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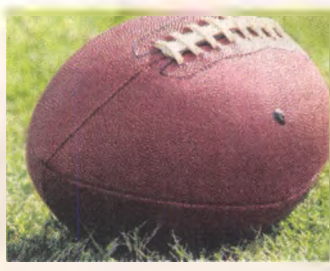

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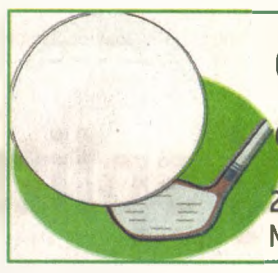

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The next distribution of emergency food by Plymouth Community United Way is scheduled 9:30-11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church on Haggerty just north of Schoolcraft in Plymouth.

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For information and to register, call Pat at Plymouth Community United Way, (734) 453-6879, Ext. 2, or send e-mail to pat.vandusen@pcuw.org.

Election forums

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County hosts a pair of candidate forms in the next few weeks to give voters a chance to learn about candidates for state House and U.S. congressional seats.

A forum for candidates in both the 20th (which serves Plymouth and Canton) and 21st (Canton) House districts takes place 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24, at the Canton Public Library.

Candidates for the 11th U.S. congressional district have been invited to an LWV forum 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1, at the Plymouth District Library.

2012 festival will be prez's last

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Colleen Brown made her Plymouth Community Fall Festival debut on a rainy weekend 13 years ago, and she's had her eyes on the early September weather ever since.

A member of the Canton High School Softball Boosters — daughter Melissa, then a new graduate, had played, and a younger daughter, Jonelle, was entering the program — Brown teamed with another softball mom, Lila Coultas, to launch the Boosters' fund-raising corn-dog booth.

Colleen Brown

Their first time was a rainout.

"That year, it rained cats and dogs that weekend," Brown, of Plymouth Township, remembered on Tuesday. "We had a lot of leftover corn dogs."

But they regrouped and planned for the next year, coming up with contingency plans that included boots and umbrellas.

"We learned a lot and it went much better the next year," Brown said. The booth, still run by the Boosters, continues to be part of the festival.

Stepping aside

Fast-forward to 2012, and Brown is approaching her seventh Fall Festival this weekend as committee president, a job she inherited in 2006 from Mark Baldwin.

She will be stepping aside after this year.

"It's still fun," Brown said. "It's just, you know, time constraints." Brown has two jobs and a new grandson, Brandon Detroit Tolhurst, her and husband Craig's first grandchild, with whom she plans to spend some time. She does plan to continue organizing the festival's craft show.

The sense of community the festival brings — it is largely a collection of local service organizations that stage events and sell meals and refreshments to raise money for their causes — keeps Brown motivated.

"It's a wonderful event that the

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Back to business

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Third grade teacher Laura Carbone dismisses her students at the end of the first day of the new school year.

Students dive right in as new year arrives

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

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Fifth-graders at all 15 Plymouth-Canton elementary schools were greeted on Tuesday's first day of school with all the usual greetings, from bus drivers and teachers, volunteers and administrators, and friends not seen over the summer months.

Fifth-graders at Hoben Elementary School got one additional greeting, first thing out of the box.

"Ni hao," teacher Lishuai Jia told the kids in Leo McManimon's classroom.

That's "hello," in Chinese, which is being taught — along with exploratory programs in Spanish, German and French

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Time to go home after the first day of school.

Many voters ignore special election

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Special election results were not available at press time. Please go to www.hometownlife.com to find out the results.

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Clerks all over the area were predicting a very low voter turnout for Wednesday's special election to fill the last couple of months of scandal-plagued Thaddeus McCotter's term representing the 11th U.S. House District.

While final turnout numbers weren't available because polls didn't close until after press time, midday voter totals seemed to prove one thing.

The clerks weren't wrong.

Voter turnout was very slow in Plymouth. Shortly before noon, only 52 actual voters had cast ballots in the city's four precincts, all housed at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The turnout was so low that Clerk Linda Langmesser put all four precincts in the same room, rather than separating them as is usually the case.

"It's definitely been slower," said Precinct 2 chair Pam Vella. "I just think people are not bothering with it."

One woman who did bother was Plymouth resident Lisa Williams, who wasn't about to waste an opportunity millions of people — and women — don't get.

"I understand why they have to do it, but it's pretty expensive," Williams said after casting her ballot. "There are lots of places around the world where a woman couldn't do this. There are places people would kill to have a democracy."

The election was made nec-

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Team Taj splits convention, campaign duties

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

While the Democratic National Convention carries on in Charlotte, N.C., Dr. Syed Taj is continuing his first campaign for national office, but now with a little more weight from the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee behind him.

Taj's race for the 11th U.S. Congressional seat being vacated by the scandal-plagued Thaddeus McCotter has been added to the DCCC's "emerging races" list as Democrats aim at taking at least 25 seats and regaining the majority in the House.

Taj's race was one of three added to the "emerging" list by the DCCC. With a lot of attention coming on the race, Taj decided to skip this week's convention in Charlotte and focus instead on pushing his campaign forward. His campaign manager, Natalie Mosher, was also elected a delegate. With her in Charlotte, Taj decided to stay home.

Dr. Syed Taj

Natalie Mosher

"I couldn't afford to have both of us leave the district, so we're up here campaigning every day, talking to people," Taj said.

Mosher, meanwhile, was pushing not only Taj's campaign in Charlotte, but also said she was doing what the thousands of other convention-goers were there to do: get President Barack Obama re-elected. She said she was impressed by the first-day speakers, including First Lady Michelle Obama.

"She gave the most moving speech," said Mosher, who actually lost to McCotter for the 11th U.S. House seat in 2010. "She is a truly, truly incredible, inspirational woman. I'm proud of her as the first lady."

Mosher has spent a lot of time with the Michigan delegation, and with U.S. Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow. Mosher said everyone is "committed" to getting the president re-elected.

"There's a lot of energy here," Mosher said. "It's been wonderful. We know we have our work cut out getting the vote out. I feel very positive and very energized."

Like Mosher, Michigan AFL-CIO President Karla Swift is attending her first convention.

"President Obama has shown that he understands what working people are up against," Swift said. "He's earned the support of working families and personally I am looking forward to showing my support for him."

On Tuesday morning, Swift spoke to the Michigan delegation at breakfast about the proposal before voters Nov. 6 to protect collective bargaining rights in Michigan.

Swift said she is passionate about that topic.

"From the response I have received, it is clear to me that other working family activists see it as a priority, too," she said. "Corporate CEOs are making millions of dollars in salary and bonuses, yet the people who actually do the work have seen their wages stagnate and even cut.

"Workers need protections from corporations that arbitrarily cut wages, benefits and pensions — and ship jobs overseas — just to squeeze out more profits for themselves. Collective bargaining helps level the playing field for employees so CEOs aren't the only ones benefitting from a company's success. By leveling the playing field between corporations and workers, collective bargaining rights help ensure good working conditions and improve the quality of life for all Michiganders."

Observer Staff Writer Ken Abramczyk contributed to this report.

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FIRST DAY

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— for the first time at the elementary level in an effort to increase interest among, and better prepare, students in world language curriculum at the middle school and high school level.

"It's based on the idea kids learn another language better the younger they are," said Jeremy Hughes, Plymouth-Canton's superintendent, who saw similar programs work when he worked in Dearborn. "It's probably the most effective way to embed a second language. It becomes second nature to them."

The world language classes will be taught in 18-week courses. Students will get a half-hour a week in Chinese. The district has hired Jia, a Beijing, China, native who helped pilot the program in a couple of schools last year. The 28-year-old Jia will move between 10 of the district's 15 elementary schools.

Jia, who got his degree in linguistics from Beijing Normal University and has taught at Michigan State and in the Howell school district, is excited to get the opportunity.

"Young children can absorb it," said Jia, in his sixth year of teaching. "If they start young, they gain experience. It's better to start them early."

Liz Vartanian-Gibbs, the principal at Hoben, said the elementary world language program is designed to do a couple of things. First, it introduces students at a younger age not only to the language, but to the history and culture of the country. That allows the lessons, she said, to stretch to all areas of the curriculum, including English and social studies, among others.

She said the hope is having world language in fifth grade will "pique their interest" and convince them to continue it through the middle school and high schools.

"Kids who learn at an early age have a much better chance of being successful later in life," said Vartanian-Gibbs, whose own children were exposed to the pilot program at Workman last year. "Elementary students can absorb anything. If you have high expectations for them, they'll definitely reach those expectations."

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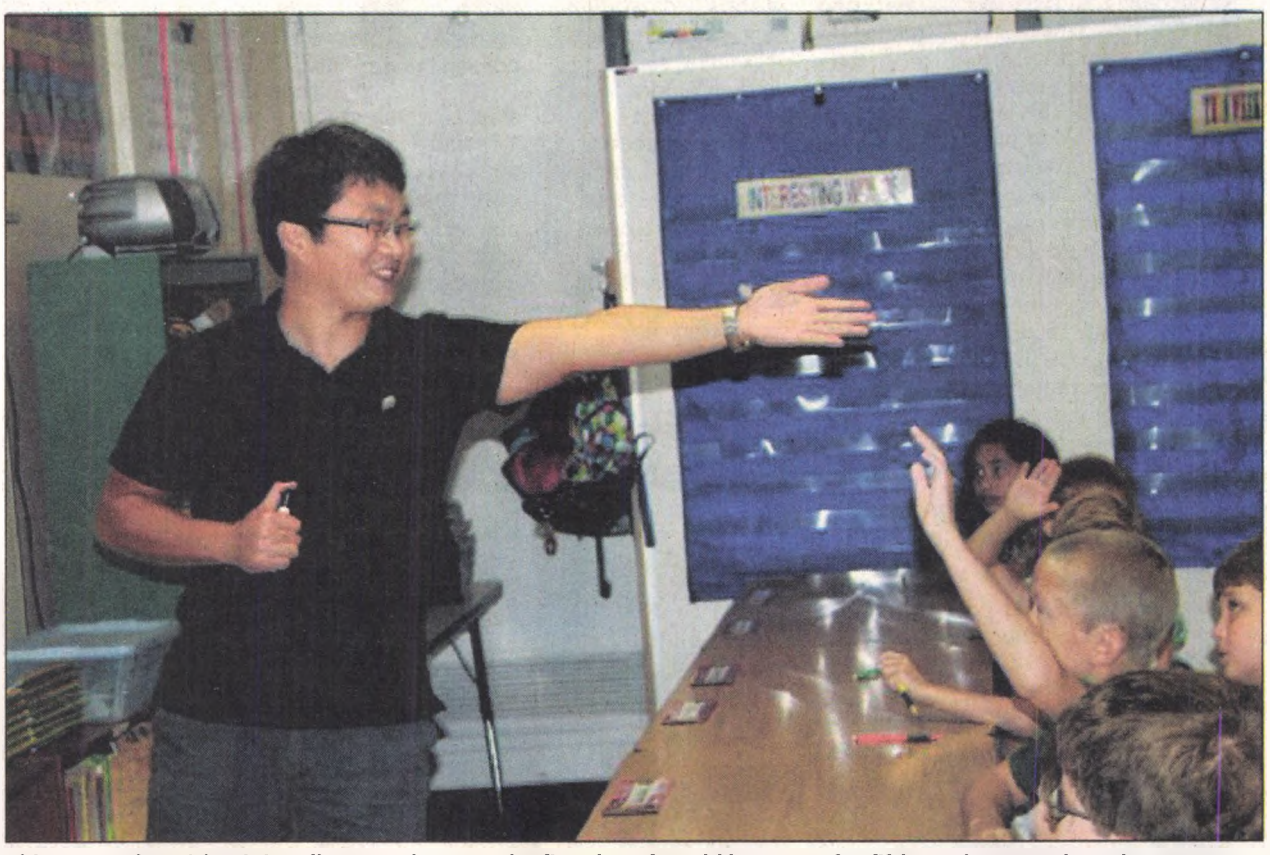
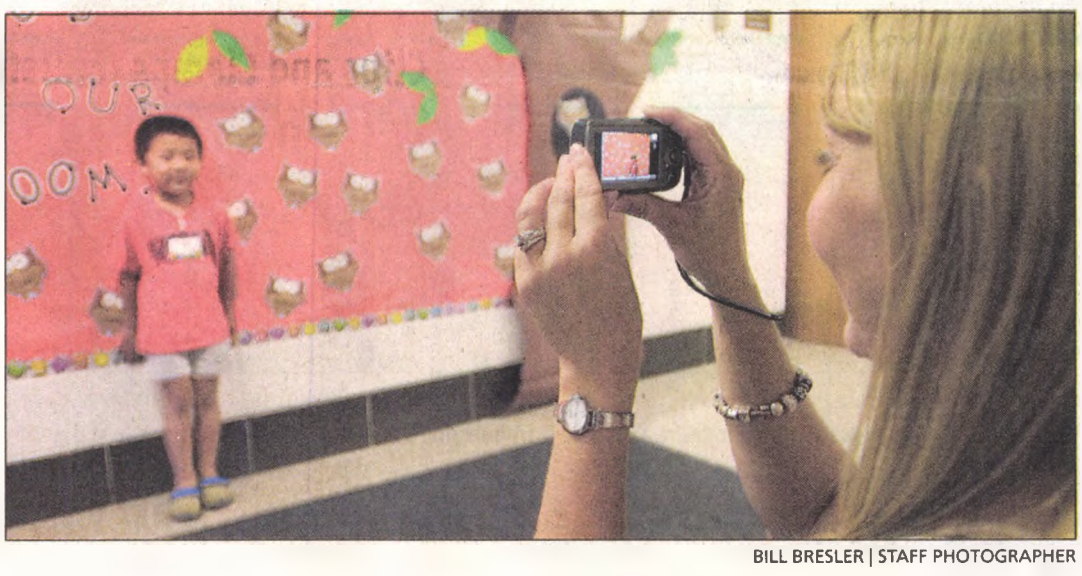

Chinese teacher Lishuai Jia calls on students on the first day of world language for fifth-graders at Hoben Elementary School. Fifth-graders across the district are being introduced to Chinese, Spanish, German and French.


Kindergarten teacher Kelli Regner photographs each student in her class. Jun Shin poses for his photo.

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Bus Captain Hyelin Shin helps to make sure that Isbister kids are on the right bus for their trip home.

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Tea shop owner expands knowledge with trip to China

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

She might not have seen all the tea in China, but the owner of a downtown Plymouth tea shop certainly saw her share when she traveled to Hong Kong last month.

Colleen Cannon, the owner of TranquiliTea, which sells teas, tea cups, tea sets and accessories, in August visited the Hong Kong International Tea Fair, a trade show featuring, she said, more than 100 Chinese tea companies.

There, she and husband Patrick were introduced to a huge variety of Chinese teas and new teatime customs, and, as two of the few foreigners present, were showered with attention and gifts of tea.

"We were kind of novelties there," Cannon said one morning last week. "They were real excited to see us there, and we got a lot of attention wherever we went." Everyone, she said, wanted to get their photograph taken with the Americans.

Cannon said she and her husband found the Chinese people gracious and polite and the show very professionally done.

But Cannon also left feeling a little frustrated, as the companies in the show didn't have a way to bring their teas to the U.S. Some of them had just begun to expand into Europe, she said. She hopes to one day be able to work with companies whose representatives she met.

"The whole capitalism thing is kind of new, relatively new to them, and they haven't branched out to other parts of the world," she said. Part of that involves complying with food safety laws in various countries, she said.

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Colleen Cannon learned about Chinese Puerh tea. She holds Black Dragon Pearl tea.

The Cannons found Hong Kong busy and complex.

"Hong Kong was more than New York," she said. "It is just skyscrapers packed in, tightly, and that includes the housing. It was just jammed." The language barrier was sometimes a problem, she said.

They hung out in Hong Kong's Soho district, which, Cannon said, is an eclectic neighborhood of international bars and restaurants with a multicultural population.

The city was under a typhoon warning for a day or so during their visit, she said, but the storm changed course. "Boy, they take that seriously," she said.

The Cannons found the Hong Kong opportunity in June at the World Tea Expo in Las Vegas, a big trade show in the U.S. that she regularly attends. There, she said, a Hong Kong trade association was offering discount airfare and hotel packages for the tea show.

"It really expanded my knowledge of the tea world," she said.

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CRIME WATCH

Truck vandalism?

The windshield of a pickup truck was shattered late on Aug. 17 as the truck was being driven on Ridge Road, south of North Territorial, in Plymouth Township.

The Livonia man driving the Dodge pickup reported the incident, a police report said, telling police that something struck the windshield before it broke. No injuries were reported, and the man did not report seeing anything suspicious before the incident.

Copper stolen

Copper leads were reported stolen last month from a house under construction in the area of M-14 and Beck Road.

The theft of the wiring, which had been freshly installed, occurred between Aug. 9 and Aug. 10, the builder who reported the incident told police.

Theft from vehicle

A laptop computer was reported stolen Aug. 22 from a car parked outside a house on Gregory Lane, west of Sheldon and just north of Joy Road.

The victim told police she thought she had locked the Ford Flex, which was parked in the driveway, but police found no signs of forced entry.

ATM damaged

The door to the cash dispenser on an automatic teller machine in the township was reportedly damaged late last month. Police said the machine was secure, however, and no money had been stolen from it.

The incident occurred at the PNC Bank branch on Ann Arbor Road just west of Haggerty some time between 5:30 p.m. Aug. 23 and 7:20 a.m. the next day, a police report said.

By Matt Jachman

Police suspect teams in pharmacy break-ins

By Brad Kadrich and Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writers

Canton police believe they are looking for two crews of two men each in a rash of pharmacy break-ins that have seen five burglaries since July 4.

According to Canton Police Sgt. Patrick Sullivan, one of those pharmacies — Canton Pharmacy on Lilley north of Cherry Hill, has been hit four times.

Sullivan said surveillance video shows there may be a pair of teams stealing from the pharmacies. What they don't know, he said, is whether the teams are working together.

"We don't know that yet," Sullivan said. "We're hoping releasing photos and videos will get us some leads."

Police said the teams are striking primarily between midnight and 5 a.m., the last one coming at Canton Pharmacy Aug. 24.

Usual method

Police pointed out the suspects usually break out a window on the door and only spend a few minutes in the store.

One set of suspects consists of two white males, The two white males appear to be approximately 5-foot-6 in height. In video footage, they are wearing dark clothing, ski masks, baseball caps and bandanas in order to conceal their identities.

The other team consists of two black males who also wore dark clothing, baseball caps and bandanas. In the latest break-in, there were two white males and two black males also similarly dressed.

Police said the two white males appear to be driving a light colored, four-door, mid-sized sedan, possibly either a Pontiac G6 or Dodge Neon.

In addition to Canton's rash of pharmacy break-ins this year, authorities have reported scores of pharmacy burglaries across metro Detroit.

Experts say it's a growing problem across the nation.

"It's a big problem," said Mike Warren, risk manager for Iowa-based Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Co., which insures mostly independent pharmacies in 47 states, including Michigan.

That company alone is seeing 350-380 pharmacy robberies and burglaries a year, "and 91 percent of those are burglaries," Warren said.

Prescription drug problems have steadily increased in recent years, he said, with an increasing number of people using and selling pain medications such as OxyContin and Hydrocodone.

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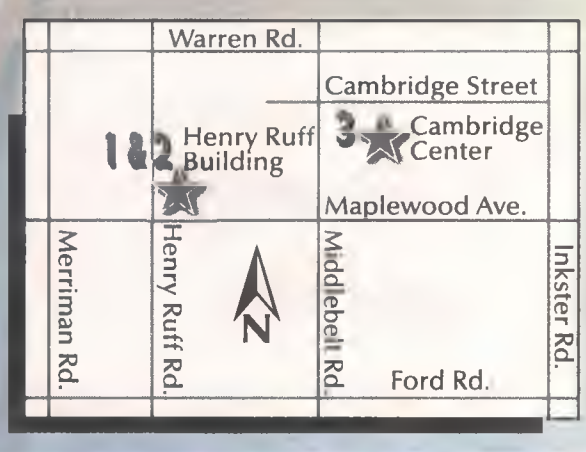

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Museum hosts genealogy workshop

On Saturday, Sept. 15, the Plymouth Historical Museum will hold the fourth in a series of genealogical workshops to help family historians of all levels research their 19th-century American ancestors. This workshop features David McDonald and Michael Lacopo.

McDonald

Lacopo

McDonald serves as president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists and is a director of the National Genealogical Society. More importantly, according to museum director Liz Kerstens, he's got more than 35 years of experience as a genealogical researcher and nearly 30 years as a lecturer on matters of genealogy and family history. "As a result of marrying well, Dave's research scope has expanded beyond his own family's mid-south and midwest connections into New England and central Europe," Kerstens said. He has traveled to, and researched in, England and Germany on both his own and his wife's immigrant forebears.

Beyond the genealogical realm, he serves as pastor at Windsor United Church of Christ near Madison, Wisc. McDonald will be speaking on "From New England to the Plains & Beyond Lutherpalians & Presbygationalists: Where Did Grandma's Church Go?"

Lacopo is a small-animal veterinarian born and raised in northern Indiana. He takes a scientific approach to his research as he does to his trained profession. Researching since 1980, he has lectured nationally and appeared in numerous journals and periodicals.

"A self-described 'all-American mutt,' his research skills cover a broad range," Kerstens said. "He has written or co-written several single name studies since 1985."

Lacopo will be speaking on "Deconstructing Your Family Tree: Re-evaluating the "Evidence," "She Came from Nowhere..." How to Incorporate Social Histori into Your Genealogical Problem Solving

The workshop begins at 9:30 a.m. and will end at 3:30 p.m. There will be limited seating and the event will fill up rapidly. The fee for the day, $40, includes the four lectures, lunch, and the option of touring the Museum's special exhibit, "Inaugural Gowns of the First Ladies," during lunch and the afternoon break. Tickets are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum or on its website at http://www.plymouthhistory.org/events/Genealogy-Workshop_ET119.html?SortBox=201209.

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Date/Time: Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 8-9

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BAREFOOT AUDITIONS

Date/Time: Sept. 10-11, 7-9 p.m.

Location: Barefoot Productions theater, 240 N. Main in Plymouth

Details: Barefoot Productions hosts auditions for Driving Miss Daisy. Auditions for roles for one female and two males. This stageplay is the inspiration for the Academy Award winning film. Driving Miss Daisy will be the 2012 - 2013 Season opener for Barefoot Productions. Barefoot Productions is a non-Equity, non-profit community theater.

Contact: For more information please call Craig at (734) 582-9688.

GARDEN CLUB MEETS

Date/Time: Monday, Sept. 10, 12:30 p.m.

Location: Garden Club Park, Forest and Sutherland in Plymouth

Details: Plymouth Garden Club's first meeting of the new season is a Pot Luck Social beginning at 12:30 p.m. In case of inclement weather, this event will be held at the Plymouth District Library. The public is invited and attendees are asked to bring a non-desert dish-to-pass plus a lawn chair.

Contact: For more information, contact Carolyn at carolynbaetz@wideopenwest.com or (734) 459-1097.

SPECIAL

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essary when McCotter's re-election campaign imploded among a slew of petition signature questions emerged. Several McCotter staffers are now facing charges in the scandal.

The resulting special election, required by state constitution, is expected to cost about $650,000 statewide.

Things weren't any better in Canton. According to Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett, only 125 voters had cast ballots township-wide by 10 a.m. Wednesday.

"It's not surprising," said Bennett, who has predicted low voter turnout all along. "This is not a usual election day (Wednesday vs. Tuesday), a lot of people aren't aware there's an election and some don't understand what it's for. There are those who participate, and those who intentionally choose not to participate."

They weren't participating much at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, where Precincts 3, 10 and 21 are housed. As of noon, only 21 total voters (not counting absentee ballots) had visited the polls in those three precincts. Precinct 10 led the way with an even dozen voters, while Precinct 3 only had one.

"It's been slower than usual," acknowledged precinct worker Sylvia Vitale. "I don't think enough people know about the election, to be honest. Maybe they're just not interested in filling the position."

Diana McLean of Canton said she came out to "fulfill my civic duty."

"I understand people protesting by not voting, but I wanted to show up for these poor people (the election workers), stuck here all day with no one coming," McLean said. "It's an unfortunate waste of money. It's ridiculous."

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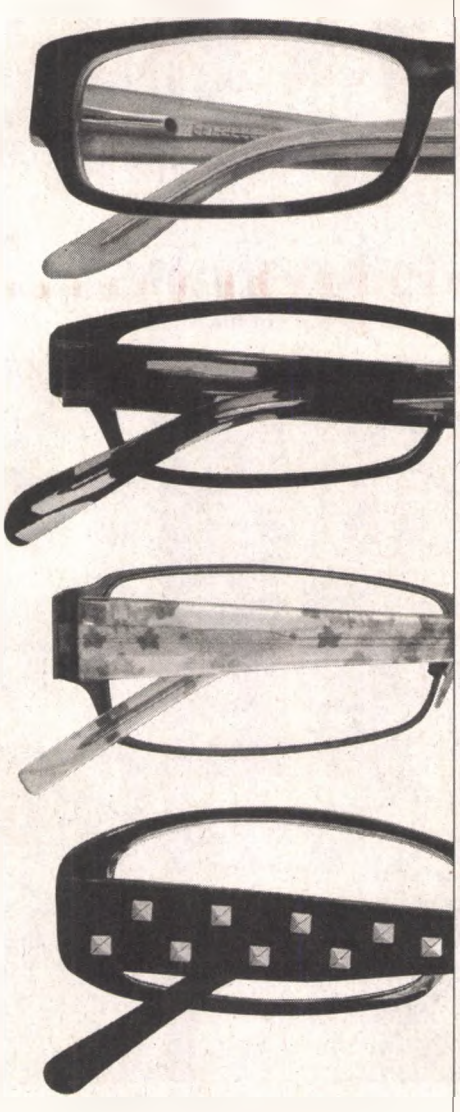
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Luc Offer, 10 years old, shows his ceramic bird feeder.

PCAC puts young artists' works on view

Campers made wall hangings.

Celebration masks are displayed on the walls of the Arts Council.

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Budding artists and their parents filled Plymouth's Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts on Friday to celebrate a summer of self-expression.

It was the Plymouth Community Arts Council's youth arts camps exhibit, a combination art show, reception and family picnic.

Each of the hundreds of participants in the 2012 PCAC's visual arts camps — in photography, painting, drawing, pottery, animation and more — had at least one piece in the show, and young artists and their parents got to view their finished works, professionally displayed, as well as those of classmates and other fellow art campers. Refreshments were served — hot dogs, veggies, punch and crackers.

"This was a lot of fun," said Sylwia Nowakowski of Northville Township, whose son Filip attended the week-long construction art camp, creating things with clay and everyday objects. "It was nice, working, building with the clay," she said.

Nick Sowizral of Plymouth, an eighth-grader at West Middle School, said he learned a lot in the two camps he attended — acrylic painting and advanced pottery.

"I like to put art down on paper and make things myself," said Nick, who had a clay Hopi water bowl and an "owl fetish" — a hollow figurine with wings and a beak — displayed Friday.

Nick has long made art, but with little formal training. His drawing of a Yokuts (an American Indian group) elder found success in a nationwide contest recently and was published in a book of the contest's top entries.

Nick's mother, Justine Sowizral, said Nick loves all art.

"It's given him more structure to his art, because he's for the most part self taught," she said of art camp.

Nick wants to become an anthropologist, but said he can envision a career in which he puts artistic talent to use. As an anthropologist, he mused, he might have reason to sketch ancient objects he uncovers in the field.

Friday's exhibit also included paintings, drawings, abstracts made from yarn and other materials, and photographs.

Many of the PCAC's youth arts camps this summer were fairly specialized, like landscape painting, for example, or drawing the face. Others had campers working in several media, or studying and imitating the art styles of various cultures.

Photographer Elizabeth Wight led the digital photography camp for 8- to 16-year-olds. Each of the 16 students had a different digital camera, she said, but that potential obstacle was quickly overcome, and students proved to be motivated and helpful.

"They loved it," said Wight, a first-time PCAC teacher who also teaches at the Ann Arbor Art Center. "I had a lot of fun teaching it."

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Emily Meyer, 9 years old, shows Mom, Jennifer Meyer, the digital photos she learned to make at camp.

Six-year-old Elizabeth Miller and her dad, Jason Miller, look at ceramics on display. Elizabeth travelled from Milford to attend arts camp.

2012 Fall Festival offers carnival, entertainment, good eats and more

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Volunteers will battle the smoky pits Sunday during the Plymouth Fall Festival's signature event, the Rotary Chicken Barbecue.

The 2012 Plymouth Community Fall Festival, a fundraising effort by service clubs, athletics boosters, churches and other local organizations, begins at noon Friday and continues through 6 p.m. Sunday in Kellogg Park and on the streets of downtown Plymouth.

The festival, which originated with a Rotary Club chicken barbecue in the 1950s, offers a carnival, a craft fair, a classic car show and live entertainment as well as the meals and food booths sponsored by groups that raise money and spread the word about their projects. There's a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning, a spaghetti dinner on Saturday evening and, of course, the Rotary Club of Plymouth's chicken barbecue, the festival's oldest tradition, on Sunday.

Festival hours are noon to 11 p.m. Friday, 7 a.m. (beginning with the pancake breakfast at The Gathering) to 11 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Festival events this year include:

• Carnival rides: Rides open at 3 p.m. on Friday and at 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are four for $5; most rides are two to four tickets each. Ticket packages are available, and all-day wristbands available on Sunday for $25 each. Ann Arbor Trail is the center of the festival's carnival.

• Taste Fest: 6-8 p.m. Friday in the parking lot at Station 885 on Starkweather in Old Village. More than 20 participating restaurants, live music and a cash bar. Tickets are $15 each and are available at Station 885 and at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. A free shuttle service from 5-9 p.m. will take visitors between Station 885 and downtown Plymouth.

• Live music: The Randy Brock Group will appear on the Fall Festival Stage, on Penniman in front of the Penn Theatre, 7-11 p.m. Friday. On Saturday, the Shawn Riley Band will take the stage 7-11 p.m., and on Sunday, Gia Warner and Bobby Lewis will appear 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and Motor City Soul will appear 4-6 p.m.

• Craft show: noon to dusk Friday, 9 a.m. to dusk Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. More than 40 crafters and artists will be selling their work. On Union Street near Kellogg Park.

• Bingo: 6-10 p.m. Friday at The Gathering, sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters. $1 per game card; $25 packages available.

• Perennial exchange: 9-11 a.m. Saturday at the east end of Kellogg Park. Bring plants to exchange; no charge to browse. Sponsored by the Trailwood Garden Club.

• Car show: Classic cars from 1982 and earlier. Saturday and Sunday on Main Street between Penniman and Church. Same-day registration (cash only) is available for one or both days. Sponsored by Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528.

• Entertainment: Saturday's lineup on the Fall Festival Stage will include the Optimist Club of Plymouth pet show, 9 a.m.; the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps, 10 a.m.; the Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers, 11 a.m.; various high school pompon squads, noon; and a demonstration by Midwest Tae Kwan Do, 3 p.m. Sunday will feature, also on the Fall Festival Stage, Synergy Dance Academy, 1 p.m.; and O'Hare School of Irish Dance, 2 p.m.

• Kiwanis pancake breakfast: 7-11:30 a.m. Saturday at The Gathering. Tickets are $6 in advance, $7 at the gate, children 5 and under free. For advance tickets, e-mail Mark Riegal at markriegal@aol.com or buy them at the festival ticket booth at Main Street and Penniman during the festival.

• Spaghetti dinner: 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Kellogg park, rain or shine. Pasta with meat or marinara sauce, salad, garlic bread, cookie and water, coffee or tea. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. Tickets are $7.50 in advance, $9 at the event. Buy advance tickets at the festival ticket booth at Main and Penniman. Children 12 and under eat free when accompanied by an adult.

• Chicken barbecue: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., or until sold out, Sunday. Dinner is half a chicken, corn on the cob, a roll, soft drink and a cookie. At Kellogg Park, with a takeout location at West Middle School. Tickets are $10 in advance, $12 at the door. Advance tickets are available at Main and Penniman during the festival and at Horton Plumbing, 1382 West Main, Plymouth. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Plymouth.

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FESTIVAL

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community groups put on," she said. "They all come together. They're all doing their part for the community. ... That's kind of what it's all about."

So many groups are represented in the festival, she said, that the event has probably touched the lives of most people who attend it.

Brown said leading the festival, which is planned months in advance, isn't really a lot of work until showtime — the festival is always the weekend after Labor Day — nears. She starts thinking about it in February, she said, but it only requires a few hours a week until it's just a few weeks away.

Then, she said, the e-mails flood in and the phone rarely stops ringing.

"You get anxious and tired beforehand, but then the festival comes, and all the fun," she said.

Lots of help

But volunteers from the various community groups involved, she said, deserve the most credit.

"The groups are really the ones who put in all the hard work," she said.

The festival took a big turn in 2002, Brown said, when Baldwin brought in carnival rides, the profit from which helps foot the bill for the city's services, such as portable toilets, cleanup and security.

The city had been writing off much of its cost as an in-kind donation, but with ever-tightening budgets, city officials decided the festival should pay the freight, and the bill — nearly $34,000 last year — would've negated participating groups' fundraising, she said.

"Without the carnival, we wouldn't be able to have the festival," said Brown, who was festival committee secretary, then treasurer, before becoming president. "It's worked out great."

Brown said the number of community groups involved in the festival fluctuates, and is probably down a bit over the last few years.

"We would actually love to have more organizations," she said.

One of Brown's paid jobs also has a festive theme — she is a guest services representative at Comerica Park, working most of the Detroit Tigers home games. She greets and directs fans and takes tickets for those riding the stadium's carousel and Ferris wheel.

"It's a happy place to work," she said. "Better when they're winning."

Brown is also the office manager for Triton Fire Group in Livonia, which designs and installs fire-suppression sprinkler systems.

She will be succeeded as festival committee president by Eric Joy, an officer with the Rotary Club of Plymouth and a sales representative at Christensen's Plant Center in Plymouth Township.

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PLYMOUTH CHAMBER CHAT

Safety team

The goal of the trainers and training at Plymouth's Facility Results is to educate employees to effectively reduce their exposure to occupational hazards, especially those due to arc flash. To that end, the company has recently expanded its training team to include safety veteran and OSHA expert Cindy Rupert of Ravenswood, West Va.

Rupert

Rupert, who has a long safety career including almost 10 years as a manager and engineer with the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, has hit the road running for Facility Results. She has already delivered NFPA 70E courses in Atlanta and Tulsa since she came on board with the company in June.

Rupert joins an established team of five other trainers at Facility Results, where they've been delivering the latest in practical and consistent methods for achieving occupational safety since the company was founded in 2009.

Parking repairs

Starting on the morning of Sept. 10, contractors will be on-site to make regular maintenance repairs to the Central Parking Deck. Repairs will include, but not be limited to, areas with damaged concrete, joint sealants and minor asphalt repairs. The majority of the repairs will take place on the lower level of the parking deck with minimal repairs to the upper parking surface.

The repairs are expected to take 4-6 weeks.

Sales professional

Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel has recently welcomed a number of new sales professionals to the rapidly growing company, including Nick Bitterle in Plymouth and Jevon Cole in Northville.

Founded in 1950, Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel is a Troy-based real estate brokerage with 15 offices and more than 400 real estate sales associates in Michigan. The company's reputation for professionalism, ethics, experience and proven results has fueled its successful growth. For more information, please visit www.cbwm.com.

Going digital

The Friends of the Penn are pleased to announce that the Penn Theatre now features state of the art digital projection with all weekend movies being presented using this new format.

By the end of the year, the six major movie studios will only release new titles in digital format. The old 35-millimeter film format won't be an option. That means theaters with mechanical projectors face spending $70,000 to $85,000 apiece to upgrade to digital versions. "This project would not have been possible without the support of our generous donors," said Executive Director Ellen Elliott. "The Penn Theatre is an irreplaceable part of our history and the Friends of the Penn are doing everything possible to ensure that it contributes to the vibrancy of Downtown Plymouth for generations to come."

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Owner Julie Waldo said staffers at Paige Ryan Salon in Plymouth provide streamlined customer service by focusing on their individual strengths.

Salon focuses on specialized talents

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

Paige Ryan: We specialize, meaning each person focuses on their talent, whether it be color or styling. We feature Wella, Sebastian and Moroccan Oil products.

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

Paige Ryan: It's always been a dream of mine.

Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

Paige Ryan: It's a great area and the potential for growth is there.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Paige Ryan Salon opened in May at 1056 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Paige Ryan: We specialize and focus on our individual talents, which let us give our clients the best service.

Observer: How has the business changed since it opened?

Paige Ryan: We've had amazing support from the community and local businesses so we have gained a lot of new clients.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Paige Ryan: I feel you have to be top-notch. People expect more for their money, and they deserve it.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Paige Ryan: Be open-minded.

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PLYMOUTH CHAMBER CHAT

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Reservations are now being accepted for the 2012 Scarecrows in the Park. Groups, businesses and families are invited to decorate a scarecrow in Kellogg Park from Sept. 21-23.

Chamber breakfast

Lt. Gov. Brian Calley will be the featured speaker for the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's September breakfast, set for 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at the Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center.

Calley has partnered with Gov. Rick Snyder to drive much of the legislative change that has occurred in Michigan during the last two years. More than most past lieutenant governors, he is extremely active at the capitol as the governor's point person to guide his reforms through the legislative process.

To RSVP, please respond no later than September 24 to teri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540. The cost is $12. Food will be served from 7:45-8:15 and Calley will speak shortly after.

Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center is located at 18600 Haggerty in Livonia.

Seeing scarecrows

Reservations are now being accepted for the 2012 Scarecrows in the Park. Groups, businesses and families are invited to decorate a scarecrow in Kellogg Park from Sept. 21-23.

The cost to decorate a scarecrow is $35 and reservations must be made through the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber will provide a bale of hay and a pole for you to create your scarecrow. The decorating of your scarecrow is left to your imagination, creativity and ingenuity.

To reserve your scarecrow, complete the form at www.plymouthmich.org and return to the Chamber office.

Food crawl

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, in a joint effort with the Friends of the Penn, announce the annual PENN-Taste-Tic Downtown Plymouth Restaurant Crawl 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18. "Crawlers" can walk around downtown Plymouth enjoying samples from local restaurants and sweet shops.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce (850 W. Ann Arbor Trail) and Sun & Snow (388 S. Main St.) in downtown Plymouth. Adult tickets are $20 each, and children 10 and under are $15. All proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Penn and the Chamber of Commerce.

Love to sing? Join the Livonia Civic Chorus

The Livonia Civic Chorus will begin its 2012-13 rehearsal and performance season on Tuesday, Sept. 11, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Livonia. Rehearsals will continue weekly from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. through the fall (September-December) and winter (January-May) sessions.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church is at 34567 Seven Mile Road, near Gill Road.

Livonia Civic Chorus members represent a wide range of occupations and musical training. The only requirements are the ability to carry a tune, a love of singing and the willingness to have fun.

New members are welcome. Membership is not limited to Livonia residents.

The Chorus was founded in 1965 by a group of adults who loved to sing. Sponsored in part by the Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation, the Chorus is now celebrating its 48th season of providing musical entertainment to Livonia and surrounding communities.

The Chorus will perform two major concerts this year. The first is at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, at Clarenceville High School. The spring concert is at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 5, also at Clarenceville.

In addition, the Chorus will perform with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at Clarenceville.

The Chorus is also a featured guest at the city of Livonia Tree Lighting Ceremony, Greenfield Village, Greenmead Historical Village, Knights of Columbus, and assorted other community venues.

Those interested in joining the Chorus may consult the website (www.livoniacivicchorus.org), call (734) 542-9071, or email info@livoniacivicchorus.org for membership information.

The Livonia Civic Chorus welcomes new members. The only requirements are the ability to carry a tune, a love of singing and the willingness to have fun.

Youth symphony auditions

Building on a strong 53rd season, the Livonia Youth Symphony Orchestras of Michigan is getting ready for fall auditions and the start of another concert year of musical education and fun.

Auditions will be held by appointment Sept. 15 and 22 at Madonna University, Livonia.

Returning this year to help guide and direct the LYSO will be Karen Holmes Danke, bringing with her enthusiasm and high energy to the young strings programs, Carl Karoub with his knowledge of band pieces and an ear for "balancing" the musicians and Timario Wilkins with his passion for the musical pieces. Tying it all together is Linda Ignagni, the string specialist and director of the Chamber Music Groups. Ignagni has been with the LYSOM, both as student and later instructor, almost from the group's beginning. New this year, the Flute Choir will be under the direction of Anjali Martin, an alum of the LYSO and a music student at Eastern Michigan University.

To schedule an audition, send an email to auditions@lysom.org or call Dave Lindenmuth at (734) 634-5250.

Opportunities abound for young musicians in the LYSO with smaller groups such as the Flute Choir, Brass Ensemble, Reed Choir and especially this year with the formation of the new Livonia Chamber Music Society.

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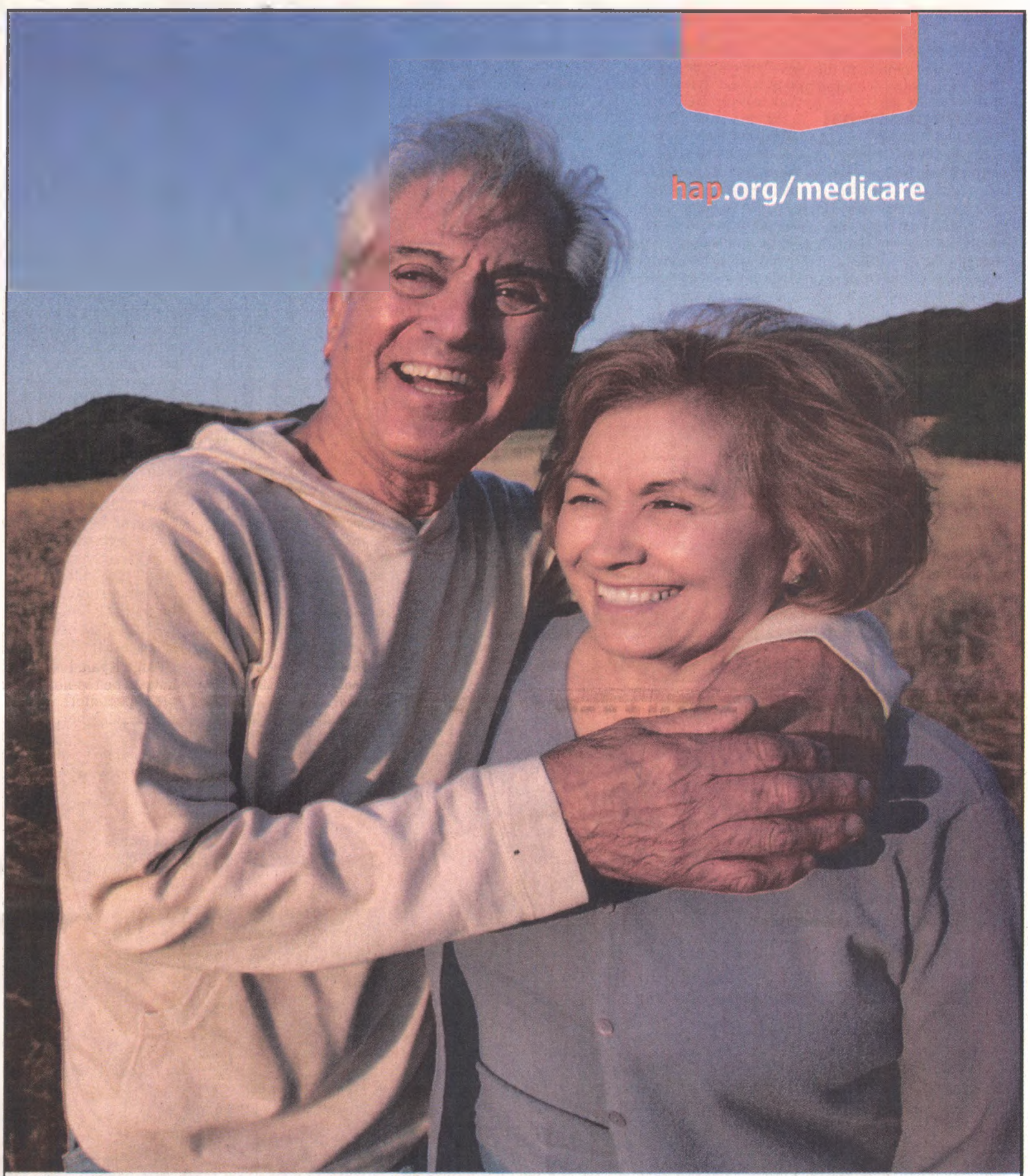

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As summertime slips away we should be thankful we live in Michigan

Why does it always seem to jump up on us so fast? If Labor Day weekend isn't the harbinger of summer's demise, surely the first day of school is. For my family, and for most around the state, "doomsday" (as it is sometimes referred to in my household) came on Tuesday.

Kurt Kuban

The day began as my wife and I had to rustle our three children out of bed shortly after 7 a.m. No more sleeping in until 10. As we shook their beds to wake them, part of me felt like conjuring up one of those maniacal laughs from an old Vincent Price film, but I'm not sure my wife wouldn't have found that too funny. And I have to say, I was fairly impressed by their lack of complaining as they dragged themselves out from beneath their blankets. They seemed pretty excited about getting to school and meeting their new teachers and classmates.

Besides they seemed pretty resigned to their fates not 24 hours before as we drove home from northern Michigan after one of those beautiful weekends only we here in the Great Lakes State can truly appreciate. Nothing but sunny skies and temps in the upper 70s and lower 80s. As we made our way south on I-75, my oldest son, who is 8 and just started third grade, began to fret that yes, summer was about to come to an abrupt end.

"This was the shortest summer ever," he bemoaned. He then went on to complain about how he hadn't done "anything" during the summer break.

After chuckling to myself, I reminded him about all the trips we took this summer. We camped in Hiawatha National Forest in the Upper Peninsula, where he caught lots of snakes and frogs. We spent two days at Pictured Rocks National Park, where we braved the cool waters and large waves of Lake Superior. I reminded him about how we swam in the rushing waters of Ocqeouc Falls, one of the coolest swimming holes in the state. We also were able to go swimming several times in Lake Michigan and Lake Huron. In fact, one day while swimming in Lake Huron, we did battle with a surf that was reminiscent of the ocean.

And then I had to remind him about several trips we took to Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford, certainly one of the best history parks in the nation. What about the time we went to the Detroit Institute of Arts, I asked. After about 10 minutes of these reminders, he gave up. I had won the battle.

"OK, it was a good summer," he admitted.

Of course, while I bombarded him with the details of our many little trips, it dawned on me what a great summer it truly was. And the fact that we never once left the state of Michigan, even though one of our trips (to Pictured Rocks) took about eight hours — one way.

The bottom line is we are so fortunate to live in Michigan. Our summer included driving thousands of miles traversing the Mitten and UP, and frankly we didn't even scratch the surface. One could spends months and months discovering little gems around our state. Our lakes are second to none, of course, but we have so much more to offer.

And it seems we are finally starting to get some national attention other than the usual drivel about Detroit's decay. Last year, ABC's *Good Morning America* named Sleeping Bear National Park the "most beautiful place in America." And earlier this summer, I read a good travel piece from a *New York Times* writer in which he wrote northern Michigan was a regional secret that the rest of the nation should be in on.

I have to say as I dropped my children off at school on Tuesday and drove away, I had a bit of sadness come over me, because I realized, yes, summer is over even if the calendar doesn't know it yet. But then I remembered that autumn, my favorite season, is right around the corner. And boy is there a lot to do in Michigan during the fall. I'll have to tell the kids when they get home from school.

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Having an estate plan benefits beneficiaries

Money Matters

Rick Bloom

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

I saw an article the other day that talked about Sherman Hemsley's estate. Sherman Hemsley was the iconic George Jefferson from the TV series, *The Jeffersons*. Hemsley died about a month ago and has not been buried. The reason is there is a fight over his estate. His will is being contested and the court has ordered that his body be kept on ice until the dispute is resolved.

Hemsley was a famous person and when there is a dispute within a well-known person's estate it tends to get more publicity. However, don't assume that it doesn't happen to everyday people because it does. Even though everyday disputes may not make the papers, the effect can be equally as devastating to a family.

There is no one reason why an estate is contested. However, some of the more common reasons are that someone does not have an estate plan or it is out of date.

The numbers are startling as to how many Americans do not have a will.

A will is a basic estate planning document that sets forth the distribution of property and who is in charge or an estate. This is a document that every adult - rich or poor - needs. A fair number of disputes within families that occur upon death could have been easily resolved, if the deceased had a will. I scratch my head every time I read statistics that say upwards of 70 percent of Americans do not have a will.

For people who don't have an estate plan, what they really are saying is "let the state of Michigan decide who gets my property, who should be in charge of my estate, and how my estate will be administered." I think most of us would rather make that decision ourselves.

The bottom line is that every adult needs to do something with regards to estate planning. Whether it's a simple will, a trust or making sure that beneficiaries are properly named, estate planning is not something done once and forgotten about. It is something to be reviewed on an occasional basis. After all, we don't live in a static world and it's important that our estate plan changes with the times.

Not only do laws change, but family situations also change. That is why your estate plan needs to be up-to-date. If you have not reviewed your estate plan in the last couple of years, now is the time to do so. After all, having an out-of-date estate plan can be worse than not having an estate plan at all. I have seen situations where people have ex-spouses or deceased people as beneficiaries and that could cause problems.

Some will say that even with an up-to-date estate plan there can be controversy and problems. True. However, by having a plan that reflects what you currently want, you reduce the risk of problems.

There is only one reason for an estate plan. It's not to avoid probate or to save on taxes (although those are admirable goals). An estate plan protects your family and your loved ones after you are gone. Having an effective and up-to-date estate plan won't benefit you when you're six feet under, however, it will make life easier on your loved ones. And after all, isn't that what it's all about?

Don't think that everyone needs an attorney to draft an estate plan, because that's not the case. Obviously for people with means, where estate tax issues are involved, an attorney is needed. However, in many situations with some of the free fill-in-the-blank forms that are now available, many people can do their estate plan on their own.

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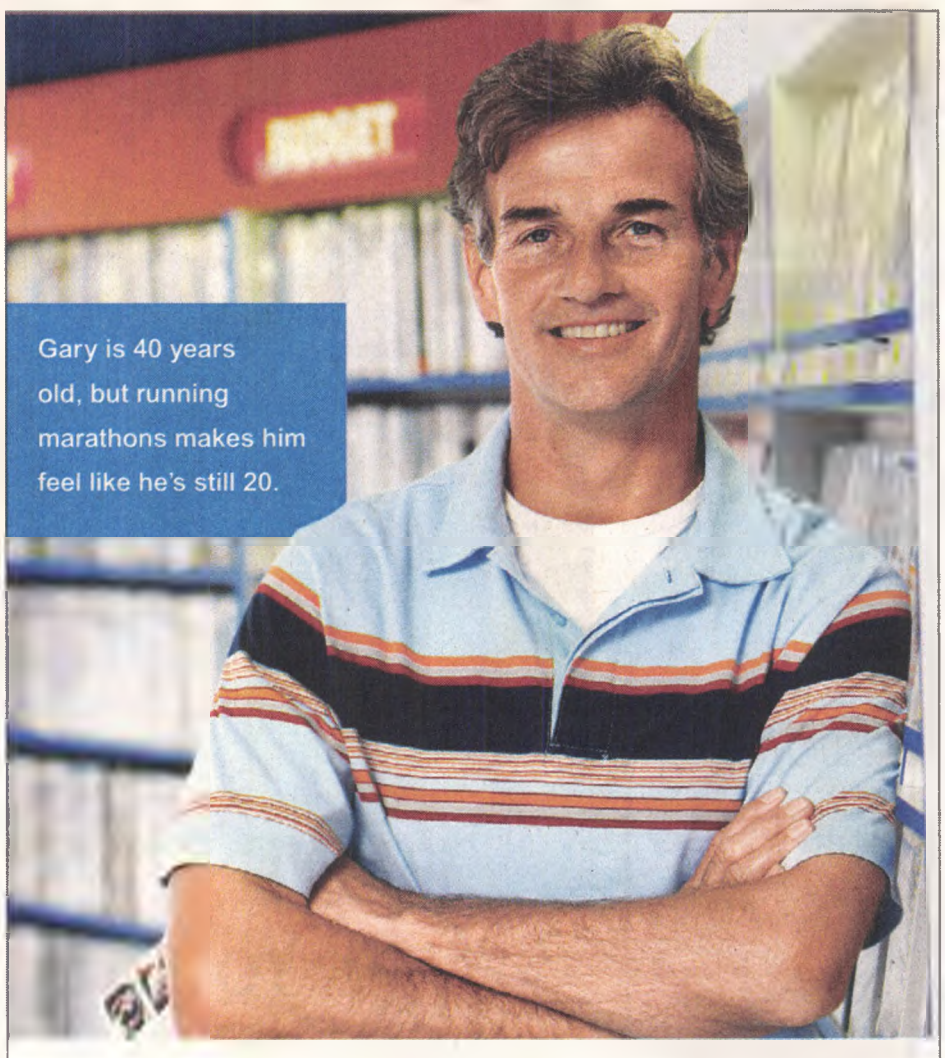

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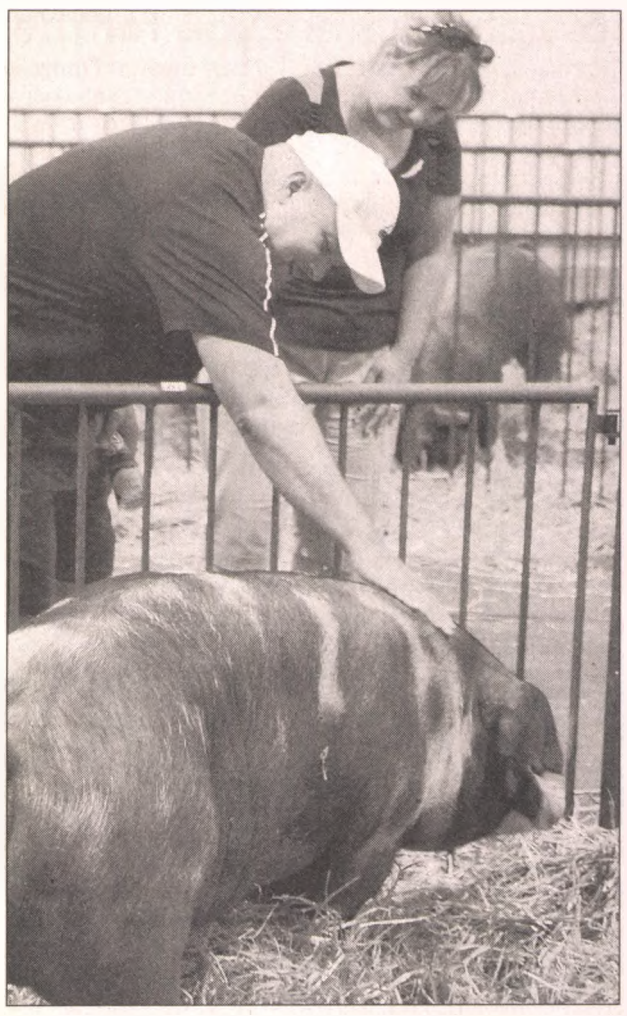

Michael and Kimbery Rosen of Taylor check out some of the residents of the pig pens at the Aug. 31 Great Lakes State Fair in Novi.

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Christine and Willis Plant trim their Romney sheep on Aug. 31 at the Great Lakes State Fair at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace. A trim doesn't cut as much wool as a sheering - and is done to mostly keep the animals cool in warm weather. The Romney sheep, although sharing the same last name as a certain well-known Michigan native, are actually native to Kent, England and are recognized as a prized "long wool" species.

Devin Box, 6, center, and other kids leap up for a basketball while at the Aug. 31 Great Lakes State Fair. The basketball was being launched by a high school robotics team from Orchard Lake.

The Great Lakes State Fair at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace featured an indoor farm animal exhibit, lots of Michigan produced goods, an outdoor Shrine circus tent and this colorful midway with lots of rides and food booths.

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

"Exceeded expectations" is how Suburban Collection Showplace President Blair Bowman described the first Great Lakes State Fair, which took place this past weekend.

"It was incredible," Bowman said of the event. "The question of whether or not we would get support was answered with a resounding 'yes.' The state fair has found a home in Novi."

Held in Detroit for more than 150 years, the Michigan State Fair ended in 2009 because of financial challenges. However, it came back to life at the Suburban Collection Showplace on Grand River Avenue in a scene that included a circus, a midway, an entertainment stage and livestock exhibition areas that were set up on the complex's more than 80 acres.

A pig exhibited at the Great Lakes State Fair examines a photographer's camera.

Bowman was happy to hear positive reviews of his facilities. One agricultural exhibitor said it was the cleanest, nicest open barn they had seen, Bowman said.

However, there were some internal bumps in the road. The main challenge was accommodating the number of people that showed up and moving them into the venue in a timely manner. Event organizers planned for large numbers, but didn't quite expect the big turnout.

Bowman said originally the event planners thought "if we reached 50,000, this would be a good effort" for attendance.

"The final attendance counts have not come in yet, but it was clear after Saturday that these numbers would be easily met or exceeded," he said.

He said there were no traffic or parking problems, and in general things went smoothly. Because of this success, event planners expect next year to be even better and bigger. With only four months to prepare for this year's fair, Bowman said an extra eight months will help greatly with the preparation.

The planning will wait until after the post-event meeting, which organizers and participants will do soon to give input on how to make the event better.

As of Tuesday morning though, Bowman said the main lesson learned was, "Take a chance and try something new — and if you put your best effort out there, then success should come."

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OUR VIEWS

Be smart

Do your part to protect against West Nile virus dangers

While panicking isn't the best way to deal with the news that Michigan has now reached epidemic status in deaths from the West Nile virus, a bit more precaution when spending time outdoors is certainly appropriate.

There have been five deaths confirmed from the virus in our state, more than any other year. The number of cases reported have reached around 100, but that number is only those that have been reported.

Our communities are doing what they can to combat the mosquito-borne virus, by treating storm drains with larvicide, but it's up to each individual to take further precautions.

The West Nile virus outbreak is expected to peak right about now, then taper off as the temperatures turn cooler and mosquitoes stop breeding for the season.

In the meantime, during this peak, we urge everyone to follow the recommended precautions issued by our local, county and state health officials.

Here's a recap of those precautions:

• Reduce areas where mosquitoes breed. Eliminate standing water that collects in toys, buckets, tires, unused pools, clogged roof gutters, birdbaths, and other containers.

• Repel against mosquitoes. Use insect repellents. Follow manufacturers' guidelines and don't use on children younger than 2 years of age.

• Wear protective clothing such as long sleeves and pants when spending time outdoors.

• Report the location of any dead bird to the Oakland County Health Division at (877) 377-3641 or to the Wayne County Health Department at (734) 727-7077.

• Avoid shady and wooded areas during daytime hours.

All property owners are also urged to evaluate water on their own property. If the water is in a creek or retention area that's healthy, running, or non-stagnant, then it's not considered a prime area for mosquito breeding and doesn't need to be treated.

But if the water is stagnant, such as in a private storm sewer catch basin located in a driveway, backyard, side yard, or subdivision open space, it can be easily treated with a drop-in larvicide from a local retailer.

Symptoms of the West Nile virus can vary widely.

Some symptoms include: headache, stiff neck, high fever, disorientation, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness, paralysis and coma.

Less severe symptoms include body aches, nausea, vomiting, swollen lymph glands or a skin rash on the stomach, chest and back. According to health officials, about 80 percent of people who have West Nile virus do not show any symptoms.

Symptoms can last for as short as a few days, though even healthy people have become sick for several weeks. Those at greatest risk are age 50 and older, pregnant women and people with weak or compromised immune systems. All five of the Michigan deaths occurred in people over age 50.

Communities, such as Canton and Livonia, have reported residents who have tested positive for West Nile virus.

Locally, public officials in Farmington and Farmington Hills have treated storm water catch basins with slow-release, 150-day larvicide that's known to kill mosquitoes.

This virus should be taken seriously by everyone. Take the precautions offered by health officials who have seen, firsthand, the effects. Do your part, as a good neighbor, to take care of any standing water on your property.

Summer's last days — and the beautiful autumn days ahead — shouldn't be hampered by pesky mosquitoes and a potentially dangerous virus, especially if we can all do our part to prevent it from spreading further.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

On a scale from one to 10, how anxious are you for the presidential race to be over?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.

"About eight and a half. I don't like all the (negative) ads, for one thing. I have a strong opinion about who I'd like to be president."

Jan Wright
Pittsfield Township

"Oh, 10. Even though I'm into politics wholeheartedly, it's the mudslinging and the animosity. ... It's ruining friendships. ... It'll be a little bit better, whoever wins."

Bridget Butler
Plymouth Township

"I'd probably say seven. I think it's a big election, and I think it's an important election and I think it's a turning point for our country."

Lynn Mark
Plymouth

"Ten. 'Cause it's going to be crazy until the election day."

Suzannne Adamowicz
Plymouth Township

LETTERS

Extended family

Have you heard about (former Plymouth Whaler) Mitchell Heard's extended family?

With heartfelt thanks and great gratitude, our family, the Heards, would like to thank Dan, Sue, Riley and Kelly Stechschulte for being such a kind and loving family who supported and helped guide Mitchell with his success to being drafted to the Colorado Avalanche.

They say it takes a village to raise a child, but in this case it took a village to be the best fans with their great support to help raise a future NHL hockey player and a wonderful billet family to be there as his second family. We were blessed to have Dan and Sue watch over our son when we could not attend.

And for all those future hockey players who have the honor of staying with them as a billet family, we need not wish you luck, being you have just won the lottery of the best extended family you could ever hope and pray for.

Thank you, Plymouth Whalers, we will always be grateful that you opened your doors to our son, Mitchell, and let his dreams come true.

Thank you, Dan and Sue.

Mitchell Heard and family
Bowmanville, Ontario

Political discourse

On Sunday, Aug. 26, the Rev. Dr. James Skimins, of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, spoke about positive Christian relationships. He mentioned the increasingly negative and vile political messaging, and specifically, that our political parties have become extremely polarized.

Dr. Skimins informed the congregation that pastor Rick Warren, of Saddleback Church of California, has canceled his forum for the presidential candidates this year. Four years ago, he hosted both Sen. John McCain and then-Sen. Barack Obama.

The expressed reason was because of the vile, negative and polarized discourse that is occurring in our country. Brad Kadrich, editor of the Plymouth and Canton Observers, has repeatedly implored all of us to stick to the issues and provide civil discourse as to what is relevant in our representative democracy.

At the state level, Bill Ballenger's "Inside Michigan Politics," Aug. 27, has published an analysis of strategic votes which define our current State Legislators. Mr. Ballenger's evaluation utilizes a continuum with "0" = most Conservative and "100" = most Liberal. Many of our State Legislators vote at the extreme left or extreme right.

Campaign Finance Reports can be viewed at the Secretary of State's website. Significant contributions to legislators clearly indicate that Special Interest groups run Lansing. Well-funded Super PACs pay for TV ads with the sole intent of misleading — not informing — the voters.

I would like to encourage everyone to attend the League of Women Voters Forum on Monday, Sept. 24, at the Canton Public Library. Listen to what the candidates have to say on the issues. Hopefully, they will focus on the needs of the people and not divisive party politics.

John C. Stewart
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Plymouth

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GUEST COLUMN

Americans need more footprints

By Patrick Colbeck
Guest Columnist

On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong became the first man to walk on the surface of the moon. On Aug. 25, 2012, Neil Armstrong left our earthly bonds for the heavens once more. His departure reminds us of an era when we not only set big goals, we accomplished them.

Patrick Colbeck

When the Soviet Union launched Sputnik in 1957, it was a wakeup call for America. Our Cold War enemy owned the skies over our country and we were unable to do anything about it. We were the most prosperous nation in the world, yet our prestige took it on the chin from a tiny satellite. Sputnik woke us up.

Thankfully, President Kennedy revved us up. In 1961, he issued a challenge for our entire nation: "I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the Moon and returning him safely to the Earth." He issued this challenge "not because it was easy, but because it was hard." We responded in true American style — with success.

The success of the Apollo program truly did not come easy. There were monumental risks of all kinds. Our failures were numerous and very public. They were also heartbreaking, as was the case with the loss of the Apollo 1 crew. The Apollo program touched the hearts of all Americans as it tapped into our salient yearnings to push past the problems we face today and seek a better tomorrow.

In contrast, the prime directive of our government today is to preserve the status quo, not launch into new frontiers. Our government today has paralyzed America by suppressing the belief that there is any greatness within us as individuals.

Many of today's leaders believe that they know how to run our lives better than we do. The dramatic increase in the size and scope of our government has fostered dependence not independence in a vain attempt to eliminate all risk and discomfort from our lives. The Apollo program, on the other hand, was evidence that the best successes in life, the ones that are remembered with pride throughout the ages, are not easy ... they are hard. Success is born of blisters, not bluster.

It is remarkable to note that, in today's America, the promotion of innovation is more of a slogan than a way of life. We should all realize that the preservation of the status quo is antithetical to the concept of innovation. Innovation is born of risk. Many of the hardships or challenges that we face in life are what provide the motivation and insights that result in innovation. Eliminate risk and you eliminate innovation.

The Soviet Union was famous for its central planning. Government elites would prepare elaborate plans dictating the path that all of its citizens needed to follow. America took a different approach. We championed the unalienable right to liberty in our pursuits of happiness. Freedom is the key to blazing new trails. In the Space Race, as in all other worthy endeavors, freedom wins.

So as we reflect upon what is arguably the crowning technical achievement of our nation, let us not forget that Neil Armstrong's trip to the moon was only one "small step" on our journey as Americans. I believe it is time for us to come together and pursue the greatness that lies within each and every one of us.

It is time to make some more footprints.

Patrick Colbeck is the state senator for the 7th Michigan District, which serves Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

Inspire School of Theatre Arts to stage Dickens' classic

Filing the stage with ghosts, orphans, and redemption of the human soul, Inspire School of Theatre Arts has announced its new semester with three new exciting classes and a production of Charles Dickens classic, *A Christmas Carol*.

A Christmas Carol tells the story of a man, embittered by the past, given a second chance at life. Being warned in a visit by his dead business partner, Jacob Marley, he is told of appointments he must keep with three supernatural specters. Student will fill the recognizable roles of Scrooge, Marley, the three ghosts, Bob Cratchit, and, of course, Tiny Tim.

The three classes are Theatre for the Advanced Student, Introduction to Theatre for the Beginner, taught on Saturday mornings, and Theatre for Homeschoolers on Monday and Tuesdays. During the 10-week classes, students will be introduced to many of the aspects of theatre, both on stage and behind the scene. Along the way they will be exposed to set and prop work as well as training for the stage. Those students who have had stage experience will be given instruction to build on the skills they already possess.

Classes will focus on building characters, tapping into emotion, stage directions, finding their voice, confidence in public speaking, interpreting roles, characterization, projection, as well as improvisation and "being real."

Inspire Theatre began in 2005 and has produced such plays as the Wizard of Oz, *Father of the Bride*, *It's a Wonderful Life* and this year's opening production of Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* as well as many original productions.

Among the shows students in the Inspire School of Theatre Arts have presented are A Merry Christmas Charlie Brown.

IT enjoys the status as Westland's only live theatre. As the theatre grew, the need for children's program became apparent. Out of this need, Inspire School for Theatre Arts was born.

Inspire School for Theatre Arts began in the fall of 2010 as an outreach from Inspire Theatre to the community as an outlet for local creative children to learn the elements of theatre in a safe, nurturing environment. This is ISTA's third season. Past classes have presented *A Merry Christmas Charlie Brown*, *It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown*, plus two original productions, *The Wolf Chronicles* and *Enchanted Forest*. Students come from Garden City, Westland, Livonia, Canton, Farmington Hills and Redford.

Inspire Theatre in the Warren Road Light and Life Church at 33445 Warren Road in Westland.

Registration for classes will be 10:30 to noon Saturday, Sept. 8. Classes will begin on Saturday, Sept. 15, and run for 10 weeks, concluding with the production. Auditions will held the first week of class and parts will be assigned the following week.

Classes cost $20 per class or $150, if paid at registration. Class size is limited. For more information, contact Len Fisher at inspire@inspiretheatre.com or at (734) 751-7057.

Tunnel to Towers 5K run will remember 9/11

On Sept. 11, 2001, firefighter Stephen Siller just got off the late shift at Squad 1. He was on his way to play golf when his scanner told of the first plane hitting the World Trade Center.

Hearing the news, he called his wife to tell her he would be late, then drove to the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel. It was already closed to traffic, so with 60 pounds of gear on his back, he ran just over three miles through the tunnel and to the Towers. He lost his life that day saving others.

On Saturday, Sept. 8, Michigan will remember 9/11 with a Tunnel to Towers 5K run. The event to honor Mr. Siller and all of our first responder heroes. The 5K run/walk also will commemorate 19 people with Michigan roots who were lost in the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

This is the second year for the Detroit event, the only one in Michigan. The fundraiser will send Eric Snyder and Trevor Sanford, members of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, to New York City to compete in the National Tunnel to Towers Run on Sept. 30, as well as assist several local and national charities that support first responders, military personnel, veterans and their families.

The event takes place at the Wildwood Amphitheater in Civic Center Park in Oakland County's Orion Township and will start with a flag ceremony at 8:46 a.m. and the race will begin at 9:11 a.m.

Online registration and further information available at www.T2T-Run.org/Detroit. Contact Scott Watkins (517) 862-4258 from the Michigan Remembers 9-11 Fund for more information.

Applications accepted for Miss Wayne County pageant

Applications are currently being accepted for the 2012 Miss Wayne County Scholarship Pageant, an official Miss America preliminary.

Any woman age 17-24 who lives, works full-time or attends school full-time in Wayne County is eligible to apply.

Contestants will compete in the five categories: interview, lifestyle and fitness in swimsuit, evening gown, talent and on-stage question. The winner will receive a cash scholarship and will represent Wayne County at the 2013 Miss Michigan Pageant which will be held in Muskegon.

The application deadline is Sept. 16. To apply online, visit www.miss-waynecounty.org. For more information, call (734) 367-0560 or send an email to SheilaMae116@aol.com.

Applications also are available for the Miss Wayne County Princess Program, a non-competitive pageant experience open to girls ages 4-12. Visit www.miss-waynecounty.org to apply.

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KLAA VOLLEYBALL OPENER

Chiefs hold off fired-up Rocks

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

There was no shortage of frenzied action and intensity Tuesday night between Canton and Salem as the rival girls volleyball teams opened the KLAA season with quite a thriller.

Canton prevailed over host Salem in four hammer-and-tong games, winning a marathon opener (27-25) to set the tone that nothing would come easy in the first dual match of the season for both teams.

The Chiefs followed up winning the second game 25-20 before the pesky Rocks — bolstered by the return of senior outside hitter Abigail Dworzanin, who missed all last season due to a knee injury — answered in Game 3 (25-17).

Canton then had to rally late in Game 4 to avoid going to a match-breaking fifth game, ultimately winning 25-22 to finish up a 3-1 match triumph.

"My blood pressure would have gone up," said Salem head coach Amanda Nies, about the match nearly going to Game 5. "But we stuck through the game the whole time, and that's what I'm proud of."

According to Canton first-year head coach Steve Johnson, his team knew it had quite a battle on its hands at Salem High School's gymnasium.

"I think they outhustled us pretty much the whole night," Johnson said. "And that really caught us of guard and got us off our game plan a little bit and put us on our heels. But we were able to fight through that."

Defense does it

Instrumental to Canton's win was the play of senior outside hitter Erica den Boer, one of the team's key returnees from the 2011 juggernaut.

She finished with 12 kills and 17 digs, providing the Chiefs with clutch plays throughout the night.

"I think they were keying on her (den Boer) a lot," Johnson said. "It kind of slowed her

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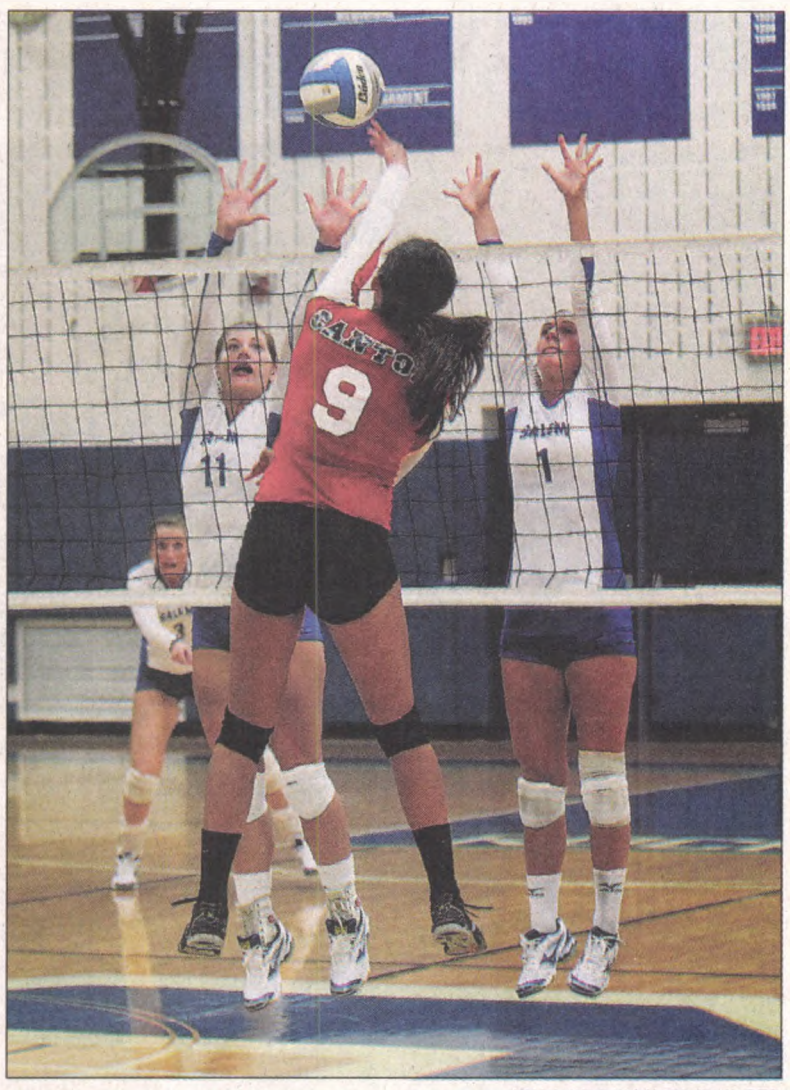

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Salem defenders Kelly Whalen (No. 11) and Abigail Dworzanin (No. 1) put up a wall at the net against Canton's Courtney Kurkie during Tuesday night's KLAA opener for both teams.

Capaldi gains Bowling Hall

Rick Capaldi of Canton is one of six people selected for induction into the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame, increasing the membership to 243.

Capaldi's bowling career came alive as he became a senior. Always a solid performer on the lanes his tournament titles started to flourish as he became more experienced. He operates Oak Lanes in Westland, but continues to bowl as much as possible.

Three times he's been named to the Detroit Senior All-City team (2003, 2004 and 2012). In 2010, he prevailed in the Metro Detroit USBC Association (MDUSBC) Super Senior Masters, an elite event for players over 60.

Just to prove that he couldn't just prevail over fellow senior bowlers, Capaldi won the MDUSBC Masters in 2012 against the best bowlers the association has to offer.

Capaldi, who owns five 800 series, six 300 games and a high average of 232, won two National Senior Bowling Association titles in 2006. He's also competed in 27 American Bowling Congress/United States Bowling Congress tournaments, averaging 191.

The induction ceremony will take place Sunday, Oct. 14, at DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention Center, 6015 E. 10 Mile, Warren.

Cocktails will be served at 4 p.m., dinner at 5 p.m. with the program to follow. Tickets are $30 each and can be purchased through the MDUSBC office at (888) 753-6350, Ext. 104.

The other inductees are Michelle Ewald, Clinton Township; David Ewald, Macomb; Mark Voight, Farmington Hills; Michael Clemence, Las Vegas; and Randy Shank, Sterling Heights.

Wildcats don't miss a beat with new coach

GIRLS GOLF

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

A coaching change isn't stopping Plymouth's march toward a potential girls golf championship and the Wildcats kept things rolling Tuesday.

Plymouth, with Dan Young officially the team's interim coach, improved to 3-0 in the KLAA with Tuesday's 167-196 win over campus rival Canton at Hilltop Golf Course.

The Wildcats also have won all four team tournaments this season.

"I'm excited, it's a great group of girls," Young said. "They're very hard working and they're very talented.

"We're going to continue to set our goals towards the end of the year, towards the league tournament, state tournament and try to get our games ready for anything that can happen down the stretch as far as weather, tough (course) conditions."

Young took over the reins from veteran coach Chris Moore, who left to take a position as assistant principal at Pioneer Middle School.

It is considered a conflict of interest for a building administrator to also coach a team in the district.

As usual, Plymouth senior Kelsey Murphy led the way. She was medalist with a nine-hole score of 39 (4-over par).

Her sophomore sister, Sydney Murphy, finished with a 41 as did senior Sarah Thompson.

Other Wildcats to finish were Kayla Whatley and Katie Chipman (46 each) and Danielle Allen, with a 48.

For Canton (1-1 in the KLAA), the top performer was Kelsey McDougall, who registered a 42.

Following her on the scorecard were Chloe Luyet (49), Rachel Pisano (51), Kayla Lagola (54), Alyce Krumm (55) and Katie Adams (55).

"We shot our average, so we're doing all right," Canton head coach Tom Alles said. "It's tough competition against Plymouth. You have to go low to expect to beat them and I don't think we have the depth yet to compete with that. Our girls played well, I'm pleased."

Both Young — also varsity boys basketball coach at Westland John Glenn — and Alles said it is always a fun matchup whenever the Wildcats and Chiefs get together.

"Most of the girls are friends, and it's a very good golf course to play," Young noted. "So we feel good about it, it's a good day."

The next meeting is being rescheduled to 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21, at Fox Hills. The original schedule had the match slated for Thursday, Sept. 20.

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Salem boots Northville, 4-1

BOYS SOCCER

State-ranked Salem (No. 8) continued its winning ways with a 4-1 victory over Northville in a KLAA Central Division boys soccer tilt.

Scoring twice for Salem (4-1-2 overall, 1-0-0 in the Central) was Andriy Pelekh. Each chipping in with a goal and assist were Brady Cole and Connor Cole while Chris Dierker tallied an assist. Earning the victory in goal was Collin Hewett.

Salem built a 2-0 halftime lead before the Mustangs sliced the edge to 2-1 early in the second half. But then the Rocks closed out the match with a flourish.

Olah sparks 'Cats

Chandler Olah's hat trick lifted Plymouth to a 4-1 boys soccer victory Tuesday over visiting Westland John Glenn in the KLAA South Division opener for both teams.

The Wildcats, 1-2 overall 1-0 in the division, broke away from a 1-all halftime deadlock with three unanswered goals in the second half.

Michael Blake also score for Plymouth, while Jimmy Merdani tallied the lone goal for the Rockets, who slipped to 4-1 overall and 0-1 in the KLAA South.

"We are still a work in progress," Glenn coach Brian Tomlinson said. "Tonight we learned a lot about where and how we need to improve. Our goal is to join the ranks of the elite teams in the KLAA. Achieving that goal will require more consistency and discipline from us. That said, tonight was not all bad. Andrew Doyle, Ryan McCarthy, and Tyler Simpson gave tremendous

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Leading the way

Salem's Bizon sets winning example for teammates

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Every year, Emily Bizon sets out to eclipse her previous best.

If she succeeds in doing that for the 2012 Salem girls cross country team, it might be enough to help push the Rocks over the hump and back into the Division 1 state meet.

Bizon was part of the 2009 and 2010 teams that placed eighth and 10th, respectively, at the D1 finals. Last fall, the Rocks fell short of making another trip by one measly point.

"I have PRd every year, even if it's by only a few seconds," said the 16-year-old Salem senior during a recent interview. "Last year it was by about four seconds (19:50).

"I'd like to PR again, and I'd like to see the team get to the states for my last year."

Bizon also is pushing the pace in the leadership department. She is captain of the squad, with solid help from senior assistant captains Shannon Flynn, Gretchen Clemans and Alejandra Beltran.

Salem head coach Dave Gerlach's praise for Bizon and the rest of the quartet is quite understandable.

"I have really strong leadership," Gerlach said. "Emily is a special person, a special leader. And she leads a lot by example. She knows what it takes to get to that next level, she had a lot of success last year that was built on a great work ethic.

"I am very proud of my four leaders, my four captains. They have shown the team over this summer what they expect."

Emily Bizon is all about being a top athlete and leader at Salem High School.

Summer bonding

With the memory of just missing out on the 2011 state finals still fresh, Bizon and the other team leaders helped spearhead regular summer workouts at Cass Benton Park and the high school.

They made sure not to miss any of those runs, to help all of the girls get to know each other and understand the team's 2012 mission.

"All of our captains think leadership is incredibly important, especially since most of our training is done in the summer," Bizon noted. "So Dave really does rely on us to get all the girls together."

They discuss being consistent. They communicate. They bond.

"Because summer training is hard, everyone wants to sleep in, they don't want to get up in the morning," she said. "So if we are consistent in going every day and talking to them, getting to know everyone, we feel a lot closer and we feel like everyone is going

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THE BIZON FILE

Who: Emily Bizon, Salem High School senior captain of the girls cross country team.
Vet: The 16-year-old Plymouth resident is in her fourth season with the Rocks and made the All-Observer second team in 2010 and 2011.
Best: Bizon's personal record is 19-minutes, 50-seconds, set her junior year.
Helping out: Seniors Shannon Flynn, Gretchen Clemans and Alejandra Beltran are assistant captains.
Misc: Bizon carries a 3.87 grade point average, is a member of the National Honor Society and ran on the Salem girls track and field team her freshman and sophomore years. She would like to rejoin the team next spring.

WHAC lauds MU's Goad

Madonna University senior Dave Goad (Allen Park) was named the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Men's Golfer of the Week (ending Sept. 2).

Goad placed fifth individual with a 4-over 75-71-146 total to lead the Crusaders at the O.C. Lou Collins Memorial held at Bedford Valley Country Club on Friday and Saturday, placing fifth individually.

The award is Goad's first of his career and is the first award for any MU student-athlete this fall.

Indiana Wesleyan, meanwhile, captured the team title with a 582 total with Madonna and Owens Community College (Ohio) tying for second at 600 each.

MU's finishers included Joe Parker, tied for sixth (73-75-148); Erik Taurence, tied for 10th (77-72-149); Benjamin Gawronski, tied for 15th (74-76-150); Nick Corbeil, tied for 23rd (76-77-153); and Drew Mossoian (Livonia Stevenson), tied for 45th (78-81-159).

Balancing act

Anastos thrives on both rink and court

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

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Andie Anastos (18) of Farmington Hills, a senior at Livonia Ladywood High, played all three games earlier this month in the USA-Canada Under-18 series in Blaine, Minn.

Two-sport Livonia Ladywood High athlete Andie Anastos earned a roster spot on the USA Hockey Women's Under-18 team this summer.

Whether she's on the ice or on the basketball court, Andie Anastos is going to get your undivided attention.

The Livonia Ladywood High senior from Farmington Hills, who recently earned a roster spot on USA Hockey Women's Under-18 team and played against Team Canada in an intense three-game series, is winter sports' answer to a modern-day Babe Didrikson.

While juggling the two sports, the daughter of Michigan State University head men's hockey coach Tom Anastos has sharpened her hockey skills as a longtime member of the Honeybaked program where she played a key role on the 2011 16-and-under National Championship squad.

But her basketball prowess doesn't take a back seat where the fearless 5-foot-9 point guard, a two-time first-team All-Observer selection, is a double figure scorer (12.5 ppg) who generally leads the way for Blazers in rebounds (6.6), assists (4.5) and steals (2.4).

"When she's at basketball, you can't even tell she plays another sport because she's 100 percent basketball," Ladywood coach Anthony Coratti said. "She's just completely focused and cares about the kids around her. It's really all about making the people around her better."

Anastos has committed to go to Boston College to play hockey, but there's still some unfinished business at Ladywood where all three of her older sisters played hoops.

Basketball season

"I figured it was my last year," Andie said. "I want to play and I just don't want to leave my team behind because I love them all, my coach and everything like that. I was planning on playing either way. I think we'll have a pretty good team."

After making the cut and earning an spot on the all-star team following at a tryout camp held in July in St. Cloud, Minn., Anastos caught the attention of USA Hockey scouting staff.

"No surprises with Andie," said head coach Jeff Kampersal, who is also the Princeton University women's coach. "She had a solid U-17 camp in St. Cloud and followed with a hard-working effort against Canada. What you see, is what you get with Andie — that's a good thing."

Anastos, who plays center, was one of 12 forwards to make the final cut on a squad of 22. A total of 28 players were considered with one goal, two defenseman and three forwards being let go.

Making the grade

Despite her modesty, Anastos admitted she was surprised she made the grade.

"I really wasn't expecting to … but I wanted to," she said, laughing. "I was more confident going into this one. Last year was the first camp that I went to and I really didn't know what to expect. This year I was more confident and knew more what was going on. I just felt stronger out there. I played U-19 last year (with Honeybaked) as opposed to U-16 the year before that. I just felt stronger and adjusted to the quicker game. You move faster and the puck moves much quicker, too."

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Ladywood point-guard Andie Anastos, a member of the USA Hockey Women's Under 18 team, is also looking forward to her senior basketball season.

The USA-Canada series, held Aug. 16-19, in Blaine, Minn., went right down to the wire.

In the first game, Anastos drew an assist in a 3-2 loss. In Game Two, Team USA evened the series with a 3-1 victory.

In the deciding game, Canada built a three-goal lead only to have Team USA tie it at 4-all before losing in a shootout, 5-4.

"That was a bummer, considering we came back from a three-goal deficit," Anastos said. "I thought I played pretty well for the most part. We rolled four lines and I was kind of on the third and fourth lines. The (head) coach at BC (Courtney Kennedy) was also an assistant coach with the USA team. I talked to her a couple of days ago and she told me I was really strong in the defensive zone."

Anastos also got first-hand taste of the intense and sometimes bitter Olympic women's hockey rivalry between the U.S. and Canada. There is a long history of no love lost between the two countries.

Border war

"It's a big rivalry," Anastos said. "Once they got there I did not like them at all. They couldn't even stay in the dorms. They had to go to a hotel. I said, 'Come on, the dorms are nice, good food and stuff like that.' I didn't like them from that."

Anastos' ultimate goal to keep her spot on the USA Women's Under-18 squad, which will compete over the Christmas holidays in the World Junior Tournament in Finland.

"This fall we will re-evaluate every player that played in the series vs. Canada, plus those that were close but did not make it, to find the right group of 22 to win a gold medal in January," Kampersal said.

And the Team USA coach likes what he sees so far in Anastos.

"Andie is a class act individual," Kampersal said. "She works hard, her teammates love her, she always seems happy, and she has a willingness to learn. As a player, she is a sturdy center, who is dependable, smart, and can make plays."

Anastos, who carries a 3.8 grade point average, had entertained thoughts about going to Harvard. This summer, she made a visit to the Ivy League school by Boston, but also decided to give Boston College a look as well.

College choice

"It's a really good school, first of all, I really like the coaches and the campus was really nice," Anastos said of B.C. "It also helped that they have a good hockey team. I visited other schools and I thought I was going to go to Harvard first, but when I visited Boston College I decided to go there."

With another dual-sport winter season approaching, it's business as usual for Anastos, who will juggle her Honeybaked and Ladywood schedules, while going to school.

"I'm so used to it that I'm really not that tired," she said. "I get tired from time to time, but it's not that hard. I've had games, and then a practice, but I don't know if I've had two games on the same day."

Despite the long days, Anastos has been able to balance things out.

"Obviously you know she plays hockey, but the last couple years we've been lucky because we haven't had any conflicts," Coratti said. "It's been a good situation."

Coratti said Anastos could easily have gotten a basketball scholarship, but there was one caveat.

"I think people were kind of afraid of hockey, but I don't know why," he said. "Given the opportunity, she could play at any level."

But the Ladywood coach is thankful he has his stellar point-guard for another season.

"I could never say anything but positive things about her," Coratti said. "Her attitude is incredible. Not only does she have a great attitude, but she'll work her tail off every opportunity she gets."

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Whalers 2-0 in preseason

The Plymouth Whalers built a 5-0 lead into the second period and went on to defeat the Windsor Spitfires, 5-3, in an Ontario Hockey League preseason game played Monday afternoon at Windsor Family Credit Union Centre.

After beating Windsor, 3-0, on last Saturday in Wyandotte, Plymouth is now 2-0 in preseason. Windsor is 0-2.

Garrett Meurs led the Whalers attack with a pair of goals, his first two goals of the preseason. Ryan Hartman and Mitch Jones scored a goal and an assist each, while Stefan Noesen added a single goal.

Goaltender Riley Corbin stopped all 13 shots he faced through the first half of the game for Whalers. Alex Nedeljkovic made his Plymouth debut in goal and stopped 13-of-16 Windsor shots over the final 31:21 of the game.

Plymouth led, 2-0 after one period and 5-1 after 40 minutes.

The Whalers complete the preseason Friday night in London and will play the Knights on Saturday night in St. Thomas, ON.

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Plymouth (2-0) at Livonia Churchill (2-0), 7 p.m.	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth	Churchill
South Lyon East (0-2) at Livonia Stevenson (2-0), 7 p.m.	Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson
Wayne (0-2) at Canton (1-1), 7 p.m.	Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton
Farmington Harrison (2-0, 1-0) at Oxford (1-1, 1-0), 7 p.m.	Harrison	Oxford	Harrison	Oxford
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Crestwood (0-2) at Thurston (1-1), 7 p.m.	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston
Garden City (1-1) at Redford Union (1-1), 7 p.m.	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City
Saturday, Sept. 8				
Detroit Chavez (1-1) at Lutheran Westland (0-2), 1 p.m.	Westland	Westland	Westland	Westland
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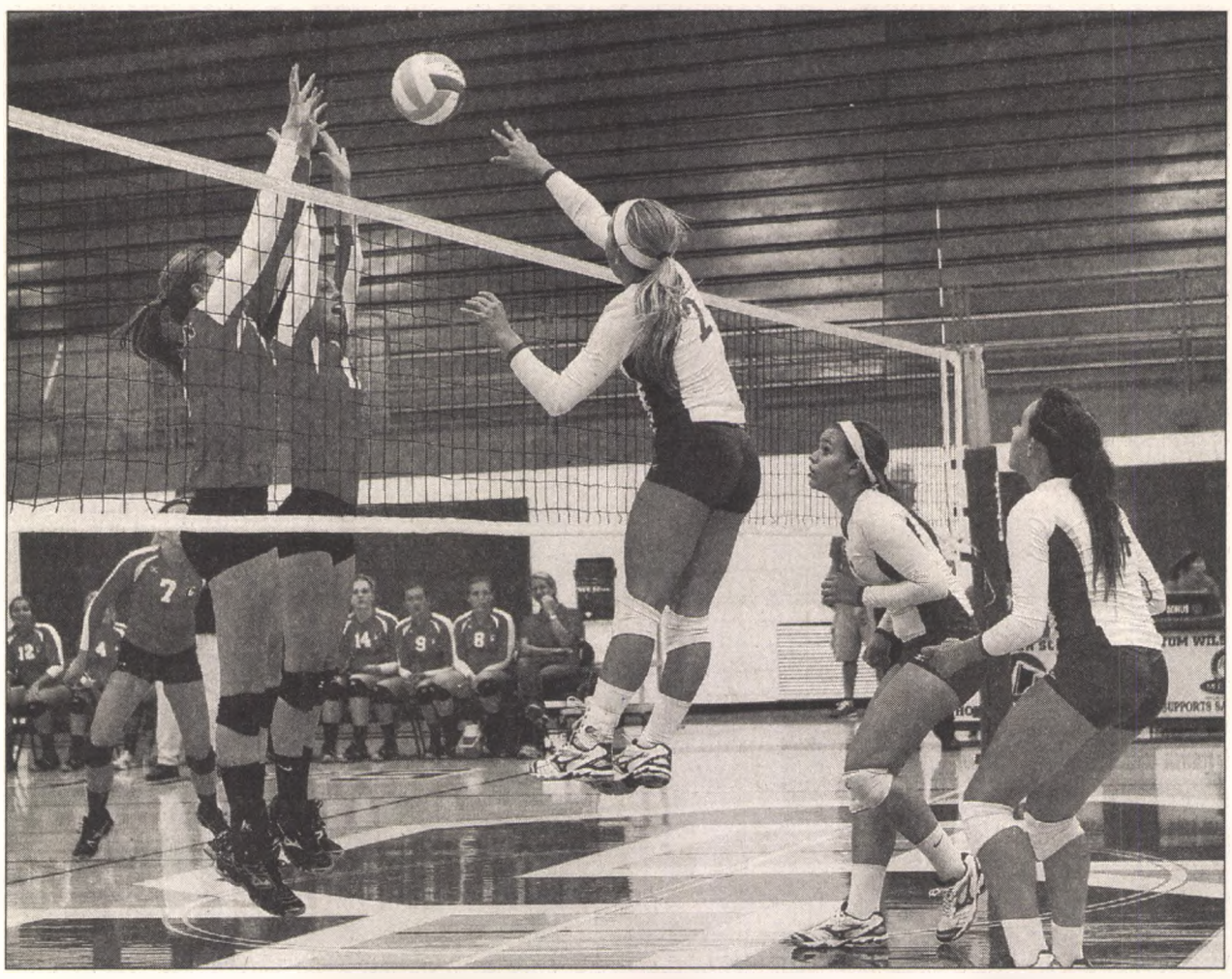

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Canton's Rebecca LeChevalier (far left) and Erica den Boer jump up in tandem to attempt a block against Salem's Erika Hatcher Tuesday night. At right for the Rocks are Tess Ganich and Julianna DiMichele.

SPIKERS

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down, at least in the first couple games.

"But her defense and our passing really is where it picked up for us. She had a couple nice, timely kills, but mostly her defense kept us in the game."

Another Canton veteran, libero Rebecca Middleton, helped the victorious Chiefs with 12 digs.

Providing power up front were Courtney Kurkie and Jordan Diedrick, with 11 and eight kills, respectively. Helping set them up were Chelsea Janice (17 assists) and Madison Kielty (15 assists).

On the Salem side, the Rocks showed their resilience, taking a cue from Dworzanin (10 digs, six kills, two aces).

"Having Abby back is definitely a difference and our defense tonight was outstanding, our passing was great," Nies said.

Senior defensive specialist Emily Lipa contributed 15 digs, while other players chipping in for Salem were senior right-side hitter Breanne Beaver (eight kills, four blocks), senior setter Nancy Krutty (six digs, 35 assists) and senior outside hitter Erika Hatcher (seven kills, four digs).

"My setter, Nancy, she did a great job running the floor for me," Nies said. "She is extremely athletic and I've been working real hard with her in practice a lot on smart plays and where to go. She's picking it up."

Nies said the night might have turned out differently had the Rocks finished on top in the opening game.

"I thought Game 1 we kind of gave it to them," she noted. "We were up the whole game."

A six-point service run by Dworzanin lifted Salem to an 18-13 advantage. Freshman middle blocker Tess Ganich accounted for three of those points, two on spikes and another when she and Hatcher jumped in unison for a block.

The Chiefs immediately rallied, as Kielty served up four points in a row — featuring a block and spike by Cucuz, one of two impressive left-handed right-side hitters for Johnson.

Later on in the game, the Rocks were up 25-24 with a chance to clinch. But a net serve kept the Chiefs alive and Middleton finished it off with an ace.

The second game was close all the way through, with the Chiefs even or leading throughout. Salem did cut the lead to 20-19 thanks to Hatcher's kill.

Closing out the win with two service points was Canton's Dia Jackson.

Salem bounced back in the third game, coming back from an early 10-5 deficit.

Trailing 16-12, Ganich went on an eight-point run to put the Rocks up 20-16. Active up front during the streak were Beaver and Hatcher.

A service error by Canton made it 21-17 and Hatcher served the next four points for the win. Dworzanin and senior Kelly Whalen accounted for points with kills and the game-clinching point was secured when Whalen and Beaver teamed up for a block.

To the wire

Salem led for most of Game 4, up 21-19 and having the next serve.

The Chiefs won that point, however, and stayed ahead the rest of the game.

Finishing off the game and match was Janice, with a two-point service string. On the clincher, Middleton set up Kurkie for a thunderous slam.

"Game 3, we were down the whole game and came through at the end and ended up winning it," Nies noted. "For the first match of the season, I'm extremely excited because they're only going to get better each day.

"I just loved how they were confident throughout the whole match."

Both the Chiefs and Rocks continue with KLAA matches Thursday.

Canton will visit Wayne Memorial while Salem travels to South Lyon.

On Saturday, the two Park rivals will participate in the Lakeland Invitational.

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BIZON

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through the exact same thing.

"It's a lot easier to ask things of them and we can know that they will respond well and we can all work well together."

Better each time

Younger members of the team might ask Bizon about her top-notch career arc and she'd probably respond about the ecstatic feeling of scaling the heights as a group.

She'd recall her freshman year, when she and teammates "came out of nowhere, and we did amazingly with everyone on varsity. It was just really inspiring."

Although the Wildcats were in the finals, Bizon did not compete. But she did in 2010 when Plymouth reprised its D1 success.

That's when she set her then-best time of 19:54, finishing in a virtual tie with teammate and friend Madison Goodpasture (one of seven fourth-year seniors on the 2012 Rocks).

"We actually got just about the same time," Bizon said. "Her foot crossed the line faster than mine. I loved that year."

Then came last season, when she shaved her PR down by another four seconds to 19:50.

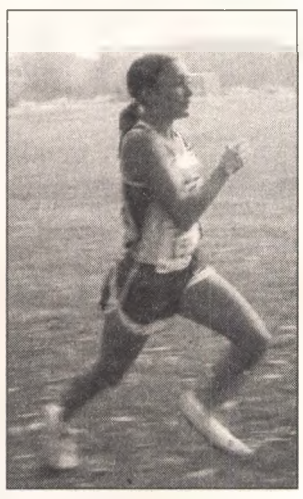
Salem's varsity girls cross country team is following the lead of seniors (from left) Gretchen Clemans, Shannon Flynn, Emily Bizon and Alejandra Beltran. They are sharing captains' duties.

Ready to work

Bizon's quest to finish even faster this year speaks to the team's philosophy.

"We just set goals and really, really just try to stick with those," she said. "Like if we want to get back to states again, which we do. I'll just take it in front of them, and say 'This is how hard we need to work and we need to get up to this (level).'

"I try not to remind them of last year, but if I do, it still gets them to run harder every time."



Salem senior captain Emily Bizon steps her way toward another successful run for the varsity girls cross country team.

Running harder, better and faster is ingrained throughout the team, after all.

Emily Bizon's major contributions have plenty to do with that Rocks-solid mindset.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Sign up for Saints

The Washtenaw Saints Football Team, of the Christian Athletic League of America, is currently looking for interested young men (6th through 12th grade) to join the team.

There are no tryouts and everyone will get a chance to compete. Practices are underway at Domino Farms in Ann Arbor from 5:30 to 7:30 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. For more information contact coach Jeremy Florence at (734) 649-0532 or by e-mail at Lemmie@aol.com.

Thirst for Life Run

The Thirst For Life 5K Walk/Run will be Saturday, Sept. 8, at Bicentennial Park in Livonia to benefit Team World Vision.

Registration begins at 7:45 a.m., the race at 9. Bicentennial Park is on the north side of 7 Mile Road, between Gill and Newburgh roads.

All of the money raised will be used to fund water and sanitation projects in the villages of Mayo and Hamandu in Zambia, Africa.

For more information and to acquire a registration form, go to www.ThirstForLife5k.org. World Vision is a Christian relief and development organization dedicated to helping children, families and communities worldwide.

Run, bike, golf

Tami's Tri, a 5-kilometer run, 20K bike and 9-hole scramble golf event will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier Road, Superior Township.

The cost is $65 (through Sept. 15) or $75 (through race day). Included in the cost is a free golf clinic conducted by PGA professional Tami Bealert at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at Hickory Creek. Tami's Tri includes gift pack, prizes and lunch included. Space is limited to 144 golfers.

Proceeds will go to the non-profit organization Growth Works, Inc. of Canton and Plymouth.

To RSVP, e-mail TrainWithTami@yahoo.com. For more information, call (734) 731-0238; or visit www.TrainWithTami.com.

Reds need players

The Farmington Hills-based Oakland Reds Baseball Club is seeking players to fill remaining 8-and-under through 18U spots on its 2013 rosters. Go to www.oaklandreds.com for additional information and to request a tryout.

Hilltop glow golf

Hilltop Golf Course, located on Beck Road just north of Ann Arbor Trail, in Plymouth, is hosting Glow Ball each Friday night through Sept. 1 for just $25 per player.

The fee includes nine holes of golf, glow ball, neon necklace. Plus there are food and drink specials available.

For more information, call (734) 453-9800 or go to www.hilltopgc.com.

WYAA football

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association football will be 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays and 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays at the WYAA Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington (north of Ford).

The WYAA offers two football units, the Comets and Meteors. Each unit has four squads divided by age and weight restrictions for junior freshmen (7-8), freshmen (8-10), junior varsity (11-12) and varsity (13-14).

In addition, both units have four cheerleading squads (ages same as football). For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640.

CYO volleyball

Registrations are being accepted for the Livonia St. Edith fall volleyball program (grades 2-8).

Members of St. Edith, St. Kenneth, St. Aidan and St. Colette are eligible to play in the Catholic Youth Organization.

To register, e-mail Gary Smart at smart5959@sbcglobal.net; or call (734) 432-5959.

MU offense stalls

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The No. 16-ranked Madonna University's offense never got untracked Saturday as the Crusaders were swept by the No. 1 University of Texas at Brownsville and by No. 6 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in the Labor Day Classic held at the ICI Center in Daytona Beach, Fla.

MU junior Emilie Freeman (Livonia/Lutheran High Westland) earned all-tournament honors after posting 33 total kills and a .358 attack percentage to go along with nine blocks in the four-match set as the Crusaders finished 1-3.

UT-Brownsville (3-0) got eight kills apiece from Michelle Marques and Ana Guerra, along with 28 assists from Katarina Bursac in a 25-17, 25-19, 25-22 win over Madonna.

Outblocked 13-4, MU got eight kills from Taylor Dziewit, 29 assists from setter Evia Prieditis and 10 digs from Ashley Hulbert.

Host Embry-Riddle (4-1) got 15 kills from Taylor Martin and 12 from Jordan Holcomb in a 25-22, 25-16, 25-17 triumph over the Crusaders, who slipped to 6-4 overall.

Setter Adrian Vazquez chipped in with 36 assists, while Veera Hietala added 14 digs for the victorious Scorpions.

Stacey Catalano had a team-high nine kills for MU, while Breanna Geile added 16 digs and Prieditis contributed 28 assists.

The Crusaders were outblocked 18-12 by the Eagles.

MU returns to action 7 p.m. Wednesday at home against the University of Windsor.

On Friday, the Crusaders will play at 3 p.m. against Windsor again and 7:30 p.m. against Illinois Tech in the opening round of the Julie Martin Memorial Classic at the MU Activities Center.

Madonna will play two more matches Saturday in the Martin Classic against Rochester and St. Francis.

Ocelots struggle

Schoolcraft College is off to a 1-5 start after dropping five of six matches in last weekend's Owens Community College (Ohio) Tournament.

On Friday, Schoolcraft opened its 2012 season with a 26-24, 25-17, 25-23 triumph over Kalamazoo Valley CC, before losing to Kellogg CC, 20-25, 22-25, 21-25.

On Saturday, the Lady Ocelots fell to Illinois Central CC, 21-25, 23-25, 19-25, and the host Express, 17-25, 17-25, 12-25.

Sunday didn't go any better as Schoolcraft fell to two Illinois teams – Kishwaukee (15-25, 178-25, 22-25) and Parkland (17-25, 12-25, 10-25).

Schoolcraft returns to action Saturday with a pair of matches at Alpena CC.

Giordano captures his first O&E tourney

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Never underestimate a good caddy.

Tom Watson leaned on Bruce Edwards. Phil Mickelson can always count on Jim "Bones Mackay, while Jack Nicklaus spent 26 years with Angelo Argea.

Adam Giordano, a 2011 Livonia Stevenson High grad who just finished his first year in Ferris State's Professional Golf Management program, won his first-ever tournament Sunday at Livonia's Whispering Willows with a three-shot victory in the Observer & Eccentric Men's Golf Open.

The 19-year-old was one of six players tied for the lead after Saturday's opening round at Fox Creek with a 2-over 73 and came back Sunday to card a 3-over 74.

His high school buddy Sean Wallace, a student at Grand Valley State, was there every step of the way carrying his bag.

"He (Wallace) did a lot more than people would think," Giordano said. "He definitely kept me on an even keel out there. I started out with four bogeys in a row (Sunday). I could just go to him and make sure that we were just going to get the next one and keep on chugging along. He always said, 'Let's get the next one' and it always helped me out there."

Livonia's Ben Proben (75-75-150) and Chris Kiehler (73-77-150) tied for runner-up low gross honors, while another Livonian Brian King (75-76-151) and John Olejniczak (76-75-151) tied for fourth.

Giodano overcame seven bogeys by carding birdies on the No. 4, 351-yard par-4; the No. 6, 390-yard par-4; and the No. 16, 489-yard par-5.

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O&E Men's Golf Open championship flight winner Adam Giordano (right) credits his caddy (left) Sean Wallace for capturing his first-ever tournament.

Individual O&E Men's Golf Open winners included (from left) Livonia's Kyle Thom (first flight), Livonia's Austin Harris (junior flight) and Southfield's Liaryl Stephens (senior).

Couldn't believe it

He was totally surprised to come home with the first-place trophy.

"I didn't come home thinking I was going to win," said Giordano, who played varsity golf at Stevenson. "I just miss competition golf. I thought I'd get in this and bring a buddy along, and he helped out a lot, and contributed to the win."

On Saturday, Giordano posted four birdies, four bogeys and one double-bogey at Fox Creek en route to a 73 where he was tied with Kiehler, Matt Robinson, Joe Johnson, Kenny Lee and Ron Herczak.

"My putter was really good the first day and today the putter didn't go very well, but I made up for it second shots and drives," Giordano said. "I just stayed mentally strong and got through it."

Giordano is targeting a career in golf. During the summer he did an internship at Eagle Pointe Golf Club in Bloomington, Ind.

"I worked about 80 percent inside the pro shop and 20 percent outside just doing carts and stuff," he said. "I learned a lot this summer and look forward two my next internships.

"Eventually I'd like to become a head pro, just run a course one day and make it a living ... wake up on a golf course every day."

A total of 64 players competed in four different divisions.

First flight

Livonia's Kyle Thom pulled a Rory McIlroy with an eight-shot victory after carding rounds of 78-74 for a 152 total.

He was followed by Southfield's Zoz Compagnari, 82-78-160; Livonia's Peter Mianowski, 79-82-161; and Canton's Craig Tripp, 79-83-162; and Kevin Moreno, 82-80-162.

Senior flight

Two Southfield residents battled for the 55-and-over senior flight crown with Liaryl Stephens making a par on the first extra playoff hole to beat friend J.B. Brown.

After shooting an 80 the first round at Fox Creek, Stephens rallied Sunday at Whispering Willows for a 75 and a 155 total.

Brown, who bogeyed the playoff hole, shot 75-80-155.

Junior flight

Stevenson High senior Austin Harris rallied to win Sunday with a final round 76 after shooting an 83 the first day for a total of 159.

Harris was five shots better than Livonia's Jimmy Ryan, a member of the Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High team who shot 80-84-164.

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O&E MEN'S GOLF RESULTS

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Sept. 2 at Fox Creek G.C.
Sept. 3 at Whisp. Willows

Championship flight: 1. Adam Giordano, 73-74-147; 2. (tie) Chris Kiehler, 73-77-150; Ben Proben, 75-75-150; 4. (tie) Brian King, 75-76-151; John Olejniczak, 76-75-151; 6. (tie) Ron Herczak, 73-79-152; Roz Boghikian, 76-76-152; 8. (tie) Matt Robinson, 73-80-153; Kevin Ryan, 77-76-153; Joe Johnson, 73-80-153; 11. Kenny Lee, 73-82-155; 12. (tie) Dan Tacker, 82-75-157; Leo Martin, 76-81-157; 14. Andrew Baron, 81-77-158; 15. Dave Reese, 80-79-159; 16. Nick Proben, 82-78-160; 17. Nick Griswold, 84-76-160; 18. (tie) Nolan Peterson, 83-78-161; Matt Wiley, 76-85-161; Matt Lee, 83-78-161; 21. Andrew Rousos, 80-82-162; 22. (tie) Kevin Thomas, 84-80-164; Steve Butcher, 80-84-164; 24. Tim Proben, 82-83-165; 24. (tie) Dave Roman, 87-79-166; Marino Apollinari, 84-82-166; 27. (tie) Brad Leith, 88-89-177; Shaun Maher, 86-91-177; 29. Roscoe Sloan, 81-no card; 30. 31. Jim McComb, 85-withdrew; 32. Jim Allie and Kirk Osler, both withdrew.

Low net: 1. Olejniczak, 145; 2. (tie) Robinson and Ryan, 145 each; 4. Boghikian, 148.

First Flight: 1. Kyle Thom, 78-74-152; 2. Zoz Compagnari, 82-78-160; 3. Peter Mianowski, 79-82-161; 4. (tie) Craig Tripp, 79-83-162; Kevin Moreno, 82-80-162; 6. (tie) Ronald Ambrose, 82-85-167; Matthew Rybinski, 84-83-167; 8. Sam Williams, 80-88-168; 9. Matthew O'Neill, 85-84-169; 10. Bryan Boyd, 96-83-179; 11. Mitchell Hosch, 88-93-181; 12. Ron Sobczak, 85-99-184; 13. Darryl Essix, 93-no card; 14. Stephen Connolly, withdrew.

Low net: 1. Moreno, 134; 2. Mianowski and Rybinski, 139 each.

Senior Flight: 1. Liaryl Stephens, 80-75-155 (won playoff); 2. J.B. Brown, 75-80-155; 3. Bruce West, 79-78-157; Dennis Kitchen, 80-85-165; 4. (tie) Keith Girard, 85-81-166; Rick Wheeler, 81-85-166; 6. Lew Jefferies, 86-81-167; 7. Doug Harmala, 90-81-171; 8. Tim Kennedy, 86-86-172; 9. Mark Johnson, 90-84-174; 10. John Harrison, 86-94-180; 12. Bob Reid, 90-93-183; 13. Patrick Cannon, 101-101-201; 14. Dan Boyd, 108-100-208.

Low net: 1. Wheeler, 142; 2. Kitchen, 143.

Junior flight: 1. Austin Harris, 83-76-159; 2. Jimmy Ryan, 80-84-164; 3. Alec Kondrath, 87-82-169; 4. Michael Blaesser, 84-91-175; 5. Adam Radke, 88-89-177; 6. Justin Legel, 93-91-184; 7. Jay Hopson, 100-101-201.

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efforts."

Chiefs stay hot

Bobby Budlong scored a pair of goals to lead the defending Division 1 state champion Chiefs (5-1-2, 1-0) to a KLAA South Division triumph Tuesday over visiting Livonia Franklin (0-4-1, 0-1).

Dan Ovesea, Aidan Shennan and Cody Widlak also tallied goals for Canton, which led 3-0 at intermission.

"Two were 'own' goals," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "What killed us was that we had a hard time marking their forwards on their through balls, especially in the first half.

"The second half we had an even amount of possession. We had opportunities, but we couldn't finish."

Franklin goalkeeper Spencer Lewandowski started and made nine saves before giving way to Hunter Farren, who had one save.

Warriors blanked

Freshman goalkeeper Jordan Williams made nine saves, but it wasn't enough Tuesday as host Lutheran High Westland (0-4, 0-4) fell to Southfield Christian (2-2, 2-2) in a Michigan Independent Athletic League Blue Division match.

The Eagles got goals from Aaron Harting (17th minute), Frank Holocek (26th) and Parker Brose (75th).

Lutheran Westland first-year coach Bob Regan singled out the play of center-midfielder Nick Flanery, along with center-back Daniel Roberts, who was filling in for the injured Noah Huffman.

Eagles grounded

Plymouth Christian Academy dropped its first two games last week, 3-1 to Southfield Christian on Aug. 28 and 3-1 to Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett on Aug. 30.

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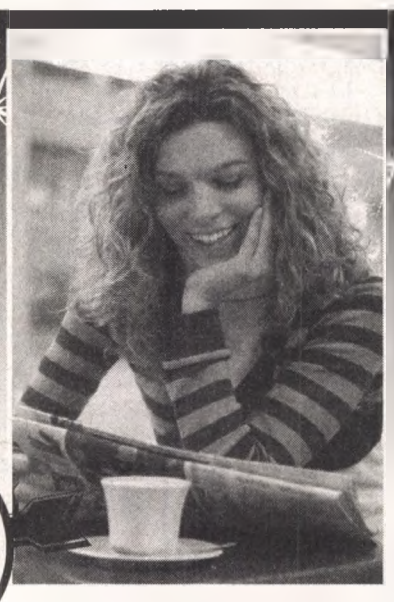

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HOMETOWN WEEKLIES

Grace Herzberg (left) will walk for diabetes research on Sept. 16. That's her sister, Gabriella, at her side.

Walk benefits diabetes research

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Grace Herzberg has walked in two fundraisers for diabetes research since she was diagnosed with the disease two years ago.

Now at age 6 1/2, she figured it was time to get her classmates involved.

She and her parents, Rick and Tara Herzberg, and a handful of members from St. Matthew Lutheran Church and its school in Westland, have organized the "Walk With Christ to Cure Diabetes" event. Registration for the one-mile walk and competitive run will start at noon on Sunday, Sept. 16, following an outdoor contemporary worship service. The racers will hit the pavement at 12:30 p.m., followed by walkers. The first three race finishers in their respective age groups will win awards.

Donations raised by runners and walkers will benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

"My daughter, Grace, has been to a few walks in the past and she wanted to have one at school. It was her idea to have a walk. She is a big fan of JDRF," Rick Herzberg said.

He hopes the walk, in addition to raising funds, will inspire participants and raise awareness of diabetes in children.

This is the first fundraising walk that Herzberg and his wife and daughter have organized.

"We're always up for the challenge," he said. "We know how much it means to her (Grace). I don't ever want to discourage her from trying to make a difference."

The event fundraising goal is $5,000. Participants can sign up online and find donation information at www2.jdrf.org. Scroll down to "Michigan" on the link to find a walk. Then click on St. Matthew School.

Youngsters who don't plan to walk or run, but who want to get in on the fun, can buy a $5 wristband for use in bouncers, games and face painting until 3 p.m. Pizza, snacks and drinks will be available for purchase starting at 12:30 p.m.

For more information, call Herzberg at (734) 578-7426 or e-mail to RHerzberg84@aol.com.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

September

BETHANY
Time/Date: 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 29
Location: Don Hubert VFW Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft, east of Inkster Road, Redford
Details: Admission to this Bethany Together Dance is $13
Contact: Loretta at (586) 264-0282

BIBLE STUDY
Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 11-Nov. 13
Location: Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville
Details: W.O.W. Ladies Bible Study focuses on the Book of Proverbs in these interdenominational sessions. Fee is $15. Free children's program for children, 5 and under
Contact: (248) 348-7600

BREAKFAST
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, Sept. 16
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice and mile. All-you-can-eat breakfast costs $3 for adults and $1.50 for children, 2-10
Contact: (734) 425-4421

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST
Time/Date: 9 a.m. breakfast; 9:30 a.m. program, Sunday, Sept. 9
Location: Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills
Details: Bill Ballenger, editor of "Inside Michigan Politics," will kick off a Sunday morning breakfast speaker series. Ballenger is a former state representative and senator, an ex-state racing commissioner and former director of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulation. The breakfast costs $3; coffee and bagels are $2. No charge for the program. Both are open to the public
Contact: Barbara Grant at (248) 851-1100, Ext. 3149

CLOTHING BANK
Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22
Location: 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton
Details: Free clothing and shoes to anyone in need
Contact: (734) 404-2480 or (734) 927-6686

DIVORCED CATHOLICS
Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13
Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Social Hall, 47650 North Territorial, Plymouth
Details: New Beginnings, a support group for divorced Catholics, meets. The Rev. John Riccardo, pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel, will talk, followed by a Q&A session that gives attendees the opportunity to discuss issues related to divorce and faith in a safe, confidential, and prayerful environment. Pre-registration recommended. No admission charge for the event
Contact: newbeginning-solgc@gmail.com

FAMILY FEST
Time/Date: Noon-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8
Location: Crosspointe Community Church, 36125 Glenwood, Wayne
Details: Games, bounce houses, hay rides, children's crafts, food, pony rides, music, and car show; free
Contact: www.crosspointecommunitychurch.org

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY
Time/Date: Begins 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6 and runs 9 weeks
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market, near 12 Mile and Farmington Road, Farmington Hills
Details: Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University anyone struggling financially or looking for ways to improve their savings
Contact: (248) 553-3380 or www.daveramsey.com for registration

GRIEF SUPPORT
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Sept. 25, Oct, 2, 9, 16 and 23
Location: St. Raphael the Archangel, 31530 Beechwood, Garden City
Details: The "Grieving with Great Hope" workshop offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Speakers will include the Rev. Ray Lewandowski, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization. Registration forms are online at www.goodmourningministry.net or call the St. Raphael parish office
Contact: St. Raphael at (734) 427-1533

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BUTTERMORE, RALPH S.

Entered Into Eternal Rest August 23, 2012 (Age 90). He was born August 26, 1921 In Ionia, MI. He served in the United States Army in World War II. He earned two purple hearts, and a bronze star. He retired as a heavy equipment operator in 1984, as a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers. He was preceded in death by his parents Dale and Flossie Buttermore, Also by his wife of fifty-one years Jean Woodworth-Buttermore. Survivors include his three children. Dale (Marsha) Buttermore of Loveland, OH. Ginny Sarten of Monroe, and Karen (Bill) Heinzelman of Livonia. His six grandchildren Cliff (Denise) Buttermore, Kelli (Rob) Palmer, Michael (Sue) Sarten, Michelle (Roger) Keck, Bill (Peter) Stike, and Matt (Candis-fiancee) Heinzelman. Also his eight great-grandchildren Courtney, Clifford, and Carissa Buttermore, Mikala Sarten, Lucas Keck, Darian and Dakota Sarten and Ethan Heinzelman. Arrangements have been made for a wake gathering among close family and friends on September 8, 2012. The wake will be held at his daughter Karen's home beginning at 2:30 p.m. Inquires: 734-425-2303.

CASTILLO, ADELFA

September 1, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Sostenes "Tito." Beloved mother of Sostenes (Ruth), Pablo, Olga (Lothar) Kielmann and Thelma (Len) Castillo. Also survived by 10 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild and several brothers and sisters. Funeral was held Wednesday at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 734-522-9400. Share a Memorial Tribute with the family at: griffinfuneralhome.com.

May you find **comfort** in Family and Friends

LIVELY, WILLIAM E.

Age 88 of Tecumseh, died peacefully at Cambrian Assisted Living with his family at his side and under the gentle care of Hospice of Lenawee. He was born on October 9, 1923 in Clay, KY, the son of Elbert and Mary (Tow) Lively. He married Betty McMahon on November 27, 1946 and celebrated 65 years of marriage this past year. Bill served as a B29 mechanic in the Army Air Force in WWII. He was a Scoutmaster. He loved to read and authored many writings. He restored a wooden sailboat and built his retirement dream home in Traverse City. Bill believed he was born a teacher. He taught math, physics, and electronics at the Dunkirk, IN High School for 6 years, Livonia Franklin High School for 31 years (where he also coached tennis), and Lake Leelanau St. Mary's School for 4 years. He placed his full faith in the Infinite Wisdom and enjoyed camping, cycling, running, golf, cross-country skiing. He loved life and the time he spent with his family and friends and will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him. In addition to his wife Betty, he is survived by his sons, Mark (Penelope) Lively of Wayne and Brian (Agnes) Lively of Moreno Valley, CA; his daughters, Maureen (Timothy) Heim of Tecumseh, Beth Lively of Grand Rapids, Carol (Mark) Lively-Gilbert of Ann Arbor; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by one brother Harold. A memorial service will be held on September 8 at 10:30 a.m. at the Tecumseh United Methodist Church with the Rev. Mark Miller officiating. Visitation will take place from 10 a.m. until the time of the memorial service. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Lenawee or St. Mary's School, P.O. Box 340, Lake Leelanau, MI 49653.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.handlerfuneralhomes.com

PERRY, STEVEN ANDREW

Age 29, Aug. 31, 2012 of Westland. Beloved son of Richard and Nancy. Dear brother of Richard Jr. (Rachel) and Philip (Jessica). Loving uncle of Caylee and Mason. Funeral Services held Wednesday. Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 North Newburgh Road (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill), Westland. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made toward the college fund for Caylee and Mason. Make checks payable to Rachel Perry.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Sweetest Day treat

Cultural group brings popular country band to Village Theater

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Annabelle Road will perform at the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities fundraiser in Canton.

Start shopping for a western hat and some dancin' boots — the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities in Canton plans a little "Country Lovin'" for Sweetest Day next month.

The organization, which promotes the arts in Canton through financial support, advocacy and education, will bring country band Annabelle Road to the stage, Oct. 13, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The fundraiser will start at 7 p.m. with a welcome reception that will include appetizer samples from Real BarBQ and Sean O'Callaghan's Pub, dessert from KP Sweets, a special gifts and services from Showroom of Elegance, Ribar Florist and Indigo Salon & Day Spa. The two-hour concert by Annabelle Road will start at 8 p.m.

Jill Engel, Partnership executive director, said she booked the band last spring.

"They were a main event at Liberty Fest in Canton this year. They have just taken off," she said. "Every time I turn on WYCD, the country radio station in Detroit, they are doing something with Annabelle Road.

"I've heard so much about them and country is really big right now. They are up and coming. We are very excited."

So is Anabelle Road, according to lead singer Amanda Bailey, who, together with Jeremy Temple on guitar, Donovan Tarjeft on drums and Mike Zahler on bass, all Belleville-area residents, fuse rock and country into a sound they describe as "Carrie Underwood-meets-Johnny Cash-by way of-Skynyrd." The group identifies a lengthy list of musical influences— from Rascal Flatts to Sheryl Crow — on its Facebook page. It's CD, *Annabelle Road*, was released in 2010 and is available from www.annabelleroad.com.

Originals, covers

"Oh, we do it all," said Bailey, in an e-mail to the *Observer*. "We have a new EP that we are so excited about and have been taking out on the road with us this summer. It was recorded at Blackbird Studio in Nashville, (Tenn.) with some of the finest, most respected talents in the business. It has had terrific response. We play those tunes as well as covers that folks can sing along and dance to.

"Our show is a great combination of the two and always family-friendly."

Its tour schedule runs the gamut, from major events like Arts, Beats and Eats and ArtPrize, to church festivals, local fundraisers and taverns.

"We started playing a lot at Boomers in Allen Park. It was a sad day for us to see it close this past year. Now the only consistent show we do is One Under in Livonia," Bailey said. "We perform everywhere. On boats, in barns, stages and streets. We love to travel and do it often. We did a two-week headlining gig at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas this past winter. If there is a good time to be had, we are driving or flying to it."

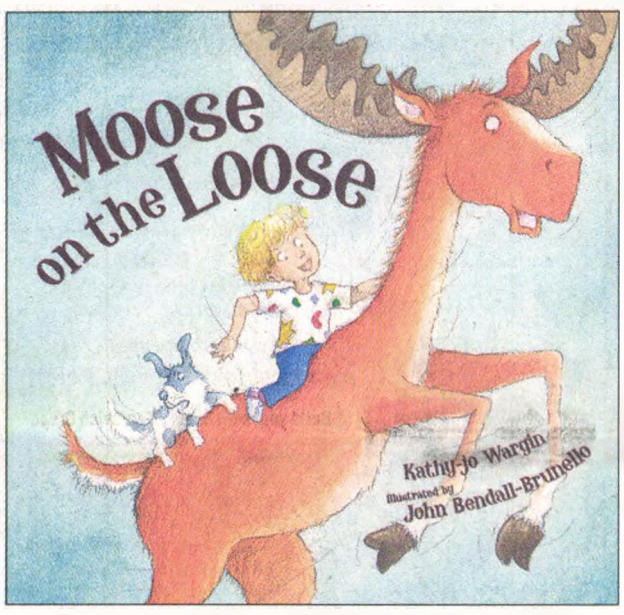
Dance time

Engel calls the Annabelle Road show in Canton "the perfect Sweetest Day date" night. The orchestra pit will make way for a small dance floor so that ticket-holders can show off their foot-stompin' moves. She encourages "country chic" attire for the evening.

MSA Delivery Service is sponsoring the entertainment for the show, enabling all ticket proceeds to benefit the Partnership. Engel said the organization will earn more than $10,000 if the concert sells out.

Tickets for the evening are $25 per person if purchased by Sept. 14. The price increases to $30 after that date. They're are available on-line at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5460.

An after-glow will be held from 10 p.m.-midnight at Haydens Grill & Bar, in Canton. Couples will receive one complimentary appetizer.



"Moose on the Loose," is the featured book for Michigan Reads! One State One Children's Book program. At the Westland Public Library, youngsters can read the book to a therapy dog on Friday, Sept. 7.

Kids celebrate Michigan Reads! with moose tale

The Library of Michigan will launch its 2012 Michigan Reads! One State, One Children's Book program Friday, Sept. 7, with celebrations planned statewide in libraries, including Westland, Farmington and Royal Oak.

Moose on the Loose by Kathy-jo Wargin and illustrator John Bendall-Brunello is the featured book for the program this year.

The Library of Michigan, with support from Target, will give a hardcover copy of the book and program materials to all public and tribal libraries, elementary schools, Head Start and Michigan School Readiness programs across the state. Wargin also will tour several libraries and schools, including the Dearborn and Royal Oak libraries on Sept. 10. The Michigan Reads! program gives librarians, early childhood educators, parents and caregivers ideas to help children develop literacy sills while having fun with play-based activities.

In Westland, youngsters will get a chance to help launch the program by reading Wargin's moose tale to an attentive canine during My Book Buddy, 3-4:45 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9. Buddy is a certified therapy dog who will listen to young readers as they read during this drop-in program. They'll earn stickers for reading Moose on the Loose and get the chance to sign a poster.

The library also will incorporate the book into Toddler Tales, a story time session from 10:30-11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-noon, Tuesday, Sept. 12; Preschool Storytime from 10:30-11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 14; and Babytime, 10:30-11:15 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 15.

The library is located at 6123 Central City Parkway; (734) 326-6123.

Farmington Community Library's Story Time will offer a selection of moose books, including *Moose on the Loose*, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20 in the Children's Program Room at the Main Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills; (248) 553-0300.

See Native American dancing in Westland

Wayne County Parks and the North American Indian Association will present a day of traditional drumming and dancing during Native American Heritage Day, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland.

In addition to performances, this special social gathering will include Native American crafts and food for purchase. Seating will be limited. Participants may bring their own lawn chairs to this family-friendly outdoor event. Admission is free.

The North American Indian Association of Detroit is the oldest urban Indian organization in the United States. The organization aims to promote self sufficiency for Native Americans through education assistance, employment and training, and awareness of available human services; and to foster and preserve Native American culture.

The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail. Hines Drive will be closed because of Saturday in the Park. However, motorists may go around the barricades at Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive for Native American Heritage Day parking.

For more information call (734) 261-1990.

Native American Heritage Day will include participants in colorful, native attire. The event is set for Saturday, Sept. 8 at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, Westland.

GET OUT!

Art

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Time/Dates: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

Family Sundays: 2 p.m. Sundays; storytelling, performances; free with admission

Exhibits: Picasso & Matisse exhibits all of the museum's drawings and prints by the two artists, through Jan. 6, 2013; Faberge: The Rise and Fall, The Collection of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Oct. 14-Jan. 21, 2013; Hidden Treasures: An Experiment, Oct. 31-March 3, 2013

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

LIVONIA ARTISTS CLUB

Time/Date: Through Sept. 28

Location: Livonia City Hall lobby, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia

Details: The Club, founded in 1960, holds its 52nd annual art exhibit, featuring oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, collage and drawings

Contact: Livonia City Hall at (734) 466-2200

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, Sept. 7-22

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Beyond Borders: Mosaic Exhibit and Auction" features mosaic work by artists from around the world that will be auctioned online at http://www.BiddingForGood.com/DWB-MSF. Online bidding runs through 9 p.m. Sept. 21. Opening reception is 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7 at Northville Art House

Contact (248) 344-0497

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances, through Sept. 25

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: More than 20 works of artist Amy DiPlacido will be on exhibit. Her art explores experimental approaches in the presentation of contemporary art

Contact: (734) 394-5300 or visit cantonvillagetheater.org

Dance

FAIRLANE BALLROOM DANCE CLUB

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

Location: Lyskawa V.F.W. Hall, 6840 Waverly, east of Telegraph, south of Warren in Dearborn Heights

Details: Singles an couples dance to live bands on a hardwood dance floor. Admission is $7 for members and $8 for nonmembers. Free refreshments

Contact: Jean Orleans at (734) 516-0500

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; 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) 968-5197

Film

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 8-9, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "Brave," $3

Coming up: "People Like Us," 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 14-15, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16 and 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20; "The Amazing Spider-Man," 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sepot. 21-22, 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, and 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27

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

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Sept. 7 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sept. 8

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

Details: "What's Up Doc?" $4

Coming up: "The Sea Hawk," 8 p.m. Sept. 21 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sept. 22, $4

Contact: (313) 537-2560

Music

THE ARK

Time/Date: Chuck Mead, Sept. 6; Frontier Ruckus, Sept. 7; The RFD Boys & Friends, Sept. 8; Shape Note Singing, Sept. 9; Billy Joe Shaver, Sept. 9; Stacey Earle & Mark Stuart, Sept. 11; The Fred Eaglesmith Traveling Steam Show, Sept. 12; The Nuala Kennedy Band, Sept. 13; Todd Snider & Amy LaVere, Sept. 16-17; Steve Forbert, Sept. 18; The Refugees, Sept. 19; Lori McKenna & Mark Erelli, Sept. 20; John Gorka, Sept. 21; Gary Louris, Sept. 22; John McCutcheon, Sept. 23; BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet, Sept. 24; Murchant & Elisabeth Pixley-Fink, Sept. 25; The Devil Makes Three & John Fulbright, Sept. 26; Madcat/Manfra Blues Band, Sept. 27; The Kin & Find Vienna, Sept. 28; Nancy Griffith & The Kennedys, Sept. 29

Location: 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

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GET OUT!

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CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8

Location: Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 West 13 Mile, at Lahser, Beverly Hills

Details: The Juilliard String Quartet opens the 69th season of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit, a nonprofit organization based in Farmington Hills. Tickets are $30-$60.

Contact: (248) 855-6070 or www.ChamberMusicDetroit.org.

CULTURAL CONCERT SERIES

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8

Progressive folk trio, Chimney Choir, performs Sept. 29 at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia. The group is based in Denver, Colo., and includes Detroit-area native Kevin Larkin.

Location: Farmington Players Barn Theatre, 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Cut Time Players kicks off the series with a program of light classics, such as "The Sorcerer's Apprentice," Ravel's "Bolero," and more. Cut Time Players is an ensemble formed in 1995 by an enthusiastic group of Detroit Symphony Musicians. Tickets are $19 for adults and $17 for students and seniors.

Contact: (248) 473-1848; recreg.fhgov.com

FARMINGTON CHORUS

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, 11, 18

Location: Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, just east of Middlebelt in Farmington Hills

Details: The Farmington Community Chorus will hold open auditions for new members. All voice parts will be considered, age 18 and over. The 70-plus, mixed-voice chorus is composed of singers from throughout the metro Detroit area. Beginning this month, the group started rehearsing a repertoire of popular music for its holiday concert

Contact: Shelly Addison at (248) 250-1447 or www.farmingtonchorus.com

JAZZ AT THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month

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

Details: There is a $10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds from Jazz Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans

Contact: (734) 453-1780 or e-mail to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 7:30 p.,m. Friday, Sept. 7

Location: Lake St. Clair Metropark, located on Metropolitan Parkway (16 Mile) at Jefferson Ave., in Harrison Township

Details: Free concert celebrating the bicentennial of the War of 1812. The U.S. Navy Band performs at 6 p.m. Fireworks follow both bands at 9 p.m.

Contact: www.michiganphil.org

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

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

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Nicholas Barron, Sept. 7; Melissa Greener, Sept. 8; Empty Chair Night, Sept. 9; Dr. Swing featuring Joel Palmer and Friends, Sept. 14; Sarah McQuaid, Sept. 15; Drew Nelson, Sept. 21; Chris Proctor, Sept. 22; Seth Glier, Sept. 28; Chimney Choir, Sept. 29. Most shows tickets are $15, and $12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted

Contact: (734) 464-6302

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Game day plan

Tailgating goes gourmet

Game day is no time to be sidelined in the kitchen.

Do a little pre-game planning so you can spend less time cooking and more time cheering on the home team.

Keep it simple: Instead of taking up space with a lot of dishes to hold condiments, use muffin pans. Each well in the pans can hold a different topping for burgers, hot dogs or chili. Put a spoon in each for easy dipping. It's simple and fun and you'll have fewer dishes to clean up after the game.

Set up a dipping station: Offer a selection of dips, guacamole and salsas. In addition to chips set out bell pepper slices, shrimp, pita chips, bagel chips, jicama sticks and mini rice cakes.

Make sure you have enough: Don't disappoint guests by running out of munchies or drinks. Here's how to figure out how much you need to prepare:

• If you're having eight to 10 guests, figure on three different appetizers. For up to 16 guests, figure on four to five appetizers.

• For non-alcoholic drinks, plan for two 16-ounce cups per person. Plan for two glasses of wine or three beers per person.

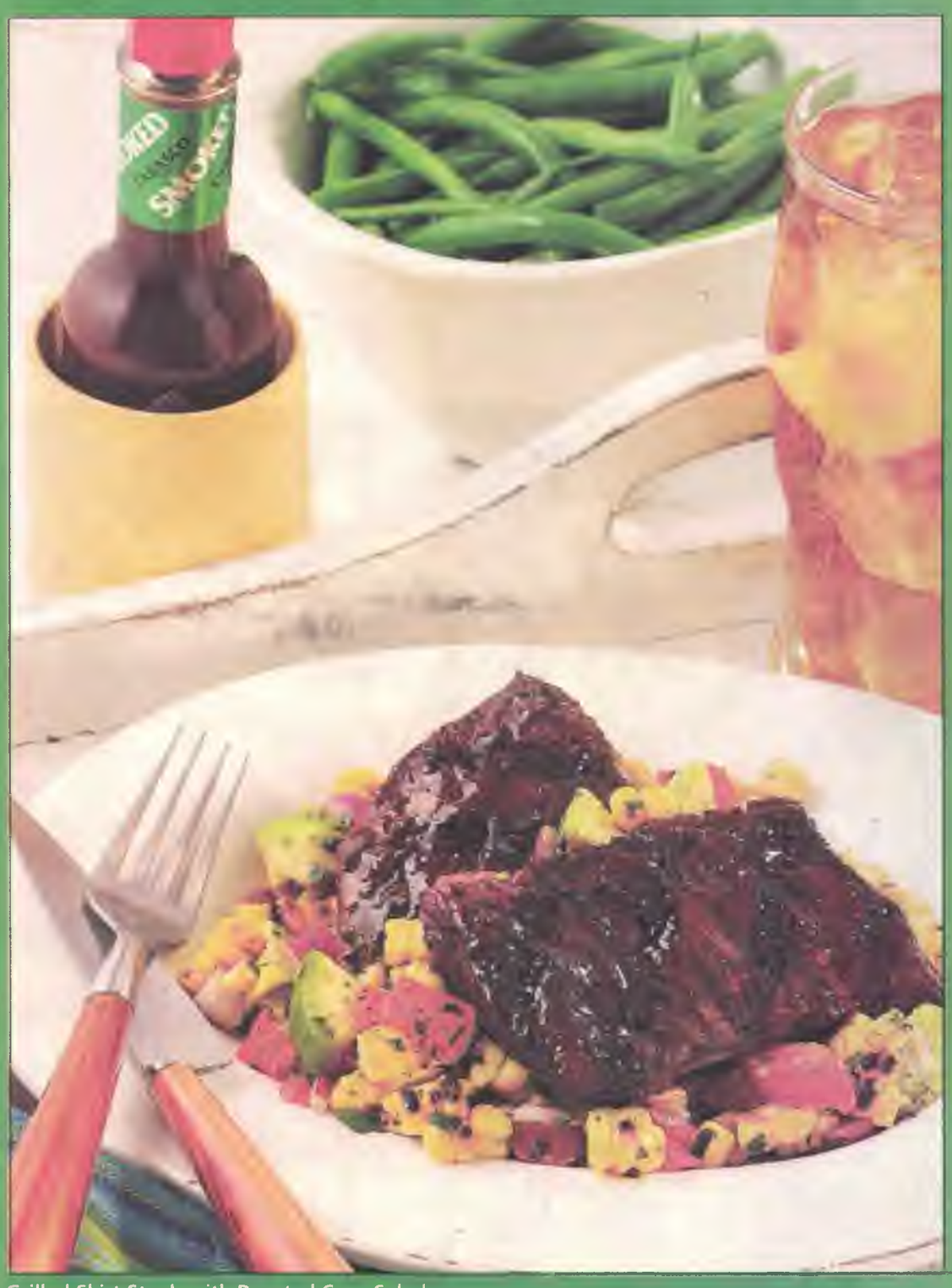
• To have enough ice for drinks, as well as to keep drinks cold in a cooler, get about a pound and a half of ice per person.

While keeping the serving utensils and munchies simple, you can transform your traditional tailgating menu into a crowd-pleasing feast that will have your game day friends thinking you've gone gourmet. Whether you're rooting for the home team or away, you can serve up these savory dishes for friends around your backyard grill or with fellow fans at the field.

To up your gourmet game, fire up the grill and fix this quick and easy chipotle marinated Grilled Skirt Steak.

A Roasted Corn Salad embodies the fresh and zesty flavors of the season to keep you at the edge of your seat. Add lime juice to a mixture of corn, tomato, red onion, basil and avocado. Then shake in as much chipotle-flavored pepper sauce as your taste buds desire for a smoky finish. Mexican Caviar, Peppery Artichoke Bruschetta and Touchback Snap Mushroom Dip will give a gourmet twist to your appetizer station.

For more tailgating ideas, visit www.TABASCO.com.



Grilled Skirt Steak with Roasted Corn Salad

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Makes 4 servings

Skirt Steak:
½ cup Tabasco's Chipotle Pepper Sauce
1 tablespoon ground cumin
1 large garlic clove, crushed
1½ pounds skirt steak, cut into 4-inch pieces
Corn Salad:
4 ears corn on the cob, shucked
2 large tomatoes, chopped
1 small red onion, diced
1 ripe avocado, peeled, pitted and diced
2 tablespoons fresh chopped basil
2 tablespoons lime juice
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon Tabasco's Chipotle Pepper Sauce
¼ teaspoon salt

Prepare skirt steak: In large bowl, combine chipotle pepper sauce, cumin and garlic; add skirt steaks. Toss to mix well; cover and refrigerate at least 30 minutes or overnight.

Prepare corn salad: Preheat grill to medium. Grill corn about 5 to 10 minutes, turning frequently, until tender-crisp. When cool enough to handle, cut corn from cob. In medium bowl, combine corn, tomatoes, red onion, avocado, basil, lime juice, olive oil, chipotle pepper sauce and salt; toss to mix well.

Preheat grill to high. Grill skirt steak about 5 minutes, or until of desired doneness, turning once.

To serve, plate steak with corn salad.

Mexican Caviar

Makes 8 cups

½ cup olive oil
¼ cup red wine vinegar
1½ teaspoons Tabasco brand Original Red Sauce
¾ teaspoon salt
2 (16-ounce) cans black beans, drained and rinsed
2 (11-ounce) cans corn, drained and rinsed
2 large tomatoes, chopped
2 ripe avocados, pitted, peeled and diced
4 scallions, sliced
2 tablespoons fresh chopped cilantro
Corn chips

Combine oil, vinegar, Tabasco sauce and salt in large bowl; mix well. Stir in black beans, corn, tomatoes, avocados, scallions and cilantro; toss until well blended.

Let stand about one hour before serving.

Serve with corn chips.

Touchback Snap Mushroom Dip

2 tablespoons butter
½ pound mushrooms, chopped fine
6 pieces pita bread
2 tablespoons olive oil
¾ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons garlic powder
2 tablespoons finely chopped red bell pepper
2 tablespoons finely chopped green onion
2 tablespoons Tabasco's Original Red Sauce
⅔ cup ricotta cheese
3 tablespoons Parmesan cheese
8 ounces cream cheese

Preheat oven to 425°F. Melt butter in a skillet over medium high heat. Add the mushrooms and saute until they are soft and all liquid is evaporated. Transfer to a bowl to cool and set aside.

Slice pitas into 8 wedges each and transfer to a baking sheet. Brush with olive oil and toast in the oven until crisp, about 15 minutes. Add the remaining ingredients to the cooled mushrooms and mix well. Serve with toasted pita wedges.

Peppery Artichoke Bruschetta

Makes 24

Bread Croûtes
24½-inch thick slices crusty French bread (12-ounce baguette), cut diagonally
2 tablespoons olive oil
¾ teaspoon Tabasco brand Original Red Sauce
Artichoke Topping
1 jar (12-ounces) marinated artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
1 large scallion, sliced
¾ teaspoon Tabasco brand Original Red Sauce
½ teaspoon fresh chopped rosemary
3 ounces goat cheese, crumbled

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Combine olive oil and Tabasco sauce in small cup. Brush one side of each bread slice with Tabasco mixture; place on ungreased baking sheet. Bake until lightly toasted, about 8 to 10 minutes.

Preheat broiler.

Combine artichoke hearts, scallion, Tabasco Sauce and rosemary in small bowl; toss to mix well. Spoon artichoke topping on each toasted bread slice; top with crumbled goat cheese.

Broil 3 minutes until goat cheese is slightly melted and lightly browned.

Michelada

Makes 1 serving

1 fresh lime
Small plate of coarse kosher salt
½ teaspoon soy sauce, or to taste
½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, or to taste
½ teaspoon Tabasco brand Original Red Sauce
1 (12-ounce) can beer

Cut lime in half and rub half around rim of a 16-ounce beer mug to moisten; dip rim lightly in salt. Fill mug half-full with ice.

Squeeze juice from remaining lime and add to mug along with soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce, and TABASCO® Sauce. Fill mug with beer and stir just enough to combine well.

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Residents, businesses flock to walkable communities

By Julie Brown
O&E Staff Writer

Traci Sincock of Plymouth knows the value of walkable neighborhoods.

Sincock is associate director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, a community like Plymouth known for its walkability. She was out on a recent Saturday in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park for the Susan G. Komen 3-Day, a 60-mile over three days to combat breast cancer.

"Accessibility everywhere," she said of her home and work communities, which are neighbors. "You can walk to events. It's so good for exercise."

In Northville, there are neighborhoods with sidewalks great for walking. Sincock noted Northville Township is working on access and walkability, including the new Sheldon Road path used by the breast cancer walkers Aug. 18.

"I do feel like I get the best of both worlds," said Sincock, whose husband, Paul, is Plymouth city manager. "I'm really lucky."

Walkable neighborhoods are more popular among consumers than ever. According to a new study conducted by the Brookings Institution, people prefer to live in communities that allow them to walk to shops, parks and other destinations and will pay more for a home that allows them to do that.

The study used the Washington, D.C., area as a test location for the research. The more walkable the community, the more the price per square foot increased. Rental properties in walkable areas averaged $300 per month more than rentals in other areas, and house values averaged $82 more per square foot in walkable areas when compared to homes in less walkable areas.

Traci Sincock was in Kellogg Park that Saturday with Mariana Peres, 17, a Rotary exchange student from Brazil. Peres will attend Plymouth Salem High School.

"This is very different," said Peres, looking around the leafy downtown Plymouth park. "I like here."

Her community has some 600,000 people, which is a small city for Brazil. Peres lives in an apartment building with 15 floors.

Agreeing that communities like Plymouth are walkable and great for living and working in is Tony Bruscato, director of operations for the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority. Bruscato, a Canton resident, was also in Kellogg Park as the breast cancer walkers were cheered on.

"I think it all starts at Kellogg Park where a lot of people gather," said Bruscato. "And then of course we've got a lot of neighborhood parks."

People enjoy seeing friends, he said. "A lot of people in Plymouth know their neighbors because they get out to walk," said Bruscato, adding events, dining and shopping bring people out.

Bruscato's not a Realtor, but he believes Plymouth has been less hard hit by the recession in terms of properties. He sees some properties with new homes which are larger going in on the lots.

"I think that shows the stability of Plymouth, the desirability of it. We're very fortunate," he said. He finds there were fewer foreclosures in Plymouth and not as many job losses.

Commercial districts have a low vacancy rate, Bruscato said, "where many communities have struggled to keep their businesses. We don't have to hardly sell Plymouth, that's the great thing about it. I think it almost sells itself, especially with the businesses. People are calling us, asking what's available."

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 29 to June 1, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON
41699 Bedford Dr $46,000
47451 Belford Ct $390,000
50491 Colchester Ct $565,000
46821 Creeks Bnd $185,000
45416 Glengarry Blvd $323,000
48894 Greenwich Cir $304,000
1959 Lincoln Dr $185,000
1106 Longfellow Dr $183,000
45631 Morningside Dr $243,000
8499 Orhan St $114,000
45662 S Stonewood Rd $178,000
48955 Saltz Rd $43,000
47014 Sherstone Dr $218,000
2859 Stanton St $221,000
40026 Woodale Way $233,000

GARDEN CITY
511 Deering St $76,000
28521 Marquette St $18,000
31956 Windsor St $120,000

LIVONIA
9905 Berwick St $165,000
9910 Blackburn St $115,000
11026 Blackburn St $160,000
14085 Blackburn St $155,000
14635 Blue Skies St $112,000
9656 Cardwell St $113,000
34012 Carl Dr $170,000
12133 Cavell St $23,000
36238 Club Dr $293,000
18090 Curtis Ct $35,000
36367 Dardanella St $210,000
15118 Fairfield St $22,000
29683 Greenland St $104,000
16311 Inkster Rd $98,000
18044 Levan Rd $156,000
14190 Melvin St $120,000
9971 Merriman Rd $109,000
34160 Navin Ave $218,000
34593 Navin Ave $276,000
33359 Norfolk St $163,000
9907 Roseland St $35,000
9356 Stonehouse Ave' $224,000
37832 Summers St $120,000
13960 Susanna Ct $150,000

NORTHVILLE
19409 Althea Ct $100,000
44457 Broadmoor Blvd $334,000
16589 Cottonwood Ct $340,000
44009 Deep Hollow Cir $613,000
17541 E Northville Trl $380,000
16393 Johnson Creek Dr $420,000
16034 Morningside $100,000

PLYMOUTH
11238 Bellwood Dr $254,000
13588 Eaton Dr $325,000
675 Irvin St $126,000
1578 Nantucket Rd $140,000
42479 Plymouth Hollow Dr $44,000
1199 S Sheldon Rd $43,000

REDFORD
9111 Columbia $47,000
26032 Dover $64,000
17190 Gaylord $35,000
8888 Grayfield $48,000
18720 Indian $32,000
15070 Inkster Rd $33,000
11338 Lenore $15,000
11720 Marion $55,000
14372 Salem $75,000
25900 W Seven Mile Rd $30,000
19455 Woodworth $25,000

WESTLAND
7470 Affeldt St $32,000
39281 Armstrong Ln $110,000
8112 August Ave $86,000
637 Bedford Dr $85,000
32112 Bertram Dr $60,000
32237 Bertram Dr $72,000
7369 Manor Cir $25,000
30806 Steinhauer St $60,000
1330 Windham St $62,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of May 14-18, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS
31115 Belmont Ct $282,000
30166 Hobnail Ct $382,000
16005 Marguerite St $98,000

BIRMINGHAM
690 Bennaville Ave $455,000
1146 Henrietta St $370,000
335 N Eton St $41,000
639 N Old Woodward Ave $244,000
1467 Norfolk St $269,000
1073 Pleasant St $325,000
2070 Sheffield Rd $185,000
211 Valley View Ln $255,000
1050 Wimbleton Dr $239,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS
6335 Dakota Cir $350,000
6493 Thorncrest Dr $208,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
2358 Brenthaven Dr $302,000
4693 Coachmaker Dr $295,000
1940 Klingensmith Rd $60,000
2830 Rossmoor Cir $190,000
2311 Rutherford Rd $73,000
742 Westbourne Dr $160,000
344 Tilbury Rd $598,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP
2016 Alpha St $68,000
4210 Rolling Pines Ct $285,000
5496 Shelton Dr $290,000

FARMINGTON HILLS
25091 Arden Park Dr $172,000
37630 Burton Dr $263,000
25865 Chapelweigh Dr $173,000
30092 Fernhill Dr $180,000
22115 Indian Creek Dr $63,000
21960 Leyte St $95,000
21332 Mulberry Ct $105,000
24020 Noble Dr $145,000
31722 Nottingwood St $117,000
31514 Orchard Crk $78,000
30712 Ramblewood Club Dr $160,000
21027 Rensselaer St $59,000
21402 Riverwalk Ct $247,000
27500 Spring Valley Dr $153,000
28351 W 14 Mile Rd $450,000

FRANKLIN
30033 Hickory Ln $499,000

MILFORD
1777 Bristol Dr $450,000
3020 E Maple Rd $155,000
816 Knolls Landing Dr $215,000
2294 S Hickory Ridge Rd $350,000
1297 Yellowstone Valley Dr $25,000

NOVI
43050 12 Oaks Crescent Dr #5 $120,000
24177 Brentwood Ct $390,000
24564 Cavendish Ave E $359,000
41603 Chattman St $315,000
44723 Ellery Ln $81,000
28849 Hearthstone Dr $206,000
40578 Lenox Park Dr $240,000
40582 Lenox Park Dr $246,000
24474 Simmons Dr $225,000
39884 Village Wood Cir $36,000
45350 W 10 Mile Rd $169,000
42599 Whitman Way $240,000

SOUTH LYON
1008 Birchway Ct $251,000
825 Brick Ln $169,000
228 Brookwood Dr Unit 7 $45,000
1113 Shetland Dr $329,000
26442 Shumans Way $30,000
241 Wellington Dr $153,000

SOUTHFIELD
30406 Everett St $46,000
17412 Gateway Cir $85,000
21650 Hidden Rivers Dr S $25,000
19101 Jeanette St $49,000
19025 Melrose Ave $28,000
19434 Melrose Ave $32,000
19712 Midway Rd $30,000
17414 New Hampshire Dr $34,000
16425 New Jersey St $84,000
17070 New Jersey St $111,000
29960 Pleasant Trl $39,000
30280 Southfield Rd # A112 $29,000
19775 W Nine Mile Rd $20,000

WHITE LAKE
9091 Pennfield Ave $69,000
11107 Sugden Rd $160,000

Collection agency has drawbacks

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: Our association's managing agent just suggested that we hire a collection agency to collect our assessments. I am wary of it, so I am looking for some additional reasons. Do you have any comment?

A: Using a collection agency, that does not necessarily have expertise in community association law, is like using a carpenter to give you a knee replacement. Many times delinquent co-owners will ignore the collection letter from a collection agency, just as they do in any other environment, as opposed to getting a letter from the association's attorney, which has legal ramifications, including having to pay the association's legal fees and costs in the collection matter. Moreover, the attorney for the association, who is knowledgeable about the new issues confronting condominium associations in collections, should be better able to effectuate a resolution in a more timely and fruitful fashion. The old notion that you get what you pay for still rings true.

Robert Meisner

Q: I understand that Fannie Mae just came out with changes in condo unit mortgage guidelines. Can you help me with that?

A: Under Guide Section 42.3, mixed projects with commercial units occupying more than 20 percent of the total square footage are ineligible, which may cause a problem for residential condominiums having problems getting local loans, but that is something that should be handled through experienced legal counsel for the developer.

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

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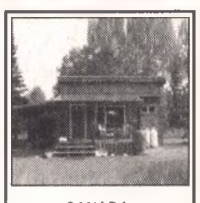

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CANTON: Moving Sale. Furniture, Pool equip, patio furniture, yard tools, misc housewares, Longaberger baskets. Thurs-Sat. Sept. 6-8, 9-4pm. 4000 S. Sheldon Rd.

CANTON Multi-Family - Sept 6, 7, 8, 9am-5pm. 5886 Fairborn Dr., N of Ford W of Beck. Furniture, household, etc.

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N. of Warren to Arlington
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Meadowbrook Hills Sub. Many Homes. Fri-Sat. Sept. 7-8th. 8 Mile & Halstead Rd.

Farmington Hills- Fri & Sat. 9/7 & 9/8; 9-5pm. 36190 Old Homestead, off Drake or off 11 Mile. Lots of good stuff, some antiques, clothing & shoes.

FARMINGTON HILLS MEADOWBROOK PARK ANNUAL GARAGE SALES.
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Sept 6-8th, 9am-4pm.

FARMINGTON RIDGE SUB SALE-
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LIVONIA: Gigantic women's clothing, new items with tags, low prices & much more! Sept. 7-8, 9-3. 11018 Loveland, off Plymouth & Farmington

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Garage/Moving Sales

LIVONIA- Retired Teacher's garage sale! 40 years of good stuff! Books & more! 9/7-9/8; 9-5pm. 14574 Riverside, S of 5 Mile, W of Farmington.

LIVONIA
Wildwood Forest Sub Sale
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PLYMOUTH TWP: Moving/ Garage Sale! Big selection: Household items, lawn tools, power saws, tools, generator. 42336 Hammill Lane, 5 Mile & Northville Rd. Fri-Sat, Sept. 7-8, 8am-4pm.

SOUTH LYON- 4 family! House items, shower stall, men's stuff, heavy shelving, games. 9/6-9/8, 8-5pm, Woody Lane, S of 10 Mile & W of Currie.

SOUTH LYON: Sat. 9/8, 9-4pm. 270 Lyon Blvd, E of Pontiac Trail, off 10 Mile. 4 family sale! Lots of bargains, no early sales.

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Saturday, 9am-4pm and Sunday 11-3pm. 9919 Peer, South Lyon. Leather sofa & chair, antique furniture, American Girl dolls, Barbies, Bratz, Bikes, new snow tires, twin beds, linens, clothing, elyptical, treadmill & more! Photos & details go to:
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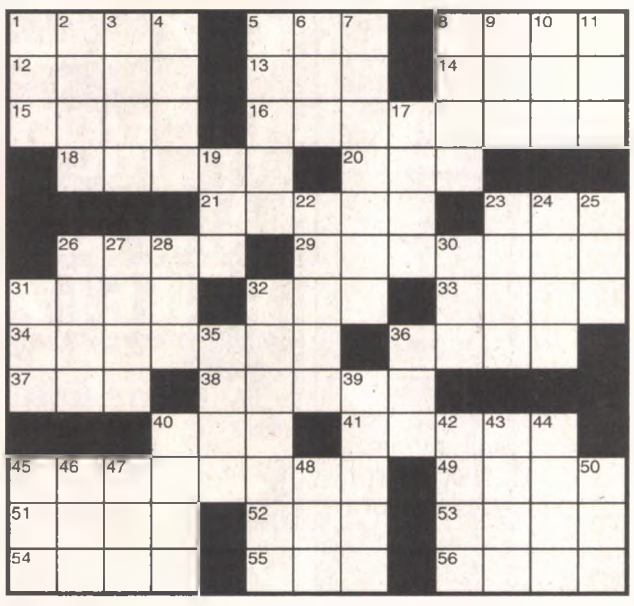

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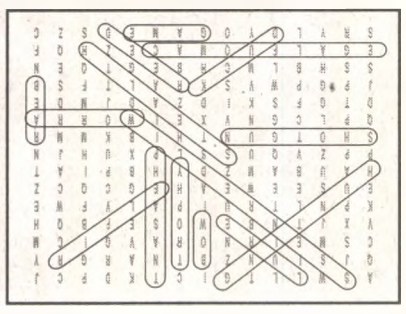

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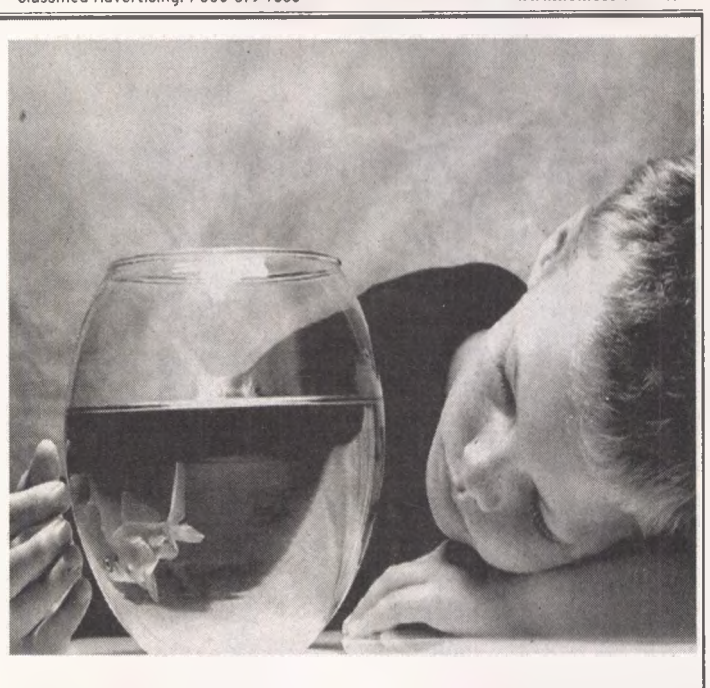

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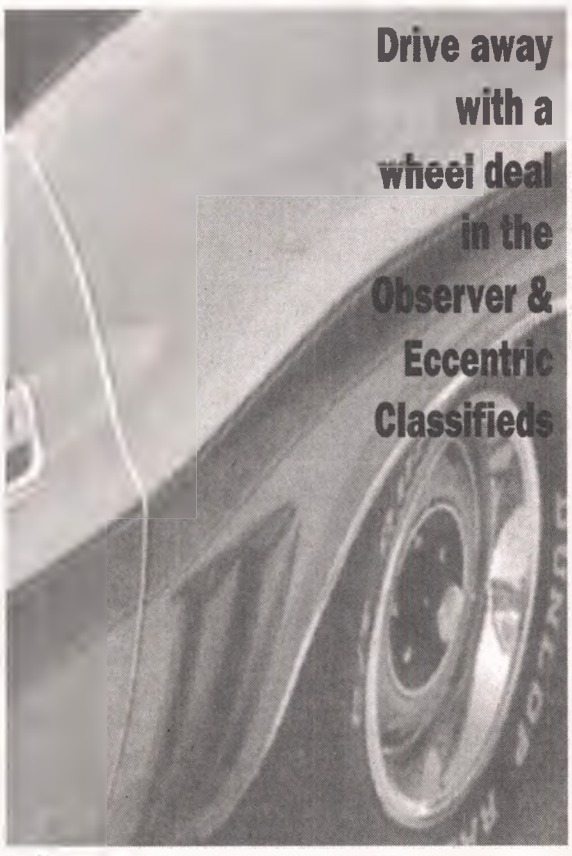

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Fantasy football:
Women are in the game

Today's cover story details the growing interest of women in fantasy football. And if you dare to dismiss women as a small segment of players — read this story. The female audience for fantasy sports (football, baseball, etc.) is growing. And, better yet, professional sports organizations are paying attention.

Susan Rosiek

Contributing Writer Jill Halpin interviews two local women — one in her 20s, the other in her 40s. Both are avid fantasy league players and rabid watchers and followers of many sports. And they don't just compete in the fantasy realm, they are champs.

As a sports lover, I am not surprised by the interest in fantasy leagues. I "played" in a hockey fantasy league years ago. It was fun, but hockey season is long. I didn't draft well, so my team didn't make the playoffs.

Sports is big and draws a huge, diverse audience. And women are a growing segment of that audience as participants and spectators.

Today's young women continue to reap the benefits of Title IX (part of the Education Amendments of 1972). Although the amendment doesn't even *mention* the word sports, Title IX has become synonymous with the gains women have made in high school and college sports. As a result of these opportunities — including college scholarships— women continue to show their prowess in the pool, on the track, on the soccer field, on the ice and, yes, even in fantasy leagues.

Last month at the 2012 Olympic Games in London, the U.S team included more women than men.

Enjoy today's *Woman*. As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions.

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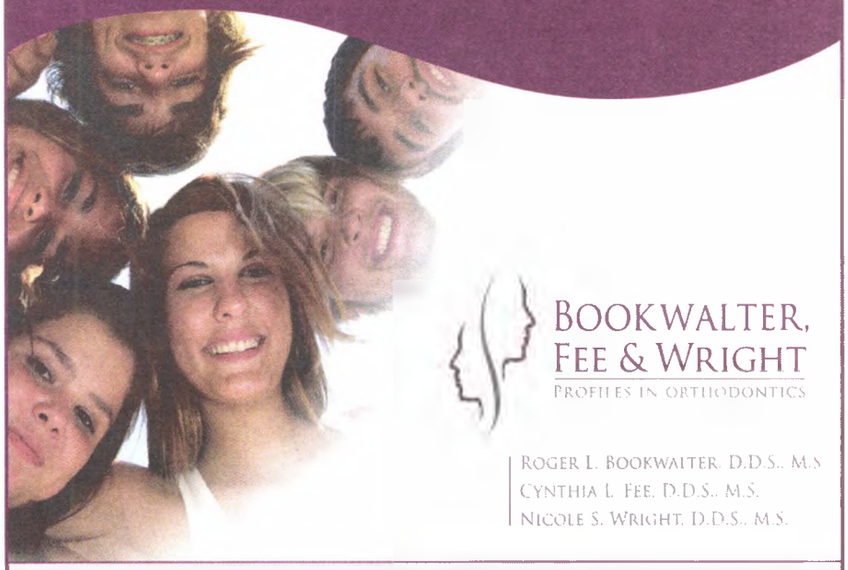

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In search of the perfect lash

By Barbara Deyo
Guest Columnist

Aren't we always trying to find ways to make our lashes more luscious? I'm constantly on the search for the perfect mascara. It's the longest part of my morning makeup routine. But then again, I wouldn't ever go without it. Wouldn't it be nice to just not have to worry about it?

Barbara Deyo

I am fresh off my certification class for Cry Baby Semi Permanent Mascara. I have been yearning to get certified since last year when it was featured on *The Doctors* and I got a rash of calls for it. And soon after, I read about it in *Allure*, as it was featured in the magazine's 2011 "Best of Beauty." Finally, a training class came to Michigan. I was the first one signed up!

The product

So, what is it? As described from the company, "A revolutionary new eyelash enhancement system like you've never seen before, Cry Baby Semi-Permanent Mascara is a procedure that curls and coats lashes with our proprietary lash coating. This coating adds volume, length, curl and color to lashes, is 100 percent waterproof/ smear-proof and lasts two weeks, often longer. It's ideal for active lifestyles as well as special events like weddings and vacations."

Or just because you want it, right?

The procedure

The lashes are first cleansed, primed and curled. A custom blended formula is blended for each client, with a mixture of "coating" and "fab fibers" — based on each client's lashes and desired level of coverage. It is then applied by the technician (that would be me) in a similar manner to mascara, although you are reclining back in a comfy chair with your eyes closed, and then there is a short drying process.

The mascara dries quickly, forming

an antimicrobial, flexible coating. The whole process, start to finish is about 20-30 minutes. You can have a very natural fresh look, or have it built up to a dramatic coating that will enhance the lashes up to 50 percent. And trust me, it does I went to the max with my model to see just exactly how much fullness I could get. I wouldn't say it looks like false lashes, but it's darn near close. And bonus — you can tint your lashes beforehand for extra intensity — and double bonus — you can apply it over extensions to create a super Hollywood glam look. Are you as excited as I am?

The rules

It must be applied to clean, bare lashes and afterward, avoid getting your lashes wet for four hours. No swimming, working out, saunas, steam rooms, etc. So, it's your free pass to chill out. No oil-based eye products, as this will loosen the bond. No waterproof mascara, although you won't need it anyway. Water-soluble mascara is permitted, but be careful removing. Oil-free eye makeup remover only.

Cry Baby must be removed professionally — although it does wear off gradually on its own — so really no worries there. But, don't pick at it while it's on. There are no known allergens, and there hasn't been a single allergic reaction reported to date.

Need I really say more? See you soon.

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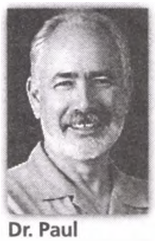
Cosmetic surgery:

New techniques help women look their best

Jill Halpin
Contributing Writer

Have those fine, feathery lines that come with age started forming around your lips and eyes? Or maybe you're developing a deep crease across your forehead, or a jaw line that becomes less defined with each passing year.

For some, simply accepting the creases and lines as part of the aging process is enough. For others, embracing these changes just isn't in the cards.


Dr. Paul Izenberg

If you are one of the millions of women who fall into the latter category, you're in luck: New developments in cosmetic surgery make correcting these imperfections easier and less costly than ever.

Dr. Michael Freedland

A wide variety of effective treatments and procedures, ranging from the simple to the complex, are available to help improve almost all areas, said Dr. Paul Izenberg, of the Center for Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery in Ann Arbor.

"With new surgical techniques, both invasive and non-invasive, lasting results are feasible with less recovery time needed," he said.

The scope of cosmetic surgery has changed dramatically in recent years, Izenberg said, and if the term cosmetic surgery still conjures of images of being bruised and bandaged for weeks, you are in for a surprise.

According to the American Association of Plastic Surgeons, the term cosmetic surgery is used to define a span of both surgical and nonsurgical procedures that can reshape normal structures of the face in order to improve appearance and self-esteem.

It applies to a wide variety of intricate procedures, ranging from brow and eyelid lifts to rhinoplasty, cheek and lip implants, as well as minimally and non-invasive treatments such as microdermabrasion, permanent

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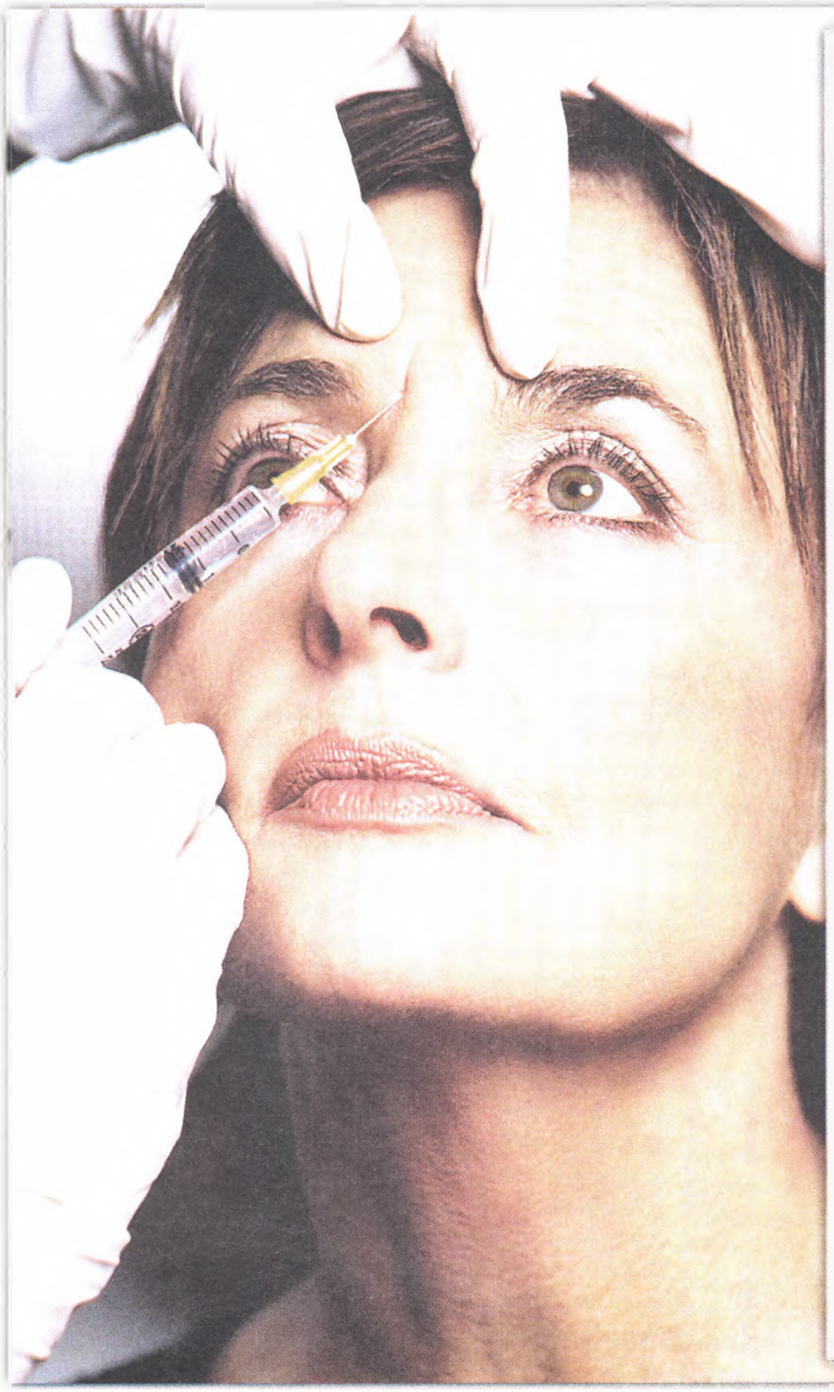

Cosmetic options abound

Jill Halpin
Contributing Writer

The options available to enhance your appearance are numerous. If you are looking to make some changes through cosmetic surgery, be sure to get the opinion of qualified professionals before moving ahead.

Take the time to schedule consultations with reputable health care providers and aestheticians who can listen to your personal needs and are willing to work with you to ensure you are happy with the results, advises Dr. Paul Izenberg, a plastic surgeon with the Center for Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery in Ann Arbor.

The effectiveness of procedures varies for person to person, and consulting with a well-qualified physician can help determine the procedure or treatment that will best suit your needs, said Dr. Michael Freedland, a Bloomfield Hills plastic surgeon.

"Each patient is unique; there is no right or wrong answer. Just as each person has a different problem that they would like to fix, there are also different strategies to help them," said Freedland.

Some examples of "fixes" from the simplest to the most complex are detailed here.

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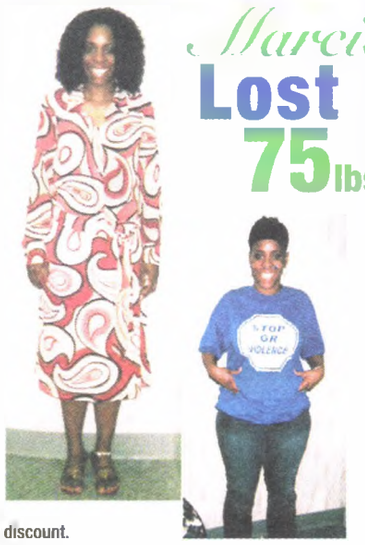

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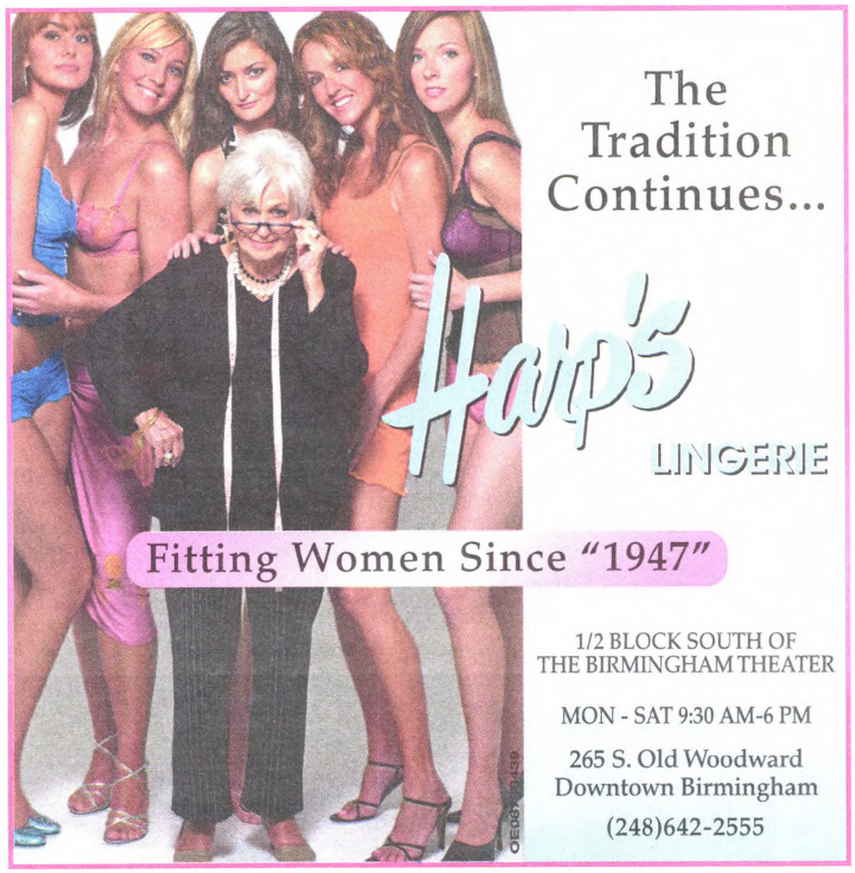

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makeup and chemical peels.

It is becoming a huge growth industry as Baby Boomers look for ways to enhance their appearance and put their best face forward.

Increasing demand

"We are seeing notable increases in surgical procedures, such as facelifts, that reflect the demands of an aging boomer population," said Dr. Malcolm Roth, president of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons. "However, the overall growth in cosmetic procedures is being primarily driven by a substantial rise in minimally-invasive procedures."

Minimally or non-invasive procedures such as Botox® injections and facial fillers to erase lines or plump up sagging areas are gaining popularity and, in some cases, can be just as effective a treatment as other, more complicated procedures, Izenberg noted.

"Some patients may not be a candidate for a more invasive or complicated procedure; maybe they can't afford the time off for recovery or have other issues and surgery just isn't a reasonable option. Sometimes there are other, less aggressive options that will take care of 80 percent of the problem and still make a huge difference," he said.

Alternatives to surgery might be enough for some women for a limited time, he said.

Dr. Michael Freedland, a plastic surgeon from Bloomfield Hills, said that some of the simpler procedures offer an opportunity to take care of smaller issues such as fine lines and light wrinkling of the skin without undergoing major surgery.

"It doesn't make sense for a woman to undergo a facelift in her forties when there are alternative procedures that will last for a few years until the time when she really needs one," he said.

The alternatives include less damaging superficial chemical peels such as TCA (trichloraceitic acid), microdermabrasion, light laser peels, fillers, dermal pigmentation (tattoo lip liners, eye liner, brows) and general skin care.

"These all can make a very big difference that may allow a woman to make changes without invasive surgery and much less down time. Not always lasting forever but, perhaps, taking care of acute issues for a while," Izenberg said. "Of course, limiting sun exposure and stopping smoking helps."

Freedland said that limiting alcohol intake could also help slow the aging process. Other factors that come into play

are genetics and menopause.

"These are the two factors that you have no control over. You can take all the hormone replacements that you want, but there is no magic pill that will minimize the effects of menopause on your skin," said Freedland. "The aging process cannot be stopped.

"With time, eventually, the deep layers of facial tissue start falling down. I always tell my patients that gravity is my friend, not theirs," he added.

New techniques

Some younger patients may achieve good results with less invasive procedures, Freedland said.

"They may have some fine wrinkles that can be smoothed out without undergoing surgery," he said.

Rena Jaber, owner of New Face, New Body, in Canton Township, agrees that non-surgical treatments can yield big results. She said that many of her clients are noticing a difference with Laser Rejuvenation, a minimally invasive procedure also known as a "face lift without surgery."

"Most patients will definitely see a difference with laser procedures. It really works," Jaber said of the treatment, which tightens and plumps skin by regenerating the skin's natural collagen and can eliminate lines and creases in the face.

She said that laser treatments are equally effective in plumping and resurfacing skin to eliminate bumps and puffiness.

Determining exactly which procedure will help you look your best is key, all agree. There are so many procedures out there, it is important that patients consult with their doctors to help them decide what is right to help them achieve their desired results, Izenberg said.

"With more marketing, more disposable income, more media coverage, women come in much more knowledgeable about what they want and with a better understanding of what's available to them," he said.

According to Izenberg, the list of com-

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Pro sports are attracting the attention of more women and fantasy leagues are too. Paul Charchian, president of the Fantasy Sports Trade Association, says more and more women are playing fantasy football. He says "about 20 percent of all fantasy players are women."

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she said.

"The influence of my brothers has been huge. We grew up in Detroit and were always playing some kind of ball or hockey. I was just following them along," she said. "We're so lucky to have so many great teams here in the Detroit area.

"It is such an incredible city to be a part of," she added. "There are so many great teams to root for and even the college teams are phenomenal. There is no other city around like it. Between hockey, baseball, football and basketball, there is so much talent around here."

Participating in fantasy football is just a natural extension of her love of sports, Foreman said.

Both Munoz and Foreman are not alone in their love for fantasy football, said Paul Charchian, president of the Fantasy Sports Trade Association. Fantasy leagues are increasing across the board each year, he noted.

"We've been watching now for over 10 years and we're finding more and more women are playing. In fact, about 20 percent of all fantasy players are women," Charchian said.

Participation on the rise

Charchian said that research shows that there are 33 million people participating in fantasy leagues each year, and women make up at least 6.5 million of the total number.

"It is becoming a part of people's lives, a part of their social network," he said. "It offers people a chance to get to know people that you might not interact with on a daily basis, a way to keep in touch with friends and family, too."

Charchian noted that some women

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mon facial features that women are most interested correcting includes eyebrow droop; upper and lower eyelids that cause people to look chronically tired and cause difficulty with makeup as well as visual field obstruction; sagging facial jowls; sagging neck skin; fatty neck; increased or deep naso-labial folds; and finer facial wrinkles.

What to consider

Women looking for the most "bang for the buck" might be wise to consider a blepharoplasty, a surgical modification of the upper and lower eyelids, Izenberg said.

"It actually would depend on the individual, but the eyes do make individuals look tired and dragging even when they feel quite good. The blepharoplasty also has longevity when done correctly," he said.

Considerations for those contemplating any type of cosmetic surgery should include health risks, the length of recovery time and the cost, since most cosmetic surgeries are not covered by insurance, he said.

Making sure that you choose a reputable establishment for your procedure is also very important.

Christa Bekker of Clearly You Professional Skin Care Center, in Canton, said that it is important to find a physician that will take the time to listen to your concerns and plan the treatments around your needs.

"It's all about what you want to achieve," she said.

Izenberg recommends consulting with a board-certified plastic surgeon as a first step before moving ahead with any type of cosmetic surgery.

"Certainly, there are many other factors, including physician reputation, patient comfort and second opinions if needed, talking to friends who may have been treated by someone or are involved in the medical field, etc. But a direct consultation with such a surgeon is a first step," Izenberg said.

Freedland also recommends asking your physician how long the results of your of procedure will last.

"I think it is a good idea to look at the cost-benefit ratio," when deciding on which procedure is best, he said.

Do your research

Going into the consultation prepared with some questions can help. The American Society of Plastic Surgeons has a website (http://www.plasticsurgery.org/) that answers many questions about the variable options for facial surgery and allows women to prepare questions as needed.

Consulting with a board-certified physician for any type of surgical procedure is right on point, Jaber said. She also recommends learning about natural alternatives to surgery and doing research to determine if they will be effective in helping you reach your goals.

The reasoning for choosing cosmetic surgery varies greatly between patients, Izenberg said.

"Some women just want to look their age or avoid looking similar to their aging parents," he said. "Others want to look as young as they feel or are chronologically. Individuals seem to imagine themselves at a certain younger age and, when they look in the mirror and see an older person, physical change becomes important."

Izenberg noted that there are social reasons such as marriage, a significant other or a divorce that results in women trying to look younger. In some cases, women in the job market are motivated by their careers: they wish to remain competitive with the "younger crowd" and not appear their age.

The reasons for choosing cosmetic surgery are always very personal, Freedland said, and not always "just superficial."

"Wanting to look your best is a legitimate feeling," he said. "Everyone has a secret that they are bothered by. I had a patient who told me (after surgery) that this was the first time in her life that she ever felt attractive. It was very powerful."

"When you look good, you feel good," Jaber said. "Looking your best can help increase your confidence."

Bekker agrees that it is possible to freshen your attitude by looking your best.

"When you are satisfied with what you see when you look into the mirror, you feel more self-assured," she said.

When deciding whether to undergo cosmetic surgery, remember that "we are often own worst critic," Izenberg said.

"Most of the surgery is for you. No one is as tough on you as you are on yourself," he added.

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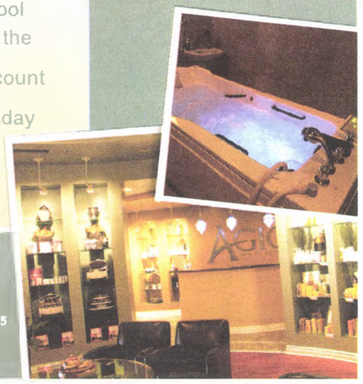

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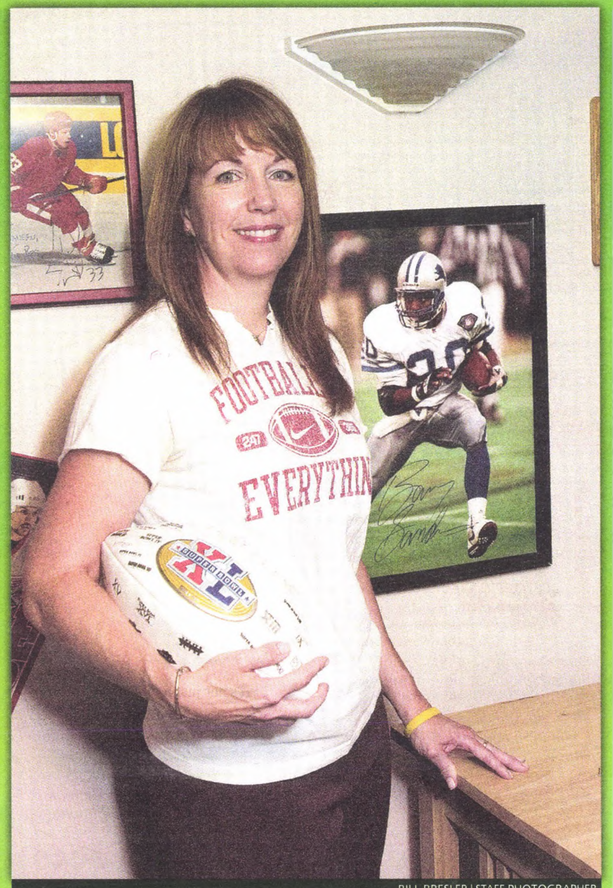

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Janeen Foreman holds her treasured Super Bowl football. Behind her, Barry Sanders, her fave.

Jill Halpin
Contributing Writer

Move over, darling — it's Sunday afternoon and the game is about to start.

It's a refrain that men across the country will get used to hearing this fall when football season kicks into high gear and more and more women discover a new-found love for the gridiron.

Female interest in football has been on the rise in recent years, and the NFL now estimates that 44 percent of football followers are women.

Gone are the days of cooking and waitressing for hungry fans as women take a seat on the sofa alongside their husbands, sons and boyfriends to watch the game and join in the fun.

As interest in the sport grows, so does interest in another kind of football — fantasy football. And this season, women are making their presence known in the fantasy world like never before.

Just ask Michelle Munoz of Farmington Hills or Janeen Foreman of Canton.

Munoz, a 26-year-old freelance writer, has been participating in fantasy football leagues with family, friends and co-workers for the past six years. At times a member of five different fantasy football leagues, she spends upward of 12 hours a week during the season carefully researching and managing her teams.

That means carefully watching stats and analyzing close to 50 players for 17 weeks throughout the season. Her hard work paid off: Last year she made the playoffs in four out of the five leagues that she participated in, she said.

Foreman, the married mother of two and a sales representative with Hershey, Inc., participates in seven different fantasy leagues and watches "every single NFL game on TV throughout the week," she said.

"I just love everything about it. Watching it, figuring out the players, the draft, the whole ensemble … all of it," Foreman said.

Labor of love

Munoz agrees.

"It is definitely a labor of love," she said. "I just really enjoy it."

Munoz said her first foray into the world of fantasy football began when she was a college student, joining a fantasy league in an effort to stay in touch with high school friends.

"The following year I was in two leagues, and the following year I was in three … and then it just snowballed. People keep asking me to join and I cannot say no. It is just so much fun," Munoz said.

Michelle Munoz, 26, a freelance writer from Farmington Hills, has been participating in fantasy football leagues with family, friends and co-workers for the past six years.

A lifelong sports fan, Munoz said her interest in football developed watching games and rooting for the Dallas Cowboys alongside her father in her hometown of Maumee, Ohio, a suburb of Toledo.

"Toledo doesn't have a professional football franchise or hometown team, so there is a huge mix of Detroit Lions fans, Cleveland Browns fans and Cincinnati Bengals fans," she said. "My dad was an Oakland Raiders fan. In my quest to be different, I decided to follow the Cowboys."

In college, she began following other football teams and soon discovered the "joy" of fantasy football, she said.

Foreman, the youngest in a family of eight children with five older brothers, also said that her enthusiasm for the sport began as a child and was nurtured by living in "a town with so many great sports franchises,"

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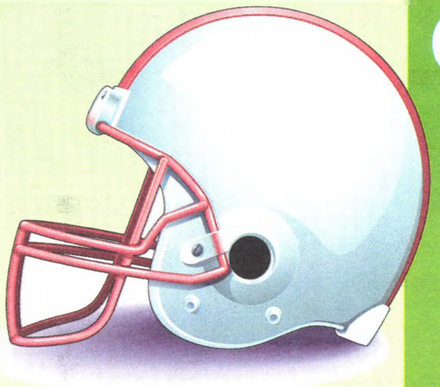
Fantasy football — getting started



Thinking about participating in a fantasy football league this season?

There are lots of resources available to help you get in the game, said veteran fantasy football player Michelle Munoz of Farmington Hills, from other players, magazines and even websites (just Google fantasy football beginners) dedicated to first-time players.

Here are some tips for getting started:

- **Understand the draft process —** Putting together your roster is the single most important part of fantasy football. Learn about how the draft procedure works before it's time for your league's draft so that you know what to expect and are prepared when it is time for you to create your very own "dream team." The website Fantasy Football Calculator (http://fantasyfootballcalculator.com/) allows you to run through practice drafts so that you are ready when your draft day rolls around.
- **Research, research, research —** Before it's time for your draft, be sure that you have spent time learning and gathering as much information as possible about the players you might want to add to your roster to create the best fantasy team that you can. Have a couple of different players in mind for each position, so that if you are not able to get your first pick, you are familiar with the other available players.

Munoz, who spends between 10-12 hours a week managing her team, said she likes to go with "the best available" when selecting players.

Janeen Foreman of Canton said that she likes to know as much as she can about each player.

"I like to know about their injuries, how they did last year and what their strengths and weaknesses are," she said.

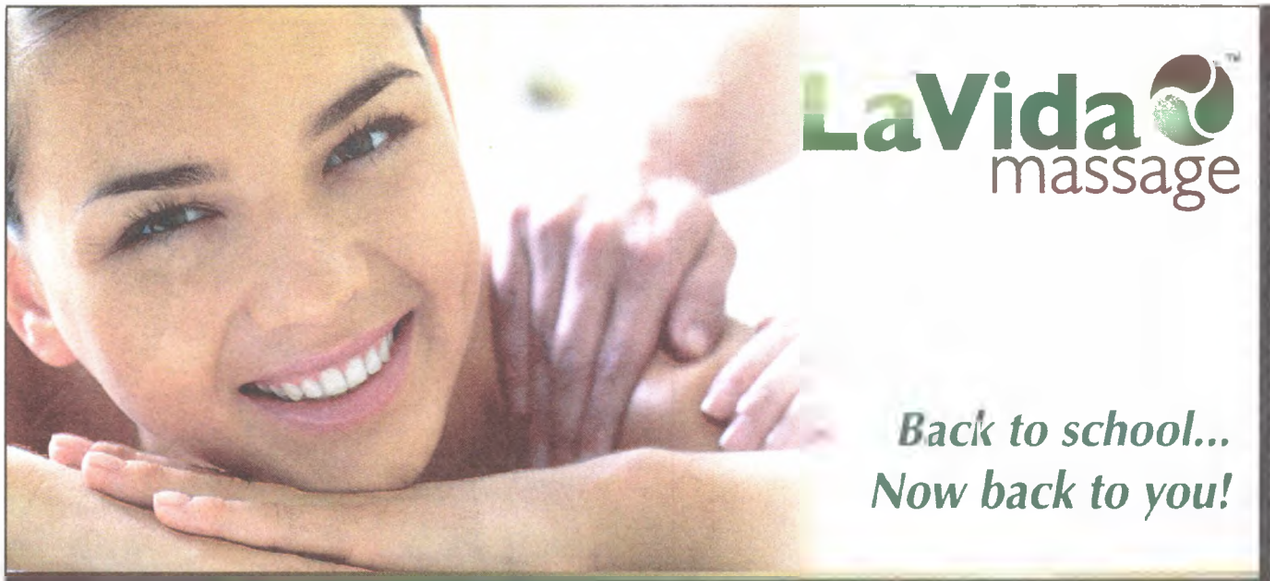
- **Have fun —** Fantasy football is a great way to keep in touch with old friends and even meet some new ones. Getting together and watching the games is a great way to socialize with others that share a common interest, Foreman said.

In addition to staying in close contact with your social circle, joining a league can help you expand that circle and connect with new faces, said Paul Charchian, president of the Fantasy Sports Trade Association.

"Fantasy football has become a part of people's social network. It is great way to get to know people that you might not usually meet," he said.

"It's a good way to have fun," Munoz said. "It's not just a guy's thing."

— By Jill Halpin



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This animal foil drapeneck top by Dana Buchman is also available in women's sizes and follows autumn's new metallic trend. Available at area Kohl's stores and online at www.kohls.com.

This chunky necklace, shown here in a deep red jewel tone, is available at Rococo. The store has locations in Northville and Birmingham.

Thakoon's glossy leather skirt and fur top in rich shades of pinks and reds is available at Tender in Birmingham.

This cropped leather jacket and metallic skirt in brown tones really pops with the addition of a jeweled-toned clutch in burgundy. All items are available at area Parisian stores.

Flirty and feminine, this look has it all for fall. This lace dress in a rich, deep pink is shown here paired with a bold necklace and patterned tights. It is available at area Parisian stores.

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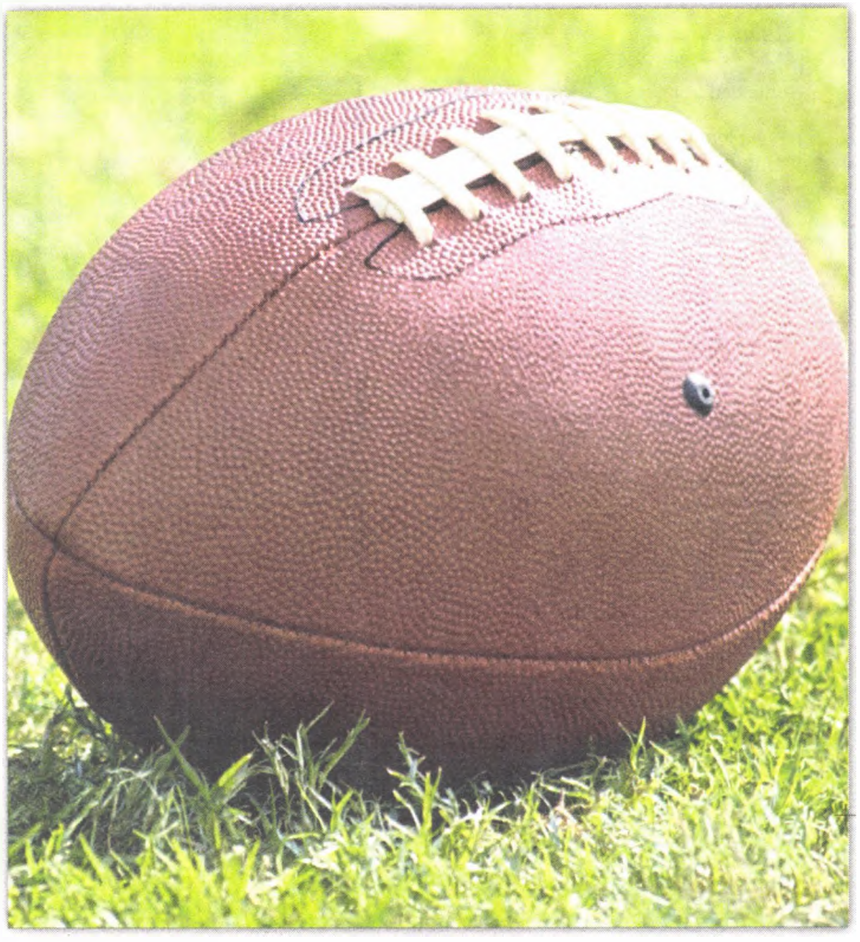

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tend to be less competitive and more social than their male counterparts in some fantasy leagues.

"Broadly speaking, women play to socialize, to feel part of a group, to experience the camaraderie inherent in fantasy sports," he said. "It is not always the case, but in some instances it is the reality."

That is not the case with her, Foreman emphasized.

"I take this so seriously," she said. "For me, it is a like a challenge because I am so competitive. I even have some side bets with some of the men who think I don't know anything about football."

Despite the competition, Foreman admits that the social networking opportunities are a lot of fun, too.

"At the end of the year we have a big party and it's a lot of fun to meet the people that you've been talking smack with all season long and celebrate," she said.

Fantasy football has also played a large role in both Munoz's social and romantic life. Four years ago, she was working as a fantasy football intern for *The Sporting News* in Charlotte, N.C., when she met her fiancé, Tony Wilson, another fantasy football intern.

"Fantasy football brought us together — that was how we met," she said. "We didn't have to go through that period of me 'having to prove' that I knew football.

"It's really nice during football season that instead of pestering him to go do something, we can enjoy the game together," she added. "It's our biggest interest and it's a mutual interest."

Packers wedding cake

She said that Wilson, a Green Bay Packers fan, has expressed an interest in having a wedding cake in the shape of the team's famed Lambeau Field for their upcoming nuptials.

"I told him that maybe he can have a Lambeau Field-shaped groom's cake," to incorporate some element of football into their ceremony, she said.

Fantasy football leagues have also provided Munoz with a way to maintain contact with friends and her extended family, keeping in touch throughout the winter months through emails and texts, as well as watching games together.

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"I have a league that is just family: my mom and dad, sister, uncles, aunts and cousins," she said. "We have a live draft every year and it just gives us one more opportunity to get together and have a party."

For Foreman and her husband Tim, fantasy football has been a great way to bond with family members.

"We are both from large families and we have a family league," she said. "It is something we can do together or competitively. It really unites people."

Steve Coleman of Plymouth, a member of one of Foreman's fantasy leagues, said that he has noticed more women participating fantasy football.

One recent season, "The top three winners in our league were women, including my wife. You see it more and more," he said.

Munoz encourages women that may be interested in joining a fantasy league not to be intimidated by the game. Understanding fantasy football may seem daunting at first, but it is not as complicated as it seems, she said.

Participants in fantasy football leagues assemble an imaginary team of real-life players and score points based on the players' actual performance.

"I have heard some people say that it is just too complicated, but it's not," Munoz said. "There are so many ways to learn how to play fantasy football. You can pick up a magazine or have people help you with it."

And although Munoz said "it's a good way to have fun and another way to socialize," the competition is something is something that she enjoys.

Beating the boys

She is in good company, Charchian said.

"Not to speak for all women, but we have done some surveys and a lot of women like the idea of playing in a boys league and beating them at their own game," he said.

That is definitely true for both Munoz and her sister Jessica, 24, another fantasy football enthusiast.

"Last year she was the only girl in a league of 20, and she did very well," Munoz said. "I think she made it to the playoffs. This year she is in the same league and a new guy joined. He wrote on one of the leagues message boards, 'I can't believe I am in a league with a girl — you should be embarrassed if you let a girl beat you.' She is really gunning for him this year.

"I have to admit that it's just great when they say, 'She's a girl — what does she know?' and then you end up beating them. It's very satisfying," she added.

Foreman, who also teaches Jazzercise classes in Livonia, enjoys surprising men in her fantasy football leagues who aren't aware of her vast knowledge of the sport.

"I had a bet with one of the men who thought I didn't know what I was talking about," she said. "He ended up having to come to one of my Jazzercise classes wearing a T-shirt that I made that said, 'Janeen knows more about football than I do.'"

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Fillers

Although not as long-lasting as facelifts, fillers are a viable alternative for women who are younger or with less severe aging. Depending on the individual and the type of filler chosen, effects can last from six months to "forever," Freedland said.

Injections of fillers such as Juvederm® and Restylane®, both substances containing hyaluronic acid, will soften deep folds and reduce wrinkles in the faces of patients and can last up to a year, Freedland said.

Radiesse,® a hydroxyapatite filler that is made from the same substance found in coral reefs, may last up to two years, he added.

Other fillers such as fat harvested from other parts of the body can yield permanent results if done well, however, "It is more costly and more invasive than other fillers," Freedland said.

All of these procedures can be effective in correcting some of the deeper wrinkles, as well as increased nasolabial folds or "laugh lines."

Laser, chemical peels and dermabrasion

Laser skin resurfacing is a process that involves aiming short, concentrated pulsating beams of light at irregular skin to remove damaged skin one layer at a time. It is effective in reducing facial wrinkles, scars and blemishes. For some, laser treatments are a viable alternative to facelifts, although the results are not permanent.

If you are considering laser surgery, be sure to understand the process and the recovery time necessary.

The intensity of a laser can vary greatly, Freedland said, and your skin issue might not necessarily require high-intensity laser treatments. For some, lower-intensity lasers may be used in conjunction with other treatments and procedures to produce similar results, he added.

"More energy used on the skin equals more longer-lasting results, as well as more risks," Freedland said.

Chemical peels are treatments that involve the application of diluted chemicals to remove a layer of skin.

Dermabrasion is similar to a light "sanding" of the face; it is used to slough off old skin.

All of the processes above, while not permanent, can help you look rejuvenated. It is likely that you will need to have the procedures repeated, so be sure to check the estimated period of effectiveness, Freedland said.

Brow/eyelid lift

The brow pulls the eyebrows up and tightens muscles, causing some of the frown lines.

Upper and lower lid blepharoplasty will remove excess skin and fat around the eye will help correct that "tired" look. Upper lid lifts are more common and produce long-lasting results, Freedland said.

Upper facelift, minilift or MACS (minimal access cranial suspension) lift

Less complex than a full facelift, these procedures usually involve the upper face with some soft tissue suspension. There can be some minimal lower neck improvement. This is excellent for early aging changes, Izenberg said.

Freedland cautions that "one must understand the limitations of the process and be sure to weigh the cost and durability against a full facelift."

Full facelift

Full facelifts eliminate the deep folds and wrinkling and change the contour of the face to give it a more youthful appearance. A full facelift is one of the most invasive procedures, but also yields the most profound and enduring result, Freedland said, noting that "a fulllift lasts up to 15 years if done properly."

For some general guidelines of the costs of various forms of cosmetic surgery, be sure to check out the Consumer Guide to Plastic Surgery at http://www.yourplasticsurgeryguide.com/.

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

Intermediate

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

Advanced

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