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Kroger attack leads to attempted murder charge

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

A 48-year-old Westland woman was charged with attempted murder and other felonies Friday in a Thursday attack at a Plymouth Township supermarket that sent an employee to a local hospital.

The victim, a 58-year-old St. Clair Shores woman, was hit at least once in the head by a pipe-



Viar

the Plymouth Township Police Department said.

The assault occurred just

wielding assailant and was taken by ambulance to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, where she was treated in the emergency room and released.

before 11 a.m. Thursday in an aisle at the Kroger on Ann Arbor Road at Sheldon, Sgt. David Hayes said. It had ended by the time officers arrived; Officer Charlie Rozum, the detective in charge of the case, said onlookers intervened and the attacker backed away.

Plymouth Officer Matt Stoops, the first officer in the store, confronted the attacker, who dropped the pipe when ordered,

said Lt. Jamie Grabowski of the Plymouth police. Stoops was readying his Taser, a weapon that delivers a temporarily disabling shock, but didn't use it, Grabowski said.

The attacker was near the end of an aisle when Stoops arrived, with the victim further down the aisle, Grabowski said.

Hayes said the victim was con-

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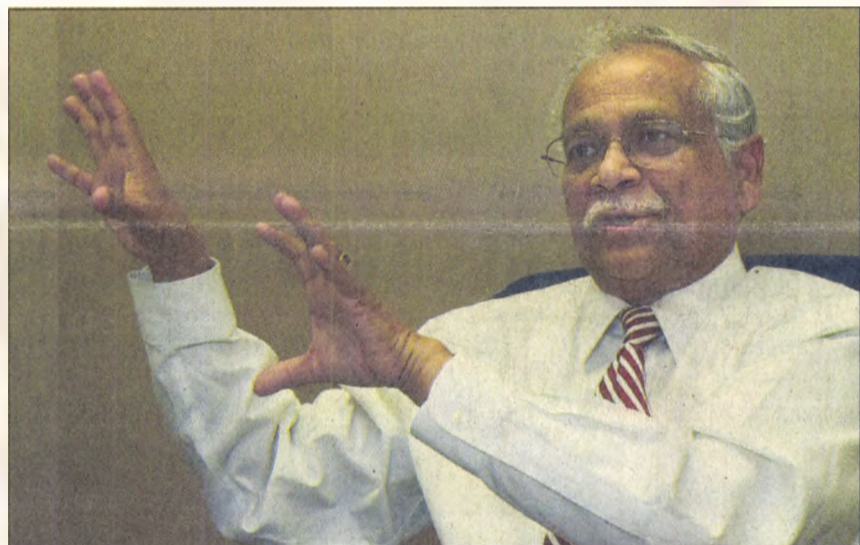
House hopefuls hinge race on competing messages



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Taj thinks he can fix what ails the country

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer



Dr. Syed Taj believes there's a critical need for a doctor in the house — the U.S. House. He's running for the two-year term in the newly drawn 11th District.

As an India-born medical doctor who worked hard to achieve the American dream, Syed Taj of Canton views himself as a physician who has the right prescription for what ails this country.

Like a trusted family doctor listening attentively to his patients, Taj says he understands what is hurting people in the 11th Congressional District he hopes to represent: They need good jobs. They fear losing Medicare and Social Security benefits. They worry they could be stripped of health care. They want their children to have an affordable education.

11TH DISTRICT

Democratic candidate Dr. Syed Taj is seeking a two-year term in the redrawn 11th Congressional District, composed of portions of Wayne and Oakland counties.

Taj believes there's a critical need for a doctor in the house — the U.S. House, that is — and he appears confident he is one of the Democrats who, if elected, can help second-term-seeker President Barack Obama move the country forward not just for the rich, but for the middle class and those who need a safety net.

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Bentivolio: Send 'a regular guy' to Congress

By Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer



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Republican Kerry Bentivolio is seeking a two-year term in the redrawn 11th Congressional District and the remaining two months in the current district. He's running on a platform of fiscal and social conservatism.

Kerry Bentivolio has been called inexperienced, "that Tea Party guy," a candidate who seemingly emerged from nowhere to claim front-runner status in the Republican bid for the 11th Congressional District seat.

Yet he makes no apologies for never having served in political office or for embracing the conservative values of the right wing.

In fact, he says, that is precisely why voters should check his name on the Nov. 6 ballot.

"I'm just a regular guy who cares very deeply about this country," Bentivolio said. "And it's about time a regular guy — with a regular voice — came to Congress."

11TH DISTRICT

Republican candidate Kerry Bentivolio is seeking a two-year term in the redrawn 11th Congressional District, composed of portions of Wayne and Oakland counties. He also is vying for the two months remaining in the current 11th Congressional District.

Key issues

Like his fellow conservatives, Bentivolio maintains a political stance that decries federal government's over-borrowing and overspending, as well as involvement beyond what is outlined in the U.S. Constitution.

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Stranger-danger incidents prompt school warning

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

A pair of similar "stranger danger" incidents this week led Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials to contact local police and send out a robo-call warning to parents.

The first incident actually happened Tuesday afternoon, when a Central Middle School sixth-grader said a man in a silver car

exposed himself to her while she was walking along Starkweather, near Main, on her way home from school. The girl reported the incident to Central Principal Anthony Ruela Wednesday.

The second incident occurred Wednesday, when a Discovery Middle School student was approached by a man in a dark gray car and invited to get in. The incident happened off-campus, district officials said, but close

enough that the student returned to the school to report it.

District officials said they weren't sure the incidents were related, but reported both to police in Canton and Plymouth, and initiated the robo-call to parents.

"We aren't sure the incidents are related, but two within 24 hours required this reaction from the district," said Frank Ruggirello, the district's director of community relations. "We

take our responsibility very seriously. It's rare we put out a message to our entire community, but we felt after talking to police this was the right thing to do to get the information out there as quickly as we could."

Vague description

The Central Middle School student described the suspect as

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a white male between the ages of 40-50, with a scruffy beard, brown hair and blue eyes. The car was described as an older-model silver car.

Plymouth Police Chief Al Cox called the description "a little vague" but said the department has stepped up patrols around the school.

"We're hitting the schools pretty hard with visible patrols for awhile," Cox said. "We're looking for the car and the suspect, but there's not a lot to go on."

The second incident happened shortly after 3 p.m. Wednesday. The student in that incident said the suspect was driving a dark grey or black four-door car with dark, tinted windows. The student said the suspect rolled

the window down part-way and motioned him toward the car. Other witnesses reported seeing a black four-door with tinted windows playing loud music in the same area the day before.

There were no words spoken and only a portion of the suspect's face was exposed. He is described as a white man with light-colored hair.

Third incident

Similarly, around 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, Canton police took a report of a white male in his 50s exposing himself while crossing the street in front of a school bus in the area of Seabrook and Kensington. The male was described as stocky build, wearing khaki pants and a white shirt.

"We are unsure which, if any, of the three incidents are related but regardless, we are ask-

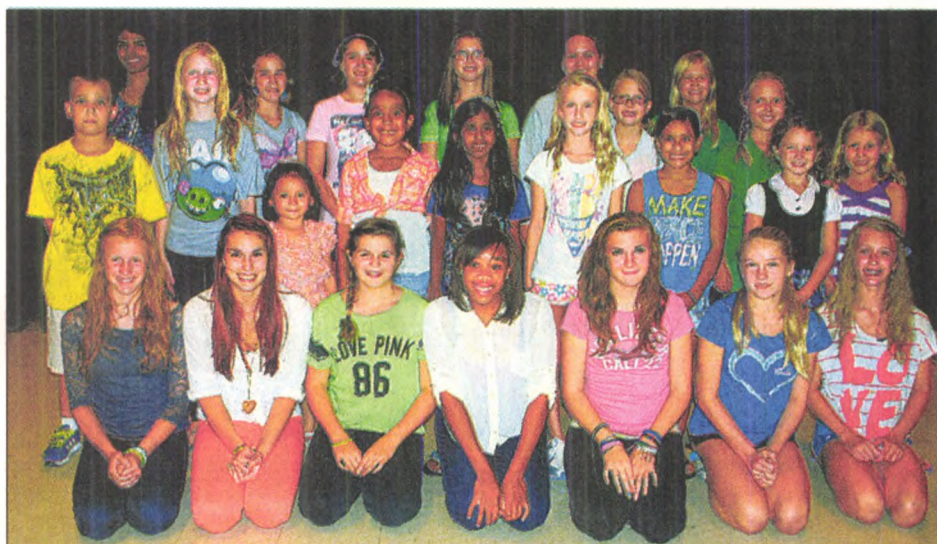
ing the community to be on alert, and report any suspicious activity they may observe to the police department," said Canton Special Service Sgt. Patrick Sullivan. "This could also be a good time for parents to remind their children about stranger danger, walking in groups, and how to react if they are approached by a stranger."

Plymouth Chief Cox had the same advice.

"We are encouraging parents to have that talk with kids one more time," Cox said. "Parents should get them to walk together, to tell someone if they see anything suspicious or if they are approached. They shouldn't be embarrassed about it; they need to tell a trusted adult so that adult can contact the police."

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

MASQUERADE TEA

Date/Time: Sunday, Oct. 14, 2-4 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Historical Museum
Details: The Plymouth Historical Museum will hold a Masquerade Tea. Enjoy a Victorian-style tea complete with tea sandwiches, scones and desserts catered by Jeff Zak Catering. The tea that will be served is the Museum's own "Mary's Blend," a cherry and almond black tea. Costumes are encouraged. Following the tea, Pam Yockey, president of the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum and a textile historian, will present "You're Wearing What?" Halloween Costume History and Fashion Show. The fashion show includes six original historic costumes from Pam's collection. Tickets for the tea are \$20 for members; \$25 for non-members and can be purchased at the Plymouth Historical Museum during open hours or on the Museum's website using PayPal at http://www.plymouthhistory.org/events/Masquerade-Tea_ET13.html?SortBox=201210. Add \$5 to the ticket price after Oct. 1.

SEWING GUILD

Date/Time: First Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Location: First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church, Plymouth
Details: Meetings are open to sewists of all levels. The Nov. 1 meeting features "Purse/

Tote challenge" judging and holiday gift ideas; The Dec. 6 meeting features "Holiday potluck luncheon."

Contact: For more information, email ASGPC@comcast.net

BOOK SALE

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 20, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth
Details: The Plymouth Canton American Association Of University Women Used Book Sale will be part of the Delta Kappa Gamma's Craft Show. Pick up some reading materials for the fraction of the cost. Now collecting used books (children/adults), gently used, no text, damaged books or Encyclopedias.

Contact: If you have any books to donate and/or questions, contact Becky Copenhaver, (734) 981-6023 or email bgcopenhaver@yahoo.com

PHILHARMONIC AUCTION

Date/Time: Friday, Oct. 19, 6-7 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
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Downtown revving up for chili festival

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth's chili festival — officially known as the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff — is on tap for Sunday, Oct. 14, in downtown Plymouth.

The fundraising chili fest, which benefits Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County and the Penrickton Center for Blind Children, is 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 14 at Kellogg Park, in The Gathering and on nearby streets. It will feature a motorcycle show, motorcycle ride-ins from two area dealerships, vendors' booths, live dance shows, a free concert by Steve King and the Dittilies and, of course, chili from dozens of cooks from across the map.

"It was just a great atmosphere and I had a great time," said Ron Smith of Novi, who won a People's Choice award in last year's chili fest, his first as a cook. "It was a great crowd. Everybody seemed to enjoy my chili and it was just exciting."

Smith, a chili cook for about 10 years, will be making his white bean

chicken chili this year. "Our whole goal when we run the cookoff is to make it a fun event," said Annette Horn, president of Great Lakes Regional Chili Inc., which sponsors the festival.

Last year's festival netted \$42,500 for Habitat, which provides volunteers to help at the event, and about \$10,000 for Penrickton.

The festival will include other past winners, including Diane Lentz of Nicholasville, Ky., the winner last year in the International Chili Society red chili category, and Richard Chauvin of Windsor, the winner last year in the ICS chili verde, or green chili, category.

Their wins last year put Lentz and Chauvin in this year's ICS world championship cookoff, which is being held this weekend in Charleston, W. Va. This year's winners in Plymouth will be eligible for next year's world championship in Palm Springs, Calif.

Horn promised chilis and salsas from up to 80 or more cooks; slots are still available in the red chili, chili verde and salsa categories, she said.



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Chuck and Pat Brovis of Livonia made their People's Choice entry at last year's Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff in Plymouth.

Cooks should visit the website www.greatlakeschili.com.

This year's Restaurant Chili Challenge, Horn said, has drawn 19 restaurants, the most ever. Many Plymouth restaurants are represented, she

said, and newcomers will include the Greek Islands Coney Island in Plymouth, Famous Dave's in Westland and Albert's on the Alley in Garden City.

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scious and talking at the scene. Police were unable to determine how many times she was struck. She had been stocking shelves when she was assaulted, he said.

As the attack began, the woman with the pipe reportedly accused the employee of killing her mother, even though police found no connection between the women, Hayes said.

The suspect's mother had indeed passed away, police determined, but from natural causes.

"It's kind of a strange one," he said.

The suspect, Angel Viar, was charged Friday afternoon in 35th District Court with one count of assault with intent to murder, one count of assault with intent to do great bodily harm and one count of assault with a dangerous weapon. A not-guilty plea was entered, Judge Mike Gerou set bond at \$200,000

cash, and a preliminary hearing was scheduled for Friday, Oct. 19. Viar was to be transported to the Wayne County Jail.

Conviction of assault with intent to murder carries a penalty of up to life in prison.

Viar, Hayes said, is somewhat known to people at Kroger for hanging around the Plymouth Square plaza there and collecting returnable cans and bottles. But no displays of temper or incidents of violence by her had come to the attention of police, nor does she appear to have a criminal record, he said.

Police recovered the weapon, a steel pipe about 12 inches long.

Kroger spokesman Dale Hollandsworth said the victim is with her family and recovering. "We are just thankful that she is well," he said.

Hollandsworth said he could not comment on possible increased security precautions at the store.

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Catholic Central has proud history, academic rigor

By Julie Brown
 Staff Writer

Detroit Catholic Central High School opened its doors in 1928, with the school name the Shamrocks due to so many Irish immigrant families enrolling their sons.

"So it's been awhile," said the Rev. John Huber, principal at the now Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High School. After leaving Detroit, the school was located on Breakfast Drive in Redford before moving to Novi.

CC students, faculty and staff recently shared a proud moment upon learning the high school was ranked among the Top 50 U.S. Catholic high schools. That includes coeducational and girls' schools as well, Huber said.

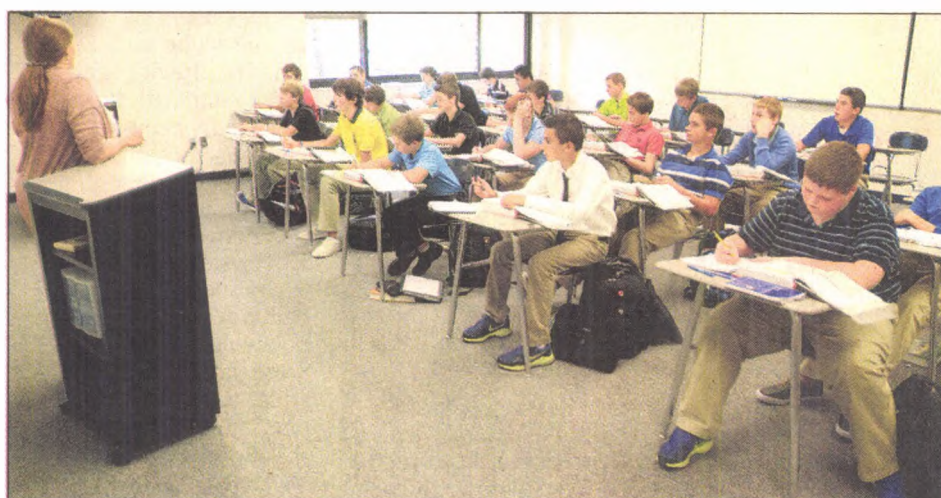
"Above all, the kids work very hard," said Huber, also praising the faculty and staff.

Novi resident Matthew Confer, 17, is a CC senior accepted to the University of Alabama for a dual major in chemical engineering/chemistry. The son of Lisa and Scott, Confer came up through the Novi public school system before CC.

"I love it," Confer said of CC. "It is by far the best choice I've made in my life. It has had the biggest impact on my life."

He manages the wrestling team, plays tuba in the band, and is in the Monogram Club which leads cheers at athletic events. Confer carries a 4.67 grade point average.

"Get involved," is his advice to new students. "That has to be by far the



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
 Detroit Catholic Central algebra teacher Allison Hodgins, left, teaches a Sept. 25 class at the Novi campus.



Detroit Catholic Central freshman Josh Stein, right, and the students of Allison Hodgins' algebra class, prepare to wrap up a Tuesday morning session at their Novi campus. Catholic Central was recently named one of the nation's top 50 Catholic schools by the Cardinal Newman Society. The school currently hosts a dozen National Merit Semifinalists.



Detroit Catholic Central students change classrooms during a break on Tuesday, Sept. 25.

biggest thing I was told. It'll help you develop as a person."

Huber noted the top Catholic high school status previously came through the Acton Institute out of Grand Rapids, Mich., and was transferred to the Cardinal Newman Society, which recognizes top Cath-

olic colleges and high schools.

The society looks at academics, including test scores, curriculum and Advanced Placement classes. Civic education in history and economics is also included, with a focus on the church's social teaching. Theology is part of the process,

including prayer life, presence of priests, student community involvement, and access to such sacraments as Communion.

The Cardinal Newman Society recognition is given every two years, and CC will apply again then.

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CC thrives while facing challenges head on

By Julie Brown
 Staff Writer

Catholic Central has been through challenging times in recent years, including the plane crash deaths of a hockey team that included the late Brad McCrimmon, dad to a CC student.

"Then we had to deal with the Cipriano tragedy as well," Huber said of the family in which the father died and mother and son Sal, a CC student, were beaten, with court charges against a son and a second young man.

"He's getting better every day," Huber said of Sal. "I attribute that to the kids and their fervent prayer for them (the family)."

CC has 1,070 young

men enrolled as students, the largest Catholic high school in the state. There are still plenty of Irish but not like the early days.

"We're much more diverse now," said Huber, noting the Arab presence in Dearborn and at CC, which has five Muslim students. Most of the Arab-background students are Catholic, he said.

The school has great sports teams, but Huber also likes to praise the academics. "It's disappointing we don't get the same kind of media attention" for academics, he said. The school emphasizes Christian/Catholic character first, followed by academics and then sports and activities.

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By Matt Jachman
 Observer Staff Writer

With unfinished business to attend to, Kurt Heise wants to stay on the job in Lansing. Heise, a first-term Republican state representative whose district includes Plymouth Township and Plymouth, said reforms begun in 2011 are pulling Michigan out of an economic malaise and have the state operating with a surplus rather than a deficit, but that more needs to be done to create jobs, lower the cost of government and improve public education. "I want to lower the tax rate for everybody," said Heise during a recent interview, pointing to a tenth-of-a-percent dip in

the state income tax that took effect Oct. 1. "Corporations create jobs and we need to make the business environment as competitive as possible." Heise, an attorney and the former director of the Wayne County department of environment, is seeking re-election to the state House of Representatives in the 20th District. He faces Democrat Tim Roraback in the Tuesday, Nov. 6, general election. Heise said that while steps have been taken, during his first term, to improve public education, more needs to be done. The need for good schools, he said, is "the common denominator for many of us" when choosing where to live. The 2011 state edu-

cation K-12 budget cut funding by \$470 student, and Heise, objecting to that cut, voted against it, and also voted against this year's schools budget. He would like to see public colleges and universities cut their costs, including for salaries and benefits, so that more money can be funneled to K-12 schools. "They have not done nearly as much as they should have," he said. Heise supports charter schools, saying parents with children in schools they don't think are up to par should have options. He also supported the approval of the measure that allowed more "cyber schools" in the state, after, he said, changes he helped write that

made the legislation more effective. The abolition of the Michigan Business Tax and streamlining of regulations, Heise said, has improved the business climate, but more needs to be done, and regulatory reform has a long way to go. "Businesses need certainty as to ... their regulatory environment," he said. He defended his record on taxes and said the 2011 tax changes, such as the scrapping of the MBT and the new tax on pensions, put taxpayers on a more equal footing. "What we're trying to do is take the tax code and make it apply equally and fairly to everybody," he said. The pension

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Roraback: Heise doesn't share district values

By Matt Jachman
 Observer Staff Writer

Tim Roraback questions whether Kurt Heise truly represents the values of the 20th District in the Michigan House of Representatives. That's prompted Roraback, a Democrat and a retired manager in the state's Department of Human Services, to challenge the Republican freshman Heise in the new 20th District, which still includes Plymouth and Plymouth Township. The two are facing off in the Tuesday, Nov. 6, general election. Roraback said last year's changes in the state's tax code, supported by Heise, essentially resulted in a tax cut

THE RORABACK FILE

Name: Tim Roraback
Hometown: Plymouth for 23 years; raised mainly in East Lansing
Family: Married with two daughters, both at MSU
Profession: Retired Manager for Michigan Department of Human Services
Education: Bachelor of Arts, English Education
Previous public-sector experience: My 27 years as a worker and manager for the State of Michigan
Community involvement: Member of the Supporters of Academic Integrity, Plymouth Democratic Club, Northville Democratic Club, and Community Democratic Club.
Website: www.timroraback.com



for big businesses and an increase for some of those who can least afford it, including retirees on pensions, parents (with the elimination of

a \$600-per child credit), and low-income workers, who saw the earned-income credit reduced. "Somehow, they put a new tax on people getting

pensions on Michigan," Roraback said of the Republican-led tax overhaul. "This is from the party that'll never raise your taxes." Roraback, of Plymouth, said he would like to see a system that puts more money in the hands of people who would spend it, increasing demand and thus jobs, and into education. "We would be better off to put money into the economy instead of squirreling away more money in the coffers of some large corporation," Roraback said. He said he'd also like to see a tax system that helps small business as opposed to large corporations. Roraback opposed the state's 2011 public edu-

cation budget, which cut per-pupil funding by \$470. (Heise voted against that budget.) Roraback said schools are vital to voters in the 20th District; he would like to restore that funding. He is also against the expansion of charter schools, which, in his view, drain students and resources from traditional public schools putting them on a downward spiral. "I don't think they were designed for a place like Plymouth-Canton, where our public schools are excellent," he said. He has a similar view of cyber-schools, which, he said, are mainly designed to bring profits to the companies that run them.

Roraback also:
 • Challenged Heise's environmental record, saying the Sierra Club recently gave him a 0 percent rating. (Heise responded that such ratings can be viewed different in ways and that he'd put his record up against anybody's.)
 • Said state legislators operate in an atmosphere of weak ethics guidelines, noting that the Center for Public Integrity rates Michigan as 43rd out of the 50 states in ethics standards.
 • Favors campaign finance reform.
 "Our system allows too much money to be funneled into various campaigns and in ways that

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Group's meeting focuses on growing role of women

"Changing The World One Woman at a Time" is the topic of businesswoman and philanthropy specialist Terry A. Barclay's keynote address at the sixth annual meeting of the Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle on Oct. 10 at Canton's Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Barclay will focus on the growing role women play in philanthropic decision making; the critical importance of women helping other women; and how women philanthropists approach giving decisions differently than men.

Barclay is the President and CEO of Inforum and the Inforum Center for Leadership, one of

the largest women's business forums in the United States with more than 2,000 members throughout Michigan. Inforum provides opportunities for businesswomen to connect, forge alliances, address vital civic and business issues and advance as leaders.

Since taking over at Inforum in 2001, Barclay has increased membership 300%, expanded the service area to include all of Michigan and created the Center for Leadership, a non-profit education and research organization.

Founded in 2006, the Giving Circle is a group of local women who believe that they can bring about

change by pooling and leveraging their financial resources into grants for local nonprofits assisting women and children in need. More than \$28,000 has been granted to organizations such as First Step, the Wayne County program to assist victims of domestic violence, Starfish Family Services, the Girls Scouts and local libraries.

All women in the community are invited to the event which begins with a reception at 6:30, followed by the program at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 through the Foundation website at www.cantonfoundation.org or by calling the Foundation at (734) 495-1200.

Farmer's Market winding down

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Just as sure as fall leaves are turning color, the Canton Farmer's Market is winding down another successful warm-season market of selling Michigan products, supporting local vendors and offering visitors a friendly place to spend Sundays.

Today and Sunday, Oct. 14, signal the last two markets, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., until a special pre-Thanksgiving market happens 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, market manager Tina Lloyd said.

The market is located in Preservation Park, off Ridge Road north of Cherry Hill.

This Sunday, performer Ryan Blake is scheduled to appear 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the porch of the historic Bartlett-Travis House. A master gardener plant exchange continues 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and Lloyd said patrons are invited to divide up their healthy perennials, label and bag them and bring them to the market, where they can exchange them and take a new plant home.

The master gardener tent will be on the gravel drive.

Moreover, Chef Paul is cooking 10:30 a.m. to noon today.

Next Sunday, the market concludes with what Lloyd said will be a harvest celebration. Among the events:

- Betsy Beckerman makes her debut playing on the Bartlett-Travis porch 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Peace, Love and Plan-



Chef Paul will be cooking Sunday at the Canton Farmer's Market.

et is hosting a "garbage graveyard game" for children, who can have fun turning trash into art and learning the fundamentals of decomposing trash. This occurs 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Wild Birds Unlimited will feature winter birding 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- The Canton Public Library brings storytime 10 a.m. and noon.

• There will be Halloween crafts for children.

• Apple-tasting and treats with dietitian Lisa Soper is on the agenda 10:30 a.m. to noon.

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Novi man wears many hats in production

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

"Papou" is Greek for grandfather. It's also the name of Michael Angelo Zervos' upcoming film. Zervos, 24, is a Northville High School graduate who lives in Novi on the Northville line.

"It is a film about a very imaginative young boy and his relationship with his grandfather," said Zervos, co-producer, writer and director of "Papou" through his Mother and Midwife Pictures.

The story has autobiographical elements. "It is a family film. We're pitching it as a family drama" with elements of comedy.

Demetri is the young boy, around 9, and his grandpa, Archie, is diagnosed with cancer at the film's start.

"I'm only one of those people that likes to be behind the camera," said Zervos. He's excited about Emmy-nominated actor Basile being cast.

Filmmakers are in talks with others in Hollywood who are talented and will draw people to the film with their acting skills. "They are recognizable names," Zervos said.

Zervos' back yard is in Northville, the front in Novi. He studied at Grand Valley State University, graduating in 2012 with a B.B.A. and an additional major in film and video production.

His interest was piqued with a broadcasting class in high school, in which he interviewed World War II veterans on D-Day. He continued news broadcasting in high school and attended the University of Michigan one year before transfer-



Michael Angelo Zervos is co-producer, writer and director of "Papou" through his Mother and Midwife Pictures.

ring to GVSU.

"I knew generally how to tell a story," said Zervos, who then acquired specific skills. He worked for both Anonymous Content and Cimarron Group in Los Angeles, with work ranging from marketing, advertising to reading scripts.

He's glad to be back home in Michigan.

"I love this state, I absolutely love it. I wanted to make a movie. I saw a better opportunity in Michigan."

Recent state film incentive talk led to a perception of a mass exodus of filmmakers, he said, but he finds the economic environment still solid.

"I think that it's going to incentivize a lot of peo-

RAISING FUNDS

Michael Zervos says the budget for his film "Papou" is under \$200,000. He and the others will have 60 days to raise \$50,000 in filmmaking donations on www.kickstarter.com to help fund his movie, "Papou". That site is popular with filmmakers and other artists who have projects, he said. If they don't hit that total, they collect nothing.

Additional information is online at www. .com or on its Facebook pages, where updates are posted.

ple to come back," Zervos said.

He has a co-producer and a composer for the all-original score. There's a postproduction house, Kinetic Post, out of Southfield where the film will be edited.

Filmmakers are beginning casting, and he calls the cast "fairly large." There are 40 people or so in addition to the two leads. Background and extras actors are also likely.

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Church hosts 'Music for Malawi'

First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth is hosting an evening of music, silent auction and raffle to benefit educational projects in Malawi, Africa.

The performance, which takes place Oct. 12 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton, is a classic acoustic rock concert by The Dale Hicks Band (featured regularly at Karl's Cab-

in in Plymouth), complimentary appetizers and cash bar.

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. for this limited-seating event. Tickets are \$25 per person and all profits from this night out will help fund educational materials and facilities for over 350 high school-age children in Malawi.

First Presbyterian committed to a 10-year Covenant Partnership with

Mtentera Church of Central Africa Presbyterian in Malawi, Africa in 2010. Through donations and fundraisers, the church provide support for a water well and supply system, local hand-dug wells, over 700 Bibles and hymnals in their native Chichewa language, and funding for HIV and AIDS education programs. Church officials said they "hope

to build foundations for brighter futures on both continents."

To purchase tickets, contact Kathy Bernard at bernardfamily2@gmail.com, call (248) 305-8614 or go to First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church in Plymouth, Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Friday 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Sunday mornings 10 a.m. to noon.

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Dodson student honored for poem

Last year when he was in Mary Koltunchik's second-grade class at Dodson Elementary School, Aaron Peng wrote a poem called "Chinese New Year," which was submitted to a nationwide contest that was held for students in grades K-12.

Aaron's poem was selected from thousands of entries as one of the top 10 in his age division. The top 10 writers in each division (grades K-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12) are each receiving special recognition in the poetry anthology "A Celebration of Poets."

The only other Michigan winner was a seventh-grader from Holly. Each top 10 winner also receives a complimentary copy of the anthology and a \$25 check. Poems are selected for their literary merit, creativity, and social significance.

Aaron, the son of Haihong Ouyang and Jinchun Peng of Canton, also represented Dodson School last spring at the Michigan Reading Association conference held in Grand Rapids. His first-grade piece about the four seasons was chosen to be published in *Kaleido-*



JENNIFER WILMARTH

Dodson Elementary School student Aaron Peng with second-grade teacher Mary Koltunchik.

scope, the publication of the Michigan Reading Association. Aaron attended a special ceremony with a guest author and received a medal at a special Young Authors' Lun-

cheon.

His parents, younger sister Megan, first-grade teacher Kim Sparks and literacy teacher Bonnie Goodrich attended in his honor.

Creative Communication sponsors this contest to offer a creative outlet that honors our youth. Dodson Elementary School has consistently been a Poetic Achievement Honor School with this contest. This award is given to schools which have a large number of entries accepted for publication.

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In addition, Dodson School has been one of the schools to receive a Creative Communications Language Arts Grant of \$250 to further develop writing projects. Creative Communications continues to further encourage young people's writings.

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sion-tax exemptions (the first \$20,000, \$40,000 for a married couple, is tax-free) were only adopted after push back from the Legislature, he said; Gov. Rick Snyder wanted to tax all pension income.

Businesses have responded to the tax changes, Heise said. "That is making Michigan more attractive for job-creators," and in addition to the Detroit Three auto-makers being in a better position, auto suppliers in the state want to stay, he said.

Heise also:

- Supports Snyder's overtures to China, which, he said, could expand the markets in that country for Michigan products.

- Casts himself as the "go-to guy" in the Legislature on environmen-

tal issues, given his experience. He said his bill to put Detroit's water system, which serves more than 120 suburban communities, under regional control, remains alive as an incentive for the system, which is under the oversight of a federal judge, to complete needed reforms.

- Supports a new public bridge to Canada, which, he said, would benefit the entire state. That has put him at odds with some GOP legislative colleagues.

- Said the state's unemployment rate, a little more than 9 percent, is "still unacceptable to me" but can be brought down with lower taxes and regulatory reforms. "We're making our way back to the middle" when it comes to business regulation, he said.

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RORABECK

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are often not transparent," he said. "It's like throwing meat in a cage and asking the tiger not to eat it."

- Favors the proposed new bridge between Detroit and Windsor, saying that, to the best he can determine, no state money is at risk. The bridge "would be a huge boon to all of Michigan," he said. It is also supported by Heise and Gov. Rick Snyder.

Roraback acknowledged the 20th District has a "pretty good partisan divide," but said his message has traction with independents and moderate Republicans as well as Democrats. He is conducting a door-to-door campaign, he said.

"If I can speak to an independent, or occasionally a 'leaning Republican,' I pretty often get favorable responses from them," he said.

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Skeletons hang out at Historical Museum

By Sue Buck
Observer Staff Writer

Skeletons have taken over the Straight Farmhouse as the Garden City Historical Museum presents its Skeletons on Revue exhibit.

Kim Marquette, a museum volunteer, has incorporated a number of skeletons and black cats in surprise locations within the museum. They're included in the ongoing Made in Michigan exhibit which runs until the end of November.

Skeletons can be found at almost every turn in the museum. The exhibit opened Saturday, Oct. 6.

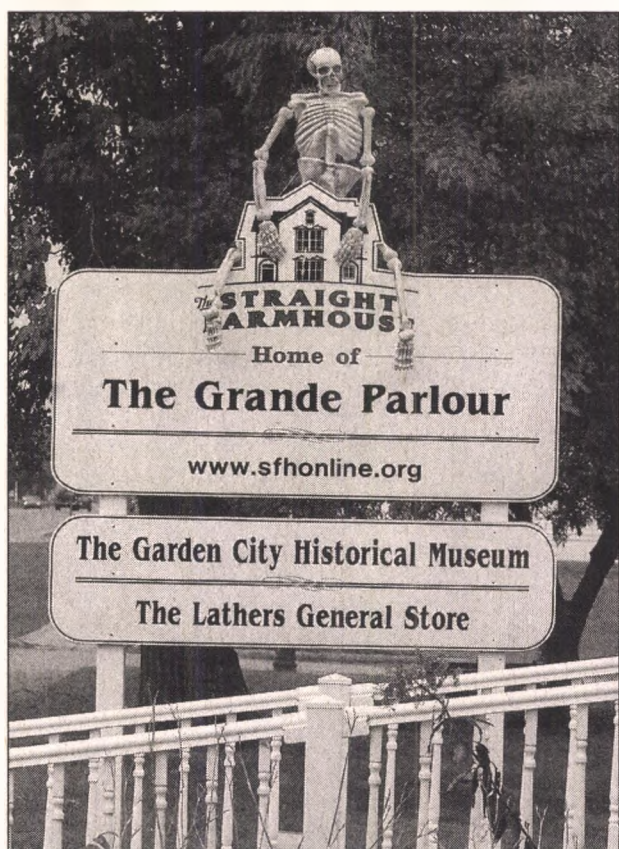
"The skeletons are on all three levels," Marquette said.

Kim and Jerry Marquette purchased a variety of skeletons in different sizes from different Halloween party outlets. She also collected stuffed black cats from a variety of sources for the exhibit.

Downstairs there's a classroom scene where the skeleton students are playing Cats in the Cradle and Hangman.

"The word is 'skeleton,'" Marquette said.

On the second level, a police skeleton will soon be holding a box of Dunkin Donuts. On the main level, there's a seance in the dining room and one skeleton has his tarot cards out.



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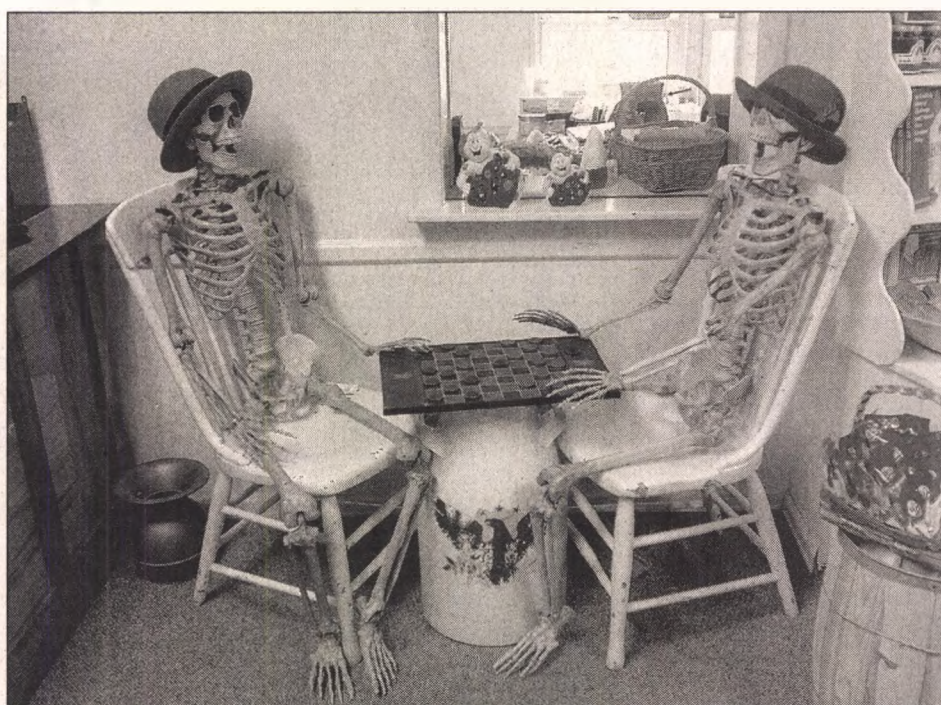
Greetings everyone. A skeleton watches for visitors at the Straight Farmhouse. They'll find skeleton guests throughout the Garden City Historical Museum.

Other skeletons are gathered around a

"crystal ball" which Marquette said is a clear glass globe.

Upstairs a skeleton bride is getting ready for her wedding while a mother skeleton is ironing the father of the bride's shirt.

The museum also is holding a raffle. On Nov. 14, it will



Two skeletons meet for a game of checkers at the Lathers General Store inside the Garden City Historical Museum. Years ago, the General Store found in many communities provided a place for camaraderie.

give away a \$100 gift Kroger certificate as well as a basket full of Made in Michigan products: The raffle tickets are six for \$5 or \$1 each. They can be purchased at the museum which is open noon to 3 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays.

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Joe Bridgman, MMC
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OfficeMax makes teachers' day better

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Two Wayne-Westland teachers definitely had a better day Tuesday after receiving \$1,000 in classroom supplies as part of OfficeMax's A Day Made Better program.

Michelle Furlong, a fifth-grade teacher at Adams Upper Elementary School, and Chris Swanson, an academic intervention specialist at P.D. Graham Elementary, received the supplies and new desk chairs during surprise assemblies.

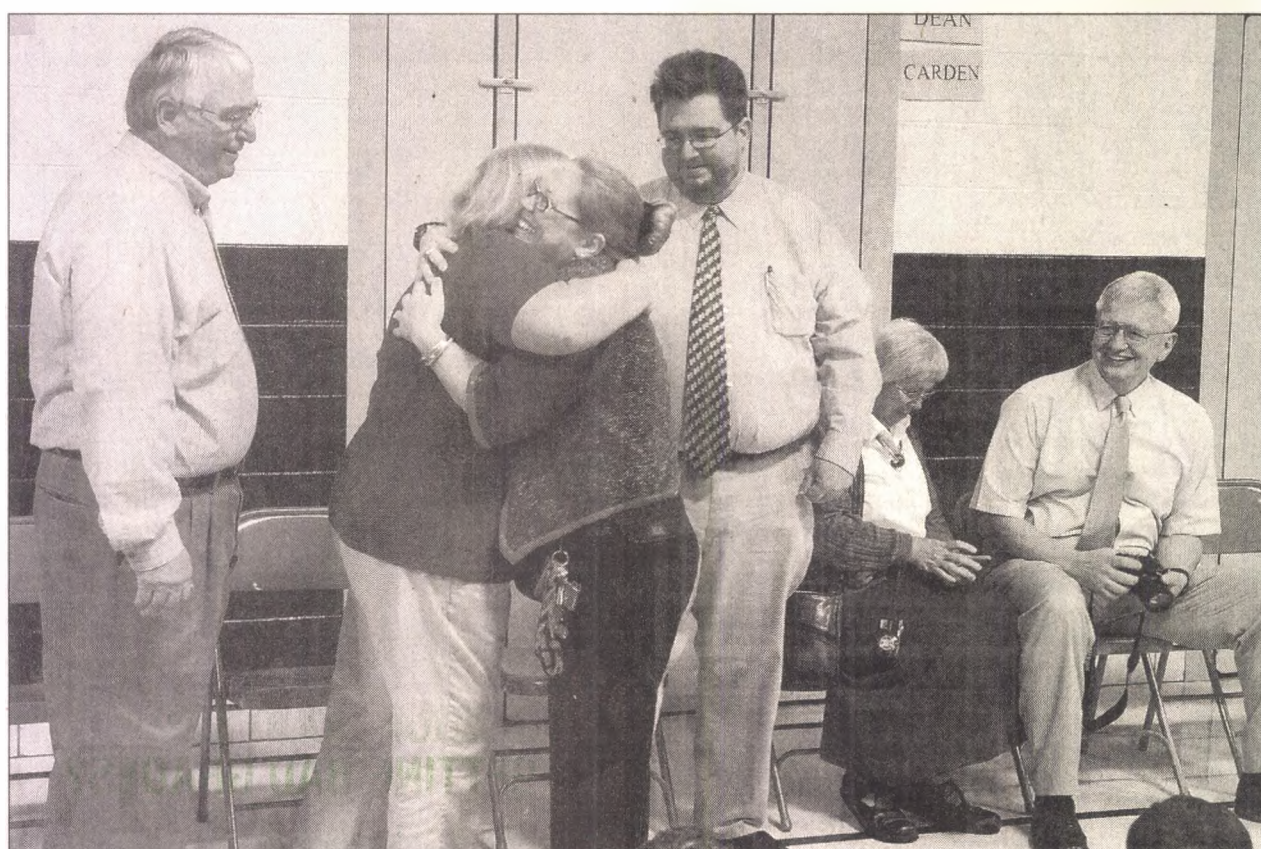
Furlong received her gifts from the OfficeMax store in Canton, while the Ann Arbor store provide the supplies for Swanson as well as more than \$3,000 worth of supplies to P.D. Graham that had been donated by customers.

This is the sixth year OfficeMax has sponsored A Day Made Better program, in which associates surprise 1,000 teachers in their classrooms with \$1,000 each worth of school supplies. OfficeMax consumers and business clients contributed nearly \$900,000 in additional school supplies through its summer's in-store supply drive. These additional supplies were donated to the A Day Made Better schools where the teachers are being honored.

"The chair is my favorite thing," said Furlong. "My teacher chair was broken when I got to Adams. This is my third year there."

Video camera

The "biggest" item in the box of supplies was a video camera, but there



Roger Swanson (from left) watches as his wife Doris gives daughter-in-law Chris Swanson gets a hug after she was announced as the winner of OfficeMax's A Day Made Better program. Also at the surprise assembly was her husband Christopher and her parents, Gail and dad John Cooper (seated).

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also was a laminator, label maker and "tons of notebooks, folders and pens and pencils."

"It took forever to sort through it," said Furlong. "The kids were so excited to see what was in the box, but a lot of them want the box. They keep asking if they can have it when it's empty."

Furlong was nominated for the honor by the school secretaries because she stays late to do a lot of work for the kids and spends a lot of her own money on them.

"I don't keep track of that, if I had to guess it would be around \$2,000 a year," she said. "I spend most of my money on binders for the kids to help them be organized."

Furlong uses the three-ring binders and fills them with folders and a money pouch and uses it as an organizational tool for her students.

"The school I was at before used to buy the stuff, but that's not in the budget here," she said, adding that "I find the deals over the summer, but it still adds up." She's excited about the video camera. Each year she makes DVDs of the school for each of her students.

"Now I'll be able to add video to the DVD," Furlong said.

Big surprise

For Swanson, the surprise included not only school supplies, but see-

ing her family — husband Christopher, parents Roger and Doris Swanson of Canton and John and Gale Cooper who drove from Fremont — to be at the assembly.

"Christopher called and said she was getting an award and we need to come," said John Cooper. "He said not to say anything. This is pretty cool, we're so proud

of her."

"It wasn't hard keeping this a secret because she leaves for work an hour before I do, so she didn't know I was staying home," said Christopher Swanson.

Swanson's box included a Kodak camera, calendar, pencils, backpacks, tissue and a laminator among other things.

"This is priceless, espe-

cially for the para-professionals, it's more resources to work with the kids," said Swanson. "This is a huge benefit for the Graham community, it will be used."

Swanson estimates she "easily" spends 10, 15 times more than the \$250 tax credit the government gives on the students.

As an interventionist, Swanson works with students in their classrooms and in small group settings. She's also responsible for testing, including the MEAP.

"I'm kind of a jack of all trades, if they need something done, I do it," she said.

"She's an interventionist, but I don't think I know of anyone who does more, who's willing to go above and beyond with a smile," said Principal Jennifer Curry, who nominated her for the award.

The presentation was made by Ken Schaal whose son was a student at P.D. Graham. He honored one his son's former teachers, Jeanie Beaty, last year.

Getting the honor two years in a row had Curry asking Schaal if he could do it a few more years, "so I can recognize my whole staff."

"He needs to come 18 times more," she said.

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The City of Plymouth has scheduled and will be conducting the Accuracy Testing for the Optical Scan Voting Equipment, as well as the Hearing Impaired Equipment, for the General Election to be held on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012. The testing is scheduled for Friday, October 12, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

This is an open testing session and any interested person is encouraged to attend. Election Source will be conducting the testing to assure that the voting equipment has been programmed appropriately.

If there are any questions, please direct them to the City Clerk's office at 734-453-1234, ext. 234. The Plymouth Cultural Center is in compliance with the American Disabilities Act and is handicapped accessible.

Linda Langmesser, CMC
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Public Test of the M-100 Optic Scan Voting System For the General Election Tuesday, November 6, 2012

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: A public accuracy test of the M-100 Optic Scan Voting System will take place at 2:00 p.m., on Friday, October 12, 2012 at the Charter Township of Plymouth, Clerk's Office, 9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, for the November 6, 2012 General Election.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of law.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

For further information contact the Clerk's Office. Phone (734) 354-3224.

Joe Bridgman, MMC
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Still missing, no clues; search continues for Novi man

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A missing person search continued last Sunday for 39-year-old Patrick Keough as the Novi Police Department and 41 citizen volunteers looked for any clues in the areas near Keough's work place on Cabot Drive.

Novi's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and police officers searched the area between 12 Mile and 14 Mile roads, and



Keough

from M-5 to Halsted Road, said Novi Police Detective Sgt. Matt Conquest. But no results or clues turned up in the search.

"This is an ongoing case and we are hoping to find him and bring closure to his family," Conquest said of the missing person case that dates back to June 14 when Keough

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MAN?

Patrick Keough is described as a white man with a medium build, 5-foot-10 and 220 pounds with green eyes and graying black hair. Anyone with information on his whereabouts is asked to contact the Novi police at (248) 348-7100.

went missing from his office at Farmers Insurance.

Conquest said the department has kept an eye on everything that may lead them to Keough's whereabouts — from his financial accounts to giving border

checkpoints a heads up.

Conquest said the case remains open and there is no known criminal activity connected. It remains a mystery as to how he went missing.

Keough reportedly left his personal belongings on his office desk,

including his cell phone, wallet and paperwork. He had been driven to work that day and there is no indication that he was picked up by anyone. Conquest did say, however, that a note was left behind that raised concerns about Keough's well-being.

"We remain optimistic and have maintained contact with the family throughout," he said.

Keough, a resident of Howell, has a wife and four children. Conquest said the family is at a loss

on where he is and what happened.

"It's their hope he is found soon," Conquest said.

Conquest said another search will take place in the same areas once the leaves fall and it's easier to see by helicopter into the trees.

"Our goal is to find him alive, but we must look at all possibilities as this continues," Conquest said.

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Vets shoot free at WCCA event

Veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars are invited to attend a free day of target shooting and archery at the Western Wayne County Conservation Club, located in Plymouth, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9.

The event open to all veterans from all branches of the military and will include a continental breakfast and lunch as well as the equipment. Veterans will be able to participate in target shooting using rifle, shotgun, pistol and archery.

Event chairperson for Iraq & Afghanistan Veteran's Outreach, Anthony Kennard is a 2002 graduate of Salem High School in Canton and a fairly new member at the WWCCA. As a former Marine with three tours to Iraq, he recognized the need for these young veterans to have the opportunity to connect with other vets, young and old.

"Veterans have a unique experience not shared by the general public, and when they

come home they can feel intense stress and loneliness," Kennard said. "It is important to me that young vets have a place to go where they can connect and network with other vets. It is my goal for this event to become a launch pad at the WWCCA for other events for young veterans like myself."

WWCCA president Ray Hanka of Livonia said the club had been approached by the Michigan United Conservation Club and a charitable organization to see if the WWCCA had the resources to put on this event as part of a Veteran's Outreach program. The club's location is convenient for residents of western Wayne county, southern Oakland county and eastern Washtenaw county.

"The goal of this program is to offer a venue where military personnel returning from the Middle East conflicts can establish a support system," Hanka said. "With a large

number of veterans as members, our club has a long history of patriotic service and a deep desire to support those who serve our country. We are excited not only to host this inaugural event, but for it to become an annual program."

In addition to the 13 top notch outdoor ranges used by outdoorsmen, competitive shooter/archers and law enforcement, the club provides educational classes, Boy Scout campouts and an annual "mountain man" Rendezvous Weekend with re-enactors in period costume. Club members enjoy many family events such as an Easter Egg Hunt, parties for Halloween and Christmas, Steak Cookouts and Fish Fries during Lent. The WWCCA boasts social events such as Detroit Tiger Night, Comedy Nite and a Euchre club.

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Don't let politicians slice and dice you with their divisive tactics

I was privileged to witness a pretty cool scene the other day when I dropped off my son to his kindergarten class. We were running a little late, so when we walked into the classroom the announcements had already started. As I was hanging up my son's jacket, the school's principal came over the P.A. and began the Pledge of Allegiance.

Because I was still in the room, I found the flag, put my hand over my heart, and also said the pledge along with the class. As I looked around the room, I saw a couple of dozen 5-year-olds who didn't have much of a clue what was going on. Some held their left hands to their chest, some their right. Many of them were looking to the teacher or the other adults in the room, trying to figure out what to do or say. Some were just mumbling along. It was pretty cute.

It opened my eyes a bit, however, to the meaning of the word patriotism. These young children, of different ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds, were being indoctrinated, if you think about it. The Pledge of Allegiance is made



Kurt Kuban

up of words, powerful ones for sure, but words nonetheless. They are being hammered into their young minds, but they don't really mean a whole lot to a 5-year-old. It is society's responsibility to show these kids what those words really mean, and why it is important to be an American.

If these kids have been watching television lately (of course they have), they might get a bit confused because they are being inundated with political ads that seem to get nastier with every campaign season. While the Pledge of Allegiance and their teachers tell them we are a united people, our so-called political leaders often tell them (and us) something very different.

Let's be honest. Politicians are in the business of getting elected. A time-tested strategy to do this is to divide people into different camps, so their votes can be cherry picked like low-hanging fruit. That cer-

tainly seems to be the case this year. Apparently some of us are in the 99 percent, or the 1 percent, or the 47 percent. We're either pro-choice or pro-life. We're conservatives or we're liberals. We're black or white. Christian or Muslim. Gay or straight. And on and on.

Unfortunately, too many of us have fallen for the trap, and now are happy to draw sides and battle lines. We've allowed ourselves to be duped by the blowhards on the radio and television talk shows, the writers of nasty blogs, and a host of others who make their living off selling political division. If you want to know how bad it is, just read a news story about Obamacare, the auto bailout or the Tea Party on the *Detroit Free Press* or *Detroit News* websites, and check out the comments section. The comments are downright nasty. Terms like "libtards" or "rethuglicans" (and much, much worse) are frequently leveled at those at the other end of the political spectrum with such ease and carelessness I sometimes wonder what keeps the country together.

The fact is, however, we are

not defined by our differences — at least not in the America I grew up in. Yes, our differences often get in the way and sometimes in messy ways, but our love of country — of being American — always triumphs in the end.

Our men and women in the military don't go overseas and put their lives on the line for 47 percent of us, or just for those of us who are straight or pro-choice. They are fighting for all of us, and our way of life. And they are fighting for freedom.

Yes, freedom. In this country, that means we can say and believe what we want to. We can pray to whatever god we want to. And we can vote for whoever we want to. That doesn't make us good or bad, or right or wrong. It just means we are all individuals with different beliefs, who are bound together by one common thread — America.

So as we endure another nasty political season, let's try not to demean our neighbor or our co-worker, who happens not to agree with us on political issues of the day or support the same candidates. Let's not call each

other names. It's childish. Try to talk to — and not at — those who think differently about politics. I'm not saying to let go of core political beliefs. In fact, I think more people should pay attention to what is happening in our political system — and that doesn't mean getting all the information from a talk show.

The next time someone tries to slice and dice you into one group or another, remember our children. We can't tell kids to be patriots, and then yell and scream about those who don't have the same political beliefs as us. They won't buy it.

I imagine by the end of the school year, all of the kids in my son's kindergarten class will be able to recite the Pledge of Allegiance by heart. Learning what it means to be an American will likely take place outside of the classroom, however. Whether we realize it or not, we are all teachers. Let's make sure they get the lesson right.

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Managing risk is the only safe way to invest

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Thank you to the more than 700 people who attended the Ford Buy-Out Seminar in Livonia co-sponsored by *Observer & Eccentric Media*. Like all seminars that I lead, there was plenty of time for questions and answers. I want to take this opportunity to answer one of the questions that was asked.

A man, who described himself as relatively conservative when it came to his investments, wanted



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to know what option Ford was offering that would be risk-free. He explained to me his current situation

and then asked how he should proceed. My answer was simple. There is no risk-free option available to him. Risk is more than just principal fluctuation; it's also not keeping up with the

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I tell investors all the time, you can't avoid risk, but you can manage it. One of the best ways to

manage risk is to have money in different buckets, where each one of those buckets has a different risk associated with it.

Risk cannot be avoided, but it can be managed. Investors looking for risk-free alternatives are fooling themselves. They would be better served to focus on managing risk. Good luck!

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TAJ

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"The president needs to have a supporting cast," Taj said, sitting in his Novi campaign office.

By most accounts, Taj has worked successfully for four years alongside Republicans as the lone Democrat on the Canton Township Board of Trustees. Yet, on the national stage, he tires of the gridlock, the political bickering and polarizing remarks, such as GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney's now-infamous statements that critics said dismissed "47 percent" of Americans.

"I want to represent 100 percent of the population," said Taj, who faces Republican Kerry Bentivolio of Milford for a two-year House term.

Taj's campaign manager, Natalie Mosher, who lost an earlier 11th District election bid against former U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, believes Americans would become less



Taj

cynical and distrustful of Washington, D.C., if they elected more people like Taj.

"He's honest. He listens to people. He worked with Republicans for four years, and he knows how to work with people on both sides of the aisle," Mosher said.

Moreover, she said Taj has dedicated much of his 65 years to medicine in India, Great Britain and, since 1982, in Michigan, including a six-year stint as Oakwood Hospital's chief of medicine.

"Who better to go to Washington to deal with the Affordable Care Act?" she asked, referring to an Obama health care plan that many Republican critics have vowed to repeal.

To understand Taj's political passions, it's necessary to explore his upbringing among five

children born to Syed Nizamuddin and Sakina Khatoun in Gaya, a city in northeastern India.

"Education was the most important thing in our life," Taj recalls. "My father wanted me to become a doctor."

Not so different from American stories, Taj's father had begun to study medicine himself but had to quit to care for his younger siblings after their parents died. Rather than become a physician, Taj's father worked as an X-ray technician before he started a construction company installing water towers and water supply pipes. Taj's mother stayed home to raise the children.

Taj and his siblings were taught to become successful — a tradition that has carried on as Taj's son, Asad, studies at the University of Michigan in preparation for medical school. Taj's oldest brother, Syed Shahabuddin, served 15 years in the India Parliament, as an ambassador to countries such as Alge-

ria and Venezuela and as vice consul in New York.

Taj attended medical school in India and worked in his hometown before he and wife Sofia moved to Great Britain from 1974-82, where Taj had postgraduate training in health and medicine and was accepted in the Membership of Royal College of Physicians. The couple, married since 1969, left England for Michigan after Sofia visited her brother, Syed Aslam, who received a master's degree in chemistry and had already moved to the Downriver area.

"She came back from her visit (to Michigan) and asked why we weren't living here," Taj said with a smile.

Numerous family members ultimately made the move and eventually settled in the same Canton neighborhood near Lotz and Palmer starting in the early 1990s. Taj lived Downriver and in Dearborn Heights before he moved to Canton in early 2007 — amazingly just

one year before he was elected as the first Democrat township trustee in recent memory.

Even before his election, one of Taj's first political battles involved supporting a Hindu temple expansion in Canton. Because he is Muslim — one who strongly condemns extremism in any religion, culture or political arena — Taj said he has always understood how it feels to be in a minority, so he supported the Hindu effort.

"It also affected me because we come from the same place," Taj said, referring to his native India.

Taj said his religious beliefs and his upbringing have always steered him to help others, whether it involves doctoring patients, helping neighbors, supporting free speech, fighting against social injustice or protecting health care and collective bargaining.

"I feel that collective bargaining is a human rights issue," he said.

Even though he is a Democrat, Taj has worked alongside his Republican colleagues on the township board. As a team, both sides have largely risen above the public grandstanding that has divided many legislators on the national stage.

Taj also has been involved in organizations such as the Canton Community Foundation, creating a scholarship for students, and the Wayne County Senior Alliance.

Now, he says he's ready to take his political and medical skills to the U.S. House in hopes he can help heal a nation. He knows some political pundits dismiss his chances, much like they did before he won his township office in 2008.

He isn't fazed. "I'm very confident that I should be able to win this seat," he said.

For more on the Taj campaign, go to www.taj-forcongress.com.

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BENTIVOLIO

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"Some government is required, of course. But government is overreaching, it has become intrusion, interference," he said.

The consequences, he said, are "skyrocketing costs" of everything from health care to cell phones to computers. "A lot of businesses are getting beaten up by government regulations," Bentivolio said. "Take away government interference and costs come down."

"Congress should take a course on checks and balances. They're writing the checks, and we're getting the balances."

Bentivolio is pro-life; he favors repeal of Obamacare, a flatter and simpler tax code, and opening up more public land and allowing more permits for oil drilling.

On another hot button top — safeguarding the U.S. borders — Bentivolio calls himself "a big defender of border security" who supports a crack down on illegal immigrants and the benefits provided to them at taxpayers' expense.

"Yes, if they are needed for a specialized job or something they can apply for a work visa," he said. "But we also need to get rid of the reason they want to come here and stay."

As a veteran of the U.S. Army and Army National Guardsman who served in the Vietnam and Iraq wars, Bentivolio said he has "a lot of problems with the military" — many stemming from what he sees as "bureaucratic red tape" that delays troops in the field from getting equipment and supplies in a timely manner. That needs change, he said.

"There are real issues, such as we have soldiers in harm's way and they need a part for a tank, and once you get the requisition form it can take a year to go through the channels to get it," he said.

Bentivolio also vows to work at strengthening Veterans Affairs as well as improving veterans' health care and the choices they have in obtaining it.

"I don't offer political experience — though I do understand politics," Bentivolio said. "What I offer is life experience. I've been there, done that."

So where has he been, and what has he done?

Bentivolio spent more than a dozen years as an automotive designer, and owned and operated a home construction business. He eventually earned his credentials in education and hired on as a high school teacher.

He said he quit his job with Fowlerville Public Schools — and the teaching profession altogether — before the start of this school year when, he said, his campaign started to



Bentivolio

take off. Bentivolio was largely ignored in the race until former Congressman Thaddeus McCotter dropped out amid a petition signature scandal, but now that he's in the spotlight, he said he's "ready, willing and able."

"I left the teaching profession because I know I'm going to win this elec-

tion," he said, smiling.

And it's an optimism that he's managed to maintain despite what he said are unfounded rumors, accusations and other negativity and misinformation about him that have emerged in recent months. Some of it came from what he called "a small faction" of fellow Republicans, prior to the primary elections.

"Hey, that's politics," he said, shrugging. "They can sling mud, but I'm a soldier. I'll just brush it

off and get in the game."

A self-described "straight shooter who believes in leading by example," the 61-year-old has made his home in Milford Township since 1982. Taking advantage of his several tucked-away acres, Bentivolio maintains a vineyard and raises honeybees, chickens and — perhaps most notable — a team of six reindeer which he brings along to pull his sleigh when he plays Santa in Christmas parades and

other holiday events. He and his wife, Karen, have two adult children and three grandchildren.

Bentivolio admits that the race — and his top place in it — has thrust him into a world that is a far cry from the life he has made for himself in Milford.

But he's loving it. "It's exciting — and it's very surreal," he said, referencing recent telephone calls from Speaker of the House John Boehner, Gov. Rick Snyder, and meet and greets in Wash-

ington D.C. with presidential candidate Gov. Mitt Romney, vice presidential candidate Sen. Paul Ryan, congress members Paul Upton, Mike Rogers and more. Recently, he was given "Young Gun" status, the top tier of the National Republican Congress Committee's recruitment program.

With the election about a month away, Bentivolio said his campaign is in high gear as he continues to reach out to voters who he's hoping to represent.

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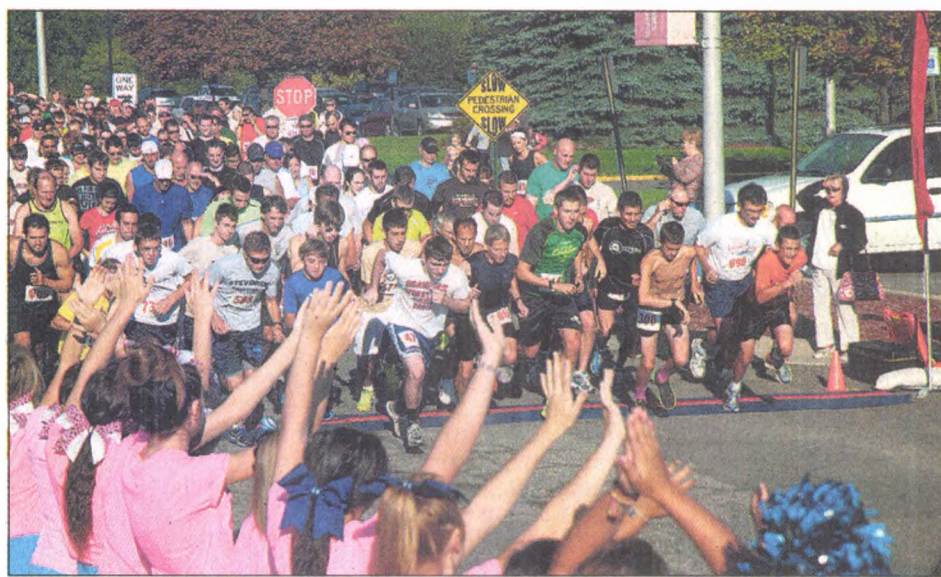
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Proceeds from the race provide hundreds of people with necessities that go along with the treatment of cancer, such as transportation to and from treatments, wigs, oncology products and oncology massage, available in the hospital's Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center, a salon that specializes in services for cancer patients.

Awards were given to the top three male and female overall winners of the run, as well as almost 90 age-group winners, from ages 13 and under through 80 and up.

Top three overall male winners were 1) Vincent Jesudowich, of Northville, with a time of 17:12; 2) Andrew Stratton, of Livonia, with a time of 17:28; and 3) Matt Hoffman, of La Salle, with a time of 17:34.

Top three overall female winners were 1) Kelly Valente of Dearborn, with a time of 20:05; 2) Renee Champagne, of Milford, with



Top male overall winner Vincent Jesudowich of Northville finished the run with a time of 17:12.

a time of 20:40; and 3) Kristin Kachnowski, of Wixom, with a time of 20:49. Results and race photos can be found at www.stmarymercy.org/5Kforcancer.

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Spartans crush Rocks

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson turned in a nearly flawless performance Friday night to gain a piece of the KLAAs Central Division football title with a 35-6 win over Salem.

The Spartans, who improved to 6-1 overall, also automatically earned their 13th state playoff berth in school history.

Stevenson and Northville share the title with 4-1 records, but the Mustangs, who beat Novi 21-14 in overtime, will play Livonia Churchill for the Kensington Conference crown next Friday at home after winning the first-place tiebreaker. Stevenson, the second seed, will host Plymouth.

The Spartans' defense never gave Salem (5-2, 3-2) a chance to claim a share of the title holding the Rocks to mere 173 yards in total offense while forcing three turnovers.

"Our guys came to play," Stevenson second-year coach Matt Fielder said. "They responded and knew what was on the line for us and our program."

"They're getting to the ball, they're active. They're understanding of what we're trying to do. They're flying around."

The Spartans scored on their first possession going 79 yards on 15 plays, while consuming 7:50 on the clock capped by quarterback Joe Mims' 1-yard TD sneak up the middle on fourth-and-goal. But the

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Canton running back Kendall Scott (No. 5) turns the corner for a gain Friday night, helped out as teammate Matt McKoy (No. 4) slows Plymouth defender Kyle McMillan (No. 57).

Clutch 'Cats edge Chiefs

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Canton head football coach Tim Baechler wanted his offense to stay on the field as much as possible Friday night against Plymouth.

Baechler's objective was to stymie Plymouth's dangerous senior quarterback Jamarl Eiland as much as possible.

For most of the first half the strategy worked, as the Chiefs built a 21-6 lead — parlaying marathon, grind-it-out marches into points on a chilly, rainy night at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

But Eiland ripped through the Canton defense for a 51-yard run with just over a minute left in the first half and then took it in from 5 yards out to give the Wildcats a

touchdown and reason to believe entering the second half.

Then Eiland — with considerable help from Plymouth's defense and special teams — kept on rolling after intermission, sparking a 28-21 victory and clinching a state playoff berth in the process.

"We couldn't stop No. 5 (Eiland)," Baechler said. "Even when we had guys on blocks sitting in front of him ready to tackle him, that kid was the best player on the field tonight."

"That was our plan, to run the ball and consume clock and keep No. 5 off the field as much as possible. We did that quite a bit in the first half. In the second half, we didn't get it done."

Reason to believe
Plymouth head coach Mike Saw-

chuk said the late score before halftime definitely turned the tide, especially since the Wildcats (6-1, 4-1 in the KLAAs South) took the second-half kickoff and tied the game 21-21.

"We persevered a lot," Sawchuk said. "They got one heck of an offensive line over there, (but) we knew we got some special athletes on offense."

"We knew we could probably score. It was just a matter of stopping them. I was a little worried in the first half, and then we just went in the second half and said, 'Hey, there's really no magic, you guys just got to toughen up and play ball.'"

The Wildcats still needed to make some key steps to get the

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PCS Penguins tryouts

The defending Division 2 state champion Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins varsity girls hockey team is holding tryouts 4-5 p.m. Oct. 29 and 31 and Nov. 2 for the 2012-13 season.

Tryout fee is \$60 for all three skates, to take place at Arctic Edge Arena on Michigan Avenue near Canton Center Road in Canton.

For more information, contact head coach Mary Beth Trainor at smeeb@aol.com.

It's 0-0 for Lady Ocelots

NJCAA Region XII women's soccer co-leaders Schoolcraft College and Owens Community College (Ohio) played to a scoreless draw in two overtimes.

The tie leaves Schoolcraft 9-3-2 overall and 5-1-2 in Region XII, while Owens stands 7-2-3 and 5-1-2.

"I felt that we deserved a win," Schoolcraft coach Deepak Shivraman said. "Our players worked hard, but couldn't capitalize on our chances. I was happy with our possession most of the times. We need to get more confident in the offensive third."

Goalkeeper Tara Gessler played all 110 minutes for the Lady Ocelots, who recorded their fifth straight shutout.

'Never give up'

Canton's Budlong rebounds from devastating knee injury

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Go watch Bobby Budlong play sometime for Canton's varsity boys soccer team.

You'll see him diving, sliding, competing with every ounce of energy as if it were the last time he'd step onto a pitch.

Budlong cherishes every minute of every contest because he thought for several months in 2011 that he wouldn't have another chance to do just that.

"I don't take anything for granted, I give everything I've got on the field no matter what," said Budlong following Thursday's win over Westland John Glenn. "Because what happened last summer was just a thing I never expected."

"So you never know when it could happen again and you won't be able to play again. You just got to give it everything you have no matter what."

What happened last summer jump started an agonizing, frustrating period for the likeable, brush-cut-wearing Budlong — now just a couple weeks from celebrating his 18th birthday.

During the summer between his sophomore and junior years, he blew out his right knee at a college soccer camp. He wanted to cut to his left during a scrimmage, but the anterior cruciate ligament buckled.

ALL ABOUT BOBBY

Who: Bobby Budlong, 17, senior co-captain and midfielder for Canton's varsity boys soccer team.

What: He missed all of the 2011 season due to a knee injury, thus being forced to the sidelines during the Chiefs' Division 1 championship season. But he tirelessly rehabbed following surgery and is back, better than ever this fall.

Next: Budlong wants to help the Chiefs enjoy an encore postseason run. Then he intends to play soccer in college, although he has yet to choose a school.

Soccer parents: Bobby grew up loving and playing the sport, with parents Marge and Bob coaching him during his youth years.

Clubbing: He competed with neighborhood pals in the Fireballs and later went on to compete for the Canton Oaks and Celtic club teams and for the Wolves.

Miscellaneous: The Canton resident owns a 3.55 grade point average.

On the shelf


In a flash, his goal of being part of a team that had all the makings of a state championship went awry like a discarded water bottle.

"I was totally upset, I knew the upcoming

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Determination is etched all over Bobby Budlong's face during a recent Canton varsity boys soccer match. The senior midfielder is driven to experience what he missed in 2011 due to injury — a state championship run.




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Plymouth quarterback Jamarl Eiland (No. 5) tries to escape the grasp of an unidentified Canton defender during Friday night's game. At left for the Chiefs is Wally Turner (No. 48).

CLUTCH

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victory on a night where the teams combined for 574 rushing yards (compared to just 51 passing yards).

After running back Mike Kennedy (14 rushes, 91 yards, two TDs) capped a 68-yard drive with a 1-yard plunge to open the second half — a drive jump-started by a 53-yard gallop by Eiland — the Chiefs were on the move in a bid to reclaim the lead.

Canton's march moved into Plymouth's red zone, but senior linebacker Nate Emminger made an open-field tackle against senior running back Kendall Scott outside the 10 that prevented what looked like a certain six-pointer.

On the next snap, Matt Janke and Josh Dennard combined to stop Joe Grinage and make it fourth-and-long. Baechler sent out senior kicker Connor Shennan for a 27-yard field-goal attempt, but Emminger broke through to block the boot.

"We knew it was a little wet outside, we just told them to get after it as much as you can," Sawchuk said. "I think the snap may have hit the

turf a little bit. ... That was a huge, huge, huge part of the game right there. That probably won the game."

That play gave Plymouth the ball as the third quarter ended and the Wildcats subsequently went on a 70-yard march that culminated with the winning TD, a 36-yard run by Eiland with 6:13 remaining.

Eiland burst through the line and found a seam down the left sideline, bolting past Canton defenders. He finished with 201 yards rushing in 16 carries.

"We knew Canton was going to pound it, so we knew we had to continue to score with them because we knew they were going to score," Eiland said.

Early offense

Canton (4-3, 3-2 in the KLA South) opened the game's scoring just 2:37 into the contest, following the script of recent games.

A 33-yard screen pass from sophomore quarterback Greg Williams to senior tight end Matt McKoy and senior running back Malcolm Hollingsworth's 30-yard sweep on the following play put the Chiefs right outside the goal line.

Finishing the job was

Hollingsworth, on a 1-yard run, with Shennan's extra point making it 7-0.

Plymouth answered on a 51-yard run by Kennedy, but the extra point was unsuccessful to keep the Chiefs ahead. That necessitated the later two-point conversion.

With 2:39 to go in the first, Canton scored again, on a 34-yard run by Hollingsworth. He busted loose down the left side of the field, as Plymouth defenders couldn't catch up following a nifty fake into the line by fullback Joe Grinage.

Hollingsworth chalked up 146 yards in the first half, but finished with just 159 yards in 27 carries as the Plymouth 'D' stepped it up.

Midway through the second half, the Chiefs took it 59 yards in 16 plays, all on the ground. Williams pitched the ball to Scott, sweeping around right end for the 1-yard score.

It didn't take long for the Wildcats to slice into that 21-6 deficit thanks to the Eiland TD just before halftime.

"I'm so proud of these kids," Sawchuk said. "They could have hung their hat when it was 21-6 and they came back."

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Emminger continues to be clutch

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Coming through with big plays in the clutch is nothing new for Plymouth senior Nate Emminger and he came up with three huge ones in Friday's 28-21 win over Canton.

In doing so, Emminger helped the Wildcats clinch an automatic state playoff berth by virtue of winning their sixth game of the season.

For starters, Emminger caught a key two-point conversion pass in the third quarter to lift Plymouth into a 21-21 deadlock.

On the Chiefs' next drive, he tripped up Canton's Kendall Scott on a running play that would have definitely been a touchdown.

"I've been on varsity since my sophomore year," Emminger said. "So I know what to expect from this opponent. We work hard every week and that was just a play I knew was coming so I made a play on it."

"That was a touchdown-saving tackle, it really helped us win the game."

For good measure, two plays later, he blocked Connor Shennan's 27-yard field-goal bid.

"Usually, I'm not supposed to blitz on the blocked field goal but I knew I had the momentum and I knew I was coming and I got it," Emminger added. "It's the greatest feeling in the world."

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ROCKS

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Spartans botched the snap on the extra point to keep the count at 6-0.

After Salem went three-and-out, Stevenson struck again going 61 yards on eight plays with C.J. Weiss carrying a host of Salem tacklers into the end zone from five yards out. Mims then hit Billy Bonanno on a roll-out pass for the two-pointers to increase the Spartans' lead to 14-0 with 8:14 remaining in the half.

Spartans' linebacker Dom Ferrara picked off a Salem pass and returned it to the Rocks' 26 with 7:29 left, but Stevenson couldn't capitalize on the field position after being forced to punt following an offensive pass interference call in the end zone along with a holding call.

The Spartans missed a 30-yard field goal with 25 seconds left in the half, but got another turnover on the next play as Cody Coleman tipped a Jacob Deprez pass that was intercepted by teammate Devin Kelly at the Salem 34.

Bonanno then ran a wheel route and got behind the Salem defense and hauled in a 34-yard TD pass from Mims with just 16 seconds remaining for a 21-0 advantage at the half.

"One of my players came over (C.J. Weiss) and said, 'We can beat them to the wide side on that play, and I said, 'Let's do it,' and it was open,' Fielder said. "And it wasn't the kid that caught the ball either."

Tough sledding

Salem, meanwhile, had just 30 yards of total offense and only one first down in the first 24 minutes.

"That hurt, we were trying to get something going," Salem coach Kurt Britnell said of the late Stevenson first-half score.

"We thought we saw something that we could get. We just didn't execute it there and obviously it turned into a turnover and they scored late. That didn't help the

situation the first half.

The beat went on in the third period as Ken Duddy's 39-yard kickoff return set up a 10-play, 56-yard Stevenson TD drive with Mims sneaking it in from 1-yard out with 7:25 to go.

Down 28-0, Salem showed some life on its first possession of the getting down the Stevenson 10, but the Rocks came up empty after Deprez hit I'van Rhodes with a pass near the goal line, only to have the ball dislodge at the goal line just with Jake Kelley coming up with the fumble for the touchdown.

The Spartans then invoked the 35-point running clock with 8:22 left in the game when Kelly scored on a 34-yard TD run.

Stevenson had 371 yards in total offense with Mims going 10-of-14 for 118 yards. Ferrara was leading rusher with 92 yards on 10 carries, while Weiss added 64 yards on 12 attempts.

But it was the defense that stood out, yielding only a last-minute TD when Deprez hit Justin Sydlowski on a 23-yard scoring pass.

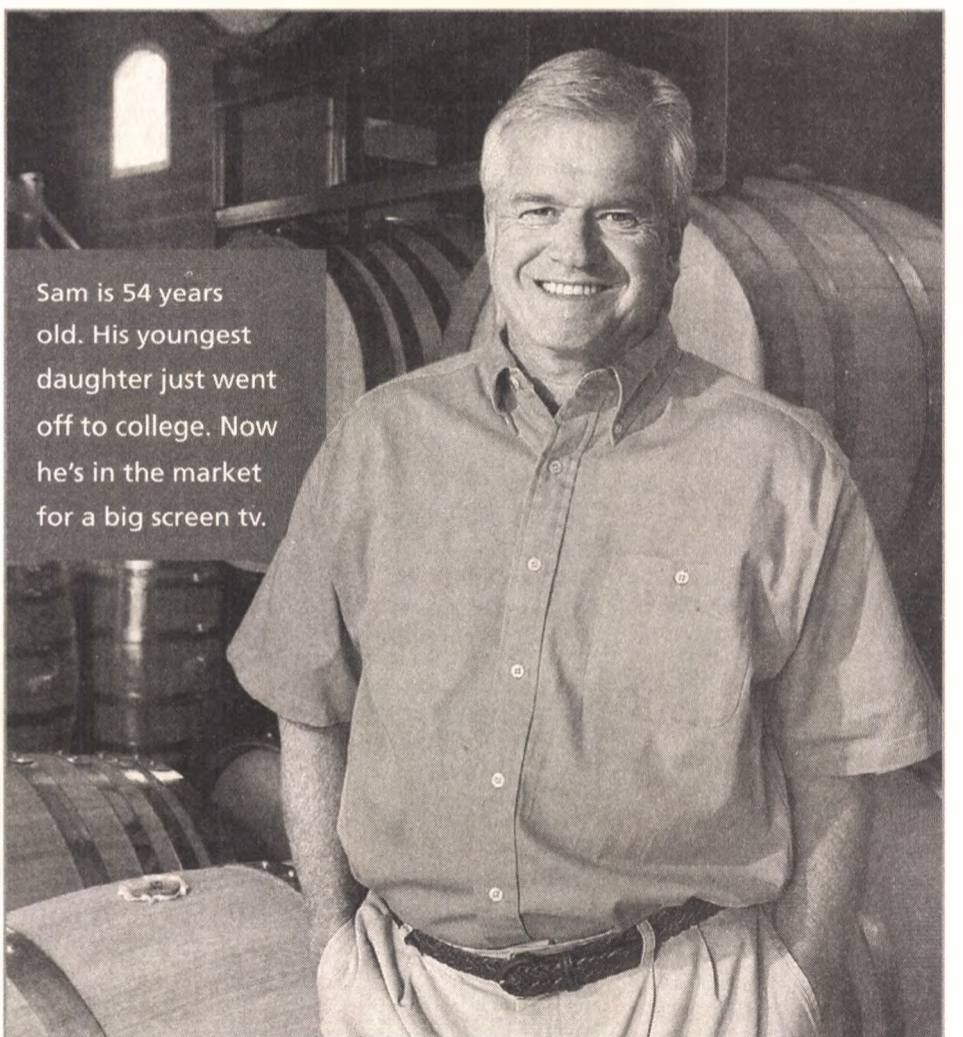
"I think it's that our guys have continued to improve, and they're playing aggressive and physical," Fielder said. "They've worked their butts off in practice. We've had some real good practices the last couple of weeks."

Meanwhile, Salem needs one more win to earn its first playoff berth since 1991.

"That wasn't us," Britnell said. "That's not how we've played all year. I don't know why. We'll figure out tomorrow on film, but that was embarrassing and we did not play like we've been playing."

"Give them (Stevenson) credit. They milked the clock all game and kept it away from us and we couldn't get it any rhythm on offense and we couldn't stop them on defense, and turnovers kill you, so I don't know."

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Chiefs get past Pats

Showing no dropoff in intensity from Tuesday's big win over Livonia Churchill, the Canton varsity girls volleyball team Wednesday dispatched visiting Livonia Franklin in four games.

The Chiefs came away with a 24-26, 25-20, 25-10, 25-18 victory to spoil Franklin's Senior Night.

Canton improved to 21-9-1 overall and 7-2 in the division, while Franklin fell to 9-21 and 3-6.

Spearheading Canton was senior outside hitter Erica den Boer, with 17 kills, four blocks and 22 digs.

Other top performers for the Chiefs included senior libero Becca Middleton (15 digs), Lauren Kahrs (14 digs), junior setter Chelsea Janice (15 assists, nine digs), Madison Kietly (10 assists), Rachel Buzenberg (nine assists) and Sasha Cucuz (nine kills).

'Cats prevail

On Thursday, Plymouth spoiled Senior Night at

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Westland John Glenn with a 25-14, 25-13, 25-17 KLA Central Division victory.

Senior Claire Truskowski paced the Rockets (10-21-3, 0-9) with 12 assists, nine digs and three aces.

Ladywood wins

Senior setter Hayley Jury collected 26 assists and senior Olivia Quinn added 15 kills Thursday as Livonia Ladywood downed visiting Warren Regina, 25-20, 25-22, 25-12, in a Catholic League Central Division match.

Sophomore Izzy Porada added 20 digs and four aces as the Blazers improved to 17-12 overall and 2-2 in the Central.

Other contributions came from Lindsey Wagner (five kills, six aces) and Natalie Panek (six kills).

Rocks fall

A slow start Tuesday doomed visiting Salem, as the Rocks lost 10-

25, 25-17, 13-25, 18-25 to Livonia Stevenson.

"We started off very slow and just seemed to be very up and down all night," head coach Amanda Nies said. "We could not get our attack going when we were passing and then when we were attacking we just couldn't seem to get our passing on."

"There is only a few more games left in the conference and I am really hoping that the girls can really get their consistency of play going so it can carry over into the post-season."

Abigail Dworzanin had a solid night for Salem, with a team-high 21 digs along with nine kills and an ace. Other Salem contributors were Nancy Krutty (24 assists, 14 digs, one ace), Juliana DiMichele (20 digs), Bree Beaver (six kills) and Erika Hatcher (six kills, three aces).

GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 142 WAYNE MEMORIAL 40
Oct. 2 at Plymouth

200-yard medley relay: 1. Plymouth (Linda Erickson, Lydia Matson, Lydia Plencner, Sarah Dombkowski), 2:07.07; 2. Plymouth (Carolyn Stoddard, Kailey Morren, Alexa Earls, Caylin Waters), 2:16.71; 3. Wayne (Janelle Schwartz, Julia Bryant, Gema Lopez, Bailey Hart), 2:24.27.

200 freestyle: 1. Emily Toro (P), 2:00.88; 2. Emily Weiner (P), 2:10.22; 3. Kaycee Coffman (W), 2:26.04; 4. Michelle Jaskolski (P), 2:27.60; 5. Samantha Wass (W), 2:47.83.

200 individual medley: 1. Erickson (P), 2:26.56; Morren (P), 2:46.38; 3. Amber Rutter (W), 2:49.38; 4. Megan Sullivan (P), 2:50.07; 5. Schwartz (W), 2:58.77.

50 freestyle: 1. Stoddard (P), 27.46; 2. Plencner (P), 28.75; 3. Matson (P), 29.02; 4. Hart (W), 30.03; 5. Lopez (W), 31.36.

1-meter diving: 1. Megan McKeenan (P), 152.10 points; 2. Katy Telega (P), 131.10; 3. Alexa Gullitti (P), 107.85.

100 butterfly: 1. Dombkowski (P), 1:01.69; 2. Emily Weiner (P), 1:12.14; 3. Jillian Laroy (P), 1:26.47; 4. Lopez (W), 1:28.12; 5. Rutter (W), 1:32.18.

100 freestyle: 1. Earls (P), 59.15; 2. Hart (W), 1:07.10; 3. Rutter (W), 1:09.08; 4. Morren (P), 1:09.96; 5. Julie Armitage (P), 1:10.36.

500 freestyle: 1. Casey Wing (P), 6:11.13; 2. Waters (P), 6:19.25; 3. Coffman (W), 6:20.25; 4. Ellas Savalox (P), 6:46.04; 5. Wass (W), 7:19.53.

200-free relay: 1. Plymouth (Dombkowski, Weiner, Earls, Wing), 1:48.31; 2. Plymouth (Erickson, Toro, Matson, Waters), 1:50.30; 3. Wayne (Lopez, Bryant, Rutter, Coffman), 2:04.96.

100 backstroke: 1. Plencner (P), 1:08.83; 2. Schwartz (W), 1:18.81; 3. Armitage (P), 1:32.21; 4. Kristina Szalai (W), 1:44.29; 5. Kelsey Szalai (W), 1:51.35.

100 breaststroke: 1. Earls (P), 1:15.61; 2. Matson (P), 1:17.30; 3. Jaskolski (P), 1:29.68; 4. Bryant (W), 1:32.89; 5. Krishelle Lewis (W), 1:33.64.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Erickson, Dombkowski, Toro, Stoddard), 3:56.74; 2. Plymouth (Wing, Plencner, Morren, Weiner), 4:24.86; 3. Wayne (Coffman, Schwartz, Rutter, Hart), 4:40.76.

SALEM 94 NOVI 92

Sept. 27 at Novi
200-medley relay: 1. Salem (Abby Aumiller, Linda Zhang, Lisa Zhang, Julia Suriano), 1:51.83; 5. Salem (Claire Cousino, Kristy Rupp, Claire Amin, Jockey Lamoureux), 2:11.13.

200 freestyle: 1. Lisa Zhang (S), 27.83; 2. Aumiller (S), 2:00.72; 5. Patricia Freitag (S), 2:07.07.

200 IM: 2. Linda Zhang (S), 2:11.79; 3. Annie Patterson (S), 2:23.40; 5. Stephanie Solterman (S), 2:25.85.

50 freestyle: 1. Suriano (S), 26.74; 3. Maddie Gorman (S), 27.01; 5. Vincenza Zaia (S), 27.97.

1-meter diving: 4. Bridget Maul (S), 164.80 points; 5. Adelaida Jepperson (S), 125.25.

100 butterfly: 1. Lisa Zhang (S), 59.72; 4. Andrea Ringer (S), 1:07.33; 5. Amin (S), 1:08.22

100 freestyle: 2. Suriano (S), 57.06; 4. Gorman (S), 58.93; 6. Lamoureux (S), 1:02.67.

500 freestyle: 2. Patterson (S), 5:42.57; 3. Freitag (S), 5:47.34; 4. Zaia (S), 5:47.63.

200-free relay: 2. Salem (Gorman, Solterman, Freitag, Patterson), 1:49.30; 4. Salem (Hannah Tardiff, Ringer, Lamoureux, Zaia), 1:53.86; 5. Salem (Cousino, Amin, Noelle Milad, Maddie Maikowski), 1:54.68.

100 backstroke: 2. Aumiller (S), 1:00.62; 5. Solterman (S), 1:06.06; 6. McKenzie Maurice (S), 1:10.42.

100 breaststroke: 1. Linda Zhang (S), 1:07.91; 3. Hannah Pollard (S), 1:18.89; 4. Rupp (S), 1:20.56.

400-free relay: 1. Salem (Suriano, Lisa Zhang, Aumiller, Linda Zhang), 3:40.37; 3. Salem (Gorman, Patterson, Solterman, Freitag), 3:56.65; 5. Salem (Amin, Lamoureux, Tardiff, Ringer), 4:10.16.

Dual meet records: Salem, 2-1 KLA Central Division.

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PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Oct. 12
KLA Central Crossover at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
KLA Central Crossover at Salem, 7 p.m.
Canton at KLA Central Crossover, 7 p.m.
Parkway at L. W'sld, 7 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Monday, Oct. 8
Luth. Westland at Cville, 6 p.m.
Canton at Salem, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Novi, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 9
L. W'sld at Greenhills, 4:30 p.m.
HVL at Franklin Road, 4:30 p.m.
PCA at Washtenaw Christian, 5 p.m.
Harper Wds. at Cville, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 11
HVL at Parkway, 4:30 p.m.
PCA at Inter-City Baptist, 4:30 p.m.
Cville at S.L. East, 6 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 12
Oak. Chr. at L. W'sld, 4:30 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Oct. 9
L. N'west at L. W'sld, 5:30 p.m.
Luth. South at HVL, 6:30 p.m.
Glenn at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Wayne at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Salem at S.L. East, 6:30 p.m.
Oak. Christian at PCA, 6:30 p.m.
Marian at Ladywood, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 11
Luth. W'sld at PCA, 5:30 p.m.
Ladywood at Mercy, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 12
UM-Dearborn Tourney, 3 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 13
East Kentwood Inv., 8:30 a.m.
Michigan Elite Inv., 8:30 a.m.
PREP CROSS COUNTRY
Tuesday, Oct. 9
Plymouth vs. Canton at Cass Benton Park, 3:50 p.m.
Novi vs. Salem at Willow Metropark, 4:20 p.m.
Ladywood at CHSL Quad MIAC Jamboree at Nankin Mills, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 13
A.A. Gabriel Richard Inv. at Hudson Mills, 9 a.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING
Tuesday, Oct. 9
Salem at W.L. Central, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 10
Ladywood at Regina, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 11
Franklin at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Glenn, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 13
MISCA Meet at EMU, noon.
GIRLS GOLF
Tuesday, Oct. 9
Catholic League Finals at Edgewood G.C., 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 10
(MHSAA Regional Tourneys)
Division 1 at Pine View, 9 a.m.
Div. 4 at Stoney Creek, 9 a.m.
Thursday, Oct. 11
(MHSAA Regional Tourneys)
Division 1 at Fox Hills, 9 a.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Thursday, Oct. 10
(MHSAA Regionals)
Division 1 at Woodhaven, TBA.
GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY
Tuesday, Oct. 9
L'wood at A.A. Huron, 4:15 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 12
Ladywood at G.P. South, 6 p.m.
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Oct. 9
S'craft at Henry Ford, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 10
MU at Davenport, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 11
S'craft at St. Clair, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 12
UM-Dearborn at MU, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 13
(Concordia Univ. Tourney)
MU vs. Cincy Christian, 10 a.m.
MU vs. Robert Morris, noon.
MEN'S SOCCER
Wednesday, Oct. 10
Cornerstone at MU, 4 p.m.
Owens at S'craft, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 13
S'craft at Muskegon, 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S SOCCER
Wednesday, Oct. 10
Concordia at MU, 1 p.m.
S'craft at Delta, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 13
MU at Marygrove, 12:30 p.m.
S'craft at Muskegon, 1 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 14
Monroe (N.Y.) at S'craft, 11 a.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Wednesday, Oct. 10
Ply. at Owen Sound, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 12
Plymouth at London, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 13
Sault Ste. Marie vs. Plymouth at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.
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In addition, both units have four cheerleading squads (ages same as football). For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640.

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Canton Lions teams give valiant efforts

The Canton Lions Varsity had a hard-fought effort but came up on the losing end to the Dearborn Heights Redskins by the score of 32-14.

The varsity maintains an impressive 3-1 record going into an important stretch of the season. Defensively, the Lions were stingy against the run but were hurt by big plays by the Redskins in their passing game and special teams play.

A strong defensive effort was exhibited by Matt Wayne, Miles Davenport, Kyle Petruski, Jason Arnold, Trevor Costanzo, Ian Kovach, Matt Steeple, and David Mason III.

Offensively, the Lions were impressive on their first drive, going 70 yards in multiple plays while eating up almost the entire first quarter clock.

Guam Lee, Jr. provided some key runs during the drive, finished by a 4 yard touchdown run by Arnold. Key blocking for the entire game was provided by Zach Olson, Lee Rosinski, Devon Gunn, Zach Long, Max Mulvaney, Kyrece Smith, and Alex Mattson.

The Canton Lions Freshman team had a valiant effort on Sunday against the Redskins, but lost 13-7 for their first setback of the season after three

victories.

The efforts of the offensive line, including Joseph Bergevin and Luke Nader, opened huge holes which aided the excellent carries by Jerome Nichols, Owen Keys, Ezell Snipes, Byron McCormack, Tywayne Williams and Sheldon Lyall and a kick recovery by Josh Webster.

The defense was hard at work with tackles by Seth Humm, Tyler Thompson, Jon Hanton, Connor Elkins, Preston Long, Joseph Richter and Ivan Davis, thanks to the great blocking by Jack Mulvaney, Radwan Mheisen, Xavier Walker and Sean Britt.

Guelph storms past Whalers

Visiting Plymouth led 3-1 early in the third period of Friday's Ontario Hockey League game at Guelph, but the Storm rallied for a 5-4 win.

That denied Whalers head coach Mike Vellucci of the 400th win of his coaching career.

Plymouth defenseman Gianluca Curcuruto put the Whalers

up 1-0 at 1:30 of the first period with a power play goal.

After Guelph made it 1-1, the Whalers regained the lead 2-1 with 3:53 left in the opening frame on a marker by Cody Payne.

The teams played a scoreless middle stanza, and Plymouth's lead then grew to 3-1 at 2:22 of the second on a goal by Stefan

Noesen, also on the power play.

Guelph scored three unanswered goals against Plymouth netminder Matt Mahalak to go up 4-3 before Rickard Rake-ll finished a play from Noesen and Tom Wilson at 11:14 to make it 4-4.

But Justin Auger netted the winner at 19:55, dropping the Whalers' record to 1-1-1-1.



Top senior golfers

The Livonia Senior Men's Golf Association recently held its annual awards banquet to honor its 2012 tournament winners, runners-up and event champions. Among those recognized included (front row, from left): Jim Matthew, closest-to-the-pin; Bill Martin, fourth flight, first place; Livonia mayor Jack Kirksey; Ben Matusz, first flight, second; John Keller, third flight, first; (middle row, from left) Bill McQuillan, fourth flight, second; Ron Barch, hole-in-one (May 24 on No. 8 at Fox Creek); Thomas K. Allan, third flight, second; Whispering Willows golf pro Paul Worley; Mike Thomas, championship flight, first; (back row, from left); Lyle Trudell, Livonia Parks and Recreation superintendent; Bob Walsh, second flight, second; Joe Wilcox, second flight, first; Gerald Sasek, first flight, first; and Lew Jeffries, championship flight, second.

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Silk to paper costumes

Plymouth museum gets all dressed up for Halloween

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

The bead-encrusted gown on temporary display in Pam Yockey's living room is all thawed out and ready for its debut at the Plymouth Historical Museum's upcoming Masquerade Tea.

Yockey, president of the museum board, acquired the piece for her extensive personal collection from a castle estate in England.

But before the exquisite velvet and silk dress — actually a late 19th century costume — entered Yockey's Canton home, it went straight into the freezer. Twice.

"I have a freezer just for clothing. When an outfit comes in from an attic, it comes home and gets frozen. I don't even let it enter the house. I will look at it. I'll open the box outside, and I'll make sure everything is okay. Then it goes into the freezer for seven days," Yockey said. "Then I'll vacuum it down

MASQUERADE TEA

What: Victorian-style tea
When: 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14

Where: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Includes tea sandwiches, scones, desserts and the museum's own "Mary's Blend," a cherry and almond tea. Following the tea, Pam Yockey, president of the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum and a textile historian, will present "You're Wearing What?" a Halloween costume history and fashion show. The fashion show will include five original historic costumes from her collection. Participants may wear their own costumes to the event.

Cost: Tickets are \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members and are available at the museum or through PayPal at www.plymouthhistory.org.

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and then it goes back into the freezer for another seven days. Then I'll take it out and put it into my collection."

The process kills insects, larvae, anything that might be living in fabric folds or hems. Afterward Yockey cleans the garment by hand and may mend or reconstruct it. She replaced some of the



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Pam Yockey of Canton shows off masquerade costumes from her personal collection of antique clothing. She'll show them at a tea, Sunday, Oct. 14, at the Plymouth Historical Museum, where Yockey serves as president of the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum.

original gelatin beads on the estate gown, for example, with new, plastic versions. Another costume dress was dismantled and re-stitched. The *Observer* got a peek at both gowns, and a velvet Cavalier costume, earlier this week. All three will be on display with other "fancy ball gowns," masquerade party outfits and Halloween costumes at the tea, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, at the museum. Yockey

will talk about historical costumes and show pieces dating from 1860-1930, from her own collection. Some dresses will be modeled.

Debut event

"These have never ever been out. No one has seen them. They've never been in a show or on display," Yockey said. "I always thought the perfect time to do this was Halloween. "Halloween now is sec-

ond to Christmas in money spent. Last year the average person spent \$58 for Halloween. It's just amazing."

Until the 1930s, when the Fisch Co. created the first commercialized Halloween costume patterns, revelers dressed "in anything other than who you were," Yockey said.

That was the same concept behind the fancy dress ball gowns worn to costume balls and parties

in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

Yockey's beaded estate costume was constructed from an 1860s ball gown around the turn of the 20th century. It includes an 1880s-style bustle and sleeves, but was created to resemble a dress worn by a lady of the royal court during the 1600s.

"You had balls, with very unique, elaborate

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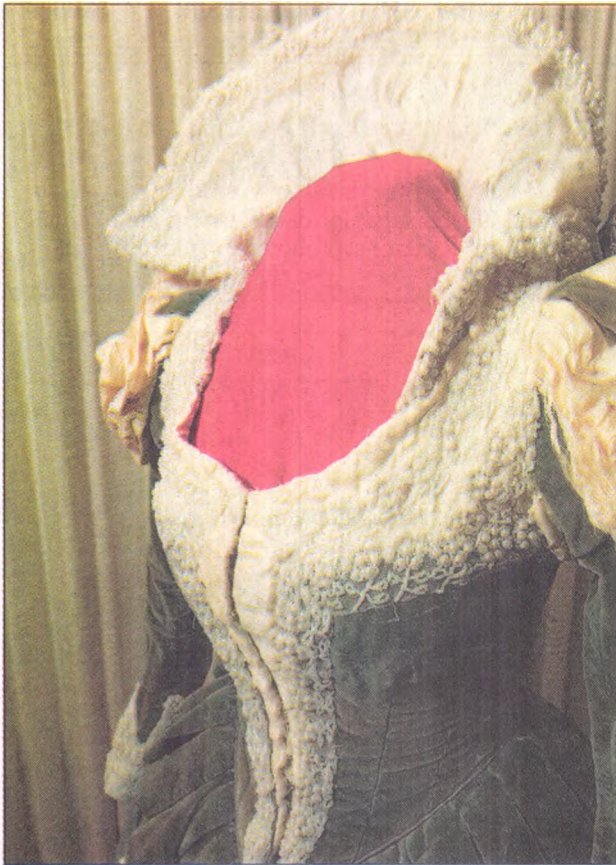
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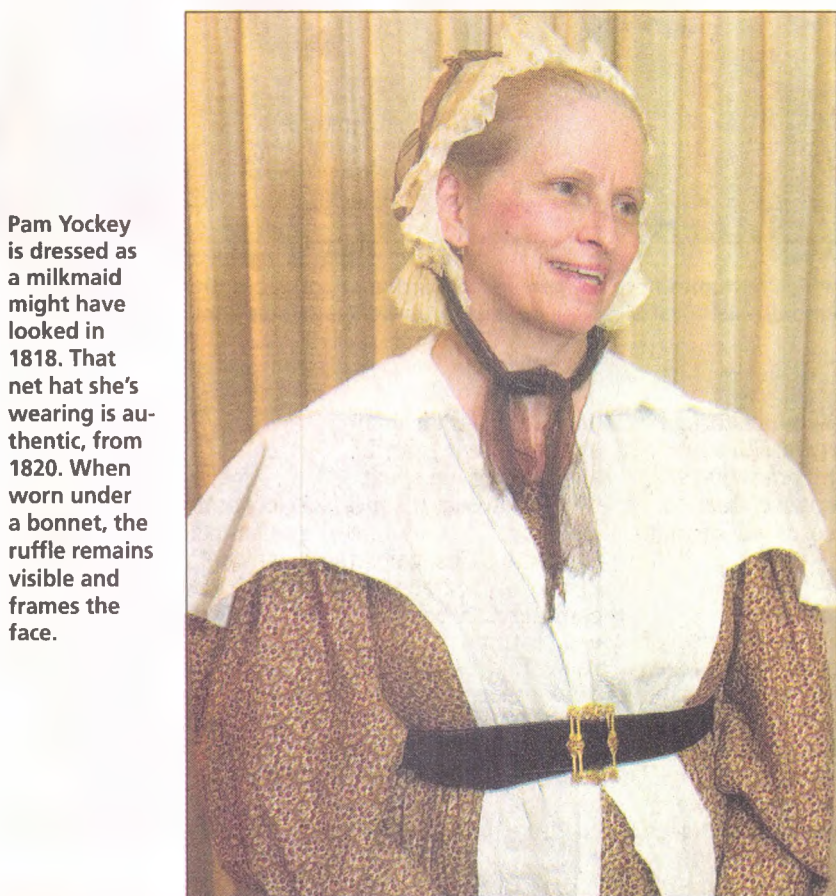


Beads made of gelatin decorate this costume gown.



Pam Yockey dismantled and restitched this costume gown.

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Pam Yockey is dressed as a milkmaid might have looked in 1818. That net hat she's wearing is authentic, from 1820. When worn under a bonnet, the ruffle remains visible and frames the face.

COSTUMES

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costumes, for adults only. It was a way of celebrating between Christmas and New Year's," Yockey explained. "Then you had masquerade parties for families. Halloween as we celebrate it was Scottish and 1895 was the first recorded Halloween activity."

From rowdy to reserved

In Scotland, the celebrations often included alcohol and gourd-toting revelers who went door to door for treats.

"Then it came to the U.S. and the Victorians were not going to put up with that. They decided parties should be with children," Yockey explained. "There was no more drinking and they were called costume parties."

Halloween parties held at town halls and in church basements became the norm after World War I.

"They felt if they kept the children entertained at town parties, windows wouldn't get soaped," Yockey said.

She recalls attending town parties as a child while growing up in western Michigan. Her favorite costume was a Little Miss Muffet made entirely from crepe paper.

"Dennison put out Bogie Books that told

how to dress for Halloween on the cheap," said Yockey, 62. "The Boogie Books gave detailed instructions on how to make a crepe paper costume."

A crepe paper owl costume will be modeled at the Masquerade Tea.

Hooked on clothing

Yockey, a retired Taylor school teacher and now a part-time seamstress for The Henry Ford, began collecting antique clothing about 20 years ago after receiving a 19th century blouse as a gift. It had been worn by her husband's grandmother in the early 1900s.

"I investigated it and got hooked. Then people started giving me more family possessions and I started to see them in a new light and began collecting."

She has attended costume conferences in Europe and the U.S., visited museums worldwide and bought fashion from the 18th-20th centuries.

She once bought out an entire museum in France.

"I bought a textile store," she added. "There were thousands of yards of black lace because for some of these gowns I have to have the original piece of lace and you can't get it any other way."

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Jon Jordan, (left) WDIV-TV fashion editor, and John Mayer of Farmington Hills

Fundraisers support health causes, public airwaves

By Julie Yolles
Social Scene Columnist

Farmington Hills residents Sheryl and Jeffrey Lesser recently joined more than 450 supporters of the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan (CLFM) at the 5th Annual CRUSH Birmingham Wine and Food Classic. This year's gala, held at the Townsend Hotel, also celebrated CLFM's 60th Anniversary. The sell-out crowd helped raise approximately \$250,000 for the organization. The Lessers attended the event to support Ellen Lesser Siegel who received the 2012 CRUSH Humanitarian Award.

Design benefit
Farmington Hills resident John Mayer, a landscape architect, attend-



Sheryl and Jeffrey Lesser of Farmington Hills

ed the Design Industry Foundation Fighting AIDS (DIFFA) fundraiser, Dining By Design Detroit. The event benefited the Michigan AIDS Coalition (MAC). The three-day fest, which was held this year at the Joe Dumars Fieldhouse on the Michigan State Fair-

grounds property, included an opening night strolling cocktail party with 26 top-area restaurants and more than 100 pieces of original artwork up for auction. Detroit's design community — architects, artists, interior designers — banded together to create 28

table-setting vignettes for the event. Michigan AIDS Coalition (MAC) is the largest AIDS prevention organization in Michigan, having merged Midwest AIDS Prevention Project (MAPP) and Michigan AIDS Fund (MAF) last year.

Public television

Tracy Muscat of Farmington Hills was among approximately 100 benefactors who recently attended a special dinner for Detroit Public TV. The dinner, which was hosted by Allan Gilmour, a past Detroit Public TV honoree, and Eric Jirgens, at their exquisite Birmingham home, was sold out before the invitations were even printed. That evening preceded the 11th Annual PBS Premiere Night gala which was held at the Westin Book Cadillac Detroit and included a preview of the PBS Fall Season.

Contact Julie Yolles at jyolles@comcast.net or (248) 642-9465.

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To request an application, e-mail rsrand521@sbcglobal.net. Applications must be returned by U.S. mail and postmarked by Nov. 1. Scholarships will be awarded by Nov. 19 and monies available for the winter 2013 semester.

Zonta International is a non-profit women's service organization dedicated to advancing and improving the status of women. The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County supports the needs of women through community projects and fundraisers. Over the years, it has given more than \$30,000 in scholarships to help women reach their academic goals and be prepared to enter the workplace.

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Women philanthropists set annual meeting

Terry A. Barclay will give the keynote address, "Changing The World One Woman at a Time," at the 6th annual meeting of the Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle on Wednesday, Oct. 10 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. The event begins with a reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program at 7 p.m.

Barclay will focus on the growing role women play in philanthropic decision making; the critical importance of women helping other women; and how women philanthropists approach giving decisions differently than men.

Barclay is the president and CEO of Inforum and the Inforum Center for Leadership, one of the largest women's busi-

ness forums in the United States with more than 2,000 members throughout Michigan. Inforum provides opportunities for businesswomen to connect, forge alliances, address vital civic and business issues and advance as leaders.

Since 2001, Barclay has increased Inforum's membership by 300 percent, expanded its service area to include all of Michigan, and created the Center for Leadership, a non-profit education and research organization.

Founded in 2006, the Giving Circle is a group of local women who believe that they can bring about change by pooling and leveraging their financial resources into grants for local non-profits that assist wom-

en and children in need. More than \$28,000 has been granted to organizations such as First Step, the Wayne County program to assist victims of domestic violence, Starfish Family Services, the Girls Scouts and local libraries.

The Circle is a donor-advised fund of the Canton Community Foundation and encourages members to participate in philanthropy through education, grant making and other community based activities.

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Medical miracle leaves him grateful

By Julie Brown
O&E Staff Writer

Todd Nadeau, 51, of Northville Township holds a place in medical history.

Nadeau was working as a teen at a downtown Northville car wash site, a summer job, when an industrial accident severed his hand.

"I had just turned 18" and was a Detroit Catholic Central High senior, the psychologist recalled. "The saw was still moving. The next thing I knew my hand was severed."

Young Nadeau was rushed to then-St. Mary Hospital in Livonia and from there to Harper Hospital in Detroit "where they had a team of hand surgeons."

His first operation was 15 hours, with more surgeries to follow. "It was the first successful reattachment," Nadeau said. "I've had 22 major surgeries (since), about 120 hours of surgeries."

He has about 20 percent use of the injured right hand, and can grip with it. Nadeau engineered braces approved by the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) to allow him to play basketball as a Wayne State University and Albion College student.

The accident was Aug. 12, 1979, said Nadeau, who didn't set out to make medical history. "That wasn't my goal. You go through something like that, you're just gripping the steering wheel as tight as you can."

His family and school



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Todd Nadeau severed his right hand in a 1979 accident and was one of the first successful reattachments of a limb in the state of Michigan. Nadeau wears the padded brace in this photo and also holds another brace he developed for weight lifting.

—"a lot of encouraging people"—helped him to "weather the storm."

Nadeau had been in several sports at Catholic Central, but focused on basketball as a senior. "Most people didn't give me a whole lot of respect" as an injured athlete, he recalled. He still plays basketball at Our Lady of Victory in Northville and St. James in Novi.

Nadeau works with traumatic brain injury patients, who also must learn to cope. "Now all of a sudden you have a tragedy. You've got to cope and deal with it."

He gets a lot of questions about his injury. "It was a miracle to have it saved. I was blessed to have strong family."

Nadeau earned a B.S. in biology from Albion along with a B.A. in psychology there. He also holds an M.A. from Western Michigan University in psychology.

He works out of Novi and Grand Blanc offices. Nadeau is married to Julie and dad to two daughters in 10th and ninth grades and a son in first grade.

Remembering mom: Help change heartbreak into hope

By Mike Hull
Guest Columnist

To me, October is a month of heartbreak and sorrow. The last few days leading up to this month have been full of pain and anger. My mom, who was a beautiful, sarcastic, loving and strong-willed woman lost her battle to breast cancer one year ago on Oct. 14.

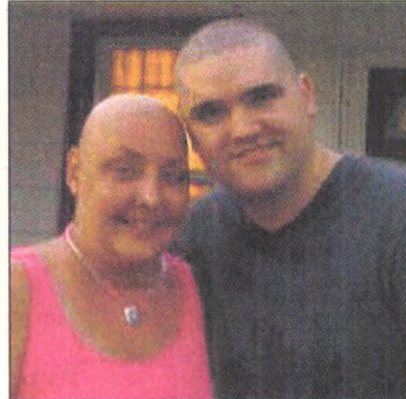
As I write this, I struggle to remember what my mom was like pre-cancer. All I can remember is what cancer did to her. It is so easy for me to remember the first time her speech was slurred and the first time she lost her balance and fell from the cancer taking over her body, but I can't remember the great moments we shared.

A lot of people tell me that, as time goes on, I will start to forget the pain, and to be honest, the hell cancer put her through. As I sit at my computer, almost one year later, I reflect on the last year without her. The little things and big things she missed fill my mind and cause tears to fall from my face.

Toward the end, mom and I would take walks around the block to get some fresh air and get out of the house. At that point she could not talk, so I often found myself talking to her about anything and everything. I talked about the dogs we would see on our path, events going on in the world, and most importantly, during every walk I made her a promise that one day a cure will be found for breast cancer. I vowed that I will do all that I can to make her better and help others.

There came a time where I knew we were nearing the end, and I had no control over it. At that point, all I could hope for was peace. I wanted her pain to go away.

Some people would agree that I have become obsessed with raising money and creating aware-



Mike Hull is planning a fundraiser to mark the one-year anniversary of the death of his mother, Jean Ann Vuichard (Stamper), from breast cancer.

ness for anything breast cancer related. Honestly, becoming an extreme breast cancer supporter is what has helped me to wake up every day and keep living. When my mom was sick, fighting for the cause gave me hope to save her, but now I fight for all of the other women who are currently fighting the most important battle of their lives.

I also fight for the women who tomorrow morning will walk into a doctor's office without a care in the world, and will leave as a breast cancer patient.

At times I find it hard to explain, but the thing that hurts me the most is the pain and frustration breast cancer caused my mother while she was still here. Words just cannot describe the condition breast cancer left her in. I will never forget having to carry her from bed to the chair or having to clean up when she had an accident. During those moments a part of me died, and I will never get that part of myself back. Those horrible moments lit a fire inside of me that you would have to kill me to put out. A fire to find the cure!

This October, my goal is to raise \$11,111.13 for the American Cancer Society Breast Can-

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A fundraiser event is being held during breast cancer awareness month and in memory of Jean Vuichard, who lost her battle with breast cancer last October. The event will benefit the American Cancer Society and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

When: 6:30 p.m. Oct. 20

Where: Farina's Banquet Center, 2485 Coolidge Hwy., Berkley, MI 48072

Tickets: \$15 general admission - \$20 reserved seating, (table reservations accepted). To buy tickets: Stop by Farina's Banquet Center or call Mike Hull at (248) 828-5940, or e-mail WeNeedTheCure@yahoo.com

Tickets also may be purchased online at: <http://ghtingcancerwithcomedy.eventbrite.com>.

What's included: Lot's of laughs and hors d'oeuvres.

cer Fund. This amount is in honor of my mother, who should be here to celebrate her 48th birthday with us on 1/11/13. So my goal is \$11,111.13.

Our large fundraiser is coming up on Saturday, Oct. 20, in memory of my mother Jean Ann Vuichard (Stamper). The event is called Ha-Ha's For Ta-Ta's (Fighting Cancer With Comedy) and will be held at Farina's Banquet Center, on Coolidge north of 11 Mile Road, in Berkley. Farina's is donating everything.

For more information, visit: http://www.facebook.com/mchully22?ref=tn_tnmn#!/events/494779440532345/ and WeNeedTheCure@yahoo.com

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Mike Hull is a Royal Oak resident; his mother lived in Oak Park. Hull says that he is now working full time for the American Cancer Society.

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DISCOVER REMARKABLE

The job-related terms you'll hear this election season

Susan Ricker, CareerBuilder Writer

Two of the hottest topics this election season are employment and the economy. When you're following the presidential debates, reading the news or listening to a speech, and you want to better understand the issues, refer to this glossary of job-related terms that you'll be hearing this election season.

Disability benefits: Social Security benefits provided to those who can't do work they previously could or who can't adjust to other work because of a medical condition, and the disability has lasted or is expected to last for at least one year or to result in death. This differs from the resources provided to those with short-term disabilities, including worker's compensation, insurance, savings and investments. Those receiving disability benefits aren't counted among the unemployed. (Source: Social Security Administration)

Discouraged workers: People not currently looking for work, because

they believe no jobs are available. These workers are not included in the unemployment rate. (Source: The Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Displaced workers: People 20 or older who lost or left jobs because their plant or company closed or moved, there was insufficient work for them to do or their position or shift was eliminated. (Source: BLS)

Employment projections: The trends expected in job growth, employment, education and training, supplied by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. (Source: BLS)

Employer-provided insurance: Health-care coverage offered to employees by employers. (Source: BLS)

Extended benefits: Available to workers who have exhausted regular unemployment insurance benefits during periods of high unemployment. The basic extended benefits program provides up to 13 additional weeks of benefits when a state is experiencing high unemployment. Some states have also enacted a voluntary program to pay up to

seven additional weeks (20 weeks maximum) of extended benefits during periods of extremely high unemployment. (Source: Labor Department)

Involuntary part-time workers: The number of people employed part time for economic reasons, such as their hours have been cut back or they were unable to find a full-time job. (Source: BLS)

Labor force: The sum of employed and unemployed people. Not included in the labor force: retirees, students, those taking care of children or other family members and others who are neither working nor seeking work. (Source: BLS)

Long-term unemployment: Those jobless for 27 weeks or more. (Source: BLS)

Unemployment benefits: See "unemployment insurance."

Unemployment insurance: The Labor Department's unemployment insurance programs provide benefits to workers who become

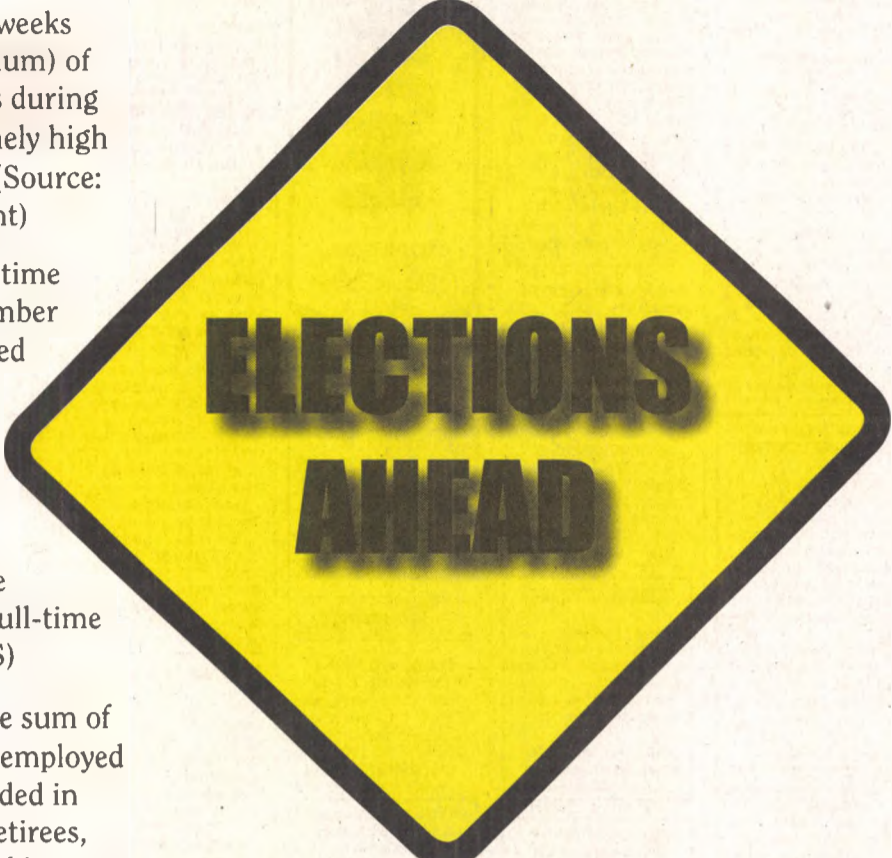
unemployed through no fault of their own and who meet certain other eligibility requirements.

For instance, in Illinois, if eligibility requirements are met, the program ensures that those who receive UI will have some income while looking for a job, up to a maximum of 25 full weeks in a one-year period. State requirements may differ.

Unemployment rate: The number of people, as a percent of the labor force, who do not have a job, have actively looked

for work in the prior four weeks and are currently available for work. (Source: BLS)

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