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Turkey time

The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps is once again coordinating a Thanksgiving food distribution. As in years past, the Army is looking to the community for turkeys. This year features two options for donating turkeys:

• Between now and Oct. 17, you can make a monetary gift of $12.80 per turkey and the Army will order and pick up the turkeys for distribution. Make checks payable to The Salvation Army and put "turkey" on the memo line.

• If you would like to donate a frozen turkey, the Army will accept donations at 9451 S. Main the week of Nov. 12.

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

Jerry and Maureen Makled of Plymouth prepped the ingredients for their chili at last year's Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff. This year's event returns to Plymouth Sunday.

Chili fest heats up downtown Plymouth

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth's 17th annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff is from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday in Kellogg Park, The Gathering and on nearby downtown streets.

The event, a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County and the Penrickton Center for Blind Children, features a motorcycle show, vendors booths and free entertainment, plus chili from cooks across the country.

There will be a judged, International Chili Society-sanctioned contest in the red chili, chili verde and salsa categories, plus a People's Choice contest and the Restaurant Chili Challenge, in which 19 area restaurants are participating, the most in the festival's history. Altogether, 100 or more chili cooks are expected to serve up chili.

Chili will be available to the public on the following schedule: Restaurant Chili Challenge, beginning at 11 a.m.; People's Choice, noon; chili verde (green chili), 1:30 p.m.; and red chili, 3 p.m. Chili is $1 for a sample, $4 for a bowl, and chili tickets will be available at booths in locations around the festival.

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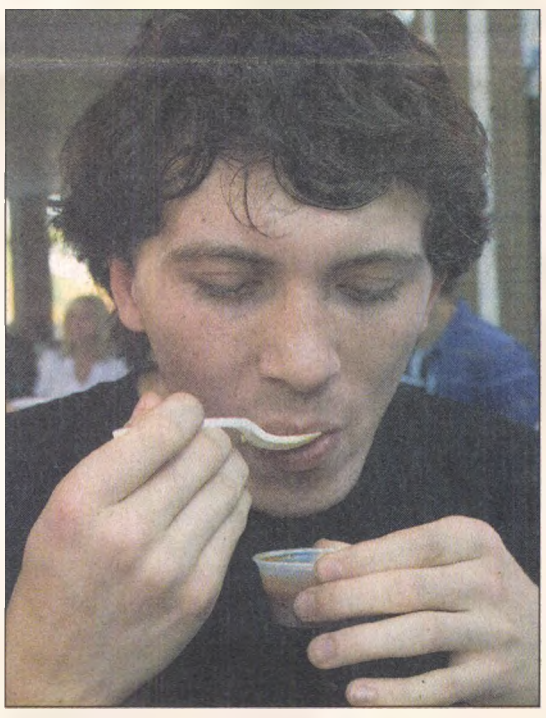

Zach Smith of Livonia got a taste of chili at last year's festival.

Auditors give district clean report

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Considering Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administrators operate with one of the lowest per-pupil foundation grants in Wayne County, district officials are doing a solid job of managing their finances.

That's the opinion of auditors at Plante & Moran, the consulting firm hired by the district to conduct its annual audit. Plante & Moran members presented the audit of the 2011-12 school year at Tuesday's Board of Education meeting, and gave the district a clean financial bill of health.

Despite a complete changeover in the district's finance leadership, Plante & Moran gave PCCS an "unqualified" opinion, the highest level of assurance the firm hands out.

"This was a transition year for the finance department, with turnover in two key positions," said Diane Wells, a Plante & Moran partner who presented the audit. "They didn't miss a beat. They were well prepared."

Auditors noted no significant deficiencies in the way Plymouth-Canton reports and manages its financial reports. Wells noted the $470 cut in foundation grant funding the district absorbed last year, while also pointing out the district's position at the lower end ($7,134) of the scale (neighboring Northville gets $8,019, for instance).

Wells pointed out the district has had to make some difficult choices while administering its budget.

"There are challenges in nearly every component of the state foundation grant," she said. "You've made some tough decisions, but I continue to encourage you to use prudent considerations in your financial planning."

Moving parts

Brodie Killian, the district's executive director for finance, said a good audit provides the district with a "professional opinion" as to the fiscal health of the district.

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P-CEP Band marches to regional title

Deb Laferty-Asbill (from left), director of marketing and communications at Music for All and the contest director at the 2012 Pontiac Regional, with Plymouth-Canton band members Drum Major Sarah Wohl, Arden Ciaciuch, Drum Major Shelbie Torok, Krista Arrasmith and Drum Major Katie Nymberg.

BANDS OF AMERICA

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band was named the regional champion at the 2012 Bands of America Pontiac Regional Championship at the Silverdome in Pontiac Saturday.

The daylong event featured 18 high school marching bands from Georgia, Kentucky, Missouri, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and Michigan.

Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, led by Director of Bands David Armbruster and Associate Band Director Jonathan Thomann, received the highest overall score and captured two caption awards including Outstanding Visual Performance and Outstanding General Effect.

Earlier in the day, PCMB was named Class AAAA Champion during the preliminary competition, and captured Outstanding Music and Outstanding Visual Performance caption awards. Three other Michigan bands were included in the top five finishing bands.

The 2012 PCMB show is enti-

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Man seen following girls near bus stop

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

With three recent reports of a man who followed teenage girls as they walked to their school bus stops, police are warning students and parents to be cautious and are looking for more information.

The incidents all occurred within about the last week in the area of Haggerty and Ann Arbor Trail, and all between 6 a.m. and 6:20 a.m., said Sgt. David Hayes.

The man was described as white, between 40 and 50 years old, tall and thin and possibly with shaggy brown hair. No vehicle was seen, and the man disappeared before the girls were able to get a better description of him, Hayes said.

The Plymouth Township Police Department has increased patrols in the area and has passed information to the Plymouth Canton Community Schools. People with questions or information about the incidents can call Officer Bryan Rupard, the detective in charge of the cases, at (734) 354-3243.

Window-breaking spree

A vandalism spree early Sunday resulted in broken windows on a dozen vehicles parked in Plymouth Township, plus one window at a house, and police are looking for information that could lead to an arrest.

The windows, including some rear vehicle windows and windshields, had been struck by ammunition from a BB or pellet-type gun between about 12:30 a.m. and 6 a.m., according to Sgt. Hayes. The incidents took place mostly in residential areas bounded roughly by Ann Arbor Trail and Ann Arbor Road and between I-275 and Mill Street, township police reports said.

Some windows were shattered while others were left with small holes and cracks, police reports said. The streets on which the vandalism took place were Haggerty, Bruce, Southworth, Marilyn, Firwood and Gold Arbor.

Hayes said that in one incident, a small sport-utility vehicle was spotted in the area around the time a resident heard a pellet strike a window on his house. The SUV was too far down the street for the witness to see its color or the number of people inside, Hayes said.

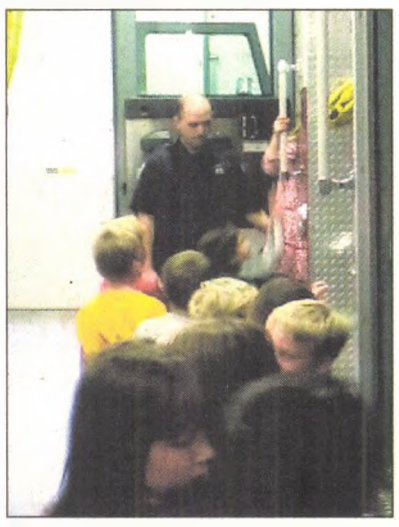
Anyone with information that could be helpful to police can call Hayes at (734) 354-3233.

Bike theft

A mountain bicycle was reported stolen recently from the basement of an apartment building on Wilcox Road west of Haggerty Road, police said.

The unsecured bike was last seen by its owner on Sept. 29 and was discovered missing Oct. 1, police said.

Station tours focus on kids' fire safety



Firefighter Chris Fey helps visiting students into the cab of a pumper truck on Tuesday at the Northville Fire Department's Station 2 in Plymouth.

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

First-graders from Bird Elementary might have thought they had a break from school when they spent part of Tuesday afternoon touring the fire station in Plymouth.

But then Northville Fire Department Lt. Jim Davison told them they had homework.

"Awww," the 40 or so students responded collectively as they, their teachers and chaperoning parents began the tour.

It was one of several tours of the station, expanded and reopened last year as Northville and Plymouth prepared to launch joint firefighting and emergency medical service, given this week as part of Fire Prevention Week. The station, on Church Street next to City Hall, had been closed for about 15 years before the two cities' partnership began January 1.

The first-graders, from Paul Hines' and Jayne Burnstein's classes, got to sit in the cab of the department's new pumper truck, visit the inner workings of the station and see the department's ladder truck, featuring a hydraulic lift with a 100-foot reach. They were given stick-on badges and plastic helmets as souvenirs.

They got to hear sirens and see flashing lights, of course, and seemed to have the most fun watching Firefighter Chris Fey don his turnout gear — boots, coveralls, coat, air pack, face mask and helmet.

"OK, is he ready to go in the fire?" Davison asked the kids after each of the last few dressing steps Fey took.

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Local rock favorites Steve King and the Dittilies will be performing between noon and 5 p.m., and a variety of dance troupes will show off their moves during the same time. Motorcyclists will be arriving en masse in two "chili rides" from two local dealerships, and a motorcycle show will take place on Ann Arbor Trail between Main and Union/Deer streets.

Street closings

Several Plymouth streets will be closed for the festival during part of the day Sunday. The closings will be from 7 a.m. to approximately 7 p.m.

The anticipated closings are:

• Main Street between Church and Wing (access to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home will be maintained).

• Penniman Avenue between Harvey and Union.

• Ann Arbor Trail between Harvey and Union.

• Forest between Ann Arbor Trail and Wing.

• Union between Roe and Ann Arbor Trail.

For details on the chili cookoff, visit the website greatlakeschili.com.

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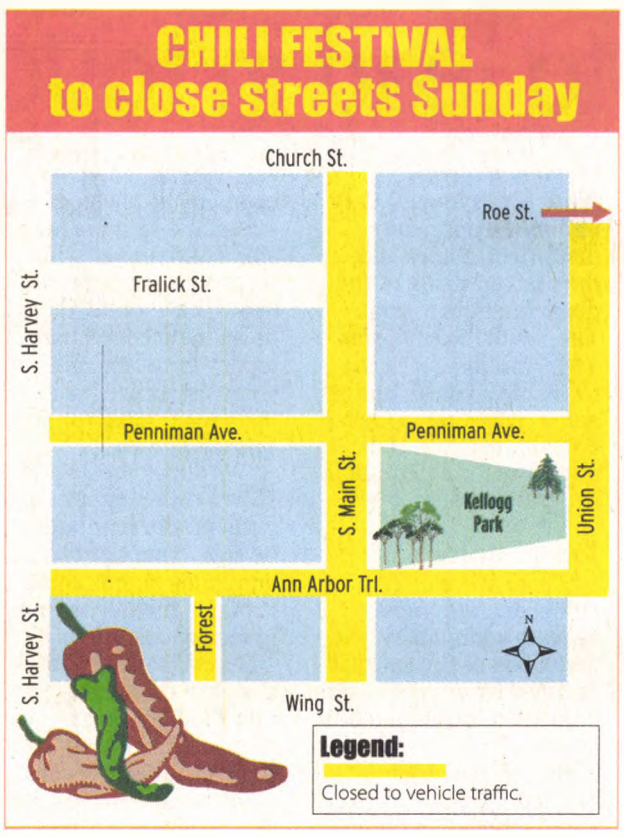

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AUDITORS

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"With the size of our budget, there are a lot of moving parts," Killian said. "What you want to hear is, 'You have a clean audit, and all of your financials are in order.' We had a nice, clean audit."

Some highlights of the presentation:

• The district had $150.6 million in revenue and $151.5 million in expenditures, and ended the year with some $12.7 million in its fund balance.

• Some 95 percent of its funding comes from the foundation grant. That included the $100 per-pupil the district got from the state for meeting four of five "best practices" items set forth by Gov. Rick Snyder. This year, Wells pointed out, the district will get just $52 per student for meeting seven of eight standards.

"You're going to get less money, and you're going to have to do more to get it," Wells said.

Clean report

• Some 88 percent of the district's expenditures came in the form of teacher salaries and benefits.

• At $7,134, Plymouth-Canton is wedged between Huron Valley ($6,948) and Wayne-Westland ($7,250) in per-pupil funding. "We want to commend the district for being so sound fiscally," said Nevra Kreger, who presented the audit alongside Wells.

• Student population has dropped from a high of 19,028 in 2009 to 18,674 last year. Some 18,272 students have been budgeted for 2012-13. Plymouth-Canton remains the state's fourth-largest district, behind Detroit, Utica and Grand Rapids.

The unqualified finding left board members pleased with the audit.

"The unqualified opinion is one we've had for many years, but we don't take it for granted," said Judy Mardigian, the board's longest-serving member.

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BAND

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tled "The Last Dance" and features all 175 students in the nearly eight-minute program.

Plymouth-Canton's 78.00 score left them ahead of second-place Lake Orion (75.70) and third-place Walled Lake Central (75.60).

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ON THE FIELD

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Where: Canton High School
When: Saturday, Oct. 13, 5 p.m.
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The Bands of America Grand National Championships will be held Nov. 7–10 in the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Ind.

PCMB is a high school marching band comprised of students from Plymouth, Canton and Salem High Schools in Canton, Mich.

In 1990, 1991, and 1999 PCMB was named Grand National Champions at the Bands of America National Competition, earning the first place title over 93 other bands from across the nation. PCMB, comprised of approximately 175 students, has never placed lower than 15th place at Grand Nationals. PCMB has won over 500 awards in 20 years, with 20 years earning the State Championship from the MCBA- Michigan Competing Band Association.

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Township chief wants to lead in tough times

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Richard Reaume says he's guided Plymouth Township through difficult financial waters, and he'd like to continue that work and lay out a long-term strategy for the community over the next four years.

That's Reaume's pitch as he makes a case for his re-election to a third four-year term as township supervisor. A Republican, Reaume faces Richard Sharland, who is running as an independent, in the Tuesday, Nov. 6, general election. There is no Democrat in the race.

"I enjoy community service," Reaume said. "If I'm going to speak from my heart, I love community service."

THE REAUME FILE

Name: Richard Reaume
Hometown: Plymouth Township for 28 years
Family: 3 adopted daughters
Profession: Township Supervisor
Education: MBA - Finance
Previous public-sector experience: 8 years Plymouth Township Supervisor; 2 years Schoolcraft College Trustee
Community involvement: Plymouth Chamber of Commerce; Salvation Army; Plymouth Goodfellows; Plymouth Arts Council; Michigan Philharmonic; Plymouth Council on Aging

But Reaume, first elected in 2004, acknowledged his last few years have been difficult because of the so-called Great Recession and the falling property values and tax revenues that brought. He called the period his "moment in courage."

"What are you going to do? Are you going to ask people to pay more taxes?" he said, clearly saying he was not.

Instead, Reaume said, the township sought "things that were unpopular," such as budget cuts, employee concessions and layoffs — like the controversial layoff of six Plymouth Community Fire Department firefighters and the restructuring of the department in March. The result, he said, was a $1.5 million cut in the township's yearly budget and a reduction in legacy costs by nearly a third, to an estimated $19 million over 30 years.

Tough times

"Those were difficult economic times," he said, adding that he understands the sacrifices made by employees to help keep the budget balanced.

Though the automobile industry seems to be roaring back, Reaume said, the township isn't out of the woods, as property assessments tend to rise more slowly than the economy as a whole.

Reaume said the township continues to whittle away at pension and health-care costs, though he acknowledged that legacy costs are met on a pay-as-you-go basis instead of being funded into the future.

"We should be able to afford these legacy costs with our current budget," he said. Negotiations with employee unions could produce further savings in legacy costs, he said.

He said township officials are considering a modified public-safety model for police, firefighting and emergency medical services, with police officers cross-trained as basic emergency medical technicians and firefighters, and being given equipment for those jobs to carry in their squad cars. Negotiations toward that goal are under way with the police, he said.

Firefighters, however, wouldn't be trained as police officers. Reaume said he is also looking for more ways to share resources with neighboring communities.

Business future

Reaume spends a lot of time on economic development, helping companies find ways to expand within the township and looking for opportunities to land companies scouting Michigan locations.

He sees the township's business future in technology, engineering and scientific research; the qual-

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Critic challenges township supervisor

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Alarm about the state of Plymouth Township's finances, job cuts in the fire department and what he calls a lack of transparency on the part of local officials drove Richard Sharland into the race for township supervisor.

Sharland, a semi-retired farmer and longtime Republican precinct delegate, is on the November ballot as an independent, challenging Republican Supervisor Richard Reaume, who is seeking a third term. There is no Democrat in the race.

Long a regular at Board of Trustees meetings, Sharland's focus is on budget, tax and land issues, and he contends the administration's spending priorities are misplaced.

"They're spending money on their park, on their golf course, on buying Dehoco (former Detroit House of Corrections) property," he said during a recent interview. Instead, he said, officials should have been looking to maintain fire department service instead of laying off firefighters, setting aside money for retiree pension and health-care costs, and creating a more attractive tax structure by lowering assessments that in some cases, he believes, are too high.

"The township's going broke," Sharland said, pointing to figures in the comprehensive annual financial reports that show a drop in the net value of township assets (minus the water and sewer system), from nearly $13.7 million in 2005 to $7.5 million in 2011. At the same time, he said, debt has increased.

Hiding costs

While touting the lowest tax rate of any community in Wayne County (4 mills, or $4 for every $1,000 of a property's taxable value), officials are hiding the real cost of running the township, he said.

"I think they know what's going on. But they ain't telling the people," Sharland said.

He agreed that the current administration has been addressing legacy costs by "getting rid of employees to cut future expenses," such as the layoff of six firefighters in March, which resulted in the closing of a fire station.

But Sharland said he would have worked to keep fire department jobs by partnering with neighboring communities, by making cuts elsewhere, and possibly through increasing taxes. Sharland said he'd propose cuts first, but that he'd entertain a tax increase for legacy costs and fire department equipment.

He blasted the township's move, less than a decade ago, to defined-benefit pension plans for police officers and firefighters, away from the defined contribution plans they had. That added greatly to legacy costs, he said.

"We cannot force them through negotiation or mediation to give up that plan now," he said.

Sharland says many properties are overassessed, and he has helped neighbors challenge their assessments before the Michigan Tax Tribunal, with some success. Lower assessments, he suggested, would make the township more attractive to businesses and help fill vacant commercial buildings.

Little control

But overall, Sharland doesn't think the township can do much on its own to foster economic development.

"We need help in Wash-

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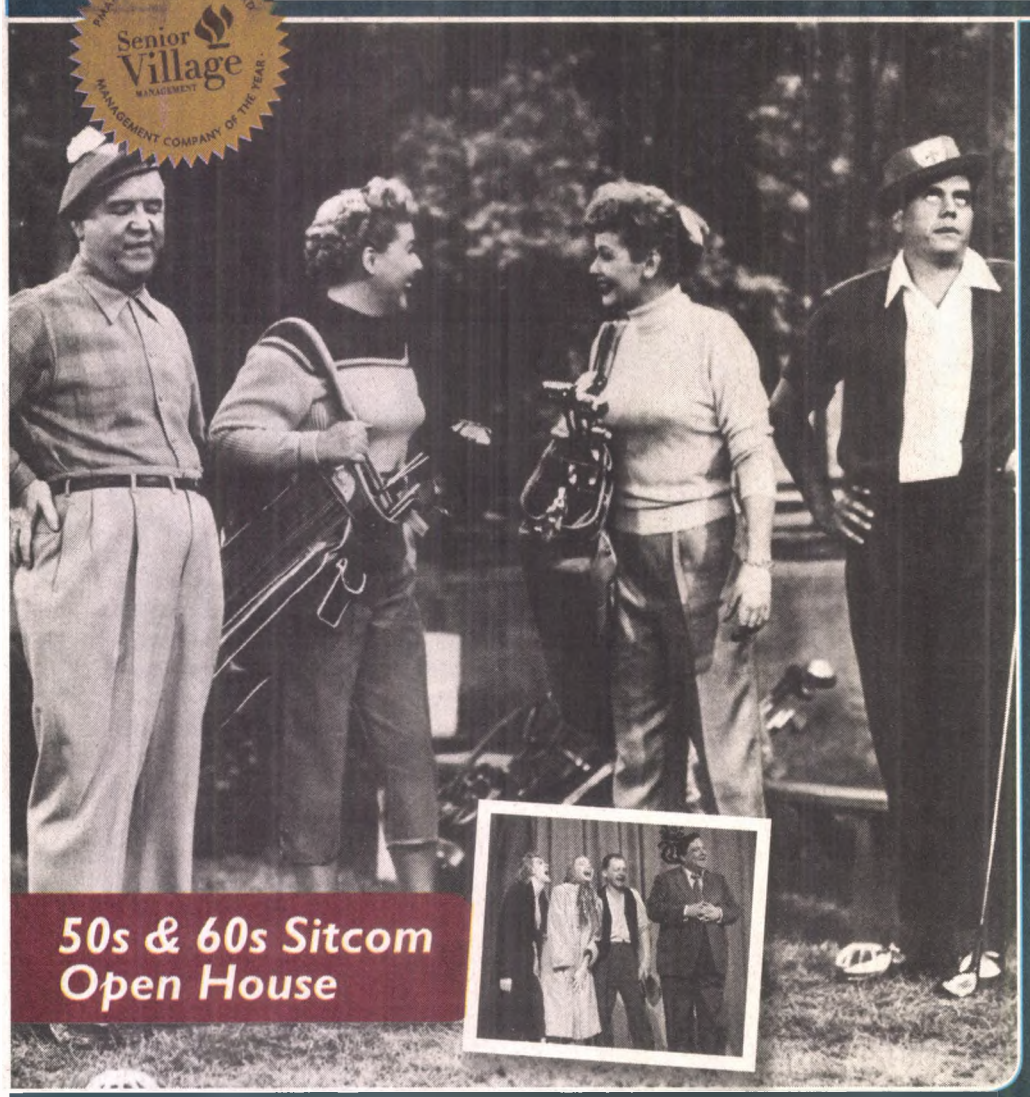

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ington. We need to encourage business," by cutting federal regulations and taxes, he said. "I don't think we have much control over it."

Sharland also said he would:

• Advocate selling much of the township's Hilltop Golf Course, while saving a portion for a township cemetery. The township shouldn't be competing in the golf business with private enterprise, he said. Sharland said he would also favor cuts in the parks and recreation budget, which is about $300,000 this year in the general fund.

• Favor cutting the salaries of the clerk, supervisor and treasurer. Sharland said he would also consider making the supervisor and treasurer jobs part time; the clerk, he said, needs to be full time.

• Review township vendors' contracts to make sure the township is getting its money's worth.

Sharland said knows he faces an obstacle in the election as an independent because of straight-party voting, but thinks he has a shot at winning.

"There's a dissatisfied populace out there that wants to vote for somebody else," he said.

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FIRE SAFETY

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"Nooo," the students would respond, pointing out Fey still needed his gloves, or his helmet, or to connect his mask to his breathing apparatus.

Their homework? Davison told them that, if they hadn't already, they needed to plan, with the rest of their families, a home escape route in case of fire.

"You have to bet able to get out of your house if there is a fire," he said. There should be at least two ways of escape, he said, and an emergency meeting place should be agreed upon so that responding firefighters can quickly establish whether everyone is out of danger.

Lt. Jim Davison, of the Northville Fire Department, shows Bird Elementary first-graders the lift bucket on the ladder truck at the fire station in Plymouth.

Hines, a first-year first-grade teacher, said his students would be discussing and writing about what they had seen and learned.

Fey, a public safety dispatcher in Westland and an on-call Northville firefighter for about a year, said he enjoys helping with station tours. "You start educating kids from a young age, they grow up to like police and fire," he said.

Children on such tours have internalized the messages, such as the need for an emergency meeting place and the stop, drop and roll technique for extinguishing fire on one's clothing, he said. That shows that the fire safety and prevention efforts over the years have paid off, he said.

"They remember. We try to reinforce it," Fey said. "Sometimes it seems the parents don't hear it as much as the kids do."

Tours of the Plymouth Station are available for scouts, school groups, block clubs and community groups between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. through Saturday. Call (734) 453-1234, ext. 280, to schedule a tour.

REAUME

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ity of local facilities, the job skills of area professionals and the township's proximity to Detroit Metropolitan Airport and Ann Arbor are pluses in those fields, he said.

Reaume answered charges that township officials have not been cordial or forthcoming with citizens during board meetings by saying members of the public who speak at meetings are often from the same group of people who repeat their questions when they don't like the answers and "want to pick a fight over the fire department."

"Do I really want to engage them?" he said.

On the issue of government transparency, Reaume said many documents are available on the township's website and all public documents should be available at the township clerk's office.

Reaume said he'd like to improve the township's park system with bicycle trails and pedestrian paths that would add to the quality of life. But those can be expensive projects, he agreed, and not always financially feasible.

But the township could be looking at a future park along Johnson Creek on part of the property at Five Mile and Ridge that it purchased in a tax foreclosure, Reaume said. A contiguous park on the north side of Five Mile, in Northville Township, is also envisioned; the new park system would be part of the 1,000-acre advanced technology and research park in that area that is among state and local officials' long-term goals, he said.

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Catching up on the tech buzz

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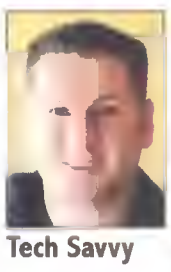
Tech Savvy
Jon Gunnells

There are two types of technology news people need to know about from the last month. They can be separated into two buckets: news that's not about the iPhone 5 and news that is about the iPhone 5. We will start with the latter.

iPhone 5 Hits Shelves: It was hard to miss this one, but in case you did, here's what you need to know. The iPhone 5 is as impressive as a phone can get – but it still doesn't have anything that should make you rush out and dump your earlier version.

I've still held on to my iPhone 4s but Verizon allowed me to test out the iPhone 5 on their 4G LTE Network. On both versions, Siri finally works as advertised.

Meanwhile, the maps interface is much improved and easier to follow although many users have expressed concerns about some functionality. To date, I haven't had any issues with the maps feature, but one thing that did irk me about the new iPhone is the new cord.

While every other phone manufacturer has moved to a common charging system, the folks at Apple decided to change things up. The new adapter is easier to plug in and charges your phone faster, but it makes the device incompatible with docking systems, radios, alarm clocks and car chargers. Additionally, the cord is still way too short.

Other improvements include a thinner device with a larger and brighter screen with "retina display" and a home row with room for more apps. There's also panoramic photo feature which is a cool concept, except it works about as well as my first computer – which is to say – not very well at all.

Lastly, the new earbuds, which you may have seen commercials about, are a great idea because they actually fit in your ears. I liken this to when Wendy's started making Vanilla Frosty's – a tremendous thought that should have been executed much earlier.

The new earbuds will allegedly stay in your ear better which means many ignorant drivers will be using them while driving (this is illegal by the way).

Facebook Hits One Billionth User: No surprise here. One of the most popular destinations on the web is hitting McDonald's-esque numbers. The good news is, the site hasn't announced any sweeping changes in a while so you don't have to fear about your privacy. Unless of course you are one of the unlucky few who have had private messages show up on your timeline.

To be safe, I encourage all users to go back to 2009 and 2010 and ensure no private data has been public. If it has, you can remove it by clicking the little "x" to the right of the post.

LinkedIn Adds Endorsements: If you are searching for work, LinkedIn just made it easier for coworkers and former colleagues to recommend you. Instead of writing a post for recruiters to see, your connections can now endorse particular skills that you have listed in your profiles. With the addition, hiring managers can see where you really excel.

New Smart Thermostat: Winter is coming and if you want to save on your energy costs there is no cooler device than the Learning Thermostat from Nest Labs. We've talked about it before, but now the second edition is out meaning the first version has dropped in price. You can learn more at Nestlabs.com.

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PLYMOUTH BUSINESS BRIEFS

Staff at Real BarBQ of Canton will be decked out in pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month while conducting a fundraiser Oct. 15-31 for Gilda's Club Metro Detroit.

Ford Dealer advertising

Jane Englehart of Farmington Hills has taken over as director of advertising for Ford Dealer Advertising.

Englehart has worked the past 17 years with Ford Dealer Advertising, a full-service agency that handles all marketing and communications for the 48 dealerships in the Southeast Michigan Ford Dealers group. She had previously been an account director and an account supervisor with Ford Dealer Advertising.

Her appointment was effective Oct. 1.

Prior to working at Ford Dealer Advertising, Englehart held a position at MetLife. She is a graduate of Ferris State University.

Englehart replaces Rick Bartus, of Waterford, who spent 45 years working in the Detroit advertising community.

Gilda's fundraiser

Real BarBQ of Canton located at 42452 Ford Road at Lilley is going pink to support National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Wait staff will be adorned in specially ordered pink T-shirts, while $1 from entrees, deluxe sandwiches that include fries, coleslaw and a drink and salad entrees will go directly to support Gilda's Club Metro Detroit beginning Monday,

Oct. 15, through Wednesday, Oct. 31.

This applies to all orders, whether you're dining at the restaurant, carrying out or have placed a free delivery order. "Many of our customers or their families have been touched by breast cancer, so we are proud to be able to support such a worthwhile cause," said RealBarBQ manager Jim Pinion.

Gilda's Club metro Detroit provides a no-cost program for men, women, teens and young children living with all types of cancer, as well as their families and friends. The environment is very welcoming and is in a home-like setting.

For more information, call (734) 667-3996 or visit www.realbarbq.com

Business News

From the desks of the folks at the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:

• The Candy Trail is carrying paintings by local artist Kim Torres. Stop by and take a look at some of the fun and interesting paintings, which can be purchased. Buyers can also commission a painting by Kim, who also owns Face Flair, face painting and stick-on-face painting decals.

• Dearborn Jewelers of Plymouth is having an essay contest, Lazare's "You just know" Around The World Contest and Diamond Event. Anyone is welcome to submit an essay about when "they just knew" that the person was the right one for them, the love of their life.

The contest is sponsored by Lazare Diamonds. Essays will be accepted through Oct. 22. The winner of the essay contest will receive a custom-designed piece of diamond jewelry with a Lazare Ideal Cut Diamond. The winner will be announced during our Diamond Event Oct. 26-27.

For more information call (734) 455-1453.

Burger King drive

Burger King restaurants are participating in the annual fall fundraiser to provide $1,000 higher education scholarships to local high school seniors. Burger King restaurants will offer a total of 113 scholarships, including 23 in the southeast Michigan area for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Visit any participating Burger King restaurant through Oct. 31 to purchase fall fundraiser coupon booklets for $1. Each booklet, valued over $6, contains six coupons good for three soft serve cones and three value size Coca-Cola® soft drinks or ICEE® frozen drinks. Proceeds from the sale of the coupon booklets will go to the BURGER KING Scholars Program/McLamore Foundation, which provides scholarships for eligible high school seniors to attend college or an accredited technical or vocational school.

Students interested in receiving a Burger King Scholars Program scholarship can find more information on the program by visiting the Foundation's website at www.bkmclamorefoundation.org. Online applications will be accepted from Nov. 15, through Jan. 10. The 2013 scholarship recipients will be announced in May 2013.

PLYMOUTH CHAMBER CHAT

Pumpkin Palooza

The second annual Pumpkin Palooza is back by popular demand on Sunday, Oct. 21 from noon to 3 p.m. in downtown Plymouth.

The event is a Halloween event for children with games, activities, crafts, costume contest, candy stations and lots of fun. The Downtown Retail Group is looking for sponsors, volunteers to run the games and activities or donations to purchase candy and prizes and businesses to enter a Pumpkin Carving Contest.

If you are interested in donating, volunteering or carving, please contact Teri at teri@plymouthmich.org or (734) 453-1540.

Chamber auction

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts its 23rd annual meeting and auction dinner Friday, Nov. 2, from 6-11 p.m. at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Sponsored by major sponsor Hines Park Lincoln, it's billed as the premier business-social event of the year in the Plymouth area and the chamber's largest fundraising event with 450 people attending last year. Proceeds provide funds used to promote the area and provide business opportunities for chamber members.

The auction is supported by hundreds of companies throughout the area by providing items, gift certificates, services or cash donations to purchase raffle items. The items are either bundled into attractive packages with other donations or auctioned individually. The event features raffle, silent and live auctions to provide multiple opportunities for guests.

All companies that donate are recognized on a display next to their donation and in the event program. To make a donation contact the Chamber at wes@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540. Chamber officials are looking for donations to be made by Oct. 15 to allow volunteers time to get them processed.

The evening will be a tropical paradise with silent & live auctions, raffles, dinner, tropical drinks and dancing. The cost is $75 per person to attend and includes an open bar. If you pay prior to Oct. 15, you will receive $10 in raffle tickets to use at the event.

Sponsorships are still available ranging from $350 to $2,000. These sponsorships all come with tickets and include various levels of recognition at the event to highlight your company. For example, you can become a "Hang Ten" Platinum Sponsor for $975 that includes a table of 10, recognition gift, signage on the table, video recognition and listing in program as sponsor.

To discuss available sponsorships, contact Wes Graff at (734) 453-1540.

Welcome home

Whip Hand Cosmetiques, with their makeup studio and offices at 615 North Mill St. Suite C, cut the ribbon on their new location. Pictured are owners Riese and Matt Lauriat, their colleagues and City Commissioner, Diane Bogenreider. Whip Hand Cosmetics celebrates the depth and diversity of today's modern, independent woman with luxury, professional makeup artist-quality cosmetics and face and body products made in the USA, by women for women. Founded by professional makeup artist Riese Lauriat, Whip Hand Cosmetics grew out of Riese's ongoing obsession with developing a line of premium-quality cosmetics for her own professional use on models, brides and her clients.

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CROP Walkers brave cold, rain to help feed the hungry

By Julie Brown
Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth corps Salvation Army Maj. Colette Bailey and her husband, Maj. Keith Bailey, were grateful for the Plymouth-Canton CROP walkers Sunday.

"We are running out of stuff," Colette Bailey said of the local food pantry. "We can use all of the food we can get."

The Baileys have been at the Plymouth corps, which also serves Canton, Northville and Belleville, three-and-a-half months. They did a similar CROP Walk in May at their previous Owosso post.

Dawn Christenson of Canton, a member of Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton, is chairwoman for the CROP Walk, held Oct. 7 for the 22nd year in Plymouth-Canton. Walkers began and ended at St. John's Episcopal Church of Plymouth, on Sheldon.

"People go through really hard things to get enough food and clean water," said Christenson. The slogan of the event, also held in other communities, is "We walk because they walk."

The CROP Walks emphasize self-help projects worldwide to provide sufficient food and clean water. As of Sunday, the local walk had generated $3,700 with donations still welcome by visiting www.cropwalk.org and navigating to Plymouth-Canton.

The Plymouth-Canton CROP Walk Oct. 7 drew 59 walkers who began and ended at St. John's Episcopal Church of Plymouth.

Faith traditions

This year's congregations included Geneva, the Salvation Army, St. John's Episcopal, the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth and Living Peace Church. Also invited through the Interfaith Community Outreach were those of other faith traditions, such as the Muslim Community of Western Suburbs in Canton and the Sikh Gurdwara of Plymouth.

Kulwinder Singh of Northville was among seven people walking with the Sikh Gurdwara group. "We want to help people," said Singh, who agreed such efforts are helpful in the wake of the tragic shooting earlier this year at a Sikh congregation in Wisconsin.

"It's a way to know each other, better to understand each other's culture," Singh said.

Generally, with CROP Walks 25 percent goes to the Salvation Army and the remainder to Church World Service. Christenson noted individual walkers can designate a number of other approved groups for their portion.

Shorter walk

Most walkers chose the shorter 2.1-mile route over the 4.1-mile one due to Sundays cold and rain. Colette Bailey joked about the rain that day.

"I guess we didn't pray hard enough, did we?" she said with a smile as the skies opened and rain fell.

Sandy Kollinger, Salvation Army volunteer coordinator, said the Army canteen was at the school board office on Harvey in downtown Plymouth, the midpoint. Coffee, hot chocolate, water and snacks, "nourishments to get you through the second half," were offered.

Their congregation is mostly older so the Baileys and Kollinger did the walking and representing that day.

The Rev. Beth Librande of Canton is associate pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, and prayed for the walkers before they set out.

"I love the CROP Walk," Librande said. "We're very concerned about those who don't have enough food."

She admires the work of Church World Service.

"I think today I'm going to do the short" walk with others from the Methodist church, due to weather, Librande said.

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LEGO KidsFest this weekend

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Fans of those mind-blowing LEGO creations – and that includes kids AND adults alike – will not want to miss the LEGO KidsFest Michigan taking place at the Suburban Collection Showplace on Oct. 12-14.

LEGO KidsFest is a three-day show filled with hands-on, interactive and educational activities for the whole family. Get creative in the construction zones, meet LEGO master builders, help build Creation Nation, experience LEGO games, and see dozens of life-sized models made entirely from LEGO bricks.

"This will be the very first time that the LEGO KidsFest national tour will be making a stop in the state of Michigan," said Blair Bowman, owner of the Novi exposition venue. "The LEGO KidsFest has already made stops in various states such as Texas, Ohio and Colorado, just to name a few."

And if you miss the upcoming Novi show, you'll have to travel all the way to Pittsburgh (Nov. 30-Dec. 2) because that's the only show left this year.

There are multiple sessions over the weekend, and each offers the same interactive activities and play areas. Attendees may arrive and leave anytime within their ticketed session. However, their ticket will only allow entrance during the hours of the specified session. After the first sessions on Saturday and Sunday, the show floor will be closed and reset for the afternoon sessions. If you decide to leave LEGO KidsFest, you will be allowed to re-enter but only during your ticketed session.

If you have already purchased tickets to LEGO KidsFest online, you will not have to wait in line at the box office to purchase tickets. The doors to the exhibit hall will open at the beginning of the session so if you and your family arrive before the start of the session you will wait until the doors open.

Baby strollers are allowed at the fest, and families are encouraged to bring cameras and video cameras to the event in order to capture their experience. Of course, The Showplace's concession stands will be open for food and refreshments.

LEGO KidsFest offers an assortment of interactive activities that reach all learning styles and levels of interest, including those in wheelchairs and those with special needs. Also, licensed guide dogs for the blind and service dogs for people with disabilities are welcome. But, for everyone's safety, children and youth under the age of 18 must be supervised by an accompanying adult at all times during their visit.

Although there are no LEGO Club meetings held at LEGO KidsFest, there will be an activity area called the LEGO Master Builder Academy (MBA) that features live demos and workshops by LEGO Master Model Builders. These sessions are 30-40 minutes long and run throughout each session.

Because there will be more than enough LEGO bricks to build with at the event, organizers ask that homemade creations not be brought to KidsFest. Likewise,

The creations made at the LEGO KidsFest need to be left at the event. Once a session is over, the bricks are taken apart so that they can be reused for the next group of attendees.

"The LEGO KidsFest Michigan will be packed with fun hands-on activities that the entire family will enjoy," said Bowman.

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Session II: 3-7:30 p.m.
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Session II: 3-7:30 p.m.
Each session offers the same exhibits and activities.
For more details, visit www.legokidsfest.com/detroit.

Sculptures like this giant Batman -- made entirely of LEGO blocks -- will be featured at the KidsFest at the Suburban Collection Showplace this weekend.

McCotter faces subpoena in election fraud case

By David Veselenak
Observer Staff Writer

Two former staff members working to re-elect former Congressman Thaddeus McCotter could be reunited with the Livonia Republican Thursday morning in 16th District Court.

A preliminary examination for Livonia resident Paul Seewald and Farmington Hills resident Don Yowchuang is set to begin at about 9:30 a.m. Thursday in Judge Sean Kavanagh's courtroom in Livonia.

The pair is charged with several counts regarding McCotter's failed re-election campaign after the Secretary of State found problems with nominating petitions.

Defense attorneys told Kavanagh they have subpoenaed McCotter, saying he would be able to provide insight in the case. McCotter is expected to attend and possibly testify Thursday.

Yowchuang is charged with 10 counts of election law forgery, one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner and six counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator. Seewald is charged with one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner and nine counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator.

Both men entered "not guilty" pleas during their arraignment Aug. 10. If convicted on the counts, the pair could see more than five years in prison.

McCotter once planned to run as a write-in to try and secure a fifth term in Congress representing parts of Wayne and Oakland counties after the Secretary of State invalidated the signatures, but dropped his campaign and resigned July 6.

McCotter has not been charged with any crime.

The men are two of four people arrested and charged after the Secretary of State discovered many of the signatures on the filing petition turned in this past summer were either forged or outdated. Attorney General Bill Schuette filed charges against the four earlier this summer. Former staffer Lorianne O'Brady, 52 of Livonia, pleaded no contest last month to five counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator. She is scheduled to be sentenced Oct. 26.

Mary Melissa Turnbull of Howell also faces one count of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, as well as one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner.

Marketing a piece of history: Building with ties to Henry Ford for sale

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

A historic building at Northville Road and Mill Street in Northville Township, which has ties to auto pioneer Henry Ford, is currently on the market.

"He always sort of had farming and agriculture in his heart," Bill Sivy, a Northville Township Historic District Commission member who has researched the building, said of Ford.

The auto pioneer acquired land beginning as early as 1919, Sivy said, with 10 parcels. The largest now houses the Waterford Mill Pond.

Several years ago, Sivy did a presentation on the local village of Waterford, which grew up here in the mid-1800s. It was also known as Meads Mill, for several Mead brothers who had built a flour mill.

Ford's plant, part of his Village Industries, opened at Northville Road and Mill Street in 1925. The building, which has been modified and is up for sale or lease, was one of Ford's 19 Village Industries plants. The first, Sivy said, was the one with a current waterwheel in downtown Northville, which opened in 1920.

"He still believed in the values of the farmer who lived in the country," Sivy said. Plants were water-powered, often on the Rouge River.

There was a Cherry Hill plant in Canton that employed disabled veterans. Other plants hired only single and widowed women.

The plant at Northville Road and Mill Street made precision gauges for manufacturing. The building has had several additions and was operated by Ford until 1957, when it was sold to the Haller Co.

Sivy is unsure of detailed history after that.

"We'd like to see it put to some use," he said, noting the wood floors and early industrial architecture of the original northeast portion at 16580 Northville Road.

The gauge blocks made there during the Ford years were the design of a Swedish man known as the "Edison of Sweden," Sivy said. That man had many talents, but not a great head for business.

Northville native Brad Smith of Friedman Integrated Real Estate Solutions is the listing broker for the property, owned by a local trust.

"My grandpa was born and raised in Northville," Smith said of his grandfather Dan Boland, who daily walked the streets of downtown Northville. "He's the reason why I moved to Northville."

Boland recently died.

The building has some 78,000 square feet, Smith said, and could be divided a number of ways.

"The opportunities are kind of endless," Smith said.

Residential use is possible, but would require rezoning. There's activity nearby, Smith noted, such as the coming University of Michigan Health System development, retail use on Seven Mile and parks and recreation use.

"I think residential would fit well," Smith said. A cool art gallery or wine shop could be there, he said.

"It'd be nice to keep the historic presence of the building," Smith said.

Industrial use isn't out of the question either, he added. The site has a Motor Cities "You Auto Know" plaque on its history.

Smith, 29 and single, noted the coming Garage restaurant in Northville, along with such eateries as Poole's and Brick's and workout facilities.

"Activities," he said of what Northville needs for young professionals. "I think it's the type of activities."

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A new tenant for Northville Township's Waterford Mill plant is being sought. The building, located along Northville Road south of Six Mile, was once part of Henry Ford's Village Industry factories placed along the Rouge River system.

Look at trends to make informed decisions

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Money Matters
Rick Bloom

September's unemployment numbers were released last week and they were somewhat of a head scratcher. The economy created a little over 110,000 jobs in September but at the same time, unemployment went down three-tenths of a percent. The general consensus by economists is that for the unemployment rate to stay as is, the economy needs to create about 150,000 jobs per month. The question is, how can the unemployment rate go down when the U.S. economy only created 114,000 new jobs?

There are some people who think that because of the election the books were cooked. In fact, I saw a tweet by Jack Welch the former CEO of GE who basically espoused this theory.

I'm not one who generally believes in conspiracy theories and I don't believe that in this particular situation the books were cooked. I believe the answer lies more in how government numbers are computed. With regard to unemployment, two surveys are used. The Labor Department surveys businesses and uses the information to determine how many new jobs were created.

Another survey contacts households and uses that information to determine the unemployment rate. Because the government uses two different surveys, there are some anomalies every so often. That is why you never just look at government numbers. To make an investment decision, you need more reliable information. To get a more accurate reading, you need to look at trends, as well as other economic numbers computed by outside entities.

Looking at trends and other economic numbers over a period of time will give you a better picture of what is happening so you can make an informed decision. This is true not just for the employment numbers, but it also true for other government numbers, such as inflation.

Because this is a presidential election year, both parties will put their spin on the latest unemployment report. Like most government numbers, there is good and bad and each party will exploit the numbers to their benefit. As far as I'm concerned, neither party cares much about the truth but rather, how to make the other party look bad.

When I take a step back and look at the trend in the employment numbers it is clear to me that job growth continues to be weak. Unfortunately, one of the reasons unemployment has been reduced in the last couple months is not because more people are working but because more people have become frustrated and have given up their search for employment. Those people, while still out of work, are not considered unemployed when the government computes the unemployment rate. Job growth remains weak and anyone who tells you otherwise is not being honest.

I am always skeptical of the government's numbers, not because I think they cooked the books but because of the methodology used in computing things does not seem to match with the real world. It's not just unemployment numbers, but it is also other government numbers such as inflation. For example, the way the government computes inflation is a lot different than what you and I, the consumer, actually experience.

We are flooded every week with new government numbers. They're interesting but I wouldn't make an investment decision solely based upon the numbers. I think I would say the same thing about government numbers and how I decide to vote. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, please email him at rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

Attorney who grew up here runs benefit race in memory of mom

Alameda, Calif., resident Elizabeth R. Bain is on a quest to raise $25,000 for the American Cancer Society — and she has already raised $20,851.

"Today is my birthday, and to celebrate, all I want to do is help others enjoy more birthdays too," she said. Bain, who teaches yoga at the Harbor Bay Club and practices law in downtown Oakland, joined the ACS DetermiNation program in June to honor her mother, Elaine R. Bain, who was diagnosed with colon cancer in 2008.

"I chose the Detroit International Half Marathon in the hopes that Mom could see me cross the finish line," said Bain, also the daughter of Don Bain of Plymouth Township. Unfortunately, her mother died on July 24, 2012. Bain will run the event with her father; her high school best friend Michelle Halgren (also from Michigan); her mother's cousin Jaime Thomas, and his girlfriend Lori Kalani, who is also an attorney.

"My slacker little brothers waited too long to sign up, and the race was full."

"Originally I set a goal of $10,000," Bain explained, "on the grounds that I must know 1,000 people, and if each of them donated $10 I would easily be there. I didn't expect so much support from my community. My co-workers have been very generous!" Bain is an attorney at Foley & Mansfield, a Minneapolis-based law firm with California offices in Oakland and Los Angeles. The Foley & Mansfield Charitable Foundation is matching employee contributions up to $10,000. The Detroit office of Foley & Mansfield also put together a five-person relay team to run the full marathon.

Donations can be made online at www.determination.acsevents.org or by mail to American Cancer Society, Attention: Detroit Marathon, 20450 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076; please identify participant Elizabeth R. Bain, ID#29740315.

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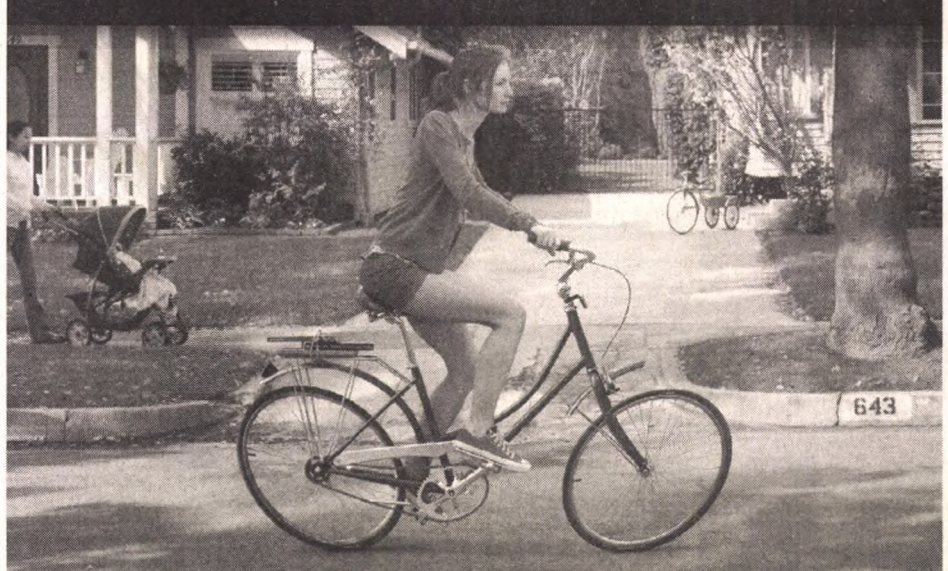

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LaJoy picked for MERS board

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Canton will have a voice on public employee pensions and other legacy-cost issues after Supervisor Phil LaJoy's election as one of nine members to the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) board, which oversees a pension system serving nearly 800 Michigan communities with nearly 100,000 employees and retirees.

"Pension issues right now are huge," LaJoy said Tuesday, after his election last week by the MERS membership during its annual meeting in Grand Rapids.

MERS has $6.8 billion in assets under management and offers defined benefit, defined contribution and hybrid retirement plans, along with other programs.

MERS operated under state government from 1945 until 1996, when it became an independent, nonprofit, public organization with the fiduciary responsibility of overseeing the retirement system, said Lisa Bond Brewer, MERS communications director.

Brewer said LaJoy is one of six elected officers to the nine-member board. Three others are appointed. LaJoy, chosen to serve as an officer of a municipality, was elected to a three-year term.

LaJoy said he perceives his part-time role as a MERS officer as monitoring the retirement system and helping to make decisions to keep it viable. He cited pensions and other post-employment benefits as large issues facing Canton and other communities.

"These are big expense items for communities," he said.

LaJoy's role in MERS places him in a statewide position to have input into the MERS system. He said issues facing Canton are being faced by communities all across Michigan.

MERS not only serves municipalities, but also other entities such as hospitals, libraries, medical-care facilities and road commissions. Its stated mission is to provide quality retirement and related services with cost-effective plan administration for members and beneficiaries.

Three of the retirement board's members, like LaJoy, are officers of participating municipalities. Three employee members do not hold such officer positions. Two members are appointed by the retirement board, and one is a retiree of the system.

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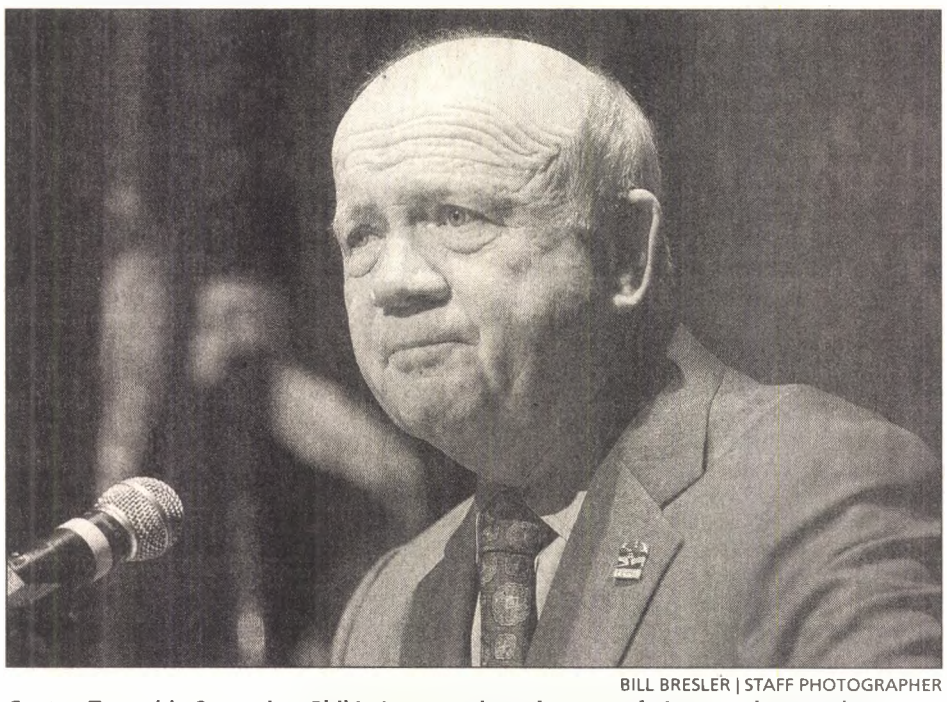

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Police officer running to fight cancer

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

A couple years ago Northville Township police officer James Beamish decided to start running again just to get back into shape.

At the upcoming Detroit Free Press Marathon on Saturday, Oct. 21, he will be running for something he feels is much more important — the fight against cancer.

Beamish, who has been a member of the township's police department for more than two decades (first as a dispatcher), is using the event to raise both awareness and proceeds for the American Cancer Society's DetermiNation program, in which athletes participate in endurance events all over the nation.

DetermiNation (formerly known as Charity Runner) began in Chicago in 1996, and was expanded nationwide in 2007. It now includes a variety of races across the country and is continuing to grow.

In his mid-40s at the time he began to run again in 2010, Beamish admits he had let himself go a bit.

"I hadn't run since high school. Here I was 45 years old, and I was definitely out of shape," he said.

It didn't go too well at first, he said. He pushed himself too hard, and ended up with stress fractures in both fibulas, which forced him to take time off work.

"My body wasn't ready for how hard I was pushing it," he said.

But the setback didn't stop him. After heeding his doctor's advice to take it a little slower, Beamish has gradually worked himself back into shape. He has run a couple 5K and 10K races.

Earlier this year he learned about the DetermiNation program, and he looked into it. You see, Beamish, like many others, has been impacted by cancer. His sister, Katherine Zisek, has gone through two bouts of cancer — she's in remission thank goodness. More distant relatives, however, have passed away after losing their battles to cancer.

Now, Beamish is determined to run his first marathon — and fighting this terrible disease is his catalyst.

"I've never run a marathon before. I've done 20 miles a couple times," he said. "I'm confident I'll be able to finish. I just think this is a worthwhile cause. It's a real motivator."

If you would like to help Beamish out, you can attend a fundraiser he is having Monday, Oct. 15 at Aubree's Pizzeria & Grill, located at 20420 Haggerty Road in Northville (8 Mile and Haggerty). From 5-8 p.m., Aubree's will donate $5 from every $15 all-you-can eat buffet, which includes pizza, salad, bread sticks and drinks, to the American Cancer Society. The cost is $10 for children (10 and under), of which Aubree's will donate $3 to the ACS.

For more information, contact Aubree's at (734) 432-0200. For more information about the DetermiNation program, visit www.cancer.org/Involved/Participate/DetermiNation/learn-about-the-determination-program.

Northville Township police officer James Beamish trains for the Detroit Free Press Marathon, which will take place Saturday, Oct. 21. He is using the event to raise money for the American Cancer Society's DetermiNation program.

Five Detroit suspects were arrested Oct. 4 after police interrupted a smash-and-grab larceny at a Livonia gun shop.

Suspects caught stealing 34 guns from Livonia shop

By David Veselenak
Observer Staff Writer

Five Detroit suspects were arrested Oct. 4 after police interrupted a smash-and-grab larceny at a Livonia gun shop.

A stolen minivan crashed through the window of Shooter's Service gun store at 29502 Six Mile, west of Middlebelt, in the early morning hours, but police got to the scene before the suspects could escape.

Arrested and charged were: 18-year-old Joseph Leon Woodson, 21-year-old Terrence William Hargrove, 17-year-old Stephen Wesley Parson, 20-year-old Devan Trevon Cannon and 17-year-old Terail Deran Jones. All reside in Detroit.

The suspects each face 28 counts as a result of the robbery, including 23 counts of firearm larceny, one count of breaking and entering, one count of stealing a motor vehicle, one count of felony firearm and one count of larceny in a building. They were arraigned and a $1 million bond was set last weekend in 35th District Court in front of Judge Michael Gerou. A preexam is scheduled for 9 a.m. Wednesday at the 16th District Court in Livonia.

After crashing through the window, the suspects began rifling through the store and picking up guns. A total of 34 firearms were stolen from the store, police said.

Livonia police arrested one suspect as he left the store, and others were arrested with the help of the department's K-9 unit. Other suspects were found in a wooded area near the store.

"One of our officers did a great job and interrupted the robbery," Livonia police Lt. Thomas Goralski said. "Through our investigation, we were able to corral all six of them."

Another suspect, who was not charged as an adult, was placed in the Wayne County Youth Home awaiting juvenile proceedings.

Police recovered the stolen minivan near the store shortly after the suspects fled. All firearms taken during the break-in were accounted for by police.

Police are checking to see if the same suspects may have been involved in similar break-ins at jewelry stores in Dearborn Heights and Westland.

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Country band highlights arts fundraiser

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

With a slew of local appearances that included Detroit's country "Hoedown" and a performance at Canton's Liberty Festival, not to mention a trip to Asheville, N.C., for a private event and a concert to benefit diabetes research, the local country band Annabelle Road has been in high demand.

That demand continues Saturday, when Canton's Partnership for the Arts and Humanities presents Annabelle Road for its semi-annual fundraiser at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Jill Engel, the partnership's executive director, hopes to parlay the Detroit area's support of country music — Detroit station WYCD was recently named the Marconi Station of the Year — into a successful fundraiser.

"That was one of the reasons we chose Annabelle Road," Engel said. "Country (music) is big in Detroit. Country is a super big deal around here."

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Country band Annabelle Road, which wowed the crowd during Canton's Liberty Fest earlier this year, headlines the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities fundraiser Saturday at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

The partnership promotes the arts through financial support, advocacy and education. Engel believes the fundraiser — and its sister event in the spring — help bring attention not only to the Village Theater, but to the arts in general.

After seeing Annabelle Road cover the classic Charlie Daniels tune "The Devil Went Down to Georgia" at Liberty Fest, Engel was sure the band was a great choice.

"They rocked that out," Engel said. "The people at Liberty Fest went nuts."

The fundraiser starts at 7 p.m. with a welcome reception that will include appetizer samples from Real BarBQ and Sean O'Callaghan's Pub, dessert from KP Sweets, a special gifts and services from Showroom of Elegance, Ribar Florist and Indigo Salon & Day Spa.

The two-hour concert by Annabelle Road will start at 8 p.m.

Anabelle Road is fronted by lead singer Amanda Bailey, who together with Jeremy Temple on guitar, Donovan Tarjeft on drums and Mike Zahler on bass, all Belleville-area residents, fuse rock and country into a sound they describe as "Carrie Underwood-meets-Johnny Cash-by way of-Skynyrd."

The group identifies a lengthy list of musical influences— from Rascal Flatts to Sheryl Crow — on its Facebook page. It's CD, Annabelle Road, was released in 2010 and is available from www.annabelleroad.com.

"We do it all," said Bailey, in an e-mail to the Observer. "Our show is always family-friendly."

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

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

Tickets for the evening are $30 and are available on-line at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5460.

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

Sharon Dargay contributed to this report.

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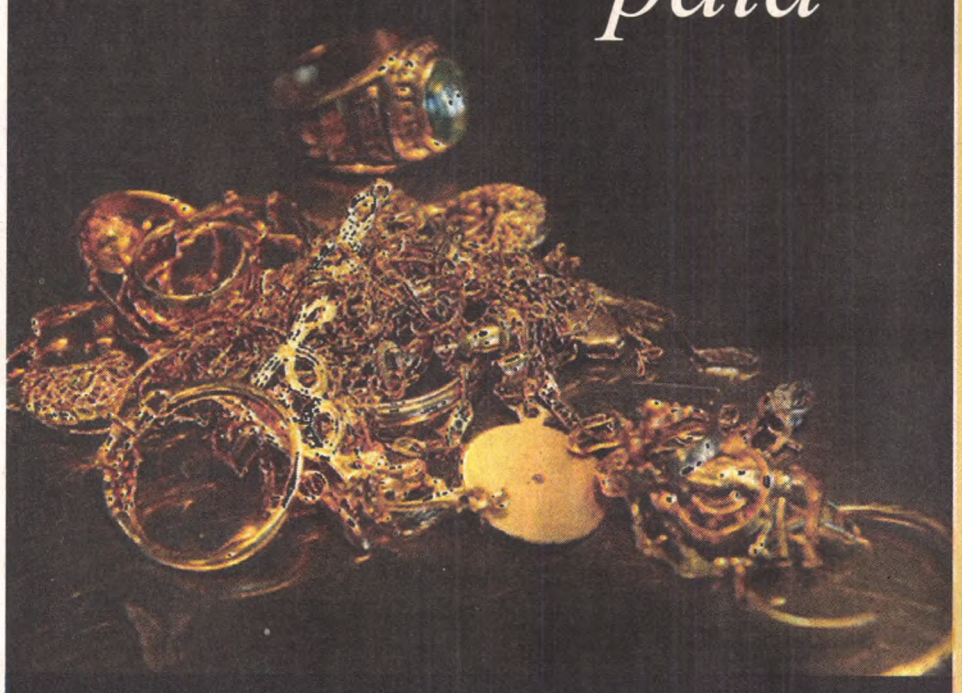

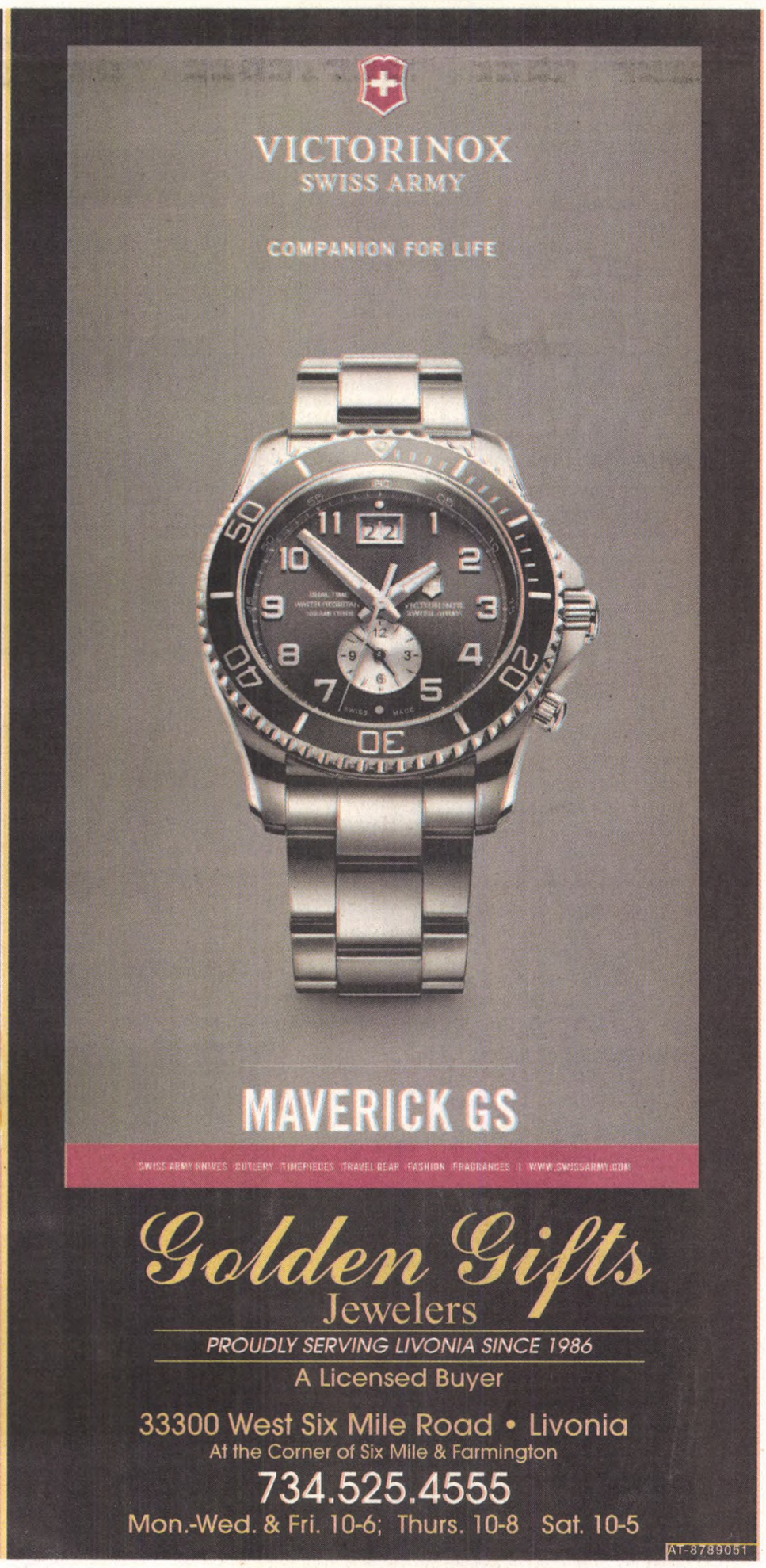

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Government by initiative is no way to govern: Say No to Props 2-6

There is a lot more than a pack of candidates and a string of ballot proposals at stake in the Nov. 6 general election. The decisions made that day will be reflected in the kind of government under which everyone in Michigan ultimately will live.

While we proudly say that we live in a democracy, in Michigan, we live in a republic, that form of government through which we say, likewise proudly, is elected "by the people." That requires some clarification. Candidates may say that they represent "the people," but they are elected only by those people who actually vote for them. Once elected, the "people" to whom a particular candidate — now an elected official — refers can take on new meaning.

It takes a lot of votes to win an election and, these days, a lot of money is involved. For some candidates, that means "the people" includes political action committees representing special interest groups. That compromises the essence of a republic, having an impact on the voting public and, likely, on the votes that elected officials cast in the Legislature on issues involving those special interest groups.

Special interest

When special interest groups don't get their way, the result is seen in the ballot proposals in this November's election. That result comes at an extraordinary cost, both in terms of dollars and in terms of a potentially disastrous shift in Michigan's form of government.

If these proposals were to pass, Michigan would move from a republic, in which voters elect officials to represent them, to a form of government by referendum. The result would be paralysis of the legislative process, with officials unable to act without real or potential fear of the next move by special interest groups.

For instance, one report places at $30 million the amount of money that has entered the campaigns to pass six ballot proposals in this November's election. While all six are the work of special interest groups, proposals 2 through 6 would change the Michigan constitution.

Many of this year's ballot proposals are the result of initiatives in which signatures were collected on petitions. While many of those petition drives were orchestrated by special interest groups seeking to serve their supporters of causes or organizations, the proposals also are a by-product of an electorate frustrated with the state Legislature and its inability to address many issues.

Lawmakers should take heed of the rush to initiative and listen to what has become an increasingly frustrated electorate. Drafting legislation would allow debate and input, instead of voters needing to decide an "all or nothing" ballot proposal.

Government by initiative is no way to govern. Voters should reject attempts to strong-arm the changes and amend the state constitution by voting "NO" on Proposals 2-6.

Concerns

There are a number of problems with these proposals.

First, their passage would open the door to a dizzying array of potential changes in the Michigan constitution, creating a patchwork quilt of legislation that would eventually fray and lay in tatters.

Second, their passage binds the hands of the governor and legislators to do what we, in a republic, elect them to do — namely, lead. An up or down vote negates any dialogue or discussion of the issues. If the issues involved in these proposals are sufficiently serious, they should be taken up with elected officials who are duty bound to act. And if they don't, then find candidates who will.

One pundit has remarked that the problem is not with the model car we have bought in Michigan. It is with who is in the driver's seat.

Third, changes to the constitution cannot be readily altered or undone, if the original change brings with it other problems.

Some changes in the proposals just don't belong in the constitution, and a lot of the hype that goes with them plays fast and loose with the facts — and the sensibilities of the public.

Proposal 2 forgets that workers already have the right to bargain, and it would strangle the role of government.

Proposal 3 would require that utilities get 25 percent of their energy from renewable sources by 2025. There is precious little talk about how realistic this is, not to mention that renewable sources are specifically listed and could mean that new resources would be prohibited.

Proposal 4 is the perfect example of a special interest group pushing for something that is a legislative function that does not belong in the constitution. It would create a Michigan Quality Home Care Council and would ensure that in-home care workers could collectively bargain. We all want the best care for our parents and loved ones, but this is one for the Legislature.

Proposal 5 is a curiosity. It would require a vote of the people to approve new taxes, something we already have with the Headlee Tax Limitation Amendment. What's more, approval would further shift Michigan government into a new direction, from a republic to a direct democracy under which voters would have to approve every change. That would mean no need for legislators, and the result would be chaos.

Finally, **Proposal 6** is clearly directed at the controversy over a new bridge plan that would link Michigan and Canada. It calls for a statewide vote of the people for any international bridge or tunnel that is proposed to be built.

These proposals are largely the work of special interest groups and, while offering some merit, they do not overall serve the best interest of voters, who should firmly check the "NO" box for each one Nov. 6.

SEEK OUT INFORMATION

While we have taken a position on the proposals discussed above, democracy works best when voters are informed and make independent decisions.

We urge voters to seek out many opinions before making their decision on all of the state proposals. Visit the Citizens Research Council at www.crcmich.org for detailed information on the proposals. The Citizens Research Council is a privately funded, not-for-profit public affairs research organization noted for the accuracy and objectivity of its research. The CRC does not lobby, support or oppose candidates for public office, or take positions on ballot issues.

Voters can also read pro and con positions on each proposal offered by the League of Women Voters of Michigan, a nonpartisan organization, at www.lwvmi.org. In addition, voters can visit the Center For Michigan, (www.TheCenterforMichigan.net) a think tank based on Ann Arbor which offers a "truth squad" analyzing information used in the 2012 political campaign.

BALLOT ISSUES

The following proposals are initiatives that would amend the Michigan Constitution

- **Proposal 12-2:**
  To create a new right to collective bargaining
- **Proposal 12-3:**
  To establish a standard for renewable energy.
- **Proposal 12-4:**
  To establish the Michigan Quality Home Care Council and provide collective bargaining for in-home workers.
- **Proposal 12-5:**
  To limit new taxes by state government.
- **Proposal 12-6:**
  To require a vote of the people before the State of Michigan can construct or finance new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles.

LETTERS

Supports Maguire

I highly recommend that the *Observer & Eccentric* endorse Alanna Maguire for Plymouth Township trustee. She is the type of involved young citizen we would all like to see running for office in our local government.

Her credentials are outstanding:

- She is a lifelong resident of Plymouth.
- Holds degrees from University of Michigan and Michigan State (master of public policy) with certificates in Homeland Security & Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysis
- She has endorsements from Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon, Rep. Dian Slavens, former Rep. and Trustee John Stewart, Clerk Joe Bridgman, Canton Trustee Dr. Syed Taj, former PCCS Board President Steven Sneideman, PCCS Board Secretary Judy Mardigian, PCCS Trustee Sheila Paton, and almost every former Republican trustee candidate from 2012.
- She has volunteered many hours to community programs including Food Gatherers Food Bank, Wayne County Adopt-a-Road, Plymouth Goodfellows, PCCS Clothing Bank, and the Plymouth Community Council on Aging
- The three main issues she plans to focus on are: prioritizing public safety, restoring trust to the Board of Trustees, and promoting economic development in Plymouth Township.

Alanna is a young woman our entire community can be proud of for her accomplishments, her dedication, and her interest in Plymouth Township and its residents. Alanna brings a fresh set of eyes to the issues facing our township government.

Susan and Dan Bondie
Plymouth

Vote for Alanna

I am a new resident.

When I met Alanna for the very first time in the spring, we spoke of my problem at the city hall getting my identity updated so I could vote, etc. She immediately agreed to meet me at city hall the next morning and helped work out the problems that I encountered.

I believe we need elected officials to be more like Alanna, willing to act, not just talk of doing the right thing. She is sincere and honest which can only be a good thing when working with others to forward the causes that will help our city.

I think you should endorse her.

Sybil Offen
Plymouth

Bentivolio best choice

I was deeply disheartened to read the editorial endorsement "Taj for Congress," as much for mischaracterizing the candidate as the American dream itself.

The editorial declares "quintessentially American" that Taj "is an immigrant who worked hard to achieve success and has passed the desire to obtain an education onto his children."

It's nice that Taj is a hard-working immigrant with a family, but to me, the quintessential American story involves serving the country and the community. It involves multiple professions — teaching, farming, owning a business.

That's Kerry Bentivolio's story — the man Taj is running against. Kerry served in the infantry in Vietnam and was permanently injured in a rocket attack in Iraq in 2007.

As a Highland firefighter, EMT and substance abuse technician at Doctor's Hospital, I was dismayed to see mention of Taj's plan to expand "Obamacare" even further. The bureaucratization of medicine not only raises costs and reduces consumer choices, it displaces private care. Taj has publicly stated that the government can deliver care better than competitive private enterprise, which is absurd.

But what is most distressing about Taj is that he has no solution for the worst problem in our nation: a $16 trillion national debt. Taxing business owners and cutting defense spending is not an answer.

As a grandfather, Kerry is deeply concerned about ending the debt crisis, which is the immoral transfer of one generation's debt on to the next. He is determined to reign in the spending and borrowing.

We need a hometown patriot with a real vision to represent our district in Washington. That man is Kerry Bentivolio.

Joseph Jozwiak
Highland

COMMUNITY VOICE

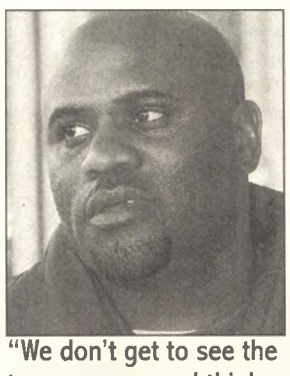
Is there anything the presidential candidates could do that would change your mind about your vote?

"No. I was committed even before the election really got started."

Andrew Spongberg
Livonia

"I think it would take a lot for me to change my mind about who I'm going to vote for."

Marta Moscrip
Canton Township



"We don't get to see the transparency. ... I think they say what they need to say to garner the votes that they need."

Joe Moore
Ann Arbor

"No, absolutely not."

Ray Maguire
Plymouth Township

Prop 1: Referendum on emergency manager law

PRO: It's about accountability, leadership, results

By Al Pscholka
Guest Columnist

"Our members would rather have these schools and municipalities file for bankruptcy than deal with this bill." That came from a leader of a public sector union in my office in February 2011 as debate was going on regarding the Local Government and School District Fiscal Accountability Act that I sponsored and was later signed into law as Public Act 4 of 2011.

Al Pscholka

It was clear that for some this was about politics and not fiscal accountability and good public policy. Those who stand to gain from preserving the status quo of financial mismanagement have spent nearly two years inciting fears about oppression, authoritarian control and an assortment of outcomes they claim the Fiscal Accountability Act intends to accomplish. While the sensationalism has succeeded in getting widespread attention, the arguments against the law were either factually inaccurate or untrue.

Almost all of the law's detractors like to gloss over the primary effect of the act: the vital addition of proactive, preventative steps designed to save municipalities and school districts from plummeting toward financial insolvency. Following a set of specifically defined triggers, the state now starts an early dialogue with local units that show signs of financial instability.

Prior to the passage of this initiative, an early state response was nonexistent and intervention came only when unsolved problems had escalated to a degree that demanded extreme solutions with very few good options. In many cases the financial records were a mess, years of overspending and financial irregularities had left communities and schools on the brink of bankruptcy and bailout. The appointment of an emergency manager is now the last resort, rather than the only option in trying to curb a financial collapse that would pass the burden on to all Michigan taxpayers and threaten the credit rating of the entire state. In short, this law protects taxpayers.

Let's look at the dire predictions made by detractors and the rants of cable television extremists. They claimed that dozens of communities would be taken over by corporate interests across Michigan. That has not happened. They claimed the governor had new and unchecked powers that would lead to appointed "dictators" across the state. That is a claim leveraged against the new law that was actually a symptom of the old PA 72 law. The governor's ability is now a matter of procedure, not personal preference.

And let's look at the results. Ecorse now has a budget surplus, Benton Harbor has seen new economic development projects and growth and is close to balancing its budget, and reforms in Flint, Pontiac and the Detroit Public Schools have saved taxpayers $100 million. The law has led local officials to start discussions on fixing debt and taking care of unfunded liabilities.

In the end, accountability, responsibility and results are the foundations of successful communities. Despite the forces that continually attempt to mislead the public in order to further their own agenda or protect the status quo, the record is bearing out the truth of the law's success. It's why Michigan voters and taxpayers need to vote yes to accountability Nov. 6.

State Rep. **Al Pscholka**, R-Stevensville, represents Michigan's 79th District in the House of Representatives. He sponsored the legislation that became Public Act 4. His district includes Benton Harbor, which has been in receivership since 2010. He can be reached by email at AlPscholka@house.mi.gov.

CON: Law creates a democracy emergency in Michigan

By John C. Philo
Guest Columnist

Public Act 4 of 2011 creates a gaping deficit in democracy between Michigan communities, while doing little to alleviate financial difficulties faced by cities. On Nov. 6, Michigan citizens will have the opportunity to eliminate the democracy deficit by voting no on Proposal One.

John C. Philo

Public Act 4 is founded upon an assumption that democracy is incompatible with financial stability. Under Public Act 4, an emergency manager becomes the government of the community. The power of all elected officials is concentrated in the emergency manager. They can pass local laws, cut departments, and sell city property from their desk — no public notice, no hearings, no vote. Under Public Act 4, Michigan is experimenting with a form of local government with no checks and balances and it is precisely the type of government that James Madison warned against writing: "The accumulation of all powers, legislative, executive ... in the same hands ... may justly be pronounced the very definition of tyranny."

The law resurrects old bigotries against the poor and against racial and ethnic minorities, who were forbidden from voting in many places during the early days of our nation. By barring Michigan citizens from their right to vote for local officials, Public Act 4 assumes that these officials caused the crisis and residents acquiesced. History has taught us that income rarely reflects one's wisdom in the voting booth and we have laws to remove corrupt officials. To the extent such laws are lacking, they should be strengthened and culpable officials held accountable. Public Act 4 forgoes this. Rather, it punishes local residents by silencing their voice in local government and on how a financial crisis will be resolved.

Public Act 4 finds economically poor communities solely to blame for their financial difficulties. There is no escaping that such communities are all-too-often composed of racial and ethnic minorities shut out from economic opportunities. They are communities where property and income tax revenue plummeted following the national recession and are ones with spiraling home foreclosure and unemployment rates. Their revenue declines have been compounded by years of cuts in state revenue sharing. In short, they are the victims of failed regulatory and economic policies felt by all in the Michigan, but they are the ones who have been hit the hardest. Yet, the law provides no stabilization revenue to local communities — not one penny. Rather, the law adds the costs of the state's emergency manager, their staff, and their consultants to the distressed community's budget.

At the time it was passed, Public Act 4 was publicly justified by a need to adopt an early warning or intervention system to alert state officials to impending financial stress within local communities. However, it is not an early warning system that has been employed most zealously. Instead, it is those provisions allowing emergency managers to cut and privatize services and to break union contracts. These actions have been taken despite the increased need for services and despite deep concessions from public unions. Yet, fiscal deficits remain and, in many communities with an emergency manager, have worsened. They will likely continue to do so until bondholders and private contractors are also brought to the table and asked to sacrifice along with local residents and public employees.

Michigan has faced difficult economic times in the past and likely will again in the future. However, in the past we were able to work our way through such events without sacrificing our principles. We should do so now and recognize that in these times, more democracy is needed, not less. Vote No on Proposal One.

John C. Philo is legal director of the Sugar Law Center for Economic & Social Justice, which filed suit on behalf of various council members in Benton Harbor, Flint and Pontiac believing they should have been allowed to resume their duties when PA 4 was suspended. He can be reached at jphilo@sugarlaw.org.

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Rocks claim conference crown

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

An early goal by Salem senior forward Chris Dierker held up for the final 72 minutes Monday night, largely because of stellar defense and the goalkeeping of junior Collin Hewett.

And that was all the Rocks required to edge campus rival Canton 1-0 in the championship game for the KLAA Kensington Conference.

State-ranked Salem (13-2-4) moved on to face Brighton (13-0-4) in Wednesday night's association title match at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity turf field. Results were not available as of press time.

"The early goal by Dierker was very important and we tried to weather the storm," Salem varsity boys soccer coach Ed McCarthy said. "We were fortunate to get out of here with the win.

"Canton was very dangerous on the counterattack all night and in the second half we were a little bit better defensively and that was very important."

McCarthy stressed the play of Hewett in holding the Chiefs at bay, particularly during a ramped-up final 15 minutes of play when KLAA South Division champion Canton (14-3-2) pushed the pace in hopes of scoring an equalizer.

"The goalkeeping tonight was excellent," he said. "A couple balls Canton really drilled at him on this very difficult surface he was very clean at picking that stuff up. So he was the player of the match today."

One of those stops was on a free kick by Can-

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Vying for a 50-50 ball Monday night are Salem's Grant McKinney (No. 19) and Canton's Dan Ovesea (No. 9).

Dillard an FBU All-Star

Canton senior offensive lineman Cameron Dillard, who is verbally committed to play college football at Florida, has been named to play in the inaugural 2013 Football University International All-Star Games set for Jan. 1-5 in San Antonio, Texas. The FBU games will feature more than 160 U-19 football athletes composing the rosters for five teams: Europe, Canada/Montreal, Canada/BC, Mexico and the U.S.

Chiefs head coach Tim Baechler lauded the selection. "It is a great honor for Cameron Dillard or for any player to be selected to play in an All-Star game. We are very proud of him."

MU volleyball falls to 21-5

Brianna Strete collected 18 kills and setter Lauren Crump added 61 assist-to-kills as No. 18-ranked Indiana University-East (25-2) defeated No. 17 Madonna University (21-5) in five sets, 22-25, 25-22, 22-25, 25-18, 15-12, at the Liz Lykowski Memorial women's volleyball tournament Saturday hosted by Indiana Tech.

The Crusaders had four players notch double figures in kills including Samantha Geile (19), all-tournament pick Nastija Baranovska (16), Lutheran High Westland's Emilie Freeman (14) and Taylor Dziewit (13).

Setter Evia Prieditis finished with 65 assists, while Breanna Geile paced the defense with 29 digs.

Samantha Geile and Prieditis added 14 and 12 digs, respectively.

Earlier in the day, Baranovska and Freeman had 12 and 11 kills, respectively, in a 25-19, 25-15, 25-16 victory over Ashford (Iowa).

Prieditis chipped in with 42 assists, while Breanna Geile and Ashley Hulbert added 17 and 12 digs, respectively.

Liz Gbur had 19 assists and Karrah Toby 14 digs for Ashford (14-12).

LISA BIZON-CARROLL

Sticking together during the county meet are Salem's Emily Bizon (No. 102) and Alejandra Beltran (No. 100).

Salem girls finish 3rd

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Mission accomplished as far as Salem varsity girls cross country coach Dave Gerlach is concerned.

The Rocks again showed their outstanding talent and team depth at Saturday's Wayne County Championship Meet at Willow Metropark in New Boston, finishing third out of 26 teams with 71 points. The only teams ahead of them were top-ranked Grosse Pointe South and Northville, with 39 and 66 points, respectively.

"Our goal coming in was to be top three in the county and we made that accomplishment," Gerlach said. "The two teams that were in front of us, Northville is ranked third in the state and Grosse Pointe South is ranked first.

"So we're real excited going into the postseason here. Today is a big step toward that."

Pacing the race-host Rocks, who came away with a team trophy for third place, was junior Kayla Kavulich. She was fourth overall (18:33.64), only surpassed by three Grosse Pointe South runners.

"Kayla ran real well," Gerlach said. "The problem with her is she was stuck in no man's land as we call it. She had no one to really compete

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'Cats , Rocks in Top 5

WAYNE COUNTY MEET

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

If there is a better proving ground for cross country than the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, give Salem varsity boys cross country coach Steve Aspinall a call.

On a cool, crisp morning at Willow Metropark in New Boston, Aspinall's team finished fourth out of 28 teams at Saturday's Wayne County Championship Meet with 138 points.

And Salem had plenty of company from the KLAA in the top five. Northville won the meet with 109 points, followed by Plymouth (134) and Livonia Stevenson (137). In fifth place, with 146 points was Livonia Churchill.

"It's really a testament to how good the area is," Aspinall said. "I think the top five schools are in our conference, Northville, Plymouth, Stevenson, us and Churchill.

Plymouth senior Brandon Dalton finishes strong to place eighth at Saturday's Wayne County meet.

"For the top five schools in Wayne County to be from our region is a pretty cool thing. The Observerland area is strong, that's good."

Northville junior Dan Sims was the overall medalist, with a time of 15:48.11. Garden City's Jhaira Johnson isn't in the KLAA, but he finished third (16:08.48)

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Big night for Plymouth senior spikers

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Who knows whether Plymouth's varsity girls volleyball team will win a title this season.

But the Wildcats enjoyed a banner night Tuesday, on Senior Recognition Night prior to their 26-24, 25-12, 25-19 victory over visiting Wayne Memorial.

Plymouth head coach Sarah Marody toasted the seven seniors, led by co-captains Zoe Irvin, Emilee Beyer, Taylor Rieckhoff and unofficial leader Madelyn Betts.

Also honored were Caterina Soli (a foreign exchange student from Italy), Jessica Bihn and Kyra Neumann.

"They're an incredible group of young women on the court, off the court," Marody said. "They're involved in their communities, their churches, their schools.

"I couldn't ask for a nicer group of girls and a better representation of what we strive for here at Plymouth."

According to Betts, a middle hitter who recently signed her national letter of intent to play Division 1 volleyball at Robert Morris University, having the senior night "means a lot to this group because this group is so close, we're all family on and off the court."

"We're always together," Betts said. "So everyone going off is really sad. But we're really happy to have such a good group of friends, we're so blessed to be with each other."

The Wildcats, now 19-5-2 overall and 7-3 in the KLAA South Division (third place) have had a bit of a seesaw season.

Tourney streak

But some of the high points have include their first-ever conference win over Canton and first-place finishes at three consecutive tournaments (Carleton-Airport, Trenton, University of Michigan-Dearborn).

"It's been a very emotional experience, a lot of ups, a lot of downs," Beyer noted. "Overall successful. we've won the most tournaments in a row, three so far, so we're hoping to continue our winning streak this weekend."

On Saturday, Plymouth will try to make it four tourney wins in a row, taking part in the "Beast of the East" tournament hosted by Warren-based club team Michigan Elite.

As for Tuesday against the Zebras, the Wildcats managed to win a hard-fought opening game before taking control.

"The second game we came out fired up," Mar-

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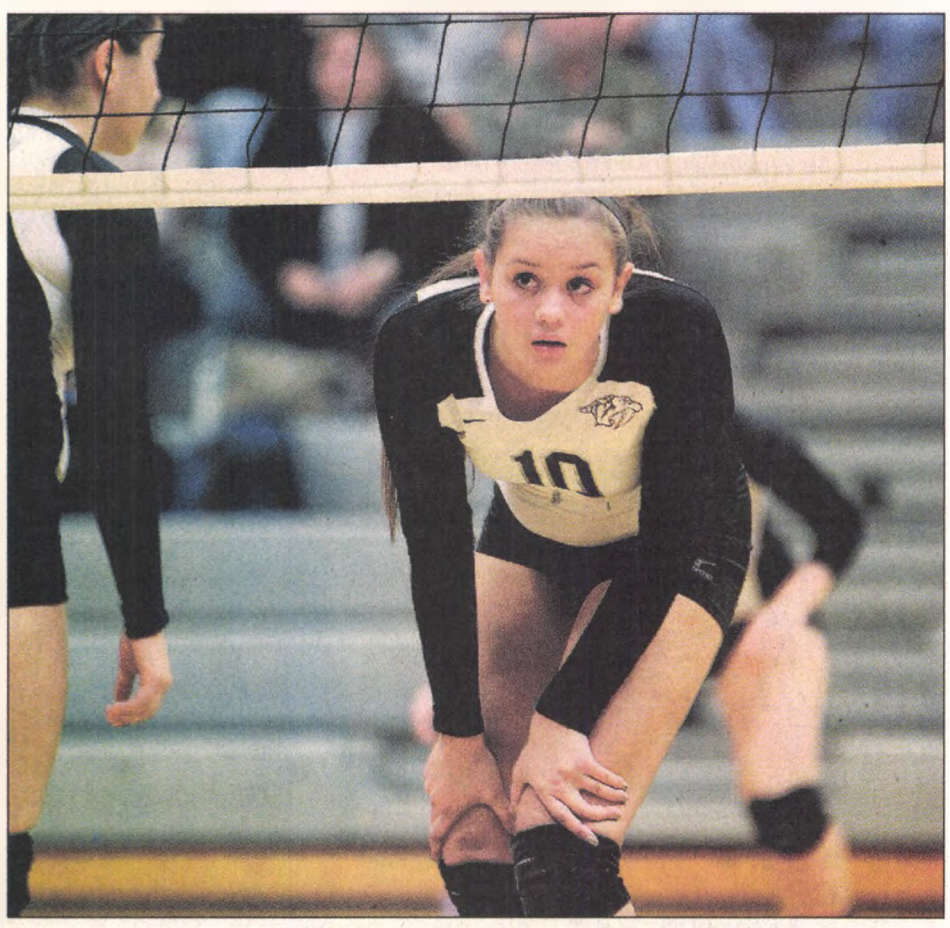

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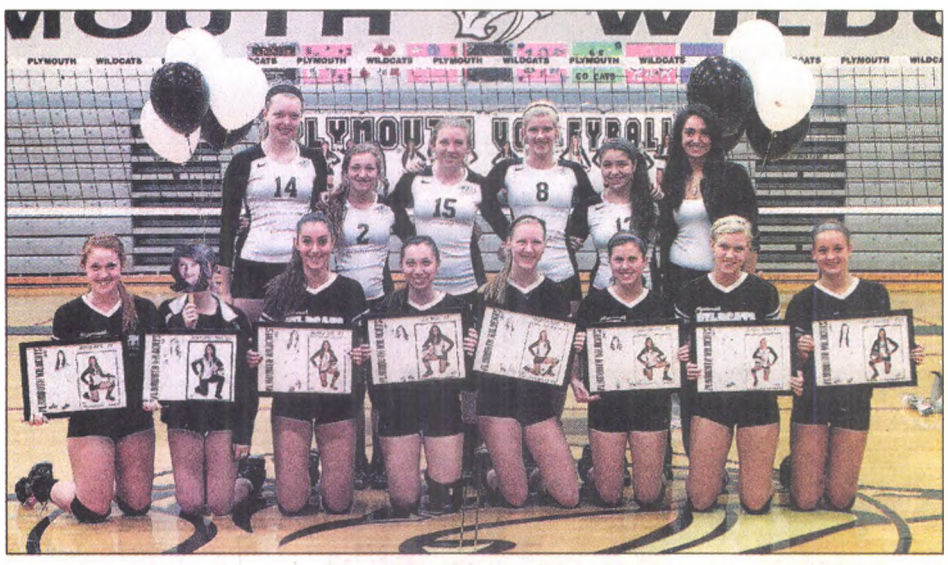
Sheer concentration is etched on the face of Plymouth senior Taylor Rieckhoff (No. 10) during Tuesday night's match against Wayne Memorial.



Plymouth's volleyball seniors (front row) were honored before Tuesday's KLAA South Division match against Wayne Memorial.

SPIKERS

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ody said. "I think our seniors might have been a little emotional that first game.

"Then they finally kicked it into gear in the second game. our offense started flowing, we started running a faster pace, we seemed a little bit more relaxed and ready to play."

Betts led Plymouth with 19 kills and 19 digs, while Soli tallied 20 assists.

Chipping in with five kills and four blocks was sophomore Olivia Beyer. Emilee Beyer tallied four kills, 14 digs and three aces while Rieckhoff (three kills) and Irvin (nine digs) also made contributions.

Freshman Daniella Barile also played well, registering nine assists.

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The Salem varsity girls volleyball team recently enjoyed Senior Night. Honored players included (from left) Bree Beaver, Lexi Epley, Abigail Dworzanin, Emily Lipa, Nancy Krutty, Erika Hatcher and Juliana DiMichele.

Rocks solid at tourney

Salem lost to 14-25, 18-25 to Fenton in the quarterfinals of Saturday's Northville Invitational, but Rocks head coach Amanda Nies described it as "a good day" for her squad.

"We are still working as a team to really work on our enthusiasm and making big plays at big momentum turns in the game," Nies said. "We really are working on eliminating unforced errors."

Salem did go 6-2 in pool play, finishing first and reaching the gold playoff bracket.

"We have not made the gold bracket yet in a big tournament and that was a good step for us," Nies said.

Solid showings were turned in by Bree Beaver (21 kills, five blocks), Abigail Dworzanin (27 kills, 45 digs, 10 aces), Erika Hatcher (17 kills, three aces), Emily Lipa (30 digs), Nicole Jablonski (31 digs, three aces), Nancy Krutty (79 assists, 12 digs), Tess Ganich (13 kills, six aces) and Kelly Whalen (14 kills, 10 blocks).

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Sign up for Saints

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

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

CYO volleyball

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

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

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

Reds need players

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

Homecoming sweep for PC Steelers

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers junior football league teams sent their homecoming fans home happy Saturday by sweeping the visiting Redford Rangers at Plymouth's Central Middle School.

The varsity Steelers improved to 5-0 after blanking the Rangers, 21-0. Dylan Stackhouse opened the scoring with a 76-yard touchdown run. Isaac Emminger made it 14-0 with a dazzling 57-yard TD scamper.

The winners' final TD came on a 48-yard Emminger-to-Matt Poet connection. Offensive linemen Ben Kandah, Blake Prieskorn, Spencer Zwarka, David Dart and Scott Gregor all blocked well. Defensively, Nick Saker, Jared Golles, Jacob Miller and Luke Davis excelled. Victor Reese and Luke Walkley picked off passes for the Steelers.

The junior-varsity Steelers upped their record to 5-0 with a 37-6 triumph over Redford. Mason Phillips ignited the rout with a game-opening 91-yard touchdown sprint, following the blocks of AJ Neal, Billy Flohr and Danny Lanava. Lou Baechler bulled in from five yards out on the Steelers' next possession behind blocks from Seth Trozak and Chase Willis.

Ryan Young (15-yard run), Ben Wright (25-yard run) and Connor Engel (35-yard QB keeper) tacked on TDs for the Steelers, who received stellar blocking from Bryce Lynn, Thomas Noble, Aaron Garbarino, Charlie Shreve, Nick Downs and Chris Savage.

JON VESPAZIANI

Plymouth-Canton Steelers freshmen football player Zach Kubacki chases down a Redford ball carrier during Saturday's 20-0 Steelers victory.

Defensively, Calvin Vos, Chase Cunningham, Liam Radomski and Ben Bennett shone for P-C. Joseph Vespaziani and Jake Cain picked off passes for the Steelers.

The freshmen Steelers conquered the Rangers, 20-0, in a battle of 3-1 teams. Standouts for the winners were Ethan Rottell (3-for-3 passing, 59 yards), Zach Kubacki (10 carries for 75 yards and a TD), Nate Cain (two TDs) and Logan Walkley, who added two rushing extra points. The blocking of Mason Hackney, Zach Sweet, Andrew Uhlian, Ben Zwarka, Cenzi DeFelice, Brenden Jankowski, Keagan Witczak, Justin Tafelski and Tanner Wyatt opened up ample running lanes for the backs.

Defensively, Tyler Overaitis, Kubacki, Cooper Donlin, Jason Perko, Adam Janack, Cain and Garrett Geyer turned in tenacious efforts for the Steelers, while Jonathan Simpson, Nicholas Savage and Cole Moyer excelled on special teams.

The junior-freshmen Steelers dominated their Redford counterparts, picking up 18 first downs to the Rangers' three, thanks in large part to the in-the-trenches efforts of Lucas Tafalski, Ryan Fisher, Adam Nicholas, Charlie Tamms and Garard Noel. The steel-curtain defense of Brayden Willis, Brendan Church, Spencer Vos, Barret Barker and Baechler Houser was relentless.

Luke Janik, Brady Blakita, Nicholas, Houser and Andrew Iaquaniello found paydirt for the Steelers.

The Steelers' freshmen, JV and varsity squads will travel to Dearborn Heights on Saturday for pivotal match-ups against the host Redskins.

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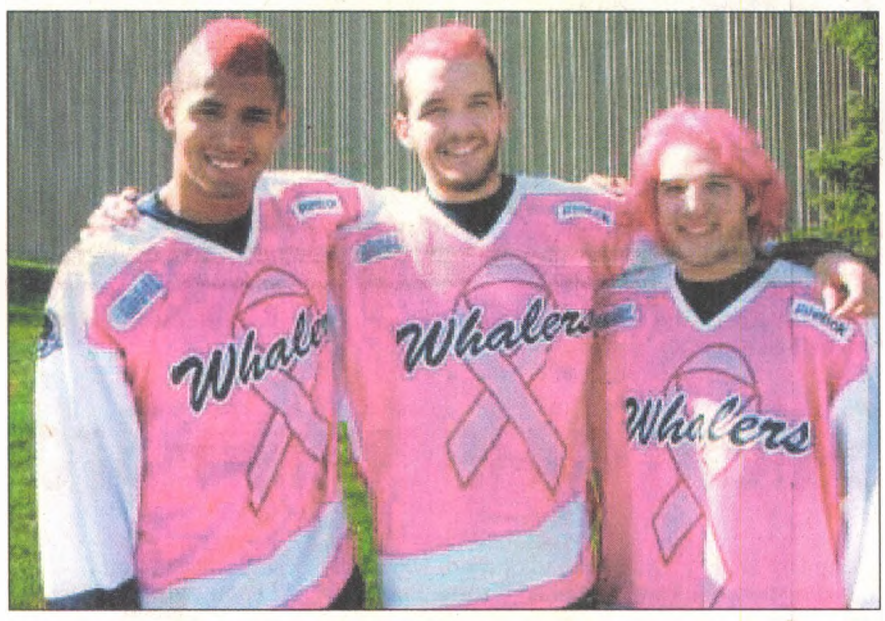

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Pink Out!

Plymouth Whalers (from left) Austin Levi, Colin MacDonald and Alex Aleardi sport pink hair and pink jerseys in preparation for last year's annual Pink Out! For Breast Cancer Awareness contest. MacDonald and Aleardi (Farmington Hills) have the chance to do it all over again. This year's event is slated for 7 p.m. Saturday at Compuware Arena, when the Whalers host Sault Ste. Marie. when the Whalers host the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds at 7:05 p.m. at Compuware Arena. Meanwhile, from 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday at CJ's Brewing Company (the restaurant inside Compuware), Whalers players will work as waiters with all tips going to the Karmanos Cancer Institute. For more information, go to www.plymouthwhalers.com.

Whalers' Vellucci wins 400th game

The Plymouth Whalers broke a 1-1 tie with four goals in the second period and the Whalers went on to defeat the Niagara Ice Dogs, 6-3, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night at Compuware Arena.

Plymouth improves to 2-1-1-1 on the season; Niagara is 5-2-0-0.

The win was the 400th in the career of Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci. He is the winningest coach in Whalers franchise history and ranks third among active OHL coaches behind Belleville's George Burnett (519) and Brampton's Stan Butler (506).

Vellucci

Plymouth rookie goaltender Riley Corbin made his OHL debut a success as the game's third star. Corbin stopped 27-of-30 shots for his first OHL victory.

While Stefan Noesen scored twice (4-5 on the season), the game's first star was Plymouth's Cody Payne, who scored his fourth goal of the year and assisted on linemate Matt Mistele's second of the year — both in the second period — to give the Whalers a 3-1 lead.

Also scoring for the Whalers were Farmington Hills native Alex Aleardi and Garrett Meurs.

PREP GRID PICKS

Week 8	Wright	Smith	O'Meara	Emons
Friday, Oct. 12				
Canton (4-3, 3-2) at Salem (5-2, 3-2), 7 p.m.	Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton
Garden City (4-3, 3-2) at Belleville (3-4, 2-3), 7 p.m.	Garden City	Garden City	Belleville	Belleville
Redford Union (2-5, 1-4) at Romulus (1-6, 0-5), 7 p.m.	Union	Union	Union	Union
Thurston (5-2, 4-1) at Dearborn (4-3, 4-1), 7 p.m.	Thurston	Thurston	Dearborn	Dearborn
Plymouth (6-1, 4-1) at Stevenson (6-1, 4-1), 7 p.m.	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
Franklin (2-5, 2-3) at South Lyon East (3-4, 2-3), 7 p.m.	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin
John Glenn (1-6, 1-4) at Novi (1-6, 1-4), 7 p.m.	John Glenn	Novi	Novi	Novi
Wayne (0-7, 0-5) at South Lyon (3-4, 1-4), 7 p.m.	South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon
Notre Dame Prep (7-0) at Clarenceville (5-2), 7 p.m.	Prep	Prep	Prep	Prep
S.H. Parkway (3-4, 1-3) at Luth. Westland (4-3, 2-2), 7 p.m.	Parkway	Westland	Westland	Westland
Churchill (7-0, 5-0) at Northville (5-2, 4-1), 7 p.m.	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill
Harrison (4-3, 3-3) at Farmington (6-1, 5-1), 7 p.m.	Harrison	Farmington	Farmington	Harrison
North Farmington (2-5, 1-5) at Roch. Adams (2-5, 2-4), 7 p.m.	Adams	Adams	Adams	Adams
Last week	**6-4**	**10-0**	**8-2**	**10-0**
Overall	**54-31**	**63-22**	**63-22**	**66-19**

Eagles soar

Plymouth Christian enjoyed success at the Sept. 29 Taylor Quad meet, with four medal winners. Those included (from left) freshman Andrew Kwang (first, No. 3 singles), senior Alex Huber (first, No. 2 singles), senior Matt Sumner (first, No. 1 singles) and junior Josh Fitzpatrick (second, No. 4 singles). The Eagles finished in third, just two points shy of first-place Taylor Kennedy.

Double duty for Canton-Salem rivalry

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

The schedule makers are throwing a monkey wrench into hopes of all three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park football teams qualifying for the 2012 playoffs for the first time.

That's because Canton and Salem face each other the next two weeks beginning 7 p.m. Friday in a KLAA Kensington Conference crossover.

The Chiefs are 4-3 while Salem is 5-2 entering Week 8. Both teams meet again in Week 9 in the regular season finale (Oct. 19).

Canton must win both games to reach the magic win total (six) needed to snag a postseason berth. If that happens, the Rocks will miss the cut.

Likewise, a Salem win might put the Rocks in the playoffs but Canton would be knocked out.

"It is what it is," Salem head coach Kurt Britnell said. "I don't think you ever want to play teams back-to-back but that's where we are."

Britnell added that "it's been a long time since Salem and Canton have played in a meaningful game. And these next two obviously have significant importance."

Canton head coach Tim Baechler said it will be unusual to have the back-to-back meetings with Salem. Ultimately, however, it will be up to the team to perform.

"It will be a unique situation and one that I have not been through before," Baechler said. "We are looking forward to the challenge. But as always, it's about us executing consistently. So we will ultimately decide our own fate."

The third PCEP team, Plymouth, already is in the playoffs with a 6-1 record entering Friday's contest at Livonia Stevenson.

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The Salem varsity boys soccer team celebrates after winning the KLAA Kensington Conference title on Monday night.

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ton senior forward Dan Ovesea, a laser right at Hewett.

Also playing strong in goal was Canton senior Ian Wingate, who was only beaten by the Dierker drive from just inside the top of the 18-yard box (on an assist from junior midfielder Connor Cole).

Good feeling

"I just got the ball and turned to shoot it to the other side," Dierker said. "... It felt good to get the first goal."

Dierker then smiled and said it also felt good for the Rocks to defeat Canton for the third time this season — including the match played at the Gary Balconi Invitational in August.

"Apparently, Salem has our number," Canton head coach George Tomasso said. "Hopefully, we can do something to change it."

Salem's Connor Cole (No. 9) tries to maneuver around Canton's Brian Galm (No. 23) during Monday's conference title match.

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Tomasso said the rivals could meet again next week in the districts, to be held at PCEP.

About Dierker's goal, Tomasso said it was the result of a turnover and letting the Salem player get too much space to make his kick.

"I think it was our failure to maintain possession in the middle third of the field." Tomasso said. "We got caught up dribbling too much and that forced a turnover.

"And then they had a quick two-pass counter into their target player in the box and we were a little loose in defending him."

The Chiefs nearly evened things up with about 13 minutes left in the first half, but officials ruled that Ovesea was offsides and waved off the goal.

Down the stretch, Canton put more pressure on the Salem defense.

Hewett was ready for whatever came his way, and teammates such as junior midfielder Andriy Pelekh and senior midfielder Tyler Bashaw expertly shadowed Canton players to keep them from breaking loose.

"I thought they (Rocks) defended well as a team," Tomasso said. "I thought we had quite good opportunities that could have been goals.

"The good news is we're creating opportunities and the boys fought hard, they didn't quit. It's just unfortunate we couldn't put one in."

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Senior netters strong for Chiefs

The Canton varsity boys tennis team finished the regular season with an 8-3 record, tying for fifth out of 24 schools at last weekend's conference tournament.

Next for the Chiefs is Friday's regional tournament in Ann Arbor, where players will be hoping to qualify for state finals in Midland.

Six seniors have been instrumental to Canton's success, coach Barb Lehmann said. She listed captains James Dodge and Mitchell Trost along with Paul Lou, Craig Lou, Michael Kelley and Nathan Benjamin.

"They have (had) a very strong and positive impact on our team over the past three, four years," Lehmann said.

• Salem senior Jacob Scott (20-6 at No. 1 singles, first-team All-KLAA) also will be looking to advance at regionals.

PCA progress

The young Plymouth Christian varsity tennis program "continues to grow and our team is getting stronger every year," head coach Michael Kwang said. "Our team is having a great season this year with a 6-0-1 regular season match record."

The Eagles compete at Ann Arbor Greenhills Thursday at the Division 4 regionals.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Lacrosse club tryouts

The Westside Women's Lacrosse Club, a premier girl's lax club, is holding tryouts the month of October for all girls U14–U17 who have lacrosse experience and are interested on playing on the 2013 club team.

Tryouts will be 2-4 p.m. Oct. 14, 21 and 28 at ITC Community Sports Park in Novi (Eight Mile and Napier roads).

Only one date is needed for the tryout and recruiting will continue throughout the year. To register, visit www.MIWWLC.com and complete the RSVP form. Also, interested players must print and complete the 2013 Tryout Registration form found on the website and bring that with the tryout fee of $25 with them on the day of their selection.

YMCA looking for staff

The Plymouth Family YMCA is hiring sports staff for the fall and winter sessions of youth sports.

Applicants should be at least 16 years old and be available to work evenings in addition to possessing a strong desire to work with youth, knowledge of various sports and the ability to interact well with members of all ages.

To apply, download an application and return it to Josh Borg at Jborg@ymcametrodetroit.org or 248 S Union, Plymouth, MI, 48170.

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The Salem varsity girls cross country team earned a team trophy for finishing third at Saturday's Wayne County meet.

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against.

"The top three from Grosse Pointe South really took the pace out hard and then there was a group behind her. So she was stuck in a spot where she couldn't latch on to someone."

Kavulich said it was great that the Rocks were right on the heels of Northville — a team in their sights for the Oct. 18 KLAA Kensington Conference meet. But she added her own performance was disappointing "because I wish I would have been closer" to the Grosse Pointe South runners in places 1-3.

The medalist was Hannah Meier, with a time of 17:45.24.

"I wasn't totally gassed, I had more in me," said Kavulich, one of seven Salem medalists. "But I just couldn't turn over and start kicking.

"My legs wouldn't turn over, I kept trying to go faster and faster, but I couldn't get them up to full speed."

Coming on strong

Other Salem medalists were second-teamer Lauren Arquette (ninth, 19:04.04), third-teamers Anya Cho (15th, 19:22.59) and Alejandra Beltran (21st, 19:40.39) and honorable mention winners Emily Bizon (22nd, 19:40.90), Natasha Stevenson (26th, 19:52.70) and Shannon Flynn (31st, 20:11.02).

"Lauren Arquette and Anya Cho, my second and third runners, are just running tremendous at this time," Gerlach said. "Our top seven are really coming on right now."

The other Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams finished in the top 10 and featured several excellent performances.

Plymouth placed seventh with 218 points, while Canton took ninth with 242 points.

Each team boasted a runner who made second team all-county (places 8-14). For the Wildcats, junior Marina DeBiasi came in 13th (19:13.29), followed by Canton freshman Mary Galm, 14th with a time of 19:19.08.

Among honorable mention medal winners (places 22-35) were Plymouth junior Brianna Lax (32nd, 20:13.25) and Canton junior Jessica Siegler (20:13.88).

Livonians sparkle

Three Livonia squads cracked the top 10. In fourth with 120 points was Livonia Churchill, taking sixth was Livonia Stevenson (204), while Livonia Franklin came in eighth with 233 points.

The Chargers had three medal winners. Earning spots on the second team were seniors Sydney Anderson (eighth, 19:03.61) and Kerigan Riley (10th, 19:04.59). Senior Michelle Azar was an honorable mention recipient, finishing 23rd (19:42.36).

Stevenson sophomore Lindsay Gallagher made the second team, finishing 20th with a time of 19:36.26. Senior teammate Karlie Gallagher was 28th (19:56.52).

Franklin freshman Natalie Douglas was the lone Patriot to win a medal. She placed 25th with a time of 19:51.50, good for honorable mention.

Other Observerland teams did not fare as well. Westland John Glenn placed 14th with 459 points. Also in the top 20 were Livonia Ladywood (18th, 521) and Lutheran Westland (20th, 577).

In 22nd place was Garden City (584), followed by Redford Union (23rd, 657) and Wayne Memorial (26th, 745).

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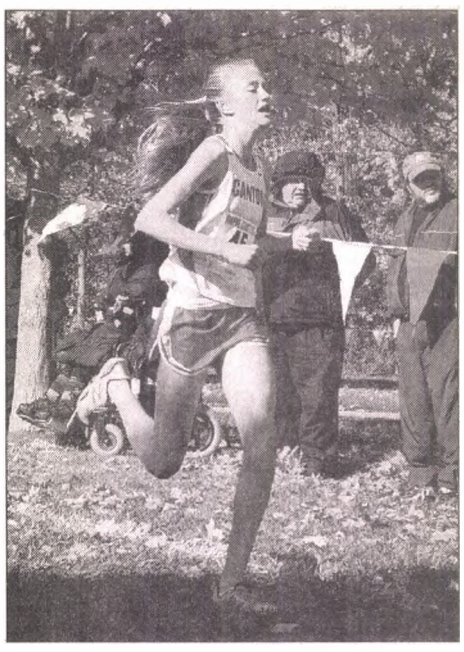
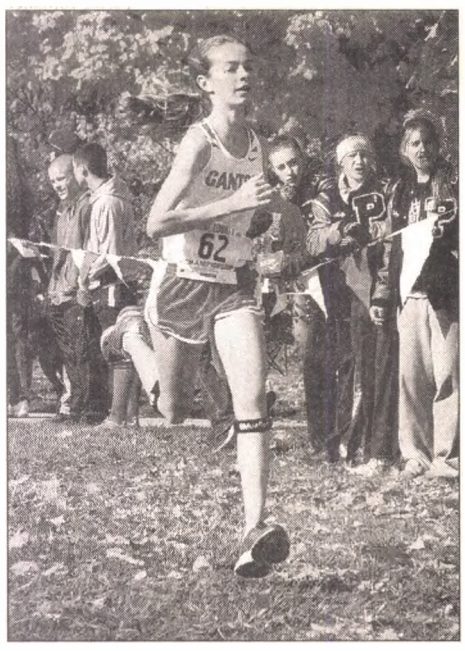


Canton freshman Mary Galm, shown competing at the county meet, finished 14th to win a second-team all-county medal.



Canton junior Jessica Siegler keeps working toward an honorable mention finish (33rd) at Saturday's county meet.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

WAYNE COUNTY
CROSS COUNTRY MEET
Oct. 6 at Willow Metropark

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Grosse Pointe South, 39 points; 2. Northville, 66; 3. Salem, 71; 4. Livonia Churchill, 120; 5. Dearborn Divine Child, 187; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 204; 7. Plymouth, 218; 8. Livonia Franklin, 233; 9. Canton, 242; 10. Allen Park Cabrini, 335; 14. Westland John Glenn, 459; 18. Livonia Ladywood, 521; 20. Lutheran Hight Westland, 577; 26. Wayne Memorial, 745.

Individual winner: Hannah Meier (G.P. South), 17 minutes, 45.24 seconds (5,000 meters.

All-County (1st team): 1. Meier (G.P. South), 17:45.24; 2. Kelsie Schwartz (G.P. South), 17:53.78; 3. Ersula Farrow (G.P. South), 18:27.21; 4. Kayla Kavulich (Salem), 18:33.64; 5. Taleen Shahrigian (N'ville), 18:43.66; 6. Rachel Coleman (N'ville), 18:54.03; 7. Lindsey Brewis (Divine Child), 18:57.41.

All-County (2nd team): 8. Sydney Anderson (Churchill), 19:03.61; 9. Lauren Arquette (Salem), 19:04.04; 10. Kerigan Riley (Churchill), 19:04.59; 11. Sabrina Williams (Allen Park), 19:05.03; 12. Alison Robinson (N'ville), 19:07.54; 13. Marina DeBiasi (Ply.), 19:13.29; 14. Mary Galm (Canton), 19:19.08.

All-County (3rd team): 15. Anya Cho (Salem), 19:22.59; 16. Christina Firl (G.P. South), 19:24.92; 17. Megan Sklarski (G.P. South), 19:27.87; 18. Mary Spencer (G.P. South), 19:28.75; 19. Erin Zimmer (N'ville), 19:31.41; 20. Lindsey Gallagher (Stevenson), 19:36.26; 21. Alejandra Beltran (Salem), 19:40.39.

All-County (honorable mention): 22. Emily Bizon (Salem), 19:40.90; 23. Michelle Azar (Churchill), 19:42.36; 24. Hailey Harris (N'ville), 19:50.45; 25. Natalie Douglas (Franklin), 19:51.50; 26. Natasha Stevenson (Salem), 19:52.70; 27. Emma Herrmann (N'ville), 19:55.99; 28. Karlie Gallagher (Stevenson), 19:56.52; 29. Nicole Mosteller (N'ville), 19:57.33; 30. Haley Divis (Divine Child), 19:57.94; 31. Shannon Flynn (Salem), 20:11.02; 32. Brianna Lax (Ply.), 20:13.25; 33. Jessica Siegler (Canton), 20:13.88; 34. Zoe VanAuken (Trenton), 20:14.86; 35. Lillian Hill (Riv.), 20:18.30.

Other area finishers: 39. Megan McFarlane (Churchill), 20:24.03; 40. Vivien Okechukwu (Churchill), 20:25.17; 44. Natalie Martinez (Franklin), 20:47.67; 45. Barbara Scupholm (Stevenson), 20:49.34; 49. Annaliese Snider (Franklin), 20:53.29; 51. Emily Kwasnik (Stevenson), 20:55.36; 52. Shekinah Johnson (Glenn), 20:56.30; 53. Katelyn Kovach (Franklin), 20:56.77; 55. Alexis Lombardo (Churchill), 20:57.93; 60. Natalie Moore (Stevenson), 21:03.21; 62. CC Shoemaker (Franklin), 21:06.65; 64. Jenna Hickson (Churchill), 21:12.68; 69. Colleen Fitzgerald (Stevenson), 21:31.22; 75. Emily Chapski (Stevenson), 21:46.26; 76. Michelle Greening (Luth. Westland), 21:49.63; 78. Barb Messics (Glenn), 21:52.43; 81. Sarah Wilson (Ladywood), 21:55.33; 90. Jennifer Jaynes (Franklin), 22:12.75; 93. Hannah Mitchell (Glenn), 22:25.70; 96. Tina Olter (Franklin), 22:27.78; 99. Alana Hill (Luth. Westland), 22:30.30; 104. Courtnie MacQuarrie (Glenn), 22:37.26; 105. Hannah Pereira (Ladywood), 22:40.68; 109. Sinead Cox (Ladywood), 22:46.39; 121. Carlee Faber (Ladywood), 23:04.82; 122. Katarina Gaffka (Ladywood), 23:06.45; 125. Erica Mucci (Ladywood), 23:19.71; 128. Kendelle Hood (Wayne), 23:24.14; 131. Katherine Taylor (Ladywood), 23:30.93; 134. Rachel Wiggins (Luth. Westland), 23:40.85; 141. Megan Macek (Wayne), 24:10.72; 143. Megan Heil (Luth. Westland), 24:28.31; 144. Casey Butler (Glenn), 24:30.95; 147. Allison Johnson (Luth. Westland), 24:37.32; 169. Kayla Hood (Wayne), 26:22.09; 172. Kaiserin Macairan (Wayne), 27:33.83; 173. Bailey Paddock (Glenn), 27:41.45; 178. Victoria Boyd (Wayne), 28:06.51; 186. Arzooyan Alexandra (Wayne), 30:53.38; 188. Madisyn Gehr (Glenn), 33:07.26.

DUAL MEET RESULTS

SALEM 21, NOVI 40

Oct. 9 at Willow Metropark

Overall medalist: Kayla Kavulich (S), 19:20.

Other Salem finishers: 3. Alexis Foley, 20:18; 4. Shannon Flynn, 20:36; 6. Kati Binsfeld, 20:59; 7. Rebecca Lopez, 21:02; 8. Anya Cho, 21:05; 9. Natasha Stevenson, 21:05; 10. Lauren Arquette, 21:05; 11. Kayla Hughes, 21:42; 12. Emily Marcero, 21:56; 13. Elizabeth Tripp, 22:29; 14. Madison Goodpasture, 22:35.

Dual meet records: Salem, 4-1.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

WAYNE COUNTY
CROSS COUNTRY MEET
Oct. 6 at Willow Metropark

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 109 points; 2. Plymouth, 134; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 137; 4. Salem, 138; 5. Livonia Churchill, 146; 6. Riverview, 187; 7. University of Detroit-Jesuit, 203; 8. Dearborn Divine Child, 238; 9. Grosse Pointe South, 255; 10. Trenton, 282; 17. Livonia Franklin, 428; 19. Lutheran High Westland, 570; 26. Westland John Glenn, 730 (28 schools).

Individual winner: Dan Sims (Northville), 15 minutes, 48.11 seconds (5,000 meters).

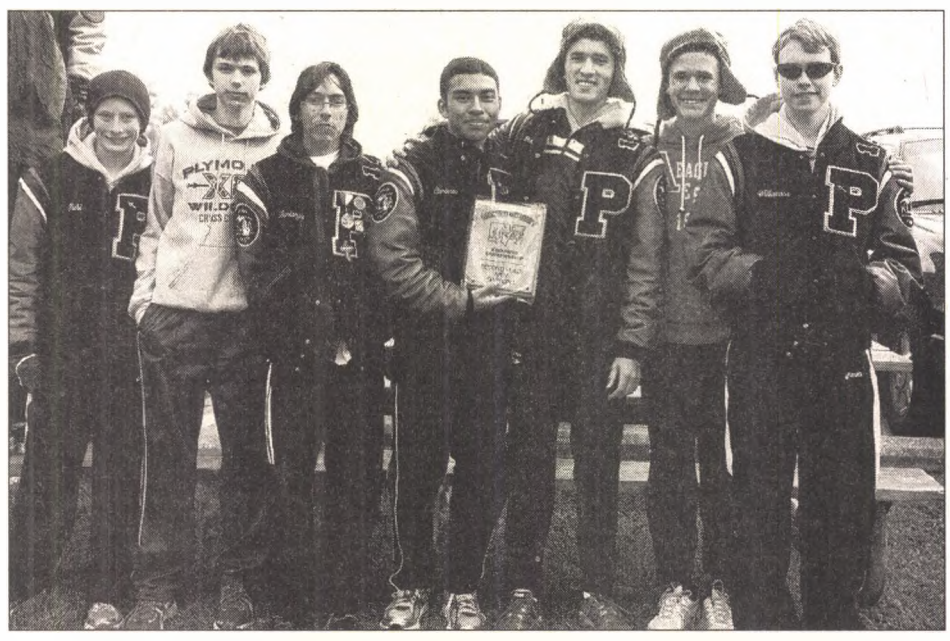
All-County (1st team): 1. Sims (N'ville), 15:48.11; 2. Griffin Miller (Divine Child), 16:04.36; 3. Jhaira Johnson (Garden City), 16:08.48; 4. Steve McEvilly (Salem), 16:18.68; 5. Daniel Garza (Dearborn Edsel Ford), 16:22.86; 6. Stephen Fenech (Stevenson), 16:25.39; 7. Zine Nassr (Edsel Ford), 16:29.32.

All-County (2nd team): 8. Brandon Dalton (Ply.), 16:31.46; 9. Ben Yates (Churchill), 16:34.03; 10. Zane Berlanga (Ply.), 16:34.42; 11. Drew Kanya (N'ville), 16:37.04; 12. Jeremy Rafter (Allen Park), 16:37.59; 13. Keenan Jones (Franklin), 16:38.98; 14. Daniel Malcolm (Wayne), 16:39.48.

All-County (3rd team): 15. Liam Cardenas (Ply.), 16:40.24; 16. Jack Dolan (U-D Jesuit), 16:40.82; 17. Jonathon Houdek (Riv.), 16:41.36; 18. Nick Salomon (U-D), 16:43.20; 19. Chaz Jeffress (Salem), 16:43.71; 20. George Bowles (Churchill), 16:45 44; 21. Ryan Pickell (Riv.), 16:48.60.

All-County (honorable Mention): 22. Jason Ferrante (N'ville), 16:49.69; 23. Daniel Ciaravino (G.P. South), 16:50.25; 24. Erik Davis (Riv.), 16:51.73; 25. Jacob Colley (Stevenson), 16:52.24; 26. Sean Nowak (Trenton), 16:52.78; 27. Michael Karizat (Salem), 16:53.15; 28. Riley Doxtader (Salem), 16:53.57; 29. Billy Toth (Canton), 16:53.94; 30. Jon. Alessandrini (Churchill), 16:56.06; 31. Michael Sopko (Stevenson), 16:56.63; 32. Bradley Sanford (G.P. South), 16:57.54; 33. Jimmy Castellano (N'vile), 16:58.63; 34. Jonny Dalton (Ply.), 16:58.96; 35. Thomas Jozwiak (Southgate).

Other area finishers: 36. Andrew Stratton (Stevenson), 17:00.25; 39. Peter Walkuski (Stevenson), 17:05.17; 40. Luke Green (Stevenson), 17:06.02; 41. Matt Cohan (Churchill), 17:06.44; 46. Andrew Malik (Churchill), 17:11.56; 48. Devin Gibson (Wayne), 17:13.25; 53. Sean McKeon (Churchill), 17:17.87; 56. Jonathan Hovermale (Chuchill), 17:23.17; 58. Zack Williams (Wayne), 17:24.16; 68. Tyler Reamer (Stevenson), 17:34.18; 97. Eric Smith (Luth. Westland), 18:01.80; 100. Calvin Hilt (Franklin), 18:07.09; 101. Jacob Forgacs (Franklin), 18:08.03; 103. Hunter Roedel (Luth. Westland), 18:10.49; 105. Alex Perelli (Frankliln), 18:14.01; 108. Tim Flores (Wayne), 18:20.06; 109. Chris Codd (Glenn), 18:21.67; 113. Nick Robertson (Franklin), 18:24.78; 115. Eduardo Maya (Glenn), 18:25.82; 117. Michael Gibson (Wayne), 18:26.85; 119. Daniel Bunge (Luth. Westland), 18:30.54; 127. Tony Floyd (Franklin), 18:55.73; 128. Ian O'Banion (Luth. Westland), 19:02.04; 132. Pete Sillanpaa (Luth. Westland), 19:14.16; 133. Uriel Figueroa (Wayne), 19:18.66; 139. Michael Elrod (Franklin), 19:31.75; 169. Austin Hickerson (Glenn), 20:52.29; 173. Darian Reilly (Glenn), 21:06.50; 174. Weslee Warren (Luth. Westland), 21:06.99; 178. Kyle Saavedra (Wayne), 21:23.00; 186. Jason Morhan (Glenn), 21:57.81; 193. Matthew Parent (Luth. Westland), 22:12.70; 207. James Demsky (Glenn), 24:56.33.



Proudly posing with their trophy for finishing second at the Wayne County meet is Plymouth's varsity boys cross country team.

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and Salem senior Steve McEvilly took fourth (16:18.68).

McEvilly, one of four Salem medalists, beamed about the rise of Salem's program just in his four years with the team.

"It's tripled in numbers, the talent is through the roof this year," McEvilly said. "We have more guys under 17 (minutes) since I've been here, it's great."

Finishing under the 17-minute mark for the Rocks were freshman Chaz Jeffress (19th, 16:43.71), senior Michael Karizat (27th, 16:53.15) and senior Riley Doxtader (28th, 16:53.57).

Top notch

Other coaches concur with Aspinall about the KLAA stamp of dominance at the county meet.

"Salem's really good this year, Stevenson's really good this year," said Plymouth head coach Jon Mikosz, whose team collected a runner-up trophy. "To beat both of those teams knowing those are teams we have to beat at the region without one of our varsity runners is good for the guys to know.

"We're in the right direction coming into these next couple weeks."

The top three teams at regionals qualify for the state meet.

Mikosz was referring to not having Max Rogowski, who competed Saturday in the junior varsity race. In addition, other members of his team are getting over illnesses.

One of those is junior Zane Berlanga, the 10th-place finisher Saturday with a time of 16:34.42.

"Zane's just coming back from being really sick," Mikosz said. "He didn't even run against Franklin (in a dual meet last week). For him to come back, I was real impressed with how he ran."

The team's top finisher was senior Brandon Dalton, eighth with a time of 16:31.46. In 15th was junior Liam Cardenas (16:40.24).

Plymouth had a fourth medal winner in sophomore Jonny Dalton (34th, 16:58.96).

The top 35 earned all-county medals, with the breakdown as follows: first team, places 1-7; second team, 8-14; third team, 15-21; honorable mention, 22-35.

Further down the standings, Canton (285) and Wayne Memorial (342) placed 11th and 13th, respectively.

Other KLAA squads included Livonia Franklin (17th, 428) and Westland John Glenn (26th, 730). Non-KLAA teams in the Observerland area included Lutheran Westland (19th, 570) and Garden City (20th, 583).

Looking ahead

Canton head coach Bill Boyd said his young team is pacing itself with an eye on the upcoming regionals.

"Overall, team-wise we were a little lower than we had hoped," Boyd said. "But in the long run, we're looking at regionals and trying to get guys to the state meet right now.

"We're gauging their improvement at that level. They've been consistently improving."

Chiefs' sophomore Billy Toth ran well with his mark of 16:53.94 good for 29th place and a medal.

In addition to Johnson and McEvilly, the other Observerland runner earning a first-team medal was Livonia Stevenson junior Stephen Fenech (sixth, 16:25.39).

Second teamers besides Plymouth's Brandon Dalton and Berlanga were Livonia Churchill senior Ben Yates (ninth, 16:34.03), Livonia Franklin sophomore Keenan Jones (13th, 16:38.98) and Wayne Memorial senior Daniel Malcolm (14th, 16:39.48).

On the third team were Plymouth's Cardenas, Salem's Jeffress and Livonia Churchill junior George Bowles (20th, 16:45.44).

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ANDY KARIZAT

Salem's varsity boys cross country team finished fourth at the Wayne County meet at Willow Metropark. From left are Riley Doxtader, Michael Karizat, Steve McEvilly, Jeremy Drouillard (kneeling), Chaz Jeffress, Donovan Drouillard and Evan Bruyere.

Milestone: Basilica marks 40 years in Livonia

Parishioners at the Basilica of St. Mary in Livonia will observe the 40th anniversary of their church and its leadership, the Rev. George H. Shalhoub, with a "Weekend of Gratitude" activities, Friday-Sunday, Oct. 12-14.

The celebration will start with a welcome reception and awards presentation honoring founders and volunteers at 6:30 p.m. Friday. A "Dare to Dream" banquet is set for 5:30 p.m. Saturday. His Eminence, the Most Rev. Metropolitan Archbishop Philip Saliba, Primate of the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America, will lead bishops, priests, dignitaries and other faithful in prayers and devotions all weekend, culminating with Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, at 10:30 a.m., Sunday. A brunch will follow the Mass.

Shalhoub also marks the 40th anniversary of his ordination this year. Born in Hama, Syria, he was sent to the Balamand Monastery in Lebanon at age 12 and later ordained a deacon. He arrived in the United States in 1971 to serve the growing number of American Orthodox Christians. That same year he married Nouhad Ghareeb, with whom he has raised four children. Shalhoub was assigned to the Mission of St. Mary in Livonia immediately after his ordination on Feb. 6, 1972. At that time there were few parishioners and no building to call their own.

In the years that followed, the group of immigrant Christians from across the Middle East and non-immigrants from throughout the United States, forged a family-like bond that helped the church to grow. Under Shalhoub's leadership, the congregation saw the construction and dedication of its current home in 1977 at 18100 Merriman. In 1991, the St. Mary's Cultural Center was completed and helped further solidify fellowship among the parishioners of St. Mary.

"Fellowship and faith are vital to a thriving parish; and, we have been blessed to build a congregation-in-Christ over our 40 years with more than 600 hundred families who call St. Mary Basilica their house of worship, today," stated Shalhoub in a press release. "Because of the freedom of worship we have in America, we have been able to honor celebrate our faith for 40 years and grow it like a tree."

St. Mary Church was elevated to the stature of a basilica in 2002. The church has assumed a growing leadership role in educating Michiganders about the Eastern Orthodox faith. Saliba proclaimed it "a new church for a new century."

For more information about the 40th anniversary celebration, visit www.saintmarylivonia.com or call (734) 422-0010.

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

October

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 21

Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: All-you-can-eat French toast and pancakes breakfast also includes scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk. Cost is $3 for adults and $1.50 for children, 2-10. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club

Contact: (734) 425-4421

CAPUCHIN MINISTRIES

Time/Date: 9 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 19

Location: Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center, in downtown Detroit.

Details: The 5th Annual Second Helping Afterglow costs $50 per person and includes two free drink tickets, parking, desserts, coffee bar, entertainment. Proceeds benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Contact: Get tickets at www.secondhelping.org or call (313) 579-2100, Ext. 153

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy Road, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton

Details: Free clothing

Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

CONCERT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13

Location: Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills

Details: Folk musicians Joe Jencks, Terry Gonda and Kirsti Reeve perform. Admission is $12 at the door; age 18 and under pay $8

Contact: (248) 478-7272

The Detroit Lutheran Singers will perform Sunday, Oct. 21, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia.

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: The Detroit Lutheran Singers 48th season with Bach's "Singet den Herrn" and many other songs. Tickets are $10, $7 for seniors and students 12 and over

Contact: www.detroitlutheransingers.com

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14

Location: First Baptist Church of Detroit, 21200 Southfield Road, just north of Eight Mile, Southfield

Details: Pianist Calvin Taylor will perform beloved hymns, well-known spirituals and classical sacred music. Light refreshments will be served

Contact: (248) 569-2972

CONTEMPORARY PRAISE SERVICE

Time/Date: 4:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20

Location: Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Live Christian pop/rock music, a special drama and message, communion and refreshments are planned. Free will offering with proceeds to feeding people in need in local communities through Gleaners Food Bank and Deacons of the church

Contact: Mark Adams at smadams_2@hotmail.com

DIVORCED CATHOLICS

Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel School, Junior High School Commons, 1062 Church, Plymouth

Details: New Beginnings is a support group for divorced Catholics that features guest speakers who will address topics central to the experience of divorced Catholics. The evening will begin with a talk by Pam Haase, MS, LLPC, followed by a Q&A session providing attendees the opportunity to discuss issues related to divorce and faith in a safe, confidential, and prayerful environment. Pre-registration for this event is recommended and free of charge

Contact: newbeginning-solgc@gmail.com

FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: (248) 477-1153, Ext. 12

FILM SERIES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Oct. 17

Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield

Details: The film "Precious Knowledge" will screen. Admission is free. Other upcoming films are "Domestic Violence," Nov. 14, "Freedom Riders," Jan. 16, 2013, "Traces of the Trade," Feb. 20, 2013, "Economic Happiness," March 20, 2013, and "Race is the Place," April 17, 2013

Contact: (734) 271-0070

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon, Wednesday, Oct. 17

Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Forgotten Harvest will be on site to give free food to anyone who needs it. Bring a grocery bag

Contact: (248) 477-1153, Ext. 12

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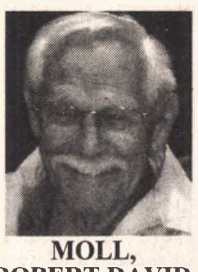

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October 5, 2012, age 84 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of the late Eva Elizabeth. Loving father of Lyndi Moll, Janna (Jeff Benson) Moll, and Cindi (Karle Kimball) Moll. Dear grandfather of Holli (Steve) Selleck, Chelsea and Duncan Moll and great grandfather of Elizabeth, Hayden, Addison, Joseph, and Johnathan. Dear brother of Al, Carl, John, Jim, Amelia, Pat and the late Paul, Richard, Helen and Ruth. Mr. Moll retired as an electronics engineer from the automotive and aerospace industries. He was a talented pianist, games inventor and tinkerer. He and his wife pursued many adventures together, having truly lived their dreams. Their lifelong romance was evident to all. Mr. Moll was witty, playful, and charming. He was our hero. Visitation Friday 2-9 PM and Funeral Service Saturday 11am at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (Btwn. Sheldon & Beck). Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. To leave a message of condolence or share a memory with the family, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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ENTERTAINMENT

Livonia, Dearborn Heights thespians share local stage

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Zombies are taking over the Grantland Street Playhouse in Livonia — zombies from Dearborn Heights.

The Dearborn Heights Civic Theatre will stage *Night of the Living Dead* the weekends before and after Halloween, at Motor City Youth Theatre's (MCYT) home.

"We love them and they love us and it's working out nicely," said Nancy Florkowski, MCYT director and founder. "I like to promote adult theater, too. They were in a situation and this looked like theatre heaven to them."

Ron Williams of Redford, a Dearborn Heights Civic Theatre board member who is producing the zombie-filled play, said his group is pleased to "try something different" by staging the show in Livonia. "We are renting the space for the show, but they've (MCYT) been very cordial with us."

Williams said his group has used space in the Berwyn Senior Center in Dearborn Heights, but that the site, "in the round on a gym floor," isn't the most conducive to theatre.

"Our goal is to be our own community theatre," he said. "We're in the process of trying to see where we go from here."

Williams isn't sure if his group eventually will leave Dearborn Heights, but also noted that "right now Livonia seems to be supportive of the arts."

He said the Dearborn Heights theater had staged two adult plays each year, along with a youth program during the summer. The group won't continue its youth theater at the Grantland, where Florkowski produces youth classes and plays year-around.

"We're not sure if we're going to try to still run a children's program out there (in Dearborn Heights) during the summer. We're flying by the seat of our pants right now," Williams said.

"The biggest challenge for us is to get people to see us ... people aren't looking for a show in Livonia. It's tapping a new audience for us."

Mutual interests

He hopes the Dearborn Heights Civic Theatre will build a solid relationship with Florkowski's group. Williams agreed to leave the *Living Dead* set on stage for use by MCYT in an upcoming production. He plans to meet with a Grantland crew member to talk about other ways his group can assist MCYT.

The Dearborn Heights Civic Theatre drew actors from Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Livonia, Garden City and Dearborn for its *Night of the Living Dead* cast.

Williams describes the show as "scary but cheesy."

"It's not a children's show. It's like the (1960s) movie. It's a great show."

Anyone interested in portraying a zombie in the show should contact the troupe as soon as possible. "At this point we have enough, but if people are interested in being a zombie we need to hear from them. We never turn people away.

"The hardest part is finding people to help who don't want to be in a play. It's more difficult to find someone who wants to come and help backstage."

Contact Williams at verbalkint7@aol.com. Visit www.dhctstage.org or call (313) 799-3551.

AT THE GRANTLAND

Dearborn Heights Civic Theatre
- "Night of the Living Dead," 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 26-27 and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 2-3: Tickets are $15 or $17 if purchased through the group's Facebook page; (313) 799-3551

Motor City Youth Theatre
- Motor City Youth Theatre's Got Talent, 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 20: Admission is by donations only to see this show that will include dancers, singers, kids performing commercials and a sneak peek of the Youth Theatre's upcoming show; (313) 535-8962
- "A Little Princess," 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 9-10 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11: Tickets are $8 for children and senior citizens over 65 and $10 for adults. "A Little Princess" tea for girls will be at 2 p.m. Nov. 10 and will include a ticket to the show. Cost is $10; (313) 535-8962

The Grantland Street Playhouse is located at 27555 Grantland, Livonia

FILE PHOTO

Country lovin' concert

Annabelle Road gets toes tapping at the Canton Liberty Fest in June. The group will make a return visit to the community Saturday, Oct. 13 for a benefit concert to aid the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities. Doors open at 7 p.m. for a welcome reception with samples and specials from local establishments, followed by the two-hour country concert, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Tickets are $30 and include the reception. Get tickets at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call (734) 394-5460. For more about the Partnership, visit www.partnershipforarts.org

Farmington Hills seeks art for City Hall

The City of Farmington Hills invites professional artists in all media to submit work for its Public Art Program.

The program gives independent artist a chance to show their work to the public on a daily basis at Farmington Hills City Hall, located on 11 Mile and Orchard Lake Road.

The City seeks both outdoor and indoor sculpture, two-dimensional work and relief. Artists may submit up to eight pieces, in the form of jpgs or CDs. Applications are due no later than Nov. 2, and are available 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday–Friday, at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills; via e-mail from cpowers@fhgov.com; or online at www.fhgov.com, under "Community/Cultural Arts/Art Exhibits." This opportunity is open to all artists; applicants do not have to be residents of Farmington Hills.

Works chosen will be presented to the public at an artists' reception in December prior to a Farmington Hills City Council meeting. Artwork will also be featured in news releases, on the City website, and in a printed price guide. Art will remain on exhibit for approximately two years. Special arrangements to substitute other artwork during this period also will be allowed, upon sale of a piece.

For more information, call Nancy Coumoundouros, cultural arts supervisor, at (248) 473-1856.

Chili Cook-off roars into Plymouth

Jeff Scott can't begin to count all the motorcycles that visitors will see Sunday, Oct. 14, at the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off in downtown Plymouth.

"Literally we're talking about hundreds and hundreds of bikes there. There are hundreds of bikes if not thousands," he said.

Scott, of Dick Scott's Classic Motorcycles, figures his dealership's "Chili Ride" will draw at least 60 or 70 of those riders for a 75-minute tour throughout Livonia. The ride will begin at 10 a.m. at the dealership, 36534 Plymouth Road and end in downtown Plymouth.

Meanwhile, Motor City Harley-Davidson of Farmington Hills, also will offer a Chili Ride that will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the dealership, located at 34900 Grand River Avenue, and will end in downtown Plymouth. Registration for the two rides will begin at 8:30 a.m. at both sites. Cost is $10 per person and include a police-escorted tour along with VIP parking at the Cook-off. Proceeds will benefit the Penrickton Center for Blind Children.

Motorcycles line the streets during the annual Great Lakes Chili Cook-off in downtown Plymouth.

Motor City Harley-Davidson will sponsor a motorcycle show on Ann Arbor Trail at Kellogg Park in connection with the Chili Cook-off. Registration for the Great Lakes Regional Chili Bike Show will start at 10 a.m. and awards will be announced at 4:45 p.m. Cost to participate in the show is $10.

Trophies will be given for the Peoples Choice and in all classes, along with "Best of Show."

Nine Harley Davidson categories will be available. Open categories include street, custom, touring, trike, antique, chopper and rat bike. For more information call (248) 473-7433.

Live entertainment, including a performance by Steve King and the Dittilies, and children's activities will run noon to 5 p.m. at the Cook-off.

The public will get a chance to sample chili made by local restaurants beginning at 11 a.m. Chili competing in the "People's Choice" category will be available at noon, green chili at 1:30 p.m. and red chili at 3 p.m.

For more information visit www.greatlakeschili.com.

By Sharon Dargay

Art

BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

Time/Date: Opening reception is 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12. Runs through Nov. 9

Location: 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham

Details: The Michigan Ceramics Show, curated by John Glick of Farmington, is a biennial exhibition and competition that shows the diversity of ceramic art in Michigan and neighboring states

Contact: (248) 644-0866; BBArtCenter.org

CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Nov. 11

Location: City Gallery, located at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild shows elaborate decorative pieces, jewelry, and variations of other items that celebrate the use of beads in their creation

Contact: (248) 473-1856

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

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

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

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

Friday Night: Concerts include Trio Voronezh, Oct. 12; Crime and the City Solution with American Mars, Oct. 19; Aerial Angels Ghost Cirus, Oct. 26 and Shuffle Concert, Nov. 2. Aerial Angels, 7 p.m.; all others at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.,

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

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

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Oct. 27

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Vote for Me! Artists Respond to the Presidential Election of 2012," includes a variety of works by more than two dozen artists

Contact: (248) 344-0497

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: Through October

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: This first exhibit of the new season features work by instructors, students and board members, along with displays and photos from the Council as well as other community groups

Contact: (734) 416-4278

VAAL

Time/Date: Nov. 5-17; artist reception is 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9

Location: Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: The Visual Arts Association of Livonia fall exhibit will include original art work done by VAAL members in watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel and mixed media. The art work will be for sale. Ellen M. Moucoulis of Schoolcraft College is the show jury

Affordable Art Sale: The 14th annual sale is 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. Show will consist of unframed and small framed paintings, note cards and small art objects

Contact: (734) 838-1204; www.vaalart.org

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Oct. 29

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: 20th Annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition includes paintings, sculptures, mixed media, charcoal drawings, pastels, ceramics, and photography by artists from throughout southeast Michigan

Contact: (734) 394-5308

Film

MJR DIGITAL THEATRE

Time/Date: Oct. 13-14, 20-21, 27-28 and Nov. 3-4

Location: 6800 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Children's film festival includes "The Pirates!" "The Lorax," "Ice Age," and "Dog Days." Free for children, 12 and under. Adults pay $1. Check show times the Tuesday before each weekend screening

Contact: (734) 298-2657

FOOD

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Olive, vinegar sales benefit cancer patients

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Old World Olive Press customers will see red, white and pink this month when they shop the store's Plymouth and Birmingham locations.

The store is selling a pack of three products — its traditional balsamic vinegar that's aged 18 years, Tuscan herb-flavored olive oil and Arbosona olive oil — in 2-ounce bottles for $17. A portion of the proceeds will benefit The Pink Fund in observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The store also recently began selling red and white wine.

"We have 10 varieties of wine now in Plymouth and Birmingham," said Kristin Holmes, manager of the two locations. "Five white and five red. They are chosen with the oil and vinegar in mind. We can suggest an oil and vinegar to go with them.

Pair the chianti with the Tuscan herb oil, for example, and "you get a burst of black olive flavor on the back of your palate that you don't get if you taste them separately."

"You can do an easy pasta dish using the Tuscan herb," Holmes said, adding that it also works well as a dipping oil.

Customers can taste oils, vinegars and wine when they visit the store. Holmes encourages shoppers to bring along the oils they normally buy at the supermarket and compare them to Old World Olive Press oils.

She said the two-ounce gift sets, such as the trio of oils and vinegar that benefit The Pink Fund, are a "nice introduction" to the store.

"It's perfect because these are three of our best selling oils and vinegars."

Old World Olive Press in Plymouth and Birmingham is selling this three-pack of oils and vinegar. A portion of the proceeds benefits The Pink Fund.

The store generally pairs the two-ounce bottles with a recipe of the month, but will offer them as a part of the cancer awareness campaign through October.

"We wanted to go ahead and donate to this cause," she said, adding "A lot of our focus here is on the health benefits (of olive oil).

The Pink Fund distributes short-term financial aid in the form of direct bill payment for breast cancer patients during active treatment or recovery for breast cancer. The organization assists patients with such bills as car payments, house or rent payments, medical or auto insurance and utility costs.

Visit the Plymouth store at 467 Forest; (734) 667-2755. The Birmingham location is 282 W. Maple; (248) 792-2192.

For more information, visit www.oldworldolivepress.com; www.thepinkfund.org.

GETTY IMAGES

School lunches get a makeover

As schools introduce lunch menus in line with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) new school lunch regulations, chocolate milk has already undergone a makeover that schools, parents and kids can all feel good about.

Keith Ayoob, a nationally-recognized child nutrition expert, highlights the biggest changes under the new regulations:

• Nutrient-rich milk is emphasized. Along with lowfat and fat free white milk, now all the chocolate milk served for school lunch will be fat free.

• More colorful fruits and vegetables. Both fruits and vegetables must be served every day of the week, and there is now a weekly requirement for specific colors of vegetables. Previously schools only had to offer either fruit or vegetables.

• Whole grains will be required. While encouraged in the past, schools now must offer whole-grain rich foods. Schools are really looking at how to ensure foods are nutritious, but also appealing to kids. It's a challenge, but one that schools across the nation are focused on.

• Schools are paying attention to portions. Calorie limits will be enforced based on the age of children being served to ensure proper portion size. New menus will be increasingly focused on reducing saturated fat, trans fats and sodium.

While the requirements for school lunch menu has only recently changed, school chocolate milk has been undergoing changes for the past five years. The nation's milk processors have been hard at work to lower the calories and sugar in school flavored milk, while continuing to deliver a nutritious and delicious drink kids love. School flavored milk now has 40 percent less added sugar than just five years ago and on average, just 132 calories per serving, according to a new nationwide survey of milk at schools during the 2011-2012 school year.

Flavored milk is the most popular choice in school lunch rooms, and kids drink less milk and get fewer nutrients when it's taken away. Whether flavored or white, milk has nine essential nutrients, including calcium, vitamin D and potassium, which are all "nutrients of concern" that most kids fail to get enough of. Many kids are falling short of the recommended milk each day, and when they skip milk at lunch, they're not likely to make up for it the rest of their day.

Ayoob has some tips to help parents and kids make the most of school lunches:

• It's equally important that school meals are appealing, as they are nutritious. Along with good nutrition, food choices need to be practical, so they don't end up in the trash. Many children are overfed but undernourished, so focusing on our kids' nutrient intake is essential now more than ever. Studies show flavored milk contributes just 3 percent of added sugars to kids' diets, compared to sodas and fruit drinks, which account for close to half of the added sugar and deliver much less, if any, nutritional value.

• Help kids learn healthy choices. Research has found that if you offer kids carrots and celery, they'll eat more carrots than if you just provide carrots alone. Offering nutritious choices in schools helps kids learn food and nutrition lessons and research suggests the ability to choose between two or more options helps boost kids' overall intake of nutritious foods.

Learn more at www.milkatschools.com.

Courtesy of Family Features

Party with pork in entrees, desserts

Looking to impress your guests at dinner? Treat their taste buds to a pork loin dish that is as versatile as it is delicious.

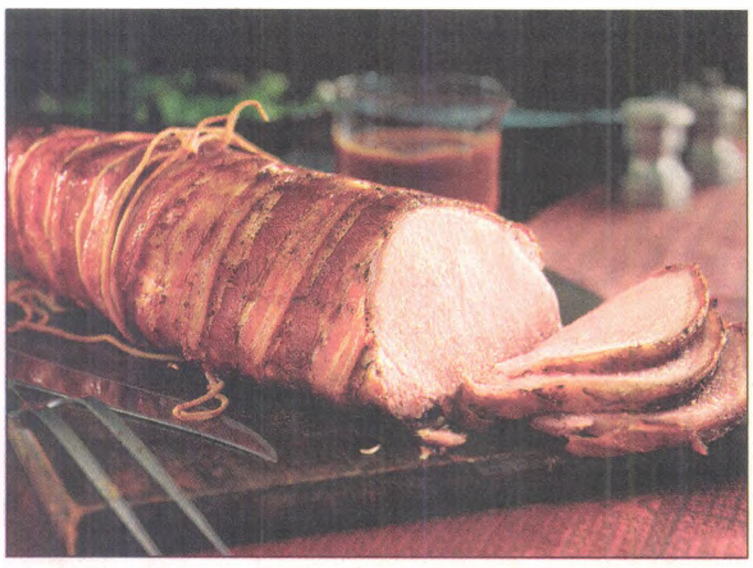
This Simply Saucy Bacon-Wrapped Pork Loin is sure to be a crowd pleaser because, after all, everything is better when wrapped in bacon. This delectable dish offers a new and memorable approach to standard party food with four different accompanying sauces to suit any party goer's palate. Add a fruity twist with crushed pineapple sauce, or spice things up with a kick of jalapeno chilies. Go savory with a touch of Dijon, or smoky with chipotle chilies in adobo sauce.

Or try something a little out-of-the box by preparing Coconut-Crusted Pork Tenderloin Lollipops.

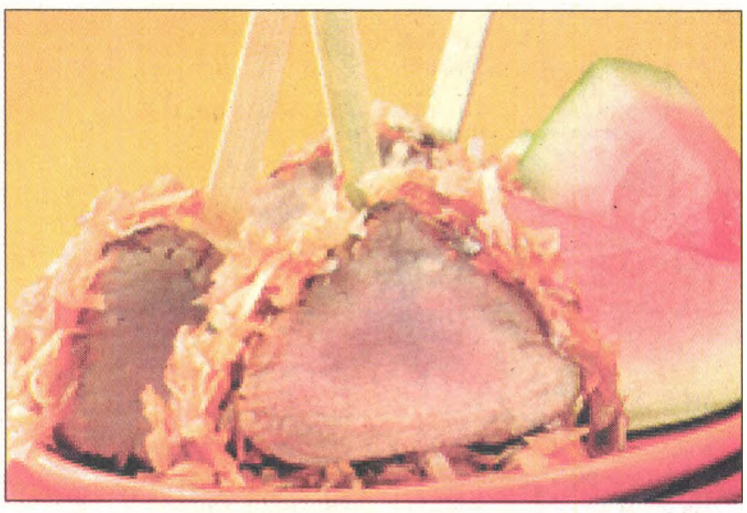
Top off dinner with a dessert that combines bacon and peanut butter.

Whatever type of event you are planning, your guests will leave with mouthwatering memories.

For more seasonal inspiration and pork recipes, visit the National Pork Board at www.PorkBeInspired.com, www.Facebook.com/PorkBeInspired and www.Pinterest.com/PorkBeInspired. Also, be sure to follow @allaboutpork on Twitter for timely recipes and tips.



Simply Saucy Bacon-Wrapped Pork Loin



Coconut-Crusted Pork Tenderloin Lollipops

Simply Saucy Bacon-Wrapped Pork Loin

Serves 10 (6-ounce portions)

4 pound boneless center-cut pork loin roast, (untied), fat and silver skin trimmed
1 ½ teaspoons kosher salt
1 teaspoon black pepper, freshly ground
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
8-9 slices bacon
1 cup barbecue sauce, purchased

Preheat oven to 450°F.

Sprinkle pork with salt and pepper.

Heat oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add pork and brown on all sides, about 6 minutes. Transfer to plate and cool for 10 minutes.

Wrap bacon slices vertically around pork roast; do not overlap bacon. Tie lengthwise and crosswise with kitchen string to hold bacon in place; tuck loose ends of bacon under string. Place on a rack in a roasting pan, tucked-bacon side down.

Roast on rack for 15 minutes. Turn pork over and reduce temperature to 350°F and roast for 15 minutes. Remove rack and return pork to pan, tucked-end side up. Roast, turning occasionally until bacon is browned and an instant-read thermometer inserted in the center of the roast reads 145°F, about 50 minutes. Remove from oven and let stand for 10 minutes.

Skim fat from pan juices, leaving browned juices in pan. Add barbecue sauce and preferred savory, spicy, fruity or smoky ingredient and bring to simmer over medium heat, stirring to loosen browned bits in pan; simmer 2 minutes. Remove strings, carve pork, and serve with sauce.

Preferred Ingredients:

• Savory: Whisk 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard into the sauce.

• Spicy: Stir in 2 tablespoons pickled jalapeno chilies (nacho sliced), drained and finely chopped, into the sauce.

• Fruity: Stir one 8.25-ounce can crushed pineapple, drained, into the sauce. • Smoky: Stir in 1 or 2 minced canned chipotle chilies in adobo into the sauce.

Coconut-Crusted Pork Tenderloin Lollipops

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 25 minutes

1 pork tenderlion, (about 1 pound)
1 cup sweetened coconut, shredded
¼ cup honey
¼ cup apricot jam
1 tablespoon fresh ginger root, grated
2 cloves garlic, peeled
1 tablespoon olive oil
Salt
Ground black pepper
12 6-inch wooden skewers

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Spread coconut on baking sheet. Place in heated oven and bake for 6-8 minutes or until lightly toasted, stirring halfway through baking.

Meanwhile, place honey, jam, ginger and garlic in blender container. Cover and blend until well mixed.

Rub tenderloin with oil; season with salt and pepper. Prepare a medium-hot fire in covered grill. Grill tenderloin, over direct heat for 5 minutes or just until entire surface is brown, turning occasionally. Adjust grill to indirect heat; generously brush entire tenderloin with honey-apricot mixture. Cover and grill over indirect heat for 20 minutes or until internal temperature reaches 145 degrees F., brushing generously with additional honey-apricot mixture halfway through grilling. Transfer pork to cutting board. Loosely cover with foil; let rest for 10 minutes.

Brush tenderloin again with honey-apricot mixture. Coat tenderloin in coconut, firmly pressing coconut on pork. Skewer with lollipop sticks or bamboo skewers, from the top straight through to the bottom, at ½-inch intervals. Slice between sticks into lollipop-shaped pieces. Pat edges of "lollipops" with remaining coconut, if necessary.

Makes 6 appetizer servings.

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Firefighting groups take aim at false alarm problem

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) released the Fire Service Guide to Reducing Unwanted Fire Alarms, a free 17-page downloadable PDF document that offers guidance to members of the fire service to reduce unwanted fire alarms. It is available through NFPA's catalog at www.nfpacatalog.org/redgd.

Fire departments are often faced with challenges presented by unwanted alarms as they strive to allocate limited resources to fulfill their core mission of protecting lives and property and deal with these types of notifications which do not require emergency services. An unwanted alarm is defined by NFPA 72®, National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code, as any alarm that occurs that is not the result of a potentially hazardous condition. A recent NFPA study found that in 2009, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 2.1 million false alarms, which included 979,500 responses due to unintentional activations and 698,000 due to system malfunctions.

"Unintentional fire alarm activations that clearly do not require an emergency response are happening at a rate that challenges the fire service and this guide was developed to offer guidance to fire departments seeking out information on how they can take action to reduce the amount of unwanted alarms in their community," said Ken Willette, NFPA's division manager of Public Fire Protection and a former fire chief.

This new guide offers fire service personnel basic knowledge on how fire alarm systems and detection devices operate and how to assess the cause of alarms where no emergency condition is apparent. The guide can assist authorities having jurisdiction in developing strategies to manage response to unwanted alarms through practices reflective of risk assessment, resources management, and current code recommendations. It addresses commercial and residential building fire alarm systems, as well as single-family dwellings and single- or multiple-station smoke alarms within dwelling units.

"Unwanted alarms are a drain on fire department resources and pose a significant safety hazard to both responders and the public," said Chief Hank Clemmensen, IAFC president and chairman of the board. "IAFC was pleased to work in collaboration with other fire service organizations, the federal government and industry to address this issue at the national level; but our work can't have true meaning if we don't provide tools and resources for our fire departments to make a difference in local communities."

This guide is the outcome of a summit that addressed the challenges of unwanted fire alarms that was hosted by NFPA, IAFC and the United States Fire Administration in 2011. NFPA and IAFC developed this document in collaboration.

The IAFC represents the leadership of firefighters and emergency responders worldwide. IAFC members are the world's leading experts in firefighting, emergency medical services, terrorism response, hazardous materials spills, natural disasters, search and rescue, and public safety legislation. Since 1873, the IAFC has provided a forum for its members to exchange ideas, develop professionally and uncover the latest products and services available to first responders.

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international nonprofit organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

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43243 Barchester Rd $160,000
40456 Blythefield Ln $73,000
8461 Chatham Dr $533,000
366 Cornell St $190,000
8661 Creekwood Dr $497,000
217 Edington Cir $140,000
1665 Heron Cir $140,000
1909 Jan Cir $60,000
49552 Lansdowne St $340,000
1201 Liberty Ct $410,000
48392 Manhattan Cir $395,000
7962 N Lilley Rd $77,000
1796 Oakview Dr $128,000
8532 Sandpiper St $170,000
4640 Shoreview Dr $191,000
51028 Sleepy Hollow Ln $178,000
2930 Stanton St $225,000
798 Taylor Ln $310,000
48560 Warwick Cir $319,000
GARDEN CITY
32502 Alvin St $79,000
28636 Balmoral St $42,000
31966 Chester St $85,000
535 Clair St $65,000
29434 Florence St $70,000
30420 Florence St $65,000
5826 Helen St $71,000
28651 Rosslyn Ave $35,000
LIVONIA
35550 Ann Arbor Trl $165,000
31529 Arizona St $70,000
28704 Bayberry Park Dr $139,000
11301 Berwick St $175,000
18333 Brentwood St $124,000
18775 Canterbury Dr $175,000
17748 Country Club Dr $220,000
18601 Doris St $136,000
15929 Ellen Dr $165,000
14756 Harrison St $81,000
33735 Hathaway St $100,000
15981 Houghton Dr $222,000
11310 Hubbard St $104,000
9348 Iowa St $130,000
20007 Maplewood St $70,000
16609 Marsha St $160,000
36561 Parkdale St $110,000
16317 Riverside St $210,000
15231 Santa Anita St $14,000
31568 Scone St $84,000
17718 Westbrook Dr $161,000
NORTHVILLE
16587 Dundalk Ln $291,000
16866 Horseshoe Dr $461,000
15947 Morningside $114,000
PLYMOUTH
13001 Beacon Hill Dr $385,000
9601 Bobwhite Ct $275,000
48636 Chambury Ct $340,000
230 Garling Dr $137,000
45978 Litchfield Dr $305,000
45450 Moonlight Dr $260,000
40652 Newport Dr $43,000
855 Penniman Ave $335,000
REDFORD
19304 Centralia $14,000
19604 Dalby $40,000
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19908 Fox $41,000
15032 Gaylord $63,000
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9209 Nathaline $40,000
9631 Nathaline $50,000
25055 S Sylbert Ct $30,000
11359 Seminole $60,000
16919 Wakenden $38,000
WESTLAND
2817 Batavia Ct $17,000
34558 Donnelly St $65,000
30820 Geraldine St $83,000
37050 Gilchrist St $75,000
8105 Huntington St $23,000
39003 Huron Pkwy $150,000
31731 Joy Rd $70,000
30037 Malvern St $73,000
8715 Terri Dr $39,000
5735 Wilmer St $30,000

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17138 Kirkshire Ave $290,000
160 Turnberry Ct $520,000
18600 Walmer Ln $312,000
BIRMINGHAM
1023 Bennaville Ave $535,000
1486 Edgewood Rd $205,000
1393 Fairfax St $1,400,000
1393 Fairway Dr $390,000
1900 Fairway Dr $270,000
1060 Hazel St $205,000
1842 Hazel St $170,000
1276 Holland St $128,000
648 Humphrey Ave $165,000
1253 Lake Park Dr $640,000
1501 Mansfield Rd $208,000
1456 Ruffner Ave $514,000
864 Smith Ave $490,000
1003 Wakefield St $280,000
1695 Washington Blvd $340,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS
6914 Halyard Rd $138,000
4140 Lakeridge Ln $260,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
1389 Ashover Dr $145,000
38 Barrington Rd $108,000
6705 Birmingham Club Dr $645,000
3340 Chickering Ln $172,000
962 Dowling Rd $840,000
3950 Franklin Rd $1,903,000
1844 Golf Ridge Dr S $385,000
1031 Home Ln $330,000
4134 Nearbrook Rd $398,000
5151 Vincennes Ct $265,000
1750 Ward Rd $128,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP
5199 Birkdale Dr $317,000
4665 Commerce Woods Dr $222,000
1555 Huron Springs Ln $345,000
5954 Lochmore Dr $189,000
8621 Oakside Ave $80,000
769 Polvadera St $144,000
5742 Strawberry Cir $60,000
FARMINGTON
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23231 Ashley St $85,000
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28638 Briar Hill Dr $200,000
22640 Colgate St $52,000
24550 Creekside Dr $90,000
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28407 E Greenmeadow Cir $131,000
28937 Kendallwood Dr $249,000
35705 Lone Pine Ln $144,000
22079 Malden St $49,000
22849 Montclair St $81,000
26053 Pleasant Valley Rd $264,000
21420 Randall St $260,000
23499 Sans Souci St $138,000
29775 Sierra Point Cir $90,000
29870 W 12 Mile Rd # 705 $35,000
33866 Walnut Ln $235,000
39202 Wilton Ct $215,000
FRANKLIN
32525 Haverford Rd $253,000
30650 Rosemond Dr $335,000
MILFORD
1580 S Hickory Ridge Rd $133,000
768 S Milford Rd $70,000
1180 Stetlane $428,000
2605 W Commerce Rd $84,000
378 Whitewater St $265,000
NOVI
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25842 Arcadia Dr $467,000
45321 Bartlett Dr $246,000
24520 Bashian Dr $61,000
24633 Cavendish Ave E $415,000
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25458 Danyas Way $60,000
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23265 Mystic Forest Dr $327,000
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Southfield
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17930 Bonstelle Ave $111,000
29070 Fairfax St $82,000
30505 Old Stream Cir $130,000
28680 Ranchwood Dr $130,000
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5 Number one
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12 Valhalla host
13 Hodgepodge
14 Rollover subj.
15 Looked a long time
17 Dropped the ball
19 Hindu royalty
21 Exercise system
22 Plug up
25 Commencement
28 Fabled lumberjack
30 Guns, in cop shows
34 List ender
35 Email option
36 Trick — treat!
37 Ms. Hagen of films
38 Keep on repeating (hyph.)
40 Pekoe packet (2 wds.)
42 Pay by mail
44 Senor's house
45 Wave away
48 Unit of force
50 Gulf food fish
53 In the least (2 wds.)
57 Writer — Rand
58 Alice's chronicler
60 Thought
61 — chi chuan
62 Diner special
63 Persuade gently

DOWN

1 Wet, spongy area
2 Spud st.
3 Designer — Claiborne
4 Oomph
5 "10" actress
6 Diminutive
7 Carbondale sch.
8 Back-fence yowler
9 Port near Kilauea
10 Golfer — Norman
11 Hooray for me! (hyph.)
16 Nyet opposite
18 Eight bits
20 Sarge, for one
22 Trucker, often
23 Minstrel's instrument
24 A single time
26 Inconsistent
27 Gael republic
29 Exercise aftermath
31 Cigar exporter
32 LGA postings
33 Long story
39 Give a crew cut
41 Mild acid
43 Artifacts
45 Petty quarrel
46 Georgetown athlete
47 All, in combos
49 Sodium, in the lab
51 Open-wide word
52 Hunter's org.
54 Fuss
55 Grassy field
56 Negligent
59 Fun house cry

Answer to Previous Puzzle

A	R	N	■	S	M	U	T	■	S	P	E	D
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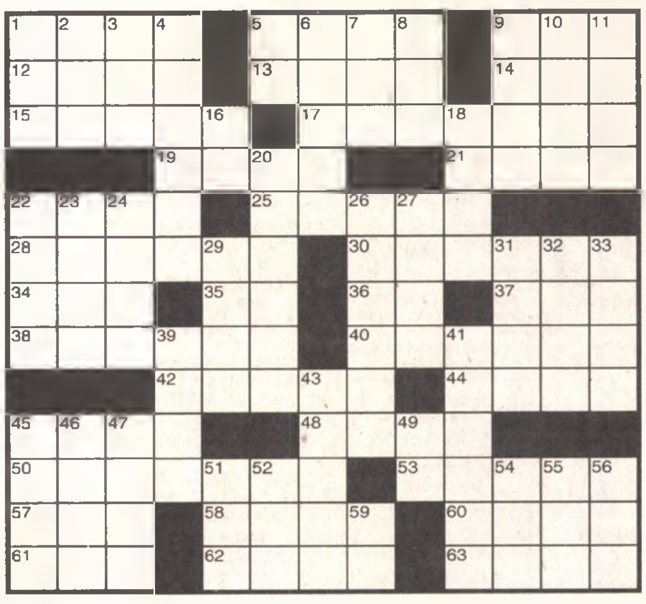

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7	5	3	9	2	6	8	1	4
8	9	1	7	3	4	5	6	2
6	4	2	5	1	8	3	9	7
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4	6	8	3	9	1	7	2	5
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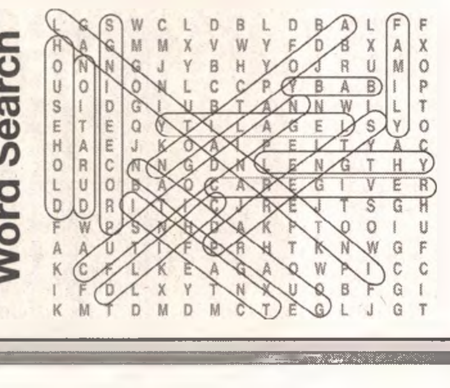

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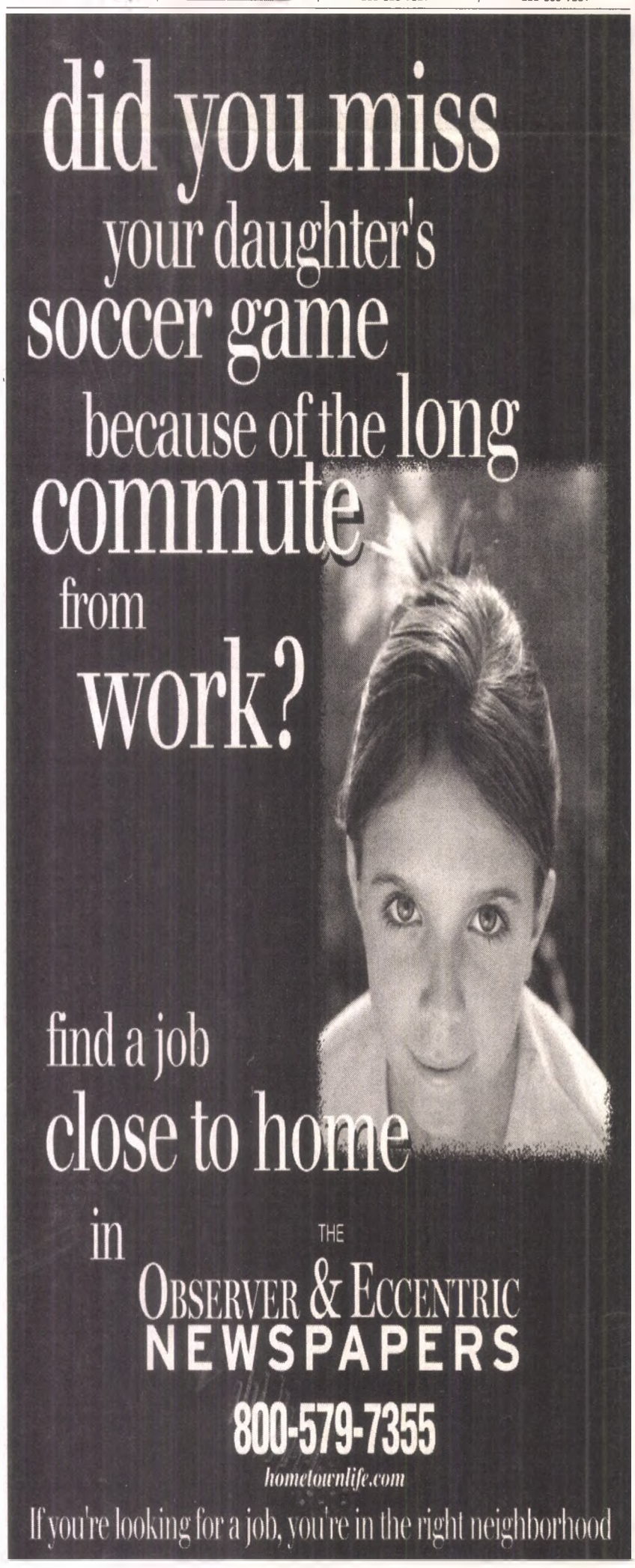
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