location: 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit Contact: (313) 345-6300,

#### www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com **DETROIT INSTITUTE OF**

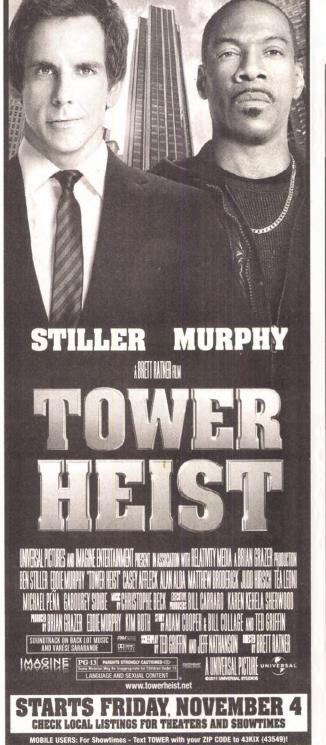
#### **ARTS**

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays

**Details:** Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission Location: 5200 Wood-

ward, Detroit

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org







# Cranberries

## Sweet or savory, for any season

hether you're looking to add something sweet to salads, baked goods or seasonal dishes, cranberries pack a lot of flavor, as well as important nutrients and antioxidants, and can be added to a variety of dishes, from muffins and cookies to salads and even quesadillas.

Due to their sweet taste, healthful benefits and versatility, cranberries continue to be increasingly popular. The tiny berry, one of only three fruits native to North America, is grown in several states around the country, but Wisconsin-based growers alone produce more than half of the world's entire supply of cranberries.

#### **Cranberry Health Benefits**

 These tasty berries score among the highest of all fruits in antioxidants, which may help support memory function, coordination, prevent certain types of cancer and ulcers, as well as a healthy immune system.

• Naturally-occurring hippuric acid provides antibacterial effects and other natural antibiotic ingredients.

• Though cranberries pack a lot of flavor, they're cholesterol free, fat free, low in sodium, and help maintain heart health.

For cranberry recipes, health facts and more, visit the Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers Association online at www. wiscran.org or on Facebook and Twitter.

#### Wilted Spinach Salad with Dried Cranberries, Pecans and Feta Cheese Serves: 6

1 small red onion, sliced vertically

8 to 9 cups spinach leaves, washed and patted dry & cup pecan pieces, toasted

4 ounces feta cheese, crumbled

½ cup sweetened-dried cranberries

1 tablespoon mint leaves, chopped

2 tablespoons sherry vinegar

Pinch of salt

6 tablespoons olive oil Black pepper, freshly ground

Quarter and thinly slice red onion. Place slices in cold water; soak for 30 minutes. Drain; pat dry. Place soaked onion slices, spinach, pecans, feta, cranberries, mint and vinegar in large mixing bowl. Toss together with large pinch of salt. In saucepan, heat olive oil to just below smoking. Pour hot oil over salad in bowl, tossing well. Taste and correct seasoning with salt, pepper and vinegar.

#### **Cranberry Oat Bran Muffins**

Makes: 1 dozen muffins

1 cups flour

½ cup oat bran ¼ teaspoon salt

% cup sugar

¼ cup vegetable oil

1 cup milk

1 cup fresh cranberries,

chopped 1 cup chopped walnuts

1 teaspoon orange peel, grated Preheat oven to 400°F. Mix flour, oat bran, salt, sugar and baking powder. Set aside. Beat together eggs, vegetable oil and milk; add to dry ingredients. Add cranberries, walnuts and orange peel. Stir all together, batter may be lumpy. Pour into muffin tins and bake 20 minutes at 400°F.

#### Turkey, Cranberry & **Brie Quesadillas**

Makes: 8 quesadillas

**Chive Topping** 

½ cup sour cream, low fat

1 ounce (1/2 cup) chives, thinly

1 teaspoon fresh garlic, minced

½ teaspoon lemon juice ¼ teaspoon salt & teaspoon cayenne pepper,

Quesadillas

2 cups Brie, rind removed

8 8-inch flour tortillas, low fat 1 pound turkey, cooked and shred-

1 cup sweetened-dried cranberries & cup walnuts, toasted and

chopped & cup chives, thinly sliced

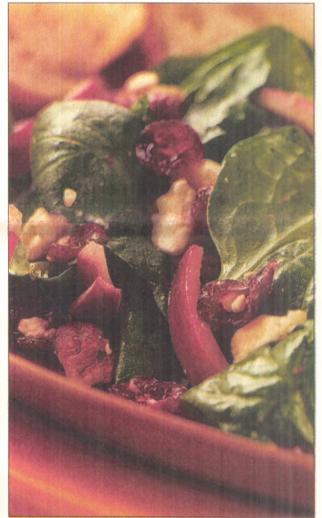
Preheat oven to 350°F. **Chive Topping** 

Puree topping ingredients in food processor until smooth. Refriger-

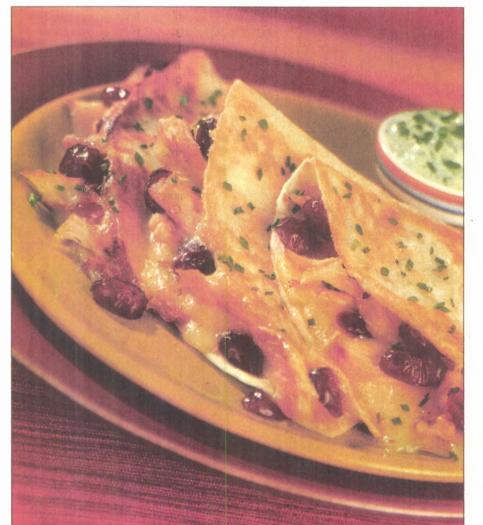
Quesadillas

Spread 4 cup Brie over half of tortilla. Layer 4 cup turkey, % cup cranberries, 1 tablespoon walnuts and 1 tablespoon chives. Fold tortilla in half. Bake quesadillas on baking sheet 8 to 10 minutes until cheese is melted. Serve with chive topping.





Wilted Spinach Salad with Dried Cranberries, Pecans and **Feta Cheese** 



Turkey, Cranberry & Brie Quesadillas

**CRANBERRIES** Stocking up on fresh berries is easier than ever. Use these tips from Wisconsin's cranberry growers when storing this delicious berry.

STORAGE TIPS FOR FRESH

• Remember fresh cranberries are only available seasonally October-December. However, the berries freeze well.

• Don't be afraid to freeze fresh cranberries up to a year. For maximum freshness, use a second airtight storage bag.

• If you're planning to freeze your cranberries, do not wash beforehand. Rather, wash upon thawing.

Members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia will spend their Thanksgiving Day morning assembling and delivering lunches.

The church's fall project, "Operation Turkey Sandwich," aims to provide a Thanksgiving-style lunch in a bag for the needy and for those who work on Nov. 24. The lunch will include a turkey sandwich, stuffing muffin, pumpkin bar and other goodies.

The church regularly reaches out to the community and helps those in need through such mission programs as its

rummage sales and "Needy Family" outreach program.

Anyone interested in helping with 'Operation Turkey Sandwich" or those who know of someone in need, can call Kathy Weinberg at the church office at (734) 464-0211.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, located on Five Mile just east of Haggerty, has been a part of the Livonia community for nearly 50 years. It will celebrate its Jubilee anniversary next year. For more information on Holy Trinity, visit www. holytrinitylivonia.org.

#### **RELIGION CALENDAR**

Send calendar items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Or mail items to Dargay, Observer, 615 Lafayette, Level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.

Nov. 3-9

#### **BOOK, BAKE SALE**

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday-Saturday,

Location: Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: The Women of the ELCA will donate proceeds to support First Step, a not-for-profit domestic violence counseling and crisis center for women and children

Contact: (734) 420-9191

#### **CLOTHING BANK**

Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9 Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 41920 Joy Road, between Lilley and Haggerty,

**Details:** The bank will be open to give free clothing and shoes to anyone in need Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6

Location: St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, between Grand River Ave., and Freedom,

Details: Tchaikovsky Piano Trio with pianist Wesley Fishwick and Detroit Symphony Orchestra musicians, Melody Wooton on violin and David Levine on cello. Admission is free, although a free will offering will be collected Contact: (248) 474-0584

#### **HARVEST SUPPER**

Time/Date: 5:30-6:30 p.m. dinner, 5-7 p.m. bake sale, Thursday, Nov. 3

Location: Atonement Lutheran Church, 6961 Mead, Dearborn

Details: Adult admission is \$8. Grade school children pay \$3.50, pre-schoolers pay \$1.50. Tickets may be ordered in advance or purchased at the door. Carry outs must be ordered by Nov. 2

Contact: (313) 421-8036 or (313) 581-2525

#### **LUNCHEON, FASHIONS**

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6 Location: Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center, 29125 West Six Mile, Livonia

**Details:** The Ladies of Sacred Heart holds its annual Ladies' Luncheon and Fashion Show. Reservations are accepted for tables of eight. Teens and adults only. Gourmet luncheon is



Daniel Rodriguez makes his first appearance in Michigan Nov. 13 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, Farmington Hills.

catered by Thomas's Catering of Livonia and fashions are provided by The Clothing Cove of Milford. Doors open at noon for basket and

auction preview. Tickets are \$30 Contact: (734) 522-3166, or www.shbyzantine.com/#events

#### WHY BE CATHOLIC?

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3 Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church's school cafeteria, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, between Merriman and Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Kelly Nieto, former Miss Michigan and creator of the Living Stations of the Cross, will share the story of her journey from a decidedly "non-religious," secular home environment to Catholicism and the resulting birth of the "Living Stations" idea during her first Lent as a churched Catholic. No charge or reservations required. A children's ministry is available with prior arrangement at childrensministry@livoniastmichael.org

Contact: (734) 261-1455 ext. 200; www.livoni-

#### Nov. 10-16

#### **CONCERT**

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 13 **Location:** Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Daniel Rodriguez, a former police officer from New York City, N.Y. who sang at many memorials after the 9-11 terrorist attack, will perform with the Jesse Lynch Trio. Placido Domingo mentored Rodriguez through the Young Artist Program in Washington D.C. Rodriguez and the trio will give classic song a jazz twist at the Nardin Park show. Tickets are \$20, available from the church office

Contact: (248) 476-8860

1-800-579-7355 • fax 313-496-4968 • oeobits@hometownlife.com Deadlines: Friday 4:15 p.m. for Sunday • Wednesday 9:45 a.m. for Thursday

BOGGS, MARGUERITE ROSE "PEGGY"

(NEE LATHROP)

Age 87 years, of Farmington Hills, MI, passed away on Monday, October 31, 2011 at the home of her daughter in Holton, MI. The Funeral Service will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, November 4, 2011 at the Kroeze-Wolffis Funeral Home, Inc., 637 E. Main St., Fremont, MI 49412, (888) 544-5388. Visitation will be from 1-2 PM on Friday. To view her complete obituary or to sign the online guest book please visit: www.kroeze-wolffis.com

#### JASKE, MILDRED E.

Age 84, of Farmington Hills, October 26, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Walter. Loving mother of Kim (Melody) Jaske, Karla (Robert) Winnie, Kirk Jaske, and Karen (Tom) Hilliard. Dear grandmother of SGT. Andrew and SGT. Matthew Hilliard, Abigail Jaske, Christen Ciaravino, Travis and Erica Jaske. Great-grandmother of Spencer and Brielle Hilliard and two grandcats. Funeral Saturday 11 a.m., November 5th, at First United Methodist Church of Farmington, 33112 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Visitation Friday 1-8 p.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Downtown Farmington, (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Memorial contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research

www.michaeljfox.org www.thayer-rock.com

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#### **HOBERT "BILL"**

Age 82, October 28, 2011.

Beloved husband of Mary for 59 years, dear father of Mark G. (Esther), Lori

Richardson, Darrell (Marilee), and Beth Simmons. Grandfather

of Buffy, Joshua, Danae, Mateo,

Jessica, Erin,

Joseph, Tommy, Brad, Chad, and

the late Markie and Jon, and 13 great-grandchildren. Hobert was born on April 23, 1929 and raised in Highland Park Michigan. As a

teenager he was a member of the Order of DeMolay and the US Coast Guard, he later joined the

US Navy. He also served as

Corporal, Dental Technician and

Communication Engineer in the US Army in the 599TH Field

Artillery Battalion. He attended Radio Electronics School, was a

part-time teacher for Michigan

Public Schools, served as a mem-

ber of the Garden City Planning

Commission and served as a Work Release Program Director for

Garden City. He was also a long

time Committee Member of the Michigan

Committee. Hobert worked for

thirty years in Research & Development for Burroughs

(Unisys) Corporation. Visitation

Wednesday 2-9 p.m. at the John N Santeiu & Son Funeral Home,

1139 Inkster Rd (between Ford Rd and Cherry Hill). In state Thursday 10 a.m. at Merriman

Road Baptist Church, service begins at 11 a.m. 2055 Merriman

Road (1 Block south of Ford Rd)

Donation to Angela Hospice.

HOWE,

Of Bloomfield Hills, passed away peacefully surrounded by his children at age 89, on October 18, 2011. He was born

READE, ALAN LEE

and grew up in New York City, graduated cum laude with a degree in mathematics from Harvard, served in the Navy in WWII, and after the war returned to Harvard for an MBA. He started his business career in textiles in NYC where he met his late wife, Carmeta McLeod. He then went on to spend the rest of his career in the early computer business. After losing his wife to cancer in 1975, he retired to Michigan stay-ing in his same home until the end of his life. He had a very active retirement: skiing, playing tennis and bridge, and advising people on their investments. He is survived by three children and six grandchildren who will miss him greatly, along with the wonderful family reunions he arranged. A memorial celebration of his life will be held at his home on Saturday, November 5 at 3pm.

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May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

## Fitness classes benefit Canton church

Weekly yoga and aerobics workouts will start Nov. 16 and 21 at St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road,

Personal fitness trainer Joe Mason will lead classes in "Sunsoaked Yogafit," from 10-10:55 a.m. Monday and Wednesday and aerobics classes, 11 a.m.-noon., Monday and Wednesday. The Monday series will begin Nov. 21 and run through Dec. 12. The Wednesday classes run Nov. 16-Dec. 14. No class will be held Nov. 23.

Cost is \$28 for each series. A portion of all fees will be donated to St. John Neumann Par-

Classes will be held in the church

For more information or to register, call the church at (734) 455-5910.

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Jim Braid, Margo Dexter

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(734) 422-0494

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For Information

regarding this Directory,

please call Donna Hart

at 248-437-2011, Ext. 247

or e-mail: dhart@dnps.com

### **LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD**

## **Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**

14175 Farmington Road, Livonia Just north of I-96 www.christoursavior.org

**Sunday Worship** 8:30 & 11:00 am - Traditional Staffed Nursery Available



Sunday School/Bible Class 9:45 am Early Childhood Center Phone 734-513-8413

Making disciples who share the love of Jesus Christ Pastors: Davenport, Bayer, & Creeden 734-522-6830

> Risen Christ Lutheran (734) 453-5252 Worship 8:15 & 10:45 am Sunday School 9:30 • Adult Bible Study 9:30 lursery Care Available. All are welcome. Come as you are. www.risenchrist.info OE08747562

#### **PRESBYTERIAN**

#### Fellowship Presbyterian Church Adult Sunday School: 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Childrens Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Dr. Jimmy McGuire Services held at: Saint Andrews Episcopal Church 16360 Hubbard Road in Livonia . South of Six Mile Road Nursery provided • www.fellowship-presbyterian.org

**EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN** 

WARD Northville, MI 48168
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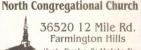
The Traditional Service is broadcast on the radio each week at 11 a.m. on 560 AM

#### **LUTHERAN CHURCH WISCONSIN SYNOD**



WORSHIP SERVICES SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. THURSDAY: 6:30 P.M.

#### CONGREGATIONAL



36520 12 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills (bet. Drake & Halsted) (248) 848-1750

10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School Faith - Freedom - Fellowship

Rev. Mary E. Biedron

# Keep fire safety in mind when cooking for Thanksgiving

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving, the busiest day of the year for fire departments involving kitchen equipment. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

Did you know?

• Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the

Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.

 Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet

 Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids.

The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.

• Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.

· Keep knives out of the reach of children.

• Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the

counter within easy reach of a child.

 Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children - up high in a locked cab-

• Never leave children alone in room with a lit a candle.

 Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

Have activities that keep kids out of the kitchen during this busy time. Games, puzzles or

books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done outside the kitchen.

The NFPA also notes that cooking and cooking fires are the No. 1 cause of home fires and home injuries. More information can be found at www. nfpa.org/education.

These cooking safety tips apply all year:

• Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or

• Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.

• If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food. check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.

 Keep anything that can catch fire - oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

If you have a home cooking

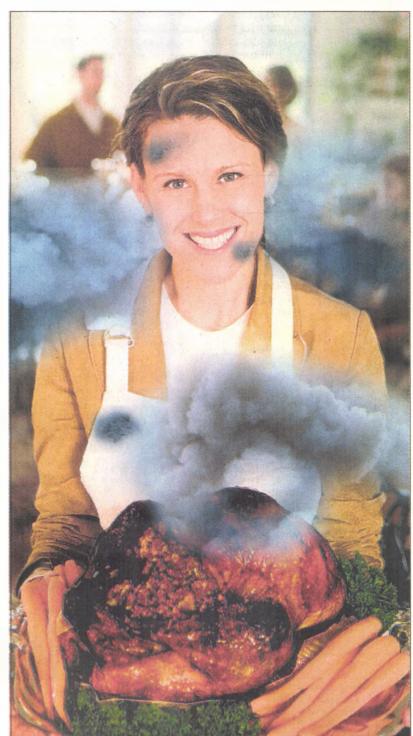
• Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.

• Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number after you leave.

• If you try to fight the fire, be sure others are getting out and you have a clear way out.

• Keep a lid nearby when you're cooking to smother small grease fires. Smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan and turn off the stovetop. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.

• For an oven fire turn off the heat and keep the door closed.



# Tool helps to fight fraud

**By Robert Meisner Guest Columnist** 

Q: I am advised that the Oakland clerk/register of deeds has announced a new property fraud alert system. Do you have any information about it?

A: The Property Fraud Alert System which has been established by Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds Bill Bullard Jr. will "empower property owners to protect themselves from improper filings against their property for mortgage fraud, to improper foreclosure, to frivolous liens." As Clerk Bullard said, "Timely knowledge is the most important tool we can give someone so



Robert Meisner

take the proper action early in the process before they get mired down in red tape

they can

and the system." The Property Fraud Alert System is a way for Oakland County residents and business owners to protect themselves and their property against fraudulent claims against them. People should sign up at the Oakland County Register of Deeds website, HTTP://www. oakgov.com/clerkrod, to receive an e-mail whenever the County office records anything regarding their name or business name. These transactions range from property deeds to liens against the property from new mortgages to foreclosures. Anyone wanting to take advantage of the service should go to the clerk's website, HTTP://www.oakgov. com/clerkrod, select Register of Deeds, then click on the green button labeled **Property Fraud Alert** Service and follow the prompts and instructions to register

Q: We are selling our home and we are scheduled to close in the near future. We are informed by our real estate agent that we will have to pay \$1,165.00 for a Special Drain Assessment at closing which was added to our tax bill last September. Since the amount of the assessment is for the next 20 years, should this be our responsibility?

for the alerts.

A: It all depends upon your purchase agreement, but more than likely the taxes, including the special assessment, were prorated between the buyer and the seller based upon the date of closing and you may be obligated to do so. You should check with your real estate agent as to the basis for having to pay that amount.

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.

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS -OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 18-22, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
32388 Arlington Dr	\$163,000
17840 Beverly Rd	\$107,000
BINGHAM FARMS	
	1,100,000
BIRMINGHAM	
458 Bennaville Ave	\$120,000
2563 Dorchester Rd	\$144,000
1950 Graefield Rd	\$83,000
1097 Lakeside Dr	\$790,000
240 Millrace Rd	\$725,000
551 N Old Woodward Ave	7
1211 Pierce St	\$821,000
1774 Pierce St	\$515,000
782 Smith Ave	\$518,000

1667 W Lincoln St	
662 Wallace St	
2424 Windemere Rd	
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1547 Kensington Rd	
326 Lakewood Dr	
1738 S Hill Blvd	
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
2856 Heathfield Rd	
1944 Klingensmith Rd	
5425 Longmeadow Rd	\$1
183 N Williamsbury Rd	
1756 S Hill Blvd	
7165 Sherwood Dr	
726 Tennyson Downs Ct	
2737 Turtle Lake Dr	
2748 Turtle Lake Dr	\$1
2599 Warwick Dr	•
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
8495 Buffalo Dr	
8717 Edgewood Park Dr	\$1
8158 Eldora Blvd	-
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FARMINGTON HILLS	

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\$420,000	21840 Indian Creek D
\$780,000	21085 Metroview Rd
\$115,000	29731 Monterey Cir
	29718 Nova Woods D
\$200,000	35000 Savannah Ln
\$40,000	29302 Stillwater
1,625,000	FRANKLIN
\$431,000	19850 Chelsea Pl
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\$305,000	1894 Bristol Ct
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	46170 White Pines Dr	\$87,000
	SOUTH LYON	
	1053 Colt Ln	\$180,000
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	24460 Wedgewood Dr	\$30,000
	501 Wellington Dr	\$105,000
	726 Westhills Dr	\$233,000
	SOUTHFIELD	4233,000
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	21590 Concord	\$85,000
	23255 Cornerstone Village	Dr \$38,00
	26628 Franklin Pointe Dr	\$30,000
	26435 Isleworth Pt	\$212,000
	28536 Regent Ct S	\$33,000
	29985 Spring River Dr	\$95,000
	17550 W 12 Mile Rd	\$375,000
	WHITE LAKE	\$575,000
	2995 Cooley Lake Rd	\$295,000
	9231 Hickorywood St	\$40,000
	8656 Newport Dr	\$245,000
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45334 Roundview Dr

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 25-29, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON 647 Aylesbury Ct	\$70,000
47123 Bayview Ct	\$187,000
8329 Chatham Dr	\$80,000
8188 Endicott Ln	\$432,000
384 Filmore St	\$87,000
50104 Grant St	\$218,000
45933 Graystone Ln	\$133,000
50309 Hancock St	\$275,000
42050 Hanford Rd	\$145,000
6941 Harvard Ln	\$49,000
44720 Heather Ln	\$220,000
50174 Heron Ct	\$351,000
858 Mystic Ct	\$215,000
629 Pheasant Woods Dr	\$258,000
2191 Pinecroft Dr	\$77,000
2074 Preserve Cir W	\$126,000
706 Princess Dr	\$181,000
320 Roosevelt St	\$140,000
41426 Singh Dr	\$279,000
46962 Southgate Dr	\$199,000

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111111111111	84907 Grove Dr 15075 Hubbard St 18015 Merriman Rd 14559 Newburgh Rd 20320 Oporto Ave 85489 Parkdale St 29481 Robert Dr	\$107,000 \$25,000 \$65,000 \$95,000 \$198,000 \$135,000 \$103,000

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19642 Aqueduct Ct
18243 Arselot Dr
45011 Broadmoor Cir S
45023 Broadmoor Cir S
16385 Brookwood Ct
17205 Crestbrook Dr
15940 Crystal Downs E
16602 Doral Dr
48955 Freestone Dr
19664 Fry Rd
46066 Greenridge Dr
49988 Hidden Point Dr
15721 Penderbrook Ln
20033 Rippling Ln
17637 Rolling Woods Cir
16345 Weatherfield Dr
16163 Westminister Dr
PLYMOUTH
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350 N Mill St
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\$330,000	16192 Ryland	\$81,000
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\$235,000	7567 Alma Ct	\$140,000
\$20,000	30798 Avondale St 33053 Chief Ln	\$67,000 \$75,000
\$286,000	6871 Deerhurst Dr	\$85,000
\$265,000	7612 Gary Ave	\$85,000
\$225,000	32220 Grandview Ave	\$65,000
\$160,000 \$155,000	7369 Manor Cir 31914 Roscommon St	\$22,000 \$15,000
\$99,000	834 Summerfield Dr	\$60,000
\$102,000	620 Superior Pkwy	\$45,000
\$192,000	35122 Wallace St	\$30,000

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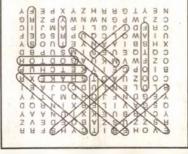
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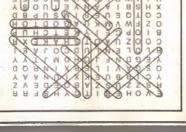
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# Social media helps women stay connected, move foward

hen it comes to social media, it's a woman's world. That's right, the multi-tasking acumen that has served the American woman so well, nicely serves to help women outshine their male counterparts.



Susan Rosiek

A recent CNN.com survey tells us so and contributing writer Victoria Mitchell has sought out and interviewed your friends and neighbors who are prime examples of social networking "power users" in this exploding communications phenomenon.

Most of our female social networking enthusiasts say they log in daily and use myriad networking sites for business and to stay in touch with family and friends. So get ready to learn first-hand what these dynamic women have to say about the benefits of social media.

Then turn your attention to the rapidly arriving holidays and check out our list of area grocers and specialty markets to help you plan and prepare for family and friends parties on your calendar.

From a little to a lot — local businesses are stocked up with ideas and goods to help make the holiday season stress-free and ensure a great time to enjoy family, friends and entertaining.

Just because the sun is about to takes its annual leave from the skies of Michigan doesn't mean you have to go without.

Birmingham salon owner Barbara Deyo says "everything looks better with a tan" and she's right. Read how you can have that golden glow — a healthy one — inside today's edition.

Today's *Woman* also profiles two local entrepreneurs who can outfit you in cause-related shoes and purses. See the story on how one young woman who lost her job in the auto industry is using her fashion acumen to market purses that highlight Michigan towns. And find out how a former lawyer and mom of two young boys turned a cause into a business

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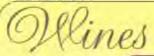
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# These bags are 'state-us' symbols

By Beth Jachman Contributing Writer

After Jenna Kator of Livonia lost her job as an automotive media planner, she decided to fill a niche she saw as lacking and try to give Michigan a boost at the same time.

She started the Jenna Kator Collection of handbags in the \$80 price range that she felt previously didn't offer stylish bags. And she decided to pay tribute to her home state by naming her bags after places in Michigan in the hopes of calling attention to the state during a time of economic woes.

"After I lost my job I didn't want to leave our great state," she said.

She also saw a need for trendy bags in a less expensive price range than designer bags. The average price range for the bags is \$88, some are more and some are less.

During the recent economic strife in Michigan, she wanted women to have increased self-confidence, she said.

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Jenna Kator with a showpiece from her 2012 Winter Collection, due out in November, called the Lakeshore in Cranberry for \$98.

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Elizabeth Katzman's new shoe collection for women, "Elizabeth's," fuses fashion and compassion in styles that are also vegan, eco-friendly and cruelty-free. Katzman of Birmingham is a former lawyer turned stay-at-home mom to two young boys, ages 4 and 2.

# Birmingham mom kicks off fashion-forward vegan shoe line

Elizabeth Katzman's new shoe collection for women, "Elizabeth's," fuses fashion and compassion in styles that are also vegan, eco-friendly and cruelty-free.

Handmade in the United States of recycled materials, Elizabeth's features peep-toe booties in faux leather, faux suede slingbacks made from recycled plastic and soft, ultramicrofiber and side-zip faux leather combat boots.

For those in warmer climes, there are Elizabeth's jelly flip-flops, sporting a black cow print or pink pigs and the message "Go Veg."

"This collection was born from my love for animals and fashion," says Katzman. "Although the two are often mutually exclusive, I don't believe they have to be."

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in faux leather

# Golden glow:

## Everyone looks better with a tan

By Barbara Deyo

Guest Columnist

don't know about you, but for me, everything looks better with a tan. I don't critique my thighs quite as closely, I feel like my trainer is doing a great job on my abs, my teeth look whiter and I can postpone that appointment with a life coach for a while. I just feel better.

The sun's rays — although delightful —

unfortunately, are damaging. We all know that. Recent studies have shown that tanning booths are even worse! In fact, the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has recently put tanning beds in the "highest cancer risk" cat-



Barbara Deyo

While the safety of tanning beds has been long debated, there is no longer any doubt. Ultraviolet radiation emitted from tanning beds causes cancer. Period. And here's another eye opening fact: up to 80 percent of your skin's visible signs of aging stems from the rays, not the years. And — it's not too late, start now — the way you take care of your skin today affects the way it looks 10 years from now.

Wear an SPF 15 or higher on your face 365 days a year. We accumulate most of our sun damage from incidental sun exposure such as walking to and from the car, driving, etc., rather than actual "sun bathing." Stay hydrated — both externally and internally — and remember to exfoliate on a regular basis! Our cell turnover process slows down as we age, and if we scrub off the old, dead cells, it makes room at the surface for fresher, "younger" ones to appear. Three simple things to keep the dreaded aging process to a minimum!

So here we are — embarking on the winter "blues" — and actually, I'm referring to my lovely Scottish skin's under tone here — what's a girl to do?

Enter the wonderful world of sunless tanning. Not to worry, self tanners have come a long way since the orange-esque formulas of the 1960s. As long as the application is done correctly, and you use a quality product, the result nowadays is a beautiful, nat-

ural looking, golden glow, that can last 7-10 days, depending on the type of application you choose.

Sunless tanning products use an ingredient called dihydroxyacetone (DHA) to react with the skin's amino acids. The reaction is like that of the sun, but does not require exposure to ultraviolet light, and more importantly, does not damage the skin. DHA-based sunless tanning has been recommended by the Skin Cancer Organization, American Academy of Dermatology, The American Cancer Society and the American Medical Association. So, it's safe to say, it's safe.

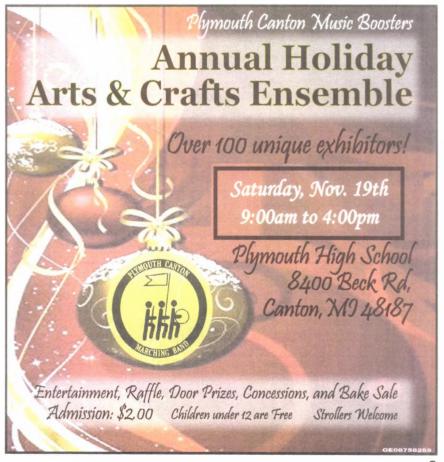
There are many ways to self tan. There are lotions, gels, sprays, foams and wipes you can apply yourself at home, or there is the option of having a solution sprayed on via an automatic booth or personalized airbrush application. My official endorsement is personalized airbrush tanning. It is the latest and greatest in the self-tanning industry. Although it's been around a while - ingredients, technique and equipment are improving all the time — this is an area where experience is key. The application is done by a trained technician, and his/her ability to apply the mist evenly and appropriately in all the right places makes all the difference in the outcome - i.e., watching not to overspray hands, feet, elbows, knees, etc., where color can grab on dead skin and look unnat-

The quality of the product and compressor are paramount as well. This is not a service where I would bargain shop. You generally get what you pay for. We have all seen bad airbrush tans that have shied us away from trying it, but more than likely you have seen good ones and not even known it.

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# Grocers, specialty stores can add a personal touch to your party

By Helen Niemiec

Contributing Writer

Markets have made party planning so much easier for the busy host or hostess. Get a party platter or fully cater the special event — leaving a person more time to plan the guest list, decorations and fit it into a busy life.

Market chefs, though, have a number of creative ideas that can make the occasion a little more "homemade" with personal touches. Add an ingredient here or put together a simple appetizer that reflects new trends in dining and the host/hostess can take a bit more credit for a fabulous meal.

The place to start is with the idea of what to serve. Check out the local ads and market websites for ideas plus orders can be placed online. With that decided, figure out a way to incorporate ingredients so what is being served is uniquely one's own.

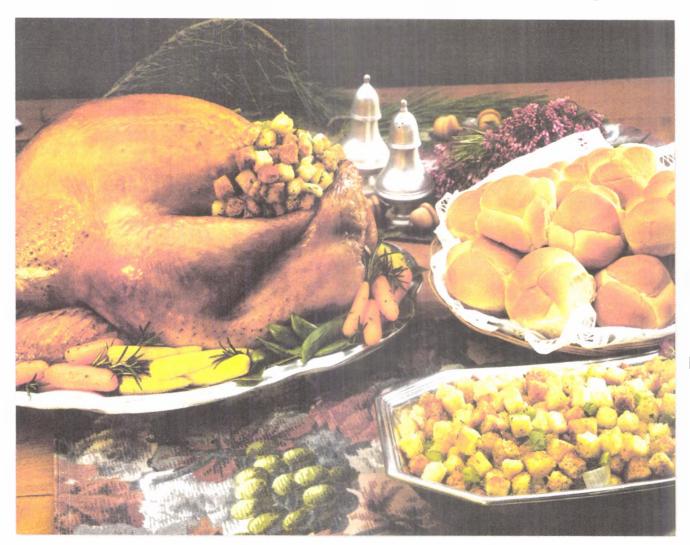
Chefs recommend keeping in mind that holiday gatherings are about opening one's home to family and friends and that the food is a secondary, though important, concern. Good fare, whether completely catered or adapted, is appreciated by guests.

Jeff Sharrow, executive chef at Busch's, said adding an interesting touch to the table can make people talk. Hot in the food industry right now are salted caramel with chocolate (both in desserts and in coffees), puff pastries used for savory appetizers and a new take on old favorites, such as using walnuts instead of pine nuts in pesto.

Try using one of the colored salts to season seafood or meat, he said. "Each has a unique flavor. It's almost like researching wine now," Sharrow said.

Opting for a menu that is partially catered and partially homemade, Sharrow said detail needs to be given to what should be in a pantry during the party season.

"Something as simple as using different kinds of sugar can add a different taste or look to an old favorite," Sharrow said. Sanding sugars, the decorative kind that often top holiday cookies, can be purchased in a variety of colors now. He said that a good plating trick is to sprinkle the colored sugar on a plate and then put desserts on top of it.



#### Spice it up

Spices have a short shelf life if purchased already grated, good only about six months after opening. He recommended buying whole allspice, cinnamon sticks and vanilla beans.

"You just need a little grater. It adds a different flavor, more robust, because the essential oils haven't dried out," Sharrow said. "The vanilla bean is a good investment. Scrape the seeds for baking but keep the pods."

He uses the pods to flavor ordinary granulated sugar. Put a bean in a container of sugar, let it set a week and then the vanilla flavor infuses in the sugar. Use it with coffee or in any recipe that calls for both sugar and vanilla, adding an extra vanilla taste. Another way to use it, Sharrow said, is to put the pod into a saucepan of milk and let it simmer. "It adds a depth of flavor to the milk," he said.

A go-to dessert, especially if pressed for time, is using a boxed brownie mix.

"Boxed brownie mixes are sturdy," Sharrow said. "I make what I call 'kitchen sink' brownies. I add Coco Lopez instead of water and then throw in whatever I have — coconut flakes, white chocolate, dried cranberries."

The Coco Lopez will make the brownie more like fudge, he said.

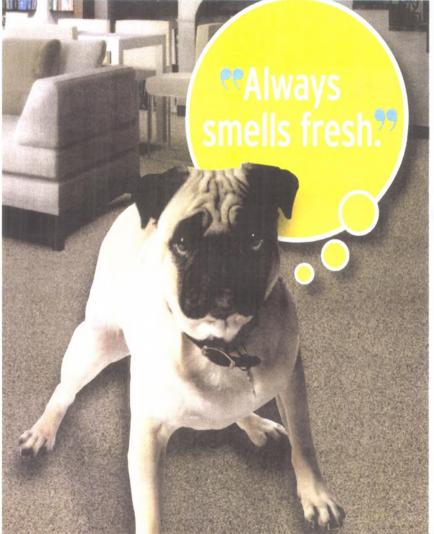
For leftovers from that catered affair, Sharrow recommends having a box of broth ready for the next day. "Put the broth in a pan, toss in some leftover vegetables and meat, and simmer them together. That way you have an easy 'next day' dinner without any fuss."

Sharrow also recommends that when going to Busch's the day before the event to pick up the order, stop and get a rotisserie chicken and some sides so the host fam-

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#### **PARTY**

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ily has a warm meal the night before and isn't overlooked in the rush to get ready for company coming. "Make it as convenient as possible," he said.

Aaron Carmichael, executive chef at Holiday Market in Canton Township, said main courses and side dishes purchased can be "doctored" to make them appear homemade but also to show the personality of the person giving the party.

For a smoked salmon tray, buy the salmon but include capers, dill, onion and hard boiled eggs that guests can add to the plate. "It's easy, quick and is a high-end appetizer that really doesn't cost that much," he said.

Another idea is to order the hummus but to fold in savory items such as chopped roasted red pepper, roasted garlic bits or parsley, both for color and to add a unique flavor. Spinach dip can be transformed by adding red peppers, pimento, water chestnuts or bacon bits.

"I like to make couscous as my side starch. It's easy to make, just a cup of water to a cup of couscous. Steam it and then fluff it. I'll add roasted vegetables, sundried tomatoes, parsley or sunflower seeds to it, depending on the main course I'm serving," Carmichael said. "I can switch up my couscous."

#### Keep it simple

Most importantly, he said, is to keep the recipes simple. "Too many people overdo it. It adds stress," he said. "I build my own recipes on the basis of simple ingredients but great tastes. For most things, three to five ingredients are plenty."

Interactive meals add to the fun, Carmichael said. Holiday Market offers a "taco bar" buffet for \$7 a person. "It's a fun thing to do and people get a chance to be creative," he said.

For those on a budget, he said to cook from scratch "the one specific thing they make that they are good at" and build around that item.

"If you order the main course and a few sides, try to make some appetizers. They're easy and pretty quick," Carmichael said. A good one is sliced cucumbers with a bit of a dip placed on top, or making one's own crostini.

For the crostini, take a loaf of French or Italian bread, cut it lengthwise, top it with garlic salt or garlic powder, thinly sliced tomatoes, a bit of oregano and parmesan cheese and then grill or broil it for approximately 10 minutes.

"It's easy, it looks great and people love it," Carmichael said.

Executive chef Andrew Harp, of Papa Joe's Market in Birmingham, said it's always best to stick to traditional fare when ordering a catered dinner, especially if the host or hostess want guests to think they made it themselves.

When planning the meal, Harp said that holidays always evoke traditions and not to overlook them, even if part or all of the meal is purchased.

"If your family's turkey gravy is special, take ours and add your herbs and spices when heating it up. Capture those family favorites by using our items as a base," Harp said.

A simple appetizer that always shows up on his table is the easy concoction of a slice of ham with cream cheese spread on it and then a long green onion at the edge. It is rolled and then sliced up to finger food size. He said it wouldn't be a Harp family dinner without it.

"The best advice is to buy the harder things to make, then make the ones you feel comfortable putting together, like the mashed potatoes, salads or appetizer trays," Harp said.

Papa Joe's Market (locations in Birmingham and Rochester Hills) has 30 different kinds of olives. Using color and variety as a guide, Harp said even noncooks can put together interesting olive and cheese trays.

Reva Constantine, executive chef at Joe's Produce, said no party-giver needs to do much to catered items, except adding a garnish or two.

"Garnish the main course with fresh herbs or nuts on the platter," Constantine said. "Garnish your dips or appetizers with olives or dust with smoked paprika or chopped parsley. Truthfully, I like things the way they are."

When ordering a dip or a salsa, Constantine said that a party-giver can think a bit differently and use more than the usual chips or pita bread for that purpose. Expanding the options to cut vegetables is a good alternative, she said.

Hosts and hostesses who want to keep their guests from knowing a market catered the dinner should replate the items to their own serving ware or chafing dishes. "And hide the boxes," Constantine said.

All markets also can help with the menu planning, both in terms of what to serve and budget. Each market also is a full-service grocery store. If it's a last minute party, the host also can order staples such as paper towel for clean up and it will be delivered or picked up along with the meal.

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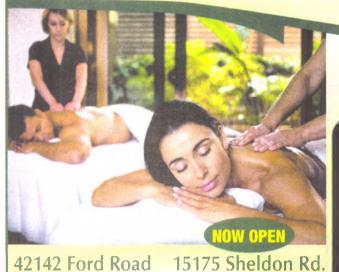
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If your company goes casual, it doesn't mean you should stop paying attention to your professional appearance. Take advantage of the relaxed standards of a more casual dress code, but try to avoid some of the pitfalls that might cause you to look sloppy and unprofessional.

Play the situation

When you're spending the day in the office, casual attire that fits into your dress code is totally appropriate. But the dress code doesn't always apply to every situation you might run into during the course of your workday. If you have an important meeting with an associate from another company, more formal attire is appropriate, whether it's spelled out in your dress code or not.

Keep it clean

No matter how relaxed the dress code is, it's never a good idea to wear jeans with holes in them or a coffee-stained shirt. Like it or not, wearing frayed or worn clothes will negatively affect how co-workers perceive you.

Get the right fit

Even with casual items like jeans and polo shirts, finding the right fit can mean the difference between a crisp and well-put-together and stylish look and a drab appearance. Dark jeans present a crisper look that's more appropriate for business settings and styles with a wider cut around the boot usually pair better with loafers, boots and casual dress shoes — even though your tennis shoes may be comfy, leave them at home for play time. When shopping for work-appropriate jeans, wear shoes and a shirt you'd normally wear for work to get an idea of what style fits best with your work attire. The Signature by Levi Strauss & Co. brand offers a number of workappropriate jeans for men and women for less than \$30 a pair at Walmart stores. It's important to note that you don't have to

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break the bank for a profes-

## The female faces of social media:

By Victoria Mitchell
Contributing Writer

It is easy to track Tara Michener through her tweets, posts and professional engagements listed on LinkedIn.

The successful author, inspiring speaker and societal do-gooder has been blogging and plugged-in to numerous sites like Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and Flickr since 2006.

"It has been a huge factor of my success," she said.

And Michener, of Novi, is representative of many metro Detroit women turning to social media for professional and personal use.

According to a recent survey released by CNN.com conducted between April 26 and May 22, 2011, Internet users using social media sites have doubled in the past three years from about 29 percent in 2008 to 65 percent in 2011 with women as the "power users."

According to the survey by the Pew Internet & American Life Project, about 89 percent of online women 18-29 log onto social media sites with 69 percent of respondents saying they "tend to log onto social media every day."

Networking, gossip and media expert Shawne Duperon said she is not surprised women outnumber men in the social media department. Duperon earned her Ph.D. in gossip and is a social media expert as part of her Novi business, ShawneTV.

"The Internet is pink," Duperon said, adding research shows women are focused on building relationships and



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Metro area women dish why they are majority users





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social media is the perfect conduit.

Duperon said other reasons pointing to women as social media dominators include women's ability to become early adapters. She added although men are known for creating technological advancements, women are more apt to embrace new technology.

Duperon said research also shows one in five women looks to social media for recommendations. It has long been known women are the final decision makers with new purchases, but Duperon said social media takes the purchase power women hold to a new level.

And that is easy to see with a quick glance at Twitter.com—a social media site where participants can say whatever they want in 140 words or less. @ILoveDetroitMi recently tweeted about a great dining experience at Streetside Seafood Restaurant in Birmingham, including a link to a side show and complete meal review. @DetroitSitters tweeted "Check out our new community partner My Gym in Farmington Hills!!! My Gym has developed an extraordinary program ..."

Other factors Duperon said she uncovered in her research show women often find the real world less satisfying than men and therefore are more engaged in relationship-based gossip than their counterparts, which is at the primary root of social media websites. Duperon notes gossip is defined as talking about someone who is not there and research shows 5-7 percent of gossip is negative.

#### Keeping in touch

When Stephanie Givens, 26, moved to Royal Oak from South Carolina a little more than two years ago she already knew keeping in touch with family and friends would be a snap because of social media. A user of LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook, she uses social media to maintain relationships and keep a close eye on her new niece down south.

"It is a good way to connect with new people, as well," she said.

Givens said she was a little late to the Facebook party compared to her friends, but really started utilizing social media sites while studying abroad in Spain.

"It was just so easy," she said. Givens said it was that experience that not only taught her what a valuable tool social media is, but also how much everyone is using it.

Plymouth-Salem High School graduate Tammy McMullen Volk, 42, checks her Facebook account to keep in contact with family and friends from high school. She said if it wasn't for Facebook she would never have been in contact with friends from the class of 1987. "It makes me feel nostalgic," Volk said. "It takes me back, and I feel like that time period."

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Royal Oak resident Stephanie Givens, 26, is a user of LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook. She uses social media to maintain relationships and keep a close eye on her new niece down south. Photo courtesy of Boswell of Boswell Studios



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#### **BAGS**

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"Just because of the downturn in the economy, I don't want women to feel they can't have fashionable accessories," said Kator, who received a bachelor of arts degree in advertising at Michigan State.

"I wanted to create more awareness about our great state," she said.

Each bag is named after a Michigan city, street or place within a well-known city, such as Greektown and Corktown in Detroit. "I get inspired by what's around me," she said.

For example, Troy, where she grew up, has a slogan that it is a "City of Tomorrow, Today" so she wanted to highlight it with a fashion-forward bag.

Her company was two years old in October and includes a line of about 30 bags sold in about 40 stores throughout the state. She also has a showroom in Royal Oak where her bags can be purchased by appointment at (248) 291-7304.

Her latest collection, named for well-known streets such as Lakeshore, Grand River and Woodward, will be released this month.

Kator is also involved with a nonprofit group that helps victims of domestic violence. Handbags of Hope takes gently used handbags and fills them with 10 essential items. The group delivers handbags twice a year, Mother's Day and Christmas, to local shelters

The Jenna Kator Collection is one of many dropoff centers for donated items.



#### **CASUAL**

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sional yet casual look.

You should avoid certain styles of jeans in the workplace. You might turn heads with the way you wear those low-rise jeans, but opt for something less revealing for the workplace.

#### **Err on conservative side**

If you have to ask yourself if your outfit is too revealing, chances are it is. Women should refrain from low-cut blouses, just as men should resist the urge to ditch the T-shirt underneath that button-down shirt. If your dress code is casual enough to allow for T-shirts, refrain from wearing anything containing messages or images that could be deemed by anyone as offensive. You can impress your friends with your witty T-shirt on the weekends, but your peers — or superiors — may not share their sense of humor.

While there are certain things to avoid when composing your work-casual look, remember to enjoy the freedom and comfort allowed by your relaxed dress code. By keeping your wardrobe stocked with casual attire that fits your body well, looks clean and crisp and is appropriate for the workplace, you'll maintain comfort while exuding professionalism and confidence. If you're looking for ideas to complete your look, visit www. signaturebylevistrauss.com.

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**SHOES** 

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Katzman of Birmingham is a former lawver turned stay-at-home mom to two young boys, ages 4 and 2. She started blogging in April 2010 to share tips on cooking, composting and gardening with kids. Then in June 2010 she and her family became vegan, which means not using or eating animal products, and she changed the course of her blog to have it more geared toward animal issues. It is called www.elizabethskindcafe.com.

While she had been a vegetarian for a long time, she watched a documentary called "Earthlings," that Ellen DeGeneres talked about in an interview with Katie Couric about why she is now a vegan. "My story's the same," Katzman said.

At first the thought of being vegan seemed difficult, but immediately after watching the documentary, which included a segment on how cattle are raised and slaughtered to make clothing and car interiors, she want-

ed to make the change, she said.

While there are some nice lines of vegan shoes, "my tastes are sort of minimalist and classic," Katzman said. "I didn't see a lot of that."

"I wanted to start a line that would be a basic in women's wardrobes," she said, adding she had no idea when she started who could manufacture her shoe ideas.

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She started going to shoe shows and just
valked around to every booth. She went

Faux leather combat boots

walked around to every booth. She went to textile shows to find the right materials and found that there are "such amazing materials available. There is no reason fashion can't be cruelty-free," she said.

It took about a year to launch her shoe line, which became available in September.

Elizabeth's jelly flip-flops sport a black cow print or pink pigs and the message "Go Veg."

> "I'm really into designing things that I want

ng things that I want
nothing too crazy. I
just want the basics,"
she said. Each season
she plans on adding a
couple of styles to the
collection, but intends to
keep the core the same,
such as always offering
a basic black boot and
black heel.

Currently she offers two styles of boots, one heel and flipflops.

All the shoes and boots

are made in California, while the flip-flops are made in China.

She says she is surprised how well-received the shoes have been so far.

"There's been a great response. People don't want to be cruel. They want to be fashionable but cruelty-free at the same."

Currently the line is only available online at elizabethskindcafe.com but

she has some retailers who have shown an interest and she expects to offer the shoes in stores in the next couple of months, she said.

She is also planning on doing a men's sandal for spring.

"The vegan lifestyle makes sense on so many levels, and that means not only what we eat, but what we put on our bodies and in our homes," she adds.

Katzman also hosts the current "Elizabeth's Kind

Cafe" weekly talk and cooking show on Bloomfield Community TV. She also sells products such as books, cruelty-free cosmetics and her easy-touse, all-natural DIY Home Cleaning Kit.

A portion of the proceeds from every sale benefits People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and 1 percent for the Planet, a global environmental initiative.

Staff writer Beth Jachman contributed to this story.



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Endive may have a glamorous aura but it's a remarkably practical choice: less expensive pound-for-pound than most bagged salad mixes; longer lasting (up to 14

a complement to apples, pears, nuts, smoked fish and roast meats.

For more holiday entertaining ideas, visit www. endive.com.

#### Endive with Roasted Red Pepper Feta Spread

Makes 11/2 cups spread, to serve 8

- & pound Greek or French feta, in small chunks
- a large roasted red bell pepper, peeled, seeded and sliced
- 1 clove garlic, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil, or more if needed

per and garlic in food processor and blend, adding just as much olive oil as needed to make a smooth puree. Transfer spread to serving platter or bowl and surround with endive spears. Garnish with dill sprigs and olives.



**Endive with Mexican Shrimp Salad** 

Serves 6 to 8

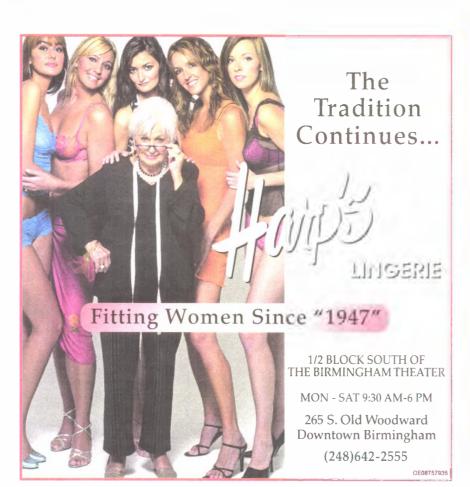
#### Dressing:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 small clove garlic, very finely minced
- Salt

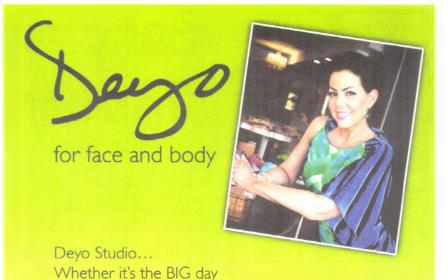
- & pound cooked and peeled baby shrimp
- cup radishes, halved and thinly sliced
- ripe but firm avocado, in small dice
- a cup thinly sliced green onion
- 2 tablespoons chopped cilantro, plus whole leaves for garnish
- Minced serrano or jalapeño chile, to taste
- ¿ lime
- 18 to 20 endive spears

For dressing: In small bowl, whisk together olive oil, lemon juice, garlic and salt to taste.

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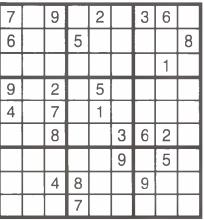
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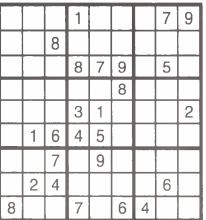
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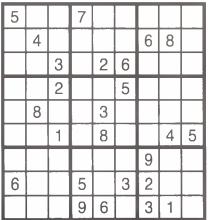
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric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



Level: Intermediat



Level: Advance



Level: Intermedia

Answers found on page 26

# Easy and elegant recipes for holiday entertaining

The holidays usher in the biggest entertaining season of the year. It's a time to pull out all the stops and dazzle your guests with delicious food and drinks. To set a festive party tone, don't overlook the appetizers — consider them the opening act of your evening. Appetizers offer you the opportunity to get creative, and crackers are the perfect canvas to showcase your favorite toppings, spreads and dips during the holidays and year round.

Impress your guests with this sumptuous and easy-to-make Roasted Cremini Mushrooms with Ricotta-Parmesan Spread. The complex flavors of the cheeses enhance the earthy flavor of mushrooms.

Take your appetizers to new heights with the Spicy Horseradish Mustard and Kielbasa topping — just mix zesty brown mustard with caraway seeds and horseradish, spread on crackers, then top with pickle relish and kielbasa slices.

For something a little sweeter, try topping Keebler Town House Original crackers with a Caramelized Onion, Roasted Pepper and Cinnamon Cheese Spread. These cream cheese-topped delights are perfect to enjoy before your meal, or after as a dessert.

Pair these delectable appetizers with entwine, new wines from Food Network and California winery Wente Vineyards, and you'll have a fabulous start to your get-together. Please drink responsibly.

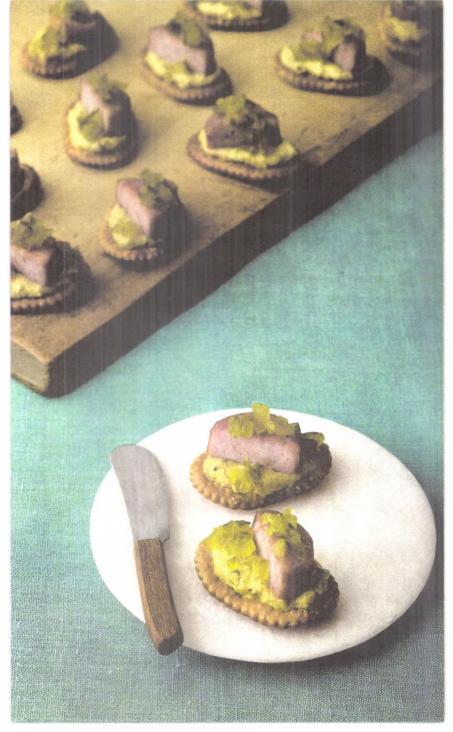
For more recipes and tips, visit www. townhousecrackers.com.

#### Caramelized Onion, Roasted Pepper and Cinnamon Cheese Spread

Prep Time: 35 minutes
Total Time: 35 minutes
Yield: 24 crackers; 12 servings (1 serving = 2 crackers, 1½ teaspoons cream cheese mixture plus 1 tablespoon onion mixture)

- 1 large onion, thinly sliced
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- ½ cup roasted red bell peppers, drained and coarsely chapped
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

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Spicy Horseradish Mustard with Kielbasa

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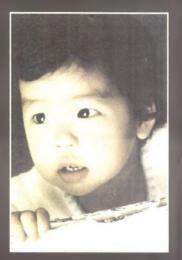
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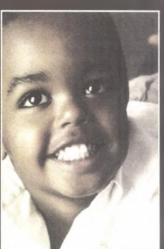
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**Endive and Beet Salad with Candied Walnuts** 

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In medium bowl, combine shrimp, radishes, avocado, green onion, chopped cilantro, chile and a generous squeeze of lime juice. Add dressing and toss gently with your hands. Taste for salt and lime.

Divide mixture among endive spears. Garnish each spear with a whole cilantro leaf. Serve immediately.

#### **Endive and Beet Salad with Candied Walnuts**

Serves 4

3 medium red beets, greens removed

1 clove garlic, peeled and halved

4 cup red or white wine vinegar

a cup water

#### Candied walnuts:

2 tablespoons sugar

a teaspoon ground cinnamon

& teaspoon ground ginger

Pinch salt

1 cup walnut halves or pieces

#### Dressing:

3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

1 tablespoons red or white wine vinegar

1 shallot, minced

Salt and pepper

4 large endives, preferably 2 white and 2 red Preheat oven to 400°F. Put beets in small baking dish with garlic, wine vinegar and water. Cover with lid or

aluminum foil and bake until beets are tender when pierced, 45 to 60 minutes. Peel while warm. Let cool, then cut into small cubes.

For walnuts: Reduce oven temperature to 350°F. Line baking sheet with parchment paper. In bowl, stir together sugar, cinnamon, ginger and salt. Bring small pot of water to boil over high heat. Add walnuts and boil for 1 minute. Drain in a sieve. While they are still slightly damp, add walnuts to bowl with spiced sugar and stir to coat evenly. Spread walnuts on parchment paper and bake until they are fragrant and sugar has melted, about 15 minutes. Let cool completely.

For dressing: In small bowl, whisk together oil, wine vinegar, shallot and salt and pepper to taste. Add enough dressing to beets to coat them lightly.

Slice endives crosswise into \( \hbar\_{\text{-inch-}} wide pieces. Discard ends. Put endive in bowl and toss with remaining dressing. Arrange on serving platter. Scatter beets over endives, then scatter candied walnuts over all. Serve immediately.

#### Endive Baked with Mustard, Thyme and Cream

Serves 4

6 medium endives

1 tablespoon unsalted butter

& cup heavy cream

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

2 fresh thyme sprigs

a teaspoon salt

Freshly ground black pepper

Chopped parsley for garnish

Preheat oven to 400°F. Cut endives in half lengthwise. Use some of the butter to grease bottom of baking dish just large enough to hold endives in a single layer. Put endives in baking dish, cut side down. Dot with rest of butter. Cover with lid or aluminum foil and bake until tender when pierced, about 45 minutes.

In small saucepan, combine cream, broth, mustard, thyme, salt and a large pinch of black pepper. Whisk to blend. Bring to a simmer over moderate heat and simmer gently until mixture has reduced to ½ cup. Keep warm.

Remove endives from oven and turn them cut side up. Preheat broiler and position a rack 12 inches from element. Pour reduced cream mixture over endives. Broil until endives are richly browned and sauce has thickened. Set aside for about 5 minutes to cool slightly, then remove thyme sprigs, garnish with parsley and serve.

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#### **ELEGANT**

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- & teaspoon kosher salt
- 6 teaspoon coarse ground black pepper
- 1 package (3 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- : teaspoon cinnamon

24 Keebler Town House Original crackers

In large skillet cook onion in oil, uncovered, over medium-high heat for 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown, stirring occasionally.

Stir in bell peppers, parsley, salt and black pepper. Cook over medium heat for 4 minutes more, stirring occasionally.

Meanwhile, in small bowl stir together cream cheese and cinnamon. Spread on Keebler Town House Original crackers. Top with onion mixture. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Wine Pairing: The sweet onions and tangy red peppers used in this recipe bring out the spiced apple flavors found in entwine Chardonnay.

#### Roasted Cremini Mushrooms with Ricotta-Parmesan Spread

Prep Time: 15 minutes Total Time: 35 minutes

Yield: 24 crackers; 12 servings (1 serving = 2 crackers, 2 teaspoons cheese mixture plus 1 mushroom)

12 medium cremini mushrooms, halved (about 6 oz. total)

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled
- & teaspoon kosher salt
- ¼ cup fresh ricotta cheese
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

24 Keebler Town House Flatbread Crisps — Sea Salt and Olive Oil

2 tablespoons chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

\* teaspoon coarse ground black pepper

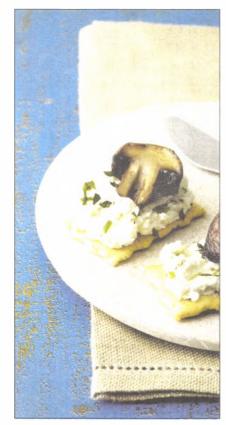
In 8 x 8 x 2-inch baking dish toss together mushrooms, oil, garlic and salt. Roast, uncovered, at 450°F for 20 to 25 minutes or until browned and tender.

Remove garlic from baking dish. In medium bowl, use fork to mash garlic into paste. Stir in ricotta cheese and Parmesan cheese. Spread on Keebler Town House Flatbread Crisps — Sea Salt and Olive Oil. Top each with mushroom piece. Sprinkle with parsley and pepper. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Wine Pairing: The ripe red fruit flavors found in entwine Merlot balance the meaty mushroom and rich cheese flavors of the spread.

#### Spicy Horseradish Mustard with Kielbasa

Prep Time: 25 minutes Total Time: 25 minutes



Roasted Cremini Mushrooms with Ricotta-Parmesan Spread

Yield: 24 crackers; 12 servings (1 serving = 2 crackers, 2 teaspoons mustard mixture, ½ slice kielbasa plus 1 teaspoon pickle relish)

- 1 teaspoon caraway seeds
- ¼ cup spicy brown mustard
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons prepared horseradish
- 8 ounces fresh kielbasa, cut into 2-inch-thick slices
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 24 Keebler Town House Flipsides Original crackers
- ¼ cup sweet pickle relish

In large nonstick skillet heat caraway seeds over medium heat for 2 to 3 minutes or until fragrant, stirring frequently. In small bowl combine caraway seeds, mustard, mayonnaise and horseradish. Set aside.

In same skillet cook kielbasa slices in hot oil about 8 minutes or until no longer pink, turning once halfway through cooking. Drain on paper towels. Cut each slice in half.

Spread mustard mixture on pretzel side of Keebler Town House Flipsides Original crackers. Top with kielbasa piece and relish. Serve warm.

Wine Pairing: entwine Cabernet Sauvignon has a glorious mouthfeel that stands up to the smoky kielbasa, while the mustard in the recipe makes the wine's rich raspberry notes shine.

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SOCIAL

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Volk also uses Facebook to keep up with the Plymouth Salem-Canton 25th reunion plans in the works for 2012.

"I guarantee there will be more people there compared to the 20-year reunion because of Facebook," she said.

Frequency and use

Michener said she hops on various social media resources about three to four times a day.

"It's just like checking my e-mail," she said.

Michener uses social media for personal and professional purposes and said different social media sites serve specific purposes in her life. She uses LinkedIn quite a bit for setting up professional engagements, invites, soliciting contacts and to notify followers of charitable opportunities. Michener uses Facebook for photo posting, promoting her latest book and keeping up with out-of-state family members.

"It's a combined blessing," she said. And although Michener uses one Facebook account for personal and professional purposes, she looks at it as her brand and makes sure all posts represent her business.

Givens also uses social media in her personal and professional lives. Givens works as a public relations manager for Publicity Works in downtown Royal Oak.

"It is a necessity," Givens said. "I think you are missing out if you don't have that component with your traditional PR."

Givens said social media sites offer constant conversations with immediate feedback so she is not surprised women are the majority users.

"When you think about it women are so social and we like to talk," she said.

When combining social and professional use, Givens estimates she is off and on social media sites quite a bit.



"It is so much a part of what I do every day," she said.

#### **Real relationships**

Exchanging books and meaningful conversations with an author in Atlanta is commonplace for Michener because of social media.

"I've built great relationships," she said. "A large portion of my inner-circle has come from social media."

Michener said her advice for building real relationships from cyberspace is to always be gracious and authentic.

Duperon said research shows social media is really about authenticity, and successful tweeters and Facebook posters are naturally connecting creatures who are genuine in their desire to build relationships, which often are women. Duperon said there is a large difference between the posts of men and women. She said social media and a woman's ability to dominate this outlet is transforming the business world because people are now doing business with people they like to engage with.

"Women are exquisite in engagement and that is why they are winning the social media race," Duperon said.

#### Sudoku Answers

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# Did you know your credit score could affect the cost of your auto insurance?

Drivers hoping to lower the cost of their auto insurance know that there are several tactics they can take to do just that. But many might not know that a better credit score can help reduce costs, as many insurance companies are increasingly turning to credit scores to determine rates and eligibility.

For years insurance companies have been looking at credit scores to calculate a payment rate for prospec tive subscribers and also to determine whether they will offer insurance in the first place. According to a recent survey by Conning & Co., a Connecticut-based insurance research firm. 92 percent of all insurance companies use credit information when underwriting new policies. Individuals who have missed two or more bills or who have a poor score could find they're asked to pay more for car insurance.

It used to be that car insurance rates were based on a few factors – namely the age of the applicant, the make and model of the vehicle, the city or town in which the insurance would be issued (to determine likelihood

To an insurance company, a good credit score translates to good behavior and less risk.

of theft) and whether the vehicle had an alarm system and if it would be parked in a driveway.

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Some feel that using credit scores to help determine premiums helps applicants, especially those with strong credit histories. But critics argue that this policy is unfair, especially in today's poor economy. Even the most responsible people could miss a payment or two because of layoffs or other

factors beyond their control.

With all this information in mind, there may be some people who are looking for ways to improve their credit scores. Here are tips to do just that.

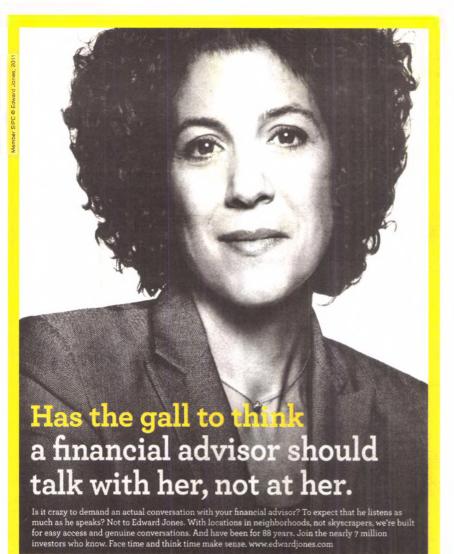
- Routinely check your credit report and address any errors.
- Reduce the amount of debt owed. That means avoiding large balances on credit cards or having too many outstanding loans.
- Pay bills on time. Set up payment reminders if you are forgetful, or take advantage of automatic bill paying.
- Don't allow any accounts to go into collections. Even after the bill is paid it can remain on your credit report for up to seven years in the
- Close out inactive credit accounts. Sometimes the more credit cards you have, the worse it looks for you.
- Consider that every credit inquiry goes on your credit report. If your credit standing is relatively new, realize that rapid account buildup can look risky if you are a new credit user.

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#### How to Choose a Financial Professional

As you navigate the financial world, you'll most likely deal with a wide ar ray of investment choices, constantly changing tax laws, estate-planning issues and other areas. And then. to make things even more complex, you'll have to consider vour own risk tolerance, time horizon and individual goals. If you're like most people, you don't have the time and expertise to create, monitor and ad just your investment strat egy by yourself, so you'll need to get some help. But how can you choose a financial professional who is right for you?

You'll need to do some research, possibly by interviewing a few candidates. Here are a few questions vou may want to ask:

· Do you have experience working with people like me? Ideally, you'd like to work with someone who has experience in helping people like you – that is, people with similar income and asset levels, family situations, goals and so on. The more familiar a financial professional is with people like you, the better that person will be at helping you identify the appropriate investment moves.

• Do you have a particular investment philosophy? Look for someone with a thought ful, reasoned philosophy on investing. As a general rule, be suspicious of anyone promising you big, quick gains. The best financial professionals seek to help their clients achieve positive long-term results through disciplined, persistent and sensible investment moves.

How often will you

communicate with me? If you're going to entrust vour hard-earned financial resources with someone, you'll want that person to communicate with you regularly as to how you're doing and what changes you may need to make. How often will you receive investment statements? How many times a year will you meet to review vour progress? Can vou have face-to-face consultations whenever you need them? These are the types of questions you'll want to ask any prospective financial advisor.

· Will you be my primary contact? If you seek a one-on-one relationship with a financial profession al, vou'll want that person to be your main contact.

if not your exclusive one. You deserve the attention and expertise of a financial professional, so if you're interviewing someone who seems as if he or she might try to "pass you along" to subordinates in the office, keep looking.

· What services do you offer? If you want your financial professional to help you create a unified investment strategy, you'll also want that person to help you implement it - which means he or she needs access to a full range of investment and money management products and services.

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Dr. Hamway and Dr. Stroster are both very thankful for the relationships that they have built with the dentists in their community. Dr. Stroster notes, "We are fortunate to have developed both professional and



personal friendships with many wonderful dentists in our community". Dr. Hamway adds, "These dentists show great confidence in our care by referring their patients and their family members to us for orthodontic treatment." Working hand-in-hand with these dental practitioners to achieve the best overall dental health for their patients is very rewarding, and is something that the Doctors and staff and TNT Orthodontics are thankful for every day.

At TNT Orthodontics the staff and doctors are extremely grateful for each other and the team that they have built over the years. It can be challenging at times when you have so many different personalities working together, with different ideas and ways of carrying out daily duties. However, with much patience and respect for each other, they work together very well. Kerry Maifert, a long-time clinical assistant stated, "I am so happy to work every day with such a great team. It makes the day fly by when you like the people you work with." Carla Leonard, who has been a clinical assistant with Dr. Hamway and Dr. Stroster for 14 years said, "My co-workers and our Doctors give this office a friendly, fun-filled atmosphere. Having fun while you work is the best you can hope for, and the fun rubs off on the patients as well." Everyone at TNT Orthodontics believes that having fun together outside of the office is very important as well, so they plan outside events that are sometimes just for staff, and others that include their families. Amanda Tessoff, who joined the practice recently states, "It's a great way to get to know each other and create friendships that are separate from work. After all, we spend a great deal of time together, and it's much more enjoyable to work with a friend than

a stranger."

Of course, it should not be a surprise that when asked what they are most thankful for, the number one answer from everyone at TNT was **"OUR PATIENTS"**.

Here are just a few examples of the wonderful things that the staff and doctors at TNT had to say about their patients.

- Jules McMillan said, "As a fairly new member of the staff, I am always surprised by how friendly and personable our patients are". "They feel more like family members than patients"
- Jeannie Morrissette stated, "I love the younger children, who come in with a smile on their face at every appointment".
- Kristen Castro, who came to us from an endodontic practice said, "I love seeing the excitement that our patients have about coming to our office. Their smiles make me smile".
- Jo Schenk reports, "I am always surprised at how polite and mature our patients are. I really enjoy the conversations I have with them during their visits to our office"
- Lynda Heebsh says, "The kids are cute and fun, but I really connect with our adult patients because I had orthodontic treatment as an adult and I like what it does for their self-esteem when the braces come off."

Again, these are just a few examples of the wonderful things that TNT Orthodontics had to say about their patients.

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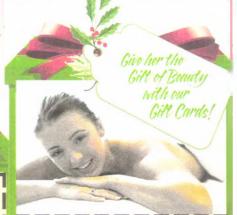
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