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PRESIDENT
(City of Plymouth)
✓ Barack Obama (D) (i) 2,689
Mitt Romney (R) 2,506

PRESIDENT
(Plymouth Township)
✓ Barack Obama (D) (i) 7,364
Mitt Romney (R) 9,557

U.S. SENATE
(City of Plymouth)
Pete Hoekstra (R) 2,181
✓ Debbie Stabenow (D) (i) ... 2,766

U.S. SENATE
(Plymouth Township)
Pete Hoekstra (R) 8,212
✓ Debbie Stabenow (D) (i) ... 8,047

U.S. HOUSE 11TH DISTRICT
(City of Plymouth)
✓ Kerry Bentivolio (R) 2,298
Syed Taj (D) 2,456

U.S. HOUSE 11TH DISTRICT
(Plymouth Township)
✓ Kerry Bentivolio (R) 8,657
Syed Taj (D) 6,832

U.S. HOUSE 11TH DISTRICT
(Plymouth Township - partial term ending 1/02/2013)
Kerry Bentivolio (R) 8,754
✓ David A. Curson (D) 6,099

U.S. HOUSE 11TH DISTRICT
(City of Plymouth - partial term ending 1/02/2013)
Kerry Bentivolio (R) 2,308
✓ David A. Curson (D) 2,200

STATEWIDE PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL 12-1
(Referendum on Public Act 4 of 2011 Emergency Manager Law)
Yes (City) 3,251
Yes (Township) 11,101
✓ No (City) 1,793
✓ No (Township) 5,455

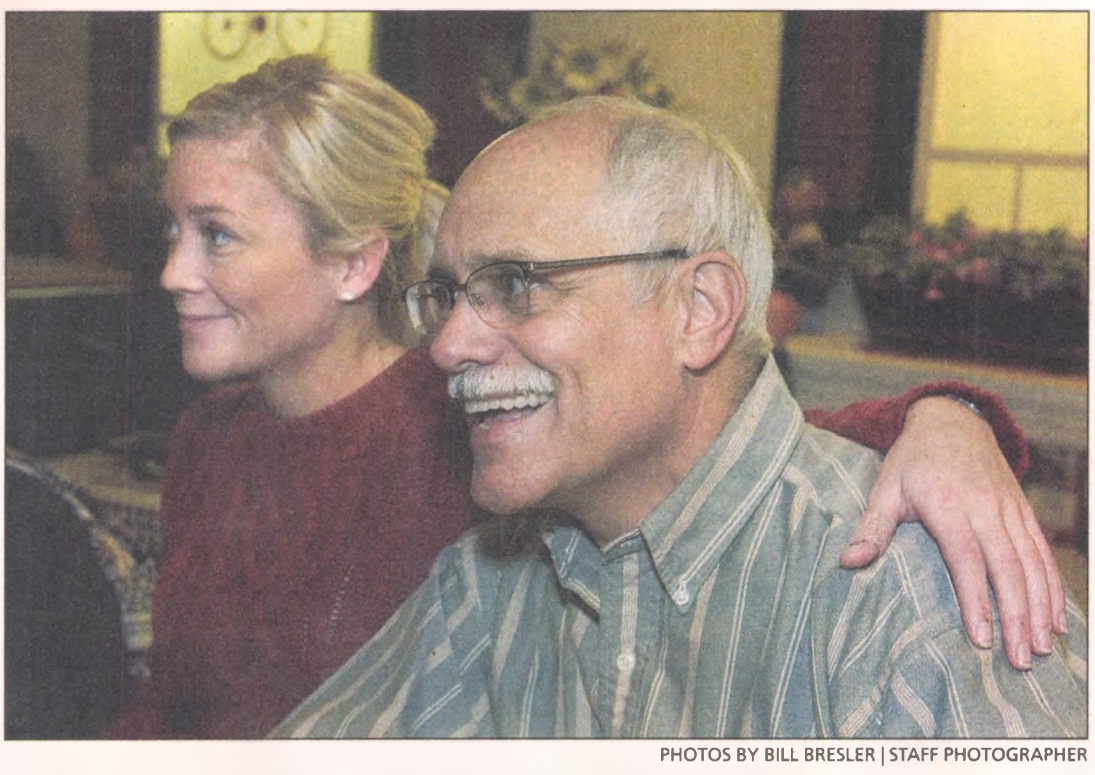
PROPOSAL 12-2
(Amend the state constitution regarding collective bargaining)
Yes (City) 1,753
Yes (Township) 5,015
✓ No (City) 3,361
✓ No (Township) 11,690

PROPOSAL 12-3
(Establish a standard for renewable energy)
Yes (City) 1,861
Yes (Township) 4,993
✓ No (City) 3,243
✓ No (Township) 11,684

PROPOSAL 12-4
(Establish the Michigan Quality Home Care Council and provide collective bargaining for in-home care givers)
Yes (City) 1,663
Yes (Township) 4,906
✓ No (City) 3,366
✓ No (Township) 11,550

PROPOSAL 12-5
(A proposal to amend the state constitution to limit new taxes by state government)
Yes (City) 1,221
Yes (Township) 4,363
✓ No (City) 3,822
✓ No (Township) 12,152

PROPOSAL 12-6
(A proposal to amend the state constitution regarding construction of international bridges and tunnels)
Yes (City) 1,202
Yes (Township) 4,279
✓ No (City) 3,845
✓ No (Township) 12,244



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Voters gave Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume, with daughter Jasmine Millwood on election night, a third term in Tuesday's election.

Status quo

Even with new faces, township's direction not likely to change much

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Tuesday's election brought change to the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees, but is unlikely to alter the board's direction very much.

Winners in Tuesday's board race, all Republicans, say their victories represent an affirmation by voters of the difficult decisions they've made in recent years — especially the layoff in March of six members of the Plymouth Community Fire Department, a vote that followed a protracted, sometimes bitter, public debate. The reorganization of the department, officials say, was a response to falling revenue and the city of Plymouth's withdrawal from the department the two communities had shared for about 15 years.

"They were difficult decisions, but the right decisions," said Supervisor Richard Reaume, who won a third term Tuesday, defeating independent Richard Sharland by a nearly 3-to-1 margin. Reaume called his win a vote of confidence.

"Thank you for the confidence in me, and we're going to keep on keepin' on," Trustee Kay Arnold, the top finisher in the trustee race, said Wednesday when asked what she'd like to tell voters.

Arnold, who finished with 9,282 votes, won a sixth term on the board. She'll be joined by Chuck Curmi, who returns to the board after a four-year absence, Bob Doroshewitz, who won a third term, and Mike Kelly, who won a second.

HOW THEY VOTED

Supervisor
✓Richard Reaume 10,035
Richard Sharland 3,553
Clerk (unopposed)
✓Nancy Conzelman 10,915
Treasurer
✓Ron Edwards 9,394
Rita White 6,299
Trustee
✓Kay Arnold 9,282
✓Charles Curmi 9,006
✓Bob Doroshewitz 8,971
✓Michael Kelly 8,737
Alanna Maguire 6,632
Joanne Lamar 6,574
✓Denotes winner

Dem effort

Democrats Alanna Maguire and Joanne Lamar placed fifth and sixth, respectively.

Also winning were Treasurer Ron Edwards, who bested challenger Rita White to win a fifth term, and Clerk-elect Nancy Conzelman, who defeated Clerk Joe Bridgman in the August primary and was unopposed Tuesday.

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District could try for '13 bond

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

In 2006, voters turned down a request from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials for a two-part bond worth some $120 million that would have, among other things, allowed the district to close Central Middle School and build a new middle school in Canton.

Chances are they're going to get a chance to change their minds.

The district's Board of Education is considering a proposal from administrators that would go to voters next spring asking for a $100 million bond to, among other things, allow the district to close Central Middle School and build a new middle school in the southern end of the district.

The plan, if the board OKs it and the voters approve it, would spend some $38.6 million to build a new middle school on district-owned property at Canton Center and Cherry Hill in Canton. If the board decides not to build a new school, the bond would pay some $27.7 million for additions to West, Pioneer and Discovery middle schools to handle student influx from a closed Central Middle School.

It would also spend $9.4 million replacing some 88

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EM law review, tax issues ahead for Heise after House win

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

The future of Michigan's personal property tax and a second look at how the state should deal with financially troubled communities are ahead for Rep. Kurt Heise after his win in the 20th District Michigan House of Representatives race.

Voters returned Heise, a Republican freshman whose district includes Plymouth, Plymouth Township and eastern Canton Township, to the state House on Tuesday, giving him 27,356 votes, about 56 percent, to 21,445 votes for Democratic challenger Tim Roraback, a first-time office-seeker.

"I'm really proud of and pleased with the confidence the voters have put in me," Heise said Wednesday.

The incumbent did well in Plymouth and Northville townships and also won the cities of Plymouth and Northville, but lost Canton to Roraback, who was helped there by a 58-percent straight-ticket Democratic vote.

Heise, an attorney and the former director of Wayne County's environmental department, said he expects the Legislature to soon complete work on a revision of the personal property tax, a tax on business and manufacturing equipment. Some lawmakers and business

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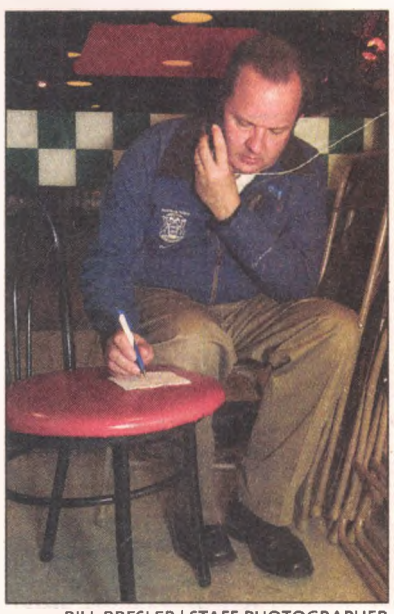
HOW THEY VOTED

	Heise	Roraback
Canton	3,914	6,474
Plymouth	913	763
Plymouth Twp.	9,699	6,166
Totals	14,526	13,403



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State Rep. Kurt Heise gathers election results. He gathered enough to win re-election against strong Democratic challenger Tim Roraback of Plymouth.

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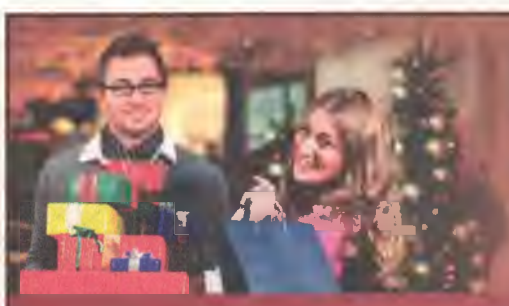

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Re-elected Obama splits the Plymouths

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

By the time polls closed in the Plymouths, voters in the City of Plymouth had approved of the re-election of President Barack Obama, while voters casting ballots in Plymouth Townships showed a preference for former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney.

When the rest of the country caught up, they agreed with the City of Plymouth, handing Obama his second term.

Obama carried the city 2,689-2,506, while Romney won by nearly 2,200 votes in the township.

Sarah Krot of Plymouth was among the voters helping Obama carry the city. A self-described "died-in-the-wool liberal," Krot was among more than 1,000 people who had cast their ballots by 11 a.m. in the four City of Plymouth precincts at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

"I strongly support his policies, and really don't support any of Romney's," said Krot, who said she trusts Obama more with the economy. "I just think (Obama) has the interests of little people in mind, more so than Romney."

The presidential race, along with concern about the six statewide ballot proposals, were among the key parts of the election that brought high numbers of voters to the polls.

"Barack Obama, that's what brought me out to vote," said Plymouth Township voter Steve Schwertner. "You can't blame Obama for what he inherited."

Rebecca Blok was more pointed.

"I believe in the government that's in place and I don't believe in Mitt Romney," said Blok, also a township resident.

In addition to Obama, Plymouth voters also approved of statewide ballot Proposal 1, the emergency manager proposal. City voters, however, thumbed their noses at Proposal 2 on collective bargaining, Proposal 3 on renewable energy, Proposal 4 on home care, Proposal 5 requiring a two-thirds majority in the Legislature or voter approval on new taxes, and Proposal 6, the bridge proposal.

Plymouth Township voters, meanwhile, supported Romney, but agreed with city voters on all six statewide ballot proposals.

James Willey is just 19, and voted for the first time in Tuesday's election. Willey, casting his ballot at St. Kenneth Church in Plymouth Township, voted for Romney.

"I just think (Romney) is more straight-forward," Willey said.

For Kerry Delaney, a registered nurse from Plymouth Township voting at St. Kenneth, the issue was health care.

"I'm afraid of health care changing dramatically," Delaney said. "I'm very worried about things getting out of hand. I don't think the government should regulate health care. We all have a responsibility to take care of ourselves. There is a place for government-provided health care, but it's become out of hand."

Many voters also expressed their displeasure with the tenor of the campaign, which many felt was one of the most negative on record.

"I would like to see (politicians) actually getting things done instead of bickering amongst each other," said Plymouth resident Julie Hazlett.

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John Frazer, 5 years old, and brother Park Frazer, 7 years old, are pretty patient while mom Jen Frazer votes a long ballot in precinct 2, located at Plymouth's Cultural Center.

HEISE

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groups are pushing for a complete repeal of the tax, but officials in local municipalities say that would severely damage their budgets without some replacement revenue, and Heise has been open to that argument.

Heise also said he's going to reexamine Public Act 4, the 2011 emergency financial manager law, following the rejection of it by voters on Tuesday with the defeat of Proposal 1.

Heise supported Public Act 4 and said work to revise it is already under way, but that he won't necessarily support that, given the voters' message. In the interim, the state will apparently revert to the former EM law to address financially strapped communities.

"Maybe that's the law that we should stick with and see how bankruptcy operates at the municipal level," Heise said.

Heise wasn't surprised by his showing in Canton, where six precincts west of I-275 were new to the district.

"I worked that area very hard and I was able to connect with a lot of voters, but still I was still an unknown commodity," he said.

Roraback, for his part, wasn't surprised with the overall results, but said he was grateful for the votes he won.

"I was definitely the underdog and Kurt Heise was a pretty heavy favorite," Roraback said Wednesday. "It wasn't outside the realm of possibility that I could win, but I wasn't surprised either."

Roraback said Heise's "feet needed to be put to the fire on some of his votes," and that his campaign did that.

Would he run for office again?

"I had a huge learning curve and I had to do a lot of work outside my normal comfort zone," said Roraback, who retired as a manager in the Michigan Department of Human Services. "I'd really have to think long and hard about that."

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In Plymouth Township, Mia Grim, 8 years old, has a question for Mom, Mary Grim, as Bud Boyce rips tags off ballots and hands out "I Voted" stickers.

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Hometown helps Price to county seat

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Pushing against an avalanche of Democratic votes in Canton, Republican Wayne County Commissioner-elect Shannon Price carried his hometown in Tuesday's vote totals and widened his margin of victory by defeating Democrat James Amar in Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

"I'm happy with it," Price said of his decisive victory. "We had a message that didn't know a party line. It spoke to Democrats, Independents and Republicans alike. I believe everybody knows Wayne County is in dire straits, and we need to roll up our sleeves on day one and start trying to get Wayne County back on track."

Price, longtime GOP activist and constituent relations director for Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette, captured the 10th District's two-year term by amassing 32,090 votes compared to 26,916 for Amar, a Plymouth Township resident and retired state of Michigan labor mediation supervisor.

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Canton's Shannon Price, greeting folks at Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy's home Tuesday night, won the new 10th Wayne County Commission seat by beating James Amar of Plymouth Township.

Price garnered just over 54 percent of votes in unofficial tallies; Amar received just under 46 percent.

"I think Shannon ran a good campaign," Amar said. "I don't know what I could have done differently. I don't know how I could ever have won Plymouth Township. I think it's so solidly Republican. That was the biggest Achilles heel in this whole thing."

Price garnered 9,515 votes to Amar's 5,358 in Plymouth Township. Price accumulated 20,080 votes to Amar's 19,558 in Canton and defeated him 2,495 votes to 2,000 in the city of Plymouth.

Price's victory didn't come without its nerve-wracking moments. As he gathered with other Republicans at Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy's house Tuesday night, he trailed Amar in early Canton vote tallies but pulled ahead as absentee votes helped secure his lead.

Price attributed his victory to a solid base of supporters who fanned out across the 10th District to reach voters. Moreover, he announced his candidacy early, in September of 2011.

"We worked hard to get out our message of restoring honesty and integrity to Wayne County," said Price, who has strongly condemned the scandals swirling around County Executive Robert Ficano.

Price has called for combating Wayne County's budget woes, getting finances online, slashing the number of political appointees and making county government more transparent. He has pledged to fight for a larger share of dollars for 10th District parks, roads and other amenities, saying suburban taxpayers pay more to the county than they receive.

"We have some major infrastructure needs right here in Canton," Price said Tuesday night at LaJoy's house. "The county needs to realize this is where many residents live, work and play. The county needs to invest in that."

Amar said he had hoped for a closer race against Price. He indicated he isn't likely to launch another political campaign.

"I think my days are over," he said. "It's time to move on. I doubt if I'll be doing anything like this again. I just don't see it in the cards."

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HOW THEY VOTED

	Price	Amar
Canton	20,080	19,558
Plymouth	2,495	2,000
Plymouth Twp	9,515	5,358
Total	32,090	26,916

Taj falls in House race against Bontivolio

By Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

Dr. Syed Taj, who gave up his seat on the Canton Township Board of Trustees to run for U.S. Congress, wondered after Tuesday's election whether more experience or more money might have helped him earn the newly drawn 11th Congressional District.

He'll never know, having lost to Milford Republican Kerry Bentivolio in the race for the seat left vacant by the political downfall of Thaddeus McCotter.

Taj graciously conceded the race Wednesday morning, saying the results represented "democracy, the people's voice."

"We gave it a shot, and came up short," he said. "In an election only two things can happen — win or lose. I had hoped to win, but it didn't go the way I wanted. The people spoke against me and elected somebody else — that was their choice."

Bentivolio, who rose from relative obscurity to become the Republican front-runner in Michigan's 11th Congressional District race, is now headed to Washington, D.C.

And so is Democrat David Curson, who will serve out the remaining two months of the current 11th Congressional District, based on preliminary, unofficial results.

Bentivolio, a former teacher, home builder and U.S. military veteran from Milford, carried the vote Tuesday night for the newly drawn 11th District, which includes portions of Oakland and Wayne counties.

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U.S. Rep. candidate Syed Taj of Canton greets Natalie Mosher — his campaign manager — on Tuesday night at Novi's Hotel Renaissance Baronette, as they begin to get election results.

Unofficial results show Bentivolio earning the two-year term in the newly drawn district, racking up 181,796 votes while Taj received 158,889 votes.

Curson is the presumed winner of the race for the final two months of the current 11th congressional District, beating out Bentivolio 159,267-151,740.

"We're going to go to Washington and represent the 11th District like it's never been represented before," said Bentivolio during his victory party Tuesday night at the Sheraton Hotel in Novi.

Bentivolio made a brief appearance shortly before midnight Tuesday, telling his crowd of supporters that "it looks pretty good."

"I love you, I thank you very, very much for the opportunity. God blessed us and I hope he will continue to bless us," he said.

Bentivolio ran on a platform of conservative values, decrying a federal government that he said overspends, overborrows and overregulates.

"It's a congressman's job to protect your rights, not take them away," he said, drawing cheers and applause from the crowd.

One of his supporters, Doug Moore of South Lyon, said he knows Bentivolio personally and is confident he will make a difference in Washington.

"He gets it about our country. He's not (just) a politician looking for a job — he cares," Moore said.

Bentivolio was largely ignored in the race until former Congressman Thaddeus McCotter dropped out amid a petition signature scandal. He beat out challengers for the final two months of the current 11th Congressional District seat.

Moore added that Bentivolio's presumed win eased a bit of the sting for him after Gov. Mitt Romney's apparent defeat in the presidential bid.

"At least we got someone in Washington who might slow down the massive spending, the irresponsible government," he said.

With the race over, Taj said it was too soon to decide if he would eventually seek political office again. "One thing is for sure — I'm going to take a little time off, see what's happening. It's been a year-and-a-half, and I haven't gone anywhere," he said, chuckling.

Curson declined comment until all results were in.

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After state title, P-CEP marchers set for nationals

By Peggy Fenwick
Correspondent

PHOTOS BY TERRI SAENZ

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band put together a state championship-winning performance Saturday at Ford Field.

The state championship banner is back in the Plymouth High School band room after a two-year hiatus.

The P-CEP Marching Band received top honors for Flight I at the 2012 Michigan Competing Band Association championship event Saturday at Ford Field in Detroit. The win marked the 23rd time Plymouth-Canton has been named state champions.

With a final score of 89.7, the PCMB won all three caption awards including Best Music, Best Marching, and Best General Effect. Receiving the coveted trophy and state championship banner were drum majors Shelbie Torok, Katie Nymberg, and Sarah Wohl. Flight I title was won in 2010 and 2011 by Walled Lake Central High School, which finished fourth this year.

Associate director Jon Thomann put the championship win into perspective.

"I'm speechless," Thomann said. "Actually I'm very proud of the kids and have been. I couldn't be happier for the seniors, who stuck around for years of change in leadership, staff. I don't think we'd be anywhere in what we are able to do in rehearsal and on the field in performance if it weren't for the seniors and their belief in leadership and their willingness to take another chance."

In 2010 and 2011, Plymouth-Canton finished in a close second place behind Walled Lake Central for the Flight I state title. Both staff and students celebrated the win late last Saturday night.

The color guard and marchers teamed for their best show and earned the first-place finish Saturday.

Plymouth-Canton Marching band drum majors accept the state championship banner after the band's first-place finish at Saturday's state competition.

Plymouth High senior Jeana Banka agreed it has been a tremendous season so far.

"I couldn't be more proud of everyone right now," Banka said. "We don't really talk about placement in competitions, but we talk more about performing and being passionate about what we do. I think because everyone is passionate about what we do is why we succeed."

This year's award-winning eight-minute program is titled "The Last Dance" and includes music from Louis Armstrong's *What a Wonderful World* and Jim Croce's *Time in a Bottle*. The 172-member band is directed by David Armbruster, with assistance from Jonathan Thomann, Sean McElroy, Bobby Hazelton, Emery Craig and Marc Whitlock and an outstanding team of music and performance instructors.

The P-CEP band is enjoying another award-winning year including a first-place finish at the Bands of America Pontiac Regional Championship, a sixth-place finish at the Bands of America Super Regional in Indianapolis and a first-place finish at the Huron Valley Invitational.

With little time to celebrate the success of their state championship, the PCMB will now prepare for the Bands of America Grand National Championship beginning next Thursday in Indianapolis, a title PCMB last won in 1999. Last year, the band did not compete at nationals because they marched in the 2011 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York.

Salem High School senior Chris Moore is excited about the state championship win but anxious to compete at the national level.

"Definitely a good way to kick off the end of senior year," Moore said. "I thought it was a really good performance for the Pit (front line ensemble). I'm looking forward to go down to Indy and see how things play out there."

Director David Armbruster agreed it's been a great year — so far.

"They've had a very strong season so far," Armbruster said. "Seven days left. Hopefully three performances left. Every performance has to be the best one."

BOARD

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Reaume said he anticipates his administration and the board will stay on the path they've been on — including keeping property taxes low.

"It's a team that will move forward in the best interests of the taxpayers," Reaume said.

"I talked to a lot of people yesterday at the polls, and they're pretty well happy with what's going on in the township," Edwards said.

Reaume said labor negotiations will be a big issue in the near future, as contracts with the township's six employee unions have either expired or will expire within a few months. He said employees will likely be "rewarded" for concessions unions agreed to during the recession of recent years.

"Our employees sacrificed a lot in the last four years," he said. "But we're going to be judicious about contract negotiations."

Expense report

Looking for ways to cut expenses will continue to be an important issue, Reaume said. "Long term, there is still going to be a push for shared services," including, perhaps, in the area of public safety, he said.

Arnold said she was pleased at the prospect of another woman joining the board. When she was first elected in 1992, she said, women made up a board majority.

"We try to really dig through (issues) and see the pros and cons of things," she said.

Sharland, who ran unsuccessfully for treasurer in 2008, said Wednesday that he'll "keep on doing what I've been doing" — raising issues before the board and seeking answers.

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Trustees Kay Arnold and Bob Doroshewitz share a laugh on a night they were both re-elected. Arnold is the township's longest-serving trustee.

Treasurer Ron Edwards, with his son Mark on election night, won a fifth term in office.

A regular at board meetings, Sharland said during the campaign that he was motivated to get into the race by the state of Plymouth Township's finances, job cuts in the fire department and what he called a lack of local government transparency.

Democrat White, an attorney, said she was encouraged by the support she received in a Republican-leaning area, and that she plans to stay active in the community.

"The results show that there is a serious concern from a substantial number of residents to change the direction of the treasurer's office," White wrote in an email.

Worth the effort

Maguire, who won 6,632 votes, said her campaign was worthwhile despite the loss.

"I met a lot of really, really nice people along the way" and learned a lot, Maguire said. "I don't have any regrets about doing this."

Like White, Maguire said she plans to stay active, but she also ruled out another board run.

"I'm going to continue to monitor the township," she said. "I think everyone else should have an active role in our government."

Some 17,195 people voted in Tuesday's election, or about 76 percent of the 22,485 registered township voters. That included more than 7,100 absentee voters.

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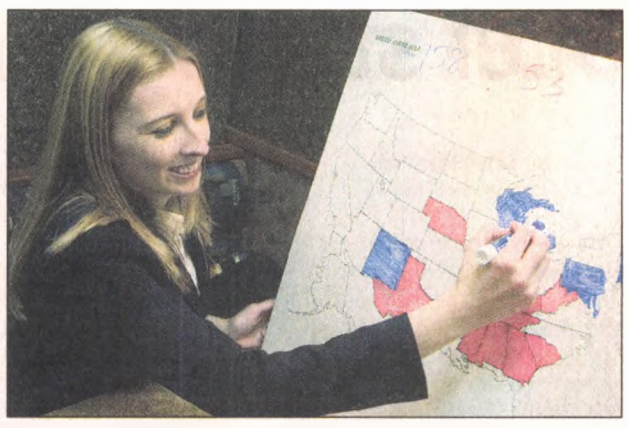

Democrat Alanna Maguire works on an electoral map. She fell short in her bid for a trustee seat.

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DDA ceremony jump-starts Red Kettle drive

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

The giving spirit will converge with the holiday spirit Friday when the Plymouth Salvation Army and the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority team up to kick off the holiday season.

The DDA conducts its annual Main St. Boulevard Tree Lighting by serving free coffee and hot chocolate starting at 6:30 p.m. in Kellogg Park, with Mayor Dan Dwyer flipping the switch at 7 p.m.

For the third straight year, the event also serves as the kickoff to the Plymouth Salvation Army's annual Red Kettle Campaign, the corps' biggest fundraiser of the year.

"I think it starts out the holiday season in downtown Plymouth," said DDA Operations Director Tony Bruscato. "The boulevard lights will be turned on, along with lights around the downtown area the merchants and DDA partnered on. I think, most importantly, it shows the downtown merchants' support of the Salvation Army."

The Salvation Army will be giving out a gift to the first 100 families and collecting non-perishable food items for its food pantry. Those who bring food will have a chance to win gift certificates from local merchants.

The event will feature the Salvation Army Brass Band and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park choir performing holiday songs.

Panera bread provides the coffee and hot chocolate, while Community Financial Credit Union sponsors free cookies, as well as an appearance by staffers from radio station WCSX.

Bruscato said he expects hundreds of people in the park for the event, which he said will probably only last until about 7:15 p.m.

"It's well-attended, and people are very generous not only with donations, but with non-perishable food items," Bruscato said. "It's a nice event and brings some holiday spirit to downtown Plymouth."

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Volunteers Make a Difference for seniors, disabled

By Matt Jachman
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Jonathan Taylor of NorthRidge Church makes a difference at a house on Brandywyne in Canton.

Volunteers fanned out across Plymouth and Plymouth and Canton townships Saturday to make a difference in the lives of senior citizens and people with disabilities.

More than 375 people, representing local churches, scouting and student groups, businesses and professional and service clubs, participated in Make a Difference Day in the three communities, raking and bagging fallen leaves for people who would have had a hard time doing those chores themselves.

The volunteer event was organized by the Plymouth Community United Way. Those who benefited from the effort — the group visited more than 50 homes — were grateful.

"Very good job," said Betty McDougall of Canton, 89, who has "quite a few trees" on her yard of about a half-acre. "This is the third year they've been here to help me. They do a marvelous job, and they're such nice people."

Even McDougall's dog, Chloe, got in on the action. "She hated to see them all go. She was having a great time in the back yard," McDougall said.

McDougall said she spent some time chatting with the workers, and that she donates to United Way. "I can't do the work myself, so I'm glad to help them out a little bit," she said.

Participating organizations included the Plymouth YMCA, the Canton Kiwanis Club, Grace Lutheran Church, the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees and high school honors students. Participating businesses included Home Depot, Freudenberg-NOK and Johnson Controls.

Scott Henderson helped lead a group of middle-school-age volunteers from Solid Rock Church in Plymouth.

"One of the things we try to teach our middle schoolers at the church is that serving others is very important," Henderson said Monday. "It's about serving and taking care of others."

The Solid Rock Crew, along with some Jaycees and honor students, made two stops in Plymouth Township, collecting more than 20 yard-waste bags of leaves at each place, Henderson said.

Henderson and Abigail Stonerook, a volunteer from the Jaycees, both said they were touched when one elderly homeowner came outside to tell the youths helping clean up his yard that he had built half the house himself and always prided himself on doing the raking, but was grateful for their work.

"That's really awesome to see somebody that age talking to kids" and connecting with them, Henderson said.

Henderson said it was Solid Rock's fourth or fifth Make a Difference Day outing.

"It's already on the schedule" for next year, he said.

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Plymouth resident Marvin Caldwell, 90, thanks the members of Solid Rock Church for cleaning up his large yard full of leaves.

MIAT employee Nicki Hanley holds her leaf bag open for 3-year-old Ryan McKelvey as they clean up at a house on Sheldon in Canton.

Adults and kids from Boy Scout Troop 1537 and Webelos Pack 293 clean up the leaves at a house on Elmhurst in Plymouth.

Lights festival highlights Indian culture

Theater-goers will be able to celebrate "Diwali ~ Festival of Lights" at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill on Friday, Nov. 16, in a special event that will feature music, dance, and a fun version of Diwali Jeopardy for the whole family to enjoy.

Theater doors will open at 7 p.m. for viewing of various Rangoli designs along with a punch and cookie reception. The first 200 patrons who make a donation at the door will receive a special battery-operated tea light to be used during the final song of the event.

This unique celebration, which is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m., is presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage's Multicultural Committee, in conjunction with The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. A $2 donation per person will be requested at the door to join the celebration.

The Diwali committee includes (Back row from left) Chinmayee Kulkarni, Vijaya Sastay and Shirish Shah and (front from left) Fanny Raina and Parul Shah.

Diwali, perhaps the most well-known of all Indian Festivals, is a five-day celebration held in honor of Lakshmi, the Hindu goddess of wealth and prosperity. Lighting candles during the Festival of Lights is believed to illuminate the darkness of the New Year's moon and strengthen close friendships and personal knowledge.

With the light, individuals can bring brightness and joy with the hope of finding light in darkness, achieving knowledge where there is ignorance, and spreading love amidst hatred. During the festival, oil lamps are burned throughout the day and into the night to ward off darkness and evil.

The special festivities will also showcase Rangoli designs, which are intended to be sacred welcoming areas for Hindu deities. Unique patterns are typically created with materials, including colored rice, dry flour, colored sand and even flower petals.

This night of songs, dance, sitar, games, and displays has been planned by Canton Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage's Multicultural Committee members, whose mission is to get to know all of their neighbors and their cultures through the arts. This group of volunteers has participated annually at Canton's Liberty Fest by hosting and presenting an International Festival with numerous diverse performances, displays and activities.

In addition to "Diwali ~ Festival of Lights," subcommittee members continue to host additional cultural events, including: an annual International Festival and a celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., each January. In March 2013 the commission will hold its first Confucian Cultural Festival.

For more information on "Diwali ~ Festival of Lights" and other upcoming cultural events and performances at The Village Theater, visit Cantonvillagetheater.org or call (734) 394-5300.

BOND

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buses and other district-owned vehicles, $30.4 million on K-12 technology needs, and some $45 million on general facility needs.

"Central Middle School is an issue (the district) has been wrestling with for years," Superintendent Jeremy Hughes told board members at a special meeting Monday. "Our people, through the various bond proposals, have made a tremendous investment in our district. Part of our obligation is to honor that investment by protecting it. It's time to look at some solutions (for Central)."

Paying the bill

Administrators are recommending the bond be paid for with a traditional taxpayer-supported bond with interest. Brodie Killian, the district's executive director of finance, said the district could take advantage of "historically low interest rates" to fund the bond without raising the district's debt levy.

That means, according to Killian, taxpayers would not see a hike in the 4.1 mills currently levied for debt in the district.

He was careful, though, to point out that, while the tax rates won't increase, voters will be asked to extend the debt levy for some six years longer than originally planned.

"It is feasible for us to consider this in as fiscally responsible a manner as we can," Killian said. "We feel confident this can be done in a manner that can be beneficial to the community."

Board Secretary Judy Mardigian, who has pushed for improvements to the Central Middle School situation for years, told Hughes she was "on board" with the concept, although she — along with other board members — are not ready to approve anything.

"I think this could be a very good proposition for the community," she said.

Central issue

The problems with Central Middle School are well-documented. The building, the district's oldest, has no central air conditioning, and the heat is forced air from boilers. There is precious little circulation, and temperatures go north of 100 degrees in the late summer and spring. There are poor sight lines for security and the building,.according to administrators and teachers, simply isn't on par with the district's other middle schools.

Under one provision of the plan, the district would build a 140,000-square-foot school to accommodate 850 students with 40 teaching stations. A similar plan in 2007 would have cost $33.5 million; this year, it's up to $38.6 million.

If the board doesn't want to build a new school, the plan offers the option of adding various numbers of classrooms to the district's other middle schools. They could also opt to simply renovate Central at a cost of some $24 million; however, officials at McCarthy-Smith, the district's construction manager, said standard practice is to not further invest in a facility once the remodeling costs exceed 66 percent of the replacement cost.

"We believe the district and the board must send a message to people in the Central community that our plan is to get those children into a more equitable facility," Hughes said. "There is a light at the end of the tunnel."

Turn of the century

Administrators want to spend some $30 million on instruction and technology needs. Among them:

- Computers, laptops, digital tablets and technology devices to support the district's technology curriculum.
- The ability to develop digital curriculum resources needed to prepare students to be college- and career-ready.
- A wireless network solution to allow digital access anywhere throughout the buildings and grounds.
- A district-owned fiber wireless networks for voice and data.

The needs are growing in the district, with the state set to go to an online MEAP testing system in a couple of years.

Jeannie Farina, the district's assistant superintendent for instruction, said the district has gotten by so far. That is, she said, no longer the case.

"We've been able to purchase technology with general fund money," Farina said. "We're no longer able to keep up with it doing it that way."

Fix the ride

Budget cuts in the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school year left no money in the budget for bus replacement. Original hopes had been to replace 14 buses last year and another 17 this year, at a combined cost of $262,000.

The bus replacement plan would replace some 88 buses through 2016-17, at a cost of $9.1 million, none of which has been budgeted for. The average bus in the district this year has some 104,000 miles on it.

"We want to keep our buses on the road," said Phil Freeman, the district's assistant superintendent for facilities and operations. "Our maintenance people do a fantastic job keeping them on the road, but as (buses) get older, the maintenance costs get higher."

Board members present (Vice President Adrienne Davis and Trustees Mike Maloney and Mark Horvath were absent) hailed the plan, while acknowledging no decision is yet to be made.

"Knowing we have the capacity to do this without any (tax) increase to the community is stunning good news," board President John Barrett said. "It's good for the community."

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THE SCHEDULE

What: Potential try for a $100 million bond by Plymouth-Canton Schools
When: Election in May; design process runs June 2013 through March 2014; bid/award contracts April-May 2014; construction June 2014 through August 2015; students occupy the new middle school (or renovated existing buildings) September 2015.
Why: The bond, if the board agrees to try and voters approve it, would largely pay for either a new middle school in Canton (with the resulting closure of Central Middle School in Plymouth), or the renovation of existing middle schools to absorb students from Central.
Next: The full board is expected to meet Nov. 19 to potentially give the administration the go-ahead to try for the bond.

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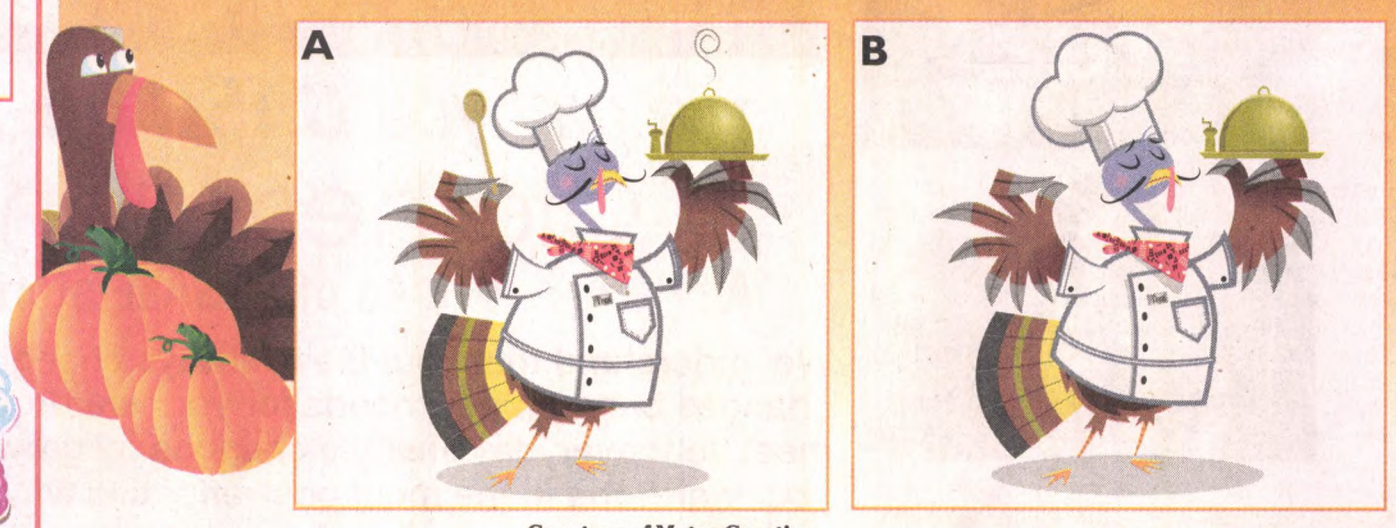

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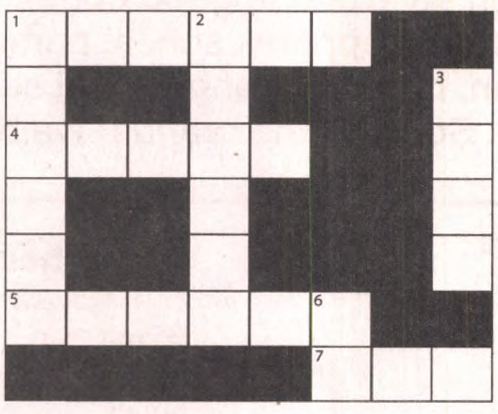

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1. Thanksgiving food
4. Taken ____, surprised
5. Dinner, another name
7. Consume

DOWN
1. Give ___
2. Toss up something
3. Sweet potatoes
6. Prefix for "once more"

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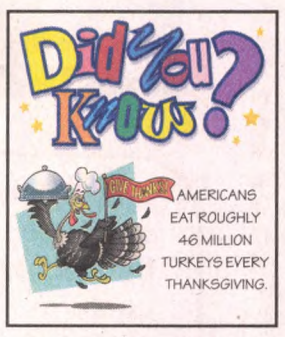

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Oh No!

My name is Mc Thevar. One fine sunny morning, I was eating my breakfast when my Mom comes up to me and said, "Would you like to come with me to the dentist office for my appointment?"
I never liked dentists, so first I said no but she added a catch.
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I was so excited that I couldn't help but say,"Yes…Yes…Yes!!!"
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So the next day the first thing I put in my pocket was my DS and I my favorite game. It was Sonic Colors the evolutionary. It was a long drive and I enjoyed my DS in the car. We reached the dentist office on time. When we come inside, I chose a comfy chair and started playing again.
Every few minutes the dentist office assistant comes out of the door and calls out the names to see the dentist. I was curious to hear my Mom's name. Finally she comes out, looks at us, then looks at the paper and calls the name,
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Plymouth chamber backers go tropical for annual auction

By Matt Jachman
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Livonia's Laurel Manor became a tropical paradise Friday night as more than 400 people, many decked out in Hawaiian shirts and carrying drinks topped by tiny parasols, partied during the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's 23rd annual auction and dinner.

The tropical-themed fundraiser, which saw the auction of between 450 and 500 donated items, including event tickets, condominium stays and more, netted between $35,000 and $45,000 for the chamber, according to a preliminary estimate from president Wes Graff. Money raised through the event will go toward efforts to promote the Plymouth area as a place to live, work, shop and have fun.

"The highlight is getting some 400 business people together in one room to support the chamber of commerce," Graff said.

Big-ticket auction items included three "live" paintings by Dave Santia, painted quickly onstage at Laurel Manor before the lively dinner crowd. The large paintings — of Detroit Tigers pitching ace Justin Verlander, legendary University of Michigan football coach Bo Schembechler and movie star Marilyn Monroe — brought a total of $2,700, Graff said.

A week-long Florida condominium stay brought a high bid of $1,300, and the donor agreed to ante up for another week, which also went to a $1,300 bidder, Graff said. A ride on a fire truck with Santa Claus, during the downtown Plymouth tree-lighting on the day after Thanksgiving, brought $1,350; the package, which went to a family with young children, includes a private visit with the Jolly Old Elf, an appearance onstage during the tree-lighting, and framed photograph to document the occasion.

Graff said attendance was down slightly from 2011, when about 450 people attended, but that the fundraising total should be in line with past years.

There were event 44 sponsors this year, the most ever, and Graff said he was gratified with the way the business community stepped up to support the chamber and the Plymouth area.

"That's what makes this community really special," he said.

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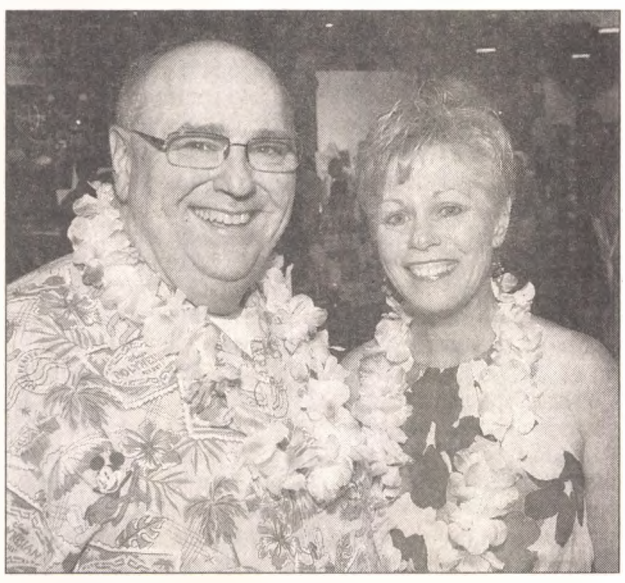
Ryan and Lisa Kolb check in at the tropical-themed Chamber evening.

Chamber volunteer Shirley Hutchins makes sure Heidi and Peter Grybas have a lei for the 50-50 raffle.

Elizabeth and Doug Herriman took the tropical theme seriously while enjoying the Plymouth chamber auction Friday.

Terry Poli, Kris Mayer and Mike Batterton check out the auction items.



Paul and Traci Sincock are no strangers to tropical weather, so they're ready for the evening.

Count on changes to tax laws following election

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Money Matters

Rick Bloom

I don't know about you, but I'm happy the election is over. It will be nice to get back to our normal craziness without having to worry about politics. At the end of a presidential election (no matter whether my candidate won), I always hope that the winner will become the best president in our history.

I believe after an election it's time to put differences aside and work together for the betterment of our country. That said, we all know the unfortunate reality is that partisan politics rules the day in Washington. And because of that, who knows what the future will bring, particularly when it comes to taxes.

I wish I could predict what will happen with tax laws, but I can't and neither can anyone else. When it comes to making tax decisions, I have to base things on what the law is today. I bring this up because there are some tax moves to consider doing before the end of the year as opposed to waiting until 2013.

The first move is simple and easy.

Those who itemize deductions should go through closets and donate clothes to a worthy charity such as Vietnam Veterans of American or Purple Heart. The key in taking a charitable deduction is to save your receipt and to value the donation fairly. People run into trouble when they overvalue their deduction.

Another move that some taxpayers may wish to consider this year is to take gains on positions — particularly if you are a high-end income investor. If you recognize capital gains this year, the maximum tax you will pay is 15 percent. That is cheap when it comes to tax brackets. I have no idea what the capital gains rate will be next year, but I can almost guarantee that it won't be less than 15 percent. If nothing more, if you are a high-income taxpayer next year, your capital gains rate will go up by 3.8 percent because of the surtax from Obamacare. In addition, depending upon what happens with the fiscal cliff, capital gains rates can also be higher next year.

Converting existing IRAs to Roth IRAs is a strategy always worth considering. Some uninformed people believe that seniors, particularly ones in their late 70s or older, shouldn't consider a Roth conversion. As far as I'm concerned, that is wrong. This strategy doesn't depend upon your age. It's something that can work and be effective no matter how old or how young you are.

When it comes to personal finance, individual goals and objectives (not age) are key factors in decisions.

I believe it's unlikely that taxes in 2013 will be lower than we have now. Of course, you don't want to let the tax tail wag the dog, however, all things being equal, there's no reason to pay higher taxes than you have to. Good luck.

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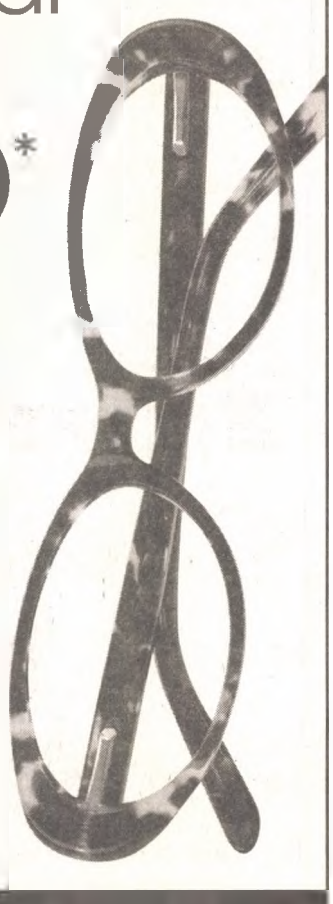

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Jennessa Hubbard and Andrew J.Neil of Canton rehearse a scene from The Glass Menagerie, playing at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill's Biltmore Studio next week.

Group brings 'Menagerie' to stage

Spotlight Players, the adult theater group at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton, bring their "black box" production of Tennessee Williams' poignant and charming "The Glass Menagerie" to the stage Nov. 9-11 and Nov. 16-18, at the Biltmore Studio at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

"The Glass Menagerie and other plays by Tennessee Williams are about specific characters in specific situations, but they also capture and express experiences and feelings that are universally understood and shared by us all," director Theresa Spencer said. "Loss, longing, hope against all odds, and love that turns to desperation are all showcased in the beautiful and poignant story of The Glass Menagerie."

The play's setting is 1936 St. Louis. The Wingfield family is feeling the hardships of the Depression. Amanda has been struggling since her husband abandoned the family 16 years earlier. She loves to tell her children, Tom and Laura, stories of her girlhood days as a popular Southern belle. Tom has a menial job in a warehouse, but is restless and dissatisfied. He dreams of writing and traveling, even though leaving his mother and sister would take away their only source of income. Laura is a painfully shy young woman who isolates herself at home, spending most of her time with her collection of tiny glass animals-the "glass menagerie."

Canton resident Jennessa Hubbard plays Laura Wingfield.

"I like being in this play because of the challenge of developing my character, Laura, a girl who is extremely fragile, shy, and withdrawn from the world," Hubbard said. "I also love Tennessee Williams and the way he writes, so to be in one of his plays is very rewarding to me."

The events of the play deal with each character's struggle for security and happiness, and the action culminates in a visit from a "gentleman caller" who Amanda has coerced Tom into bringing home to meet Laura.

Since the play takes place in a cramped tenement apartment and has a cast of only four people, the intimacy of the studio space is ideal. Both the audience and the actors will get a sense of the tension between the characters and the feeling they have of being trapped in their situations and environment.

The show plays 8 p.m. Nov. 9, 2 and 8 p.m. Nov. 10 and 2 p.m. Nov. 11, then repeats that schedule the following weekend. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

Tickets are available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or online at www.spotlightplayers-mi.org. Tickets are $15 for adults, $13 for seniors and students under 19.

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Canton man killed in crash

Canton police are investigating a pair of accidents that happened in the early hours of Wednesday morning, including one that killed a 55-year-old Canton man.

The first came at approximately 5 a.m., when Canton police and fire units were called to a single-car accident that had just occurred in the parking lot of Windsor Woods apartments at Warren and Morton-Taylor roads.

When they got there, officers and firefighters found a car crashed into a parked vehicle in the apartment complex parking area. The male driver was a 55-year old Canton resident who was transported by Canton paramedics to an area hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

A couple of hours later, at 7:08 a.m., Canton police and fire units were dispatched to a crash that had just occurred on eastbound Michigan Avenue, west of Canton Center Road. Upon arrival, units found a car that had been traveling westbound on Michigan Avenue, entered the divided median turn-around, and as the vehicle turned left onto eastbound Michigan Avenue, was struck by a semi tractor-trailer traveling eastbound on Michigan Avenue.

The driver and only occupant of the car, a 53-year old Belleville woman, was transported by Canton paramedics to an area hospital in serious condition. The driver of the semi was treated and released by paramedics at the scene.

The circumstances leading up to both crashes remain under investigation. Alcohol does not appear to be a factor in either accident. All driver names are being withheld at this time.

CANTON CRIME WATCH

Leaving the scene

Canton police ticketed a man for leaving the scene of an accident and driving with a suspended license following an incident that happened around 7 p.m. Sunday near Ford and Haggerty roads.

A woman driving a 2013 Chevrolet Cruze 51322 told police she was driving south on Haggerty when a Camaro pulled out of a parking lot and crashed into the driver's side of her car, then fled the scene.

She said she and the other driver initially pulled into the Shell gas station parking lot, where she said a thin black male got out of the Camaro and asked her why she hit his car. She said he then drove off.

The woman obtained a license plate number, allowing police to track down the Camaro, take him into custody and issue tickets for the incident.

Party time

Police went to a residence at Windor Woods Apartments, northwest of Morton Taylor and Warren, after receiving reports of a loud party around 2:30 a.m. Sunday.

The party was breaking up when officers arrived, but a man who was urinating in public was arrested. He told police he had needed to use the bathroom but didn't want to go back into the apartment.

Car damage

A woman who parked her vehicle near the back door of Tic Tac Nails, on Ford east of Morton Taylor, contacted police when she came outside around 7 p.m. last Friday and noticed a large scratch along her passenger door. The woman told police she wasn't sure who might have damaged her car.

Son steals

A Canton woman who lives on Chicester, northeast of Warren and Beck, contacted police to report that her son had stolen $1,100 from a locked box in her closet. The report was made Oct. 31.

A police report indicated the latch to the box had been pried open. Police spoke with the son, who told police he just needed money but claimed he had taken a lesser amount.

The report indicated the son tried to flee the home while police were there, but he was captured nearby.

The mother told police she had been keeping money in the locked box in hopes of remodeling her house.

Shed break-ins

Police went to the 8400 block of Ronda, southeast of Joy and Lilley, after three utility sheds were broken into sometime in late October. A snowblower was taken from one of the sheds; nothing was removed from the other two.

Home invasion

A man who lives on Roundtable, southwest of Palmer and Lilley, contacted police to report an attempted home invasion that occurred between 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Oct. 30.

It appears that an unknown suspect tired to gain entry through a back doorwall and kitchen window, a police report said. Entry wasn't gained; nothing was taken.

Compiled by Staff Writer Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

Theater hosts Jones exhibit

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill presents the works of Alvey Jones through Nov. 29 in the Gallery@VT, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

The work of this Michigan painter, printmaker and book artist has been exhibited locally and nationally and is in many public and private collections. Jones' artist books can also be found in the Special Collections Department of the Hatcher Graduate Library at the University of Michigan. In addition, Jones' artwork is part of the permanent collections located at: the University of Michigan, Saginaw Valley State University and Monroe Community College.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill hosts an exhibit of the work of Alvey Jones through Nov. 29.

Known primarily as a painter, Jones often mixes traditional methods with assemblage, collage and printmaking in a variety of styles. As a printmaker, he also experiments with many different kinds of materials and enjoys the chance combinations of color and texture that give an added dimension and interest to his works.

Born in Peoria, Illinois, Jones earned his BFA from Bradley University and an MA from Arizona State University. He also completed graduate work in art history at the University of Illinois.

This art exhibit at the Gallery@VT is free and open to the public 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, one hour prior to and during public performances at the theater, as well as by appointment. For more information about this latest exhibition in the Gallery@VT, please call (734) 394-5300 or visit cantonvillagetheater.org.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

Notice of Public Hearing on Recreation Master Plan

Notice is Hereby Given that a public hearing will be held by the City of Plymouth Commission on Monday, November 19, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. The public hearing is being held to receive comments and consider the adoption of the City of Plymouth Recreation Master Plan 2012 - 2016.

A Recreation Master Plan assists the City in identifying recreation needs within the community. The plan will serve as a guide for maintaining, improving and expanding facilities. While a Recreation Master Plan assists the community in determining its goals and needs, if approved by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), it also qualifies the community for recreation grants which are administered through the MDNR Grants Administration Section. The proposed Master Plan includes a community description, an overview of the administrative structure of the City, an inventory of existing facilities, a basis for action and finally recommended goals, guidelines and capital improvements for the next five years.

The hearing is intended to provide an opportunity for interested citizens to express their opinions regarding the aspects of the proposed Recreation Master Plan.

STEVE ANDERSON
RECREATION DIRECTOR

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Two newcomers join incumbent on Schoolcraft board

Voters in the Schoolcraft College District elected two new trustees and re-elected one incumbent on Tuesday.

In the contest for two six-year terms, Eric Stempien of Livonia, an incumbent since June 2102, was the top vote getter (28,066) ,while Gretchen Alaniz of Livonia (27,218) was a close second.

Incumbent Douglas Adams of Canton finished third with 26,399. He is vice president of Comerica's SBA (Small Business Administration) Lending division, a position he has held since 2005.

In late 2011, the board appointed Adams, a Ph.D., to fill the seat held by board chair Gregory J. Stempien, who stepped down from the board at the end of the year.

Terry Gilligan of Livonia defeated John Elkins, also of Livonia, in the race to fill the partial term ending in December 2014. Elkins had been appointed to the board to fill the remaining term of Mary Breen who retired in 2011 after serving on the Schoolcraft Board for 28 years.

Alaniz, a senior manager at TRW Automotive, is a member of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. A graduate of Central Michigan University, she promoted her knowledge and understanding of larger manufacturing industries stating the "board would benefit from a better balance with an experienced professional with manufacturing knowledge."

Stempien, of Livonia, is general counsel for Superior Air-Ground Ambulance Service. He was appointed to the board in June 2012 to complete the final year of a six-year term of board member Patricia Watson who retired.

Stempien's parents — Jeanne and Gregory of Northville — both served on the Schoolcraft College Board.

In the race to fill the unexpired term, Gilligan, the parent of a Schoolcraft student and a member of Pipefitters Local 636, made a strong showing throughout the district winning 39,256 votes more than 10,000 ahead of Elkins (29,977).

The Schoolcraft College district includes the Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, and Plymouth-Canton school districts and part of the Novi school district.

COC event canceled

The Community Opportunity Center has been forced to cancel its Wine Tasting Benefit & Auction scheduled for Friday, Nov. 9, due to the death of the father of the major sponsor who was critical to the success of the event. The event will be rescheduled in early 2013. A date and time will be announced soon. The wine tasting gala will still be held at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets purchased will be refunded by calling (734) 422-1020 or will be honored at the future event at the ticket holder's preference.

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OPINION

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OUR VIEWS

Our military veterans deserve kudos

On Sunday, the nation will celebrate Veterans Day. Dating back to Armistice Day ending World War I in 1918, the annual national holiday honors our military veterans who have served during wartime, and is a reminder that our freedoms have not been given to us but earned on battlefields all over the globe.

One of the questions we hear every year on Nov. 11 and will likely hear on Sunday is: "Have you thanked a veteran today?"

All over the country, communities and military organizations will host ceremonies where we do just that — thank America's 21 million military veterans for the sacrifices they have made for each and every one of us.

Unfortunately, though, in many cases our veterans need more than just an annual pat on the back. In particular, recent veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan could use the same commitment from their nation as they have shown in its defense.

In the time since the U.S. was attacked on Sept. 11, 2001, roughly 2.5 million military personnel have been sent overseas to either Iraq or Afghanistan (or in many cases to both). Of those, nearly half have been deployed more than once. In addition to the 6,600 troops killed in action, far too many veterans have suffered serious injuries that have rendered them unable to live a normal existence.

About 50,000 troops have the visible scars of war, while many more have suffered from invisible injuries like post-traumatic stress disorder and depression that have destroyed families and in too many cases led to suicide.

And if the injuries weren't bad enough, many of the veterans have come home to find other obstacles. The U.S. Department of Labor Statistics reports the unemployment rate for the most recent military veterans is about 12 percent — well over the national rate of 7.9 percent. It is even worse when you look at younger, male veterans between the ages of 18 and 24, who are experiencing an unemployment rate of nearly 30 percent.

This is unacceptable. And it is likely to get worse. Over the next five years, as we begin to pull out of Afghanistan, there will be another million veterans returning to civilian life. The post-war landscape they face is bleak.

The Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), a non-partisan, non-profit organization committed to veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan, recently released some troubling information it gleaned after surveying its members.

- Almost half of their unemployed members did not feel that employers were open to hiring veterans.
- Some 37 percent of IAVA members personally know someone they served with or another veteran who has committed suicide.
- About two-third of their members do not think troops and veterans are getting the care they need for mental health injuries.
- More than 30 percent are divorced or broke up with a long-term partner as a result of deployment and the return home.

Perhaps one answer is a program to create jobs specifically for returning veterans, similar to Franklin Roosevelt's Civilian Conservation Corps that put many people to work during the Great Depression. In fact, President Obama proposed something similar earlier this year. His proposal would have spent $1 billion over five years to help vets find work in their communities. Unfortunately, the bill was buried in election year politics and stalled.

Now that the election is over, it is time to revisit the bill or something similar that puts veterans to work and helps them pick up the pieces of their lives so they can continue to be contributing members of society.

Some may say — and they have — that we don't have the money for such programs. Where were those critics when we somehow found the money to send these patriots off to war?

We urge our elected officials to honor the commitment this nation made to our troops.

Our obligation to them extends far beyond a handshake and pat on the back once a year.

HONORING VETERANS

What: Plymouth Veterans Day Ceremony
When: 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 11
Where: Veterans Memorial Park, in front of Central Middle School, corner of Church and Main, downtown Plymouth
Who: American Legion Post No. 391, American Legion Post No. 112, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6695 and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter No. 528 host the ceremony. Veterans Day recognizes all military veterans and is a day for all to rededicate themselves to the cause of peace.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

Are you hopeful that the nation's politics will be less divided after the presidential election?

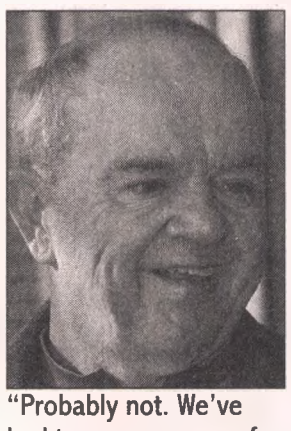
We asked this question Monday at the Plymouth District Library.

"I would like that, yes. ... If we get a new president."

Laura Gring
Canton Township

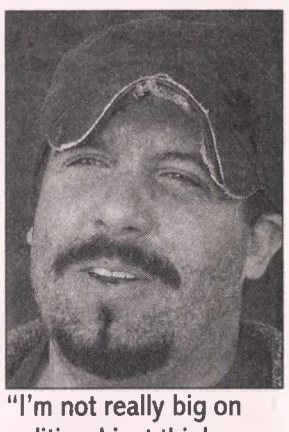
"Absolutely. ... I would always like to be optimistic about America."

Joyce M.
Plymouth Township



"Probably not. We've had too many years of (discord). ... It seems like just the way we go."

Dan Harrison
Ann Arbor



"I'm not really big on politics. I just think everybody should have health care and everybody should have a decent job."

Jeff Stevers
Plymouth Township

LETTERS

Partisanship is harmful

I wanted to write and convey how much I thoroughly enjoyed Kurt Kuban's op-ed "Don't let politicians slice and dice you with their divisive tactics." Like Kuban, I was stunned when I recently was in one of the Plymouth-Canton elementary schools, shortly after the start of the school day and saw the little Pledge of Allegiance ceremony in the office area and realized that it was being "broadcast" to all of the classrooms. Those kids, secretaries and principal, all standing, with hands over hearts, made me think back to my elementary school days in the 1950s when the same practice was done faithfully. As a Vietnam veteran, I thought those days were long gone, so to see that practical patriotism was still alive and well in our schools was pretty neat.

As Kuban stated, those who serve in the military don't serve just for their own selfish little "piece of America," but for all of America. I know partisanship is as old as our republic, but so are the warnings against it. Washington was concerned about it, and almost every president since him. It is sad to me, that so many of my fellow citizens judge everyone else, based solely on a partisan basis, causing conflict wherever they work, socialize or even worship. Keep proclaiming the truth, Mr. Kuban. As Lincoln said, "as God gives us to see that truth." And like President Obama says, "let us be able to disagree, in an agreeable manner." And God bless America.

Stephen Olson
Canton

Newspaper congratulations

I am honored to live in a community where our local newspaper is recognized in the 2012 Michigan Press Association Better Newspaper Contest.

I would like to extend my congratulations to the newspaper staff for winning both first place in editorial writing and third place for local columnist. I am thrilled they have been acknowledge for their commitment to community journalism and that their talents, viewpoint and hard work have been rewarded.

Ron Edwards
Plymouth Township treasurer

Whose bags are they?

Every few days, thousands of gallon-sized heavy duty plastic bags imprinted with "Remove Before Delivery To Customer" appear on Michigan Avenue in Wayne outside the Ford Wayne Assembly Plant. They blow all through the city and cause dangers to vehicles that might pick them up in their undercarriage. They also are in the woods and riverbank of the Rouge River by the tens of thousands.

I've been told the bags are put on wheels of new cars. Considering the location and that Ford has a large manufacturing plant at this location and a distribution point across the street — both with fences plastered with them — the general idea may be the bags are Ford's. Ford has been approached. I am told on three separate occasions the response was that it would "look into it."

I'm sick of looking at it.

Even if it is not responsible, why pay some workers $50 an hour to pick plastic bags out of a fence every three days?

More than $1 million of tax money is being spent to clean up the Lower Rouge River in Wayne. Tens of thousands of plastic bags, sometimes filled with an unidentified milky substance, stuck in the trees, bushes and grasses of the area are a filthy obstruction to that.

Tax breaks, overpaid workers, outsourcing jobs to other countries — what more does it want? Whoever is doing it is part of a filthy, unprofessional organization. Is this Ford country or a Ford dump?

What's up?

Alfred Brock
Wayne

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Climate is changing

Frankenstorm Sandy is one more dramatic demonstration that climate change and its extreme weather patterns are now part of our future.

Although we're unlikely to reverse climate change, we can still mitigate its effects by reducing our driving, our energy use and our meat consumption.

Yes, meat consumption. A 2006 U.N. report estimated that meat consumption accounts for 18 percent of man-made greenhouse gases. A 2009 article in the respected *World Watch* magazine suggested that it may be closer to 50 percent.

Carbon dioxide, the principal greenhouse gas, is emitted by burning forests to create animal pastures and by combustion of fossil fuels to confine, feed, transport, and slaughter animals and to refrigerate their carcasses. The much more damaging methane and nitrous oxide are discharged from digestive tracts of cattle and from animal waste cesspools, respectively.

We have the power of reducing the devastating effects of climate change every time we eat. Our local supermarket offers a rich variety of soy-based lunch "meats," hot dogs, veggie burgers, soy and nut-based dairy products (including cheese and ice cream) and an ample selection of traditional vegetables, fruits, grains and nuts. Product lists, easy recipes, and transition tips are available at www.livevegan.org.

Byron Bunn
Birmingham

McGovern legacy

Recently we lost former U.S. Sen. George McGovern. Although many will recall his disastrous 1972 loss to Richard Nixon and his subsequent leadership in getting us out of Vietnam, his truly lasting legacy will be his war on hunger and malnutrition.

In 1977, following extensive public hearings, McGovern's Senate Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs published *Dietary Goals for the United States*, a precursor to today's *Dietary Guidelines*. It marked the first time that a U.S. government document recommended reduced meat consumption.

The meat industry forced the committee to destroy all copies of the report and to remove the offending recommendation from a new edition. It then abolished the committee, voted McGovern out of office and warned government bureaucrats never to challenge meat consumption again (*Food Politics* by Marion Nestle, 2007).

Yet, after 35 years of studies linking meat consumption with elevated risk of heart disease, stroke, cancer and other killer diseases, the MyPlate icon, representing USDA's current Dietary Guidelines for Americans, recommends vegetables, fruits and grains, but never mentions meat and shunts dairy off to one side. (www.choosemyplate.gov/).

Burton Burlow
Birmingham

Consequences

I was reading a book while sitting in the customer waiting area of my car dealership to have the oil changed and the tires rotated. I overheard a brief discussion that caused me to think deeply about political promises and unintended consequences.

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He took the keys and left without having any work done; I sat there and thought about what I had witnessed. I thought about the "cash for clunkers" program that caused thousands of perfectly drivable cars to be destroyed, raising prices of used cars across the country. I thought about 20 years of fuel mileage mandates that raised the cost of cars "only a little bit but we all will save as a result."

I thought about the new rules to almost double mileage requirements over the coming years, backup cameras and more. ... I thought about the newspaper reporters and TV anchors that covered the press conferences announcing all of these new government programs.

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'Cats ready for rematch with CC

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Two autumns ago, Plymouth's football program began to make a name for itself with a march to the Division 1 finals at Ford Field.

Paced by senior standouts Brennen Beyer and Kyle Brindza, the 2010 Wildcats took a big step in that quest with their 9-7 victory over Novi-Detroit Catholic Central in the Region 2 matchup.

After last season's first-round knockout (administered by Canton), the Wildcats and Shamrocks will meet again in a contest to determine the Region 2 victor. The opening kickoff will be 1 p.m. Saturday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity turf field.

"Everybody is a key for us," said Mike Sawchuk, coach of both Plymouth teams. "We all got to play together. We don't have the superstar kids like we did in 2010.

"All these kids, the difference between that year and this year is we got a ton more role models, kids that are willing to just do their jobs."

Fresh off knocking out previously undefeated Livonia Churchill (20-14 last week), the Wildcats can't wait for the rematch.

That is an understatement for players such as senior quarterback Jamarl Eiland, who was on the 2010 team.

"We know they're a powerhouse and people don't probably expect us to play with them," Eiland noted. "But I know the coaches are going to have us ready and prepared for the game. I feel pretty good going into the game."

Experience helps

Eiland emphasized that for current players that were part of the 2010 postseason ride, that experience can only benefit them.

"I think Nate Emminger (senior wide receiver/defensive back) played the most out of anybody on that team" that is still

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BILL BRESLER
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Nate Emminger, shown from earlier this season, was one of Plymouth's key performers in the team's 2010 playoff win over Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

SATURDAY SHOWDOWN

What: Division 1-Region 2 football matchup between Plymouth (9-2 overall, 2-0 in postseason) and Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (7-4, 2-0 in postseason).
When/where: 1 p.m. Saturday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity turf field.
Rematch: The Wildcats and Shamrocks also played a regional game in 2010, with Plymouth winning 9-7. That victory helped the 'Cats advance all the way to the D1 finals.
Points recap: So far this season, Plymouth holds a 390-188 edge over opponents in the points department. CC also has a big edge, having tallied 315 points while allowing just 208.
Next: The Plymouth-CC winner will square off on Saturday, Nov. 17, at a neutral site against the winner of Saturday's Region 1 game between Clarkston (11-0) and Rockford (9-2).

Lacrosse meeting

For anyone interested in playing Plymouth girls lacrosse in the spring, there will be a mandatory parent and player meeting 7 p.m. Nov. 28.

It will take place at Salem High School in the Salem Presentation Room (No. 2112).

Parents are asked to park near the main Salem entrance off of Joy Road near the flagpole.

Coaching spot

Salem varsity girls track and field coach Dave Gerlach announced he is looking to hire an assistant coach for the 2013 season.

The coach should specialize in sprints and relays.

Gerlach can be reached at (734) 416-7774 or via e-mail at Rockcoachxc@wowway.com.

STATE FINALS

'Dream season' ends for Salem

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Salem didn't win the Division 1 girls cross country championship, finishing eighth Saturday at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Yet the 2012 Rocks were about as perfect as can be according to their coach, Dave Gerlach.

"If there ever was a time to do a 'happy dance' it is after what these kids accomplished this season," Gerlach said. "(Saturday) capped off a dream season.

"... From the top to the bottom these runners kept their focus on team success and sticking together."

The Rocks tallied 297 points at MIS; Birmingham Seaholm took first with 69 points. Salem nemesis Grosse Pointe South placed second (88 points).

Salem lead runner Kayla Kavulich did run a "perfect race," he said, in finishing 11th overall with a personal best-time of 18 minutes, 15.6 sec-

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Salem's Kayla Kavulich (No. 1145) and East Lansing's Zoe Morse (No. 1054) race during the Division 1 state finals.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

It's been quite a rookie season for Salem freshmen Lisa and Linda Zhang. The twins soon will compete at the Division 1 varsity girls swimming and diving state finals in Holland.

Making waves

Salem frosh twins splashing onto the varsity scene

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Linda and Lisa Zhang are identical twins in just about every way imaginable.

Both Salem freshmen enjoy pop music, take the same classes, have similar likes and dislikes in the food department and are nice, low-key 14-year-olds who smile a lot.

They never get tired of each other, although it does get old being asked who's who.

"We have the same kind of thinking," Linda Zhang said. "People think we have telepathy. But we just get along well. We don't fight, ever."

Well, perhaps they fight in the sense of wanting to outdo the other in the pool.

And to that end, don't forget both also are state champion-caliber swimmers, making an incredible impact on Salem's varsity girls swimming and diving team.

Quite a quest

"We like to push each other," Lisa Zhang said. "And we like to discuss our goals and try to push each other to be the best we can."

They definitely are succeeding in that quest. Both have already qualified for the Division 1 state finals in all three relays, as well as several individual events.

"When they swim, I can't tell them apart," said Rocks veteran head coach Chuck Olson, who said the last freshman twins at Salem who qualified for the state meet were Marion and Sue Stanwood in 1978. "They're a little different in their stroke technique. But they both go fast."

Watching the girls zip through the water during a recent practice, it was difficult

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Bedell named Horizon POY

University of Detroit Mercy junior forward Adam Bedell was named Horizon League Player of the Year, Offensive Player of the Year and first-team all-league after leading with 11 goals and 27 points.

The 6-foot-6 Bedell is the first Titan to earn Player of the Year since Andrew Ornoch did it in 2005.

"The numbers tell it all," said Deren. "He (Bedell) led the league in scoring and he was consistent throughout the year in all aspects of his game."

Bedell showed that he could do more than just score.

With his lengthy throw-ins, Bedell was able to notch two assists to help boost Detroit to a 2-1 victory over regionally-ranked Western Michigan.

In Horizon play, Bedell notched six goals and two assists, including three goals in the final three games to clinch the regular-season title.

He was a perfect 3-for-3 on penalty kicks and had three game-winning goals for the Titans, now 10-8 overall and 6-1 in the Horizon entering Friday's playoff game.

Whalers punch winning ticket on Election Day

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Before the Election Day matinee at Compuware Arena, if Plymouth Whalers coach Mike Vellucci went down his "ballot" and checked off boxes for strong goalkeeping, early offense and pesky penalty killing, he'd be pretty confident in it being a winning ticket.

Vellucci's team came through in all those areas and more in Tuesday's 4-1 victory over the Saginaw Spirit, in an OHL West Division contest witnessed by just over 1,500 fans.

After having an uncharacteristically sloppy showing Saturday against Sarnia (a 7-5 loss), the

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Whalers were determined to turn things right around.

"You never want to give up seven, so I thought the guys played better defensively," Vellucci said. "We limited their chances in the first and the third.

"In the second it got a little out of hand, but I think they had a lot of power plays."

Winning the goaltending battle was Plymouth's Matt Mahalak (Monroe), who turned aside 36 of 37 shots.

"He made the big saves when we needed them, that's the key," Vellucci noted. "Goaltending isn't so much about all the saves but the timely saves."

At the other end, the Whalers (9-5-2-1) were putting a dent in the armor of Saginaw's netminder Jake Paterson — a prospect of the Detroit Red Wings.

RENA LAVERTY

Stefan Noesen (No. 11) of the Plymouth Whalers maintains possession of the puck during Tuesday's 4-1 win over Saginaw at Compuware Arena. Noesen scored two goals in the OHL matinee. In the background for Plymouth is Cody Payne (No. 8).

Plymouth went up 1-0 at 7:50 of the first period on the first of two goals by forward Stefan Noesen.

On the goal, defenseman and captain Colin MacDonald launched a slap shot from the right point that Noesen tipped into the top-left corner. Starting the play was forward Rickard Rakell.

"Finally things are going for us." Noesen said. "Colin MacDonald got a perfect shot right where I wanted it.

"My stick was right there and I didn't even have to move my stick. It kind of just hit it and went upstairs."

Saginaw (6-10-2-0), however, needed just 16 seconds to respond with a goal to make it 1-1. Garret Ross (Dearborn Heights) scored right off the face off, with assists to Vincent Trocheck and Dalton Young.

Then with 3:57 left in the frame, the Whalers regained the lead.

Winger Danny Vanderwiel, who skated hard and made things happen on regular shifts and on the PK, sent the puck to defenseman Simon Karlsson in the neutral zone.

Karlsson, in turn, fed Rakell who skated into the right circle and snapped the puck high over Paterson's blocker for his eighth goal of the season.

Paterson came out much stronger in the scoreless second, making a variety

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Happy unveiling

During halftime of a recent football game at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, the Plymouth varsity girls golf team unveiled its Division 1 championship banner and happily posed with the title trophy. The Wildcats earned the first championship in the decade-old history of Plymouth High School. Meanwhile, five players and coach Dan Young were named to the 2012 All-Observer girls golf team which is featured in today's sports section.

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of big stops (18 in the period) and showing why the Red Wings drafted him in June.

He turned aside Noesen's backhander from the slot and then thwarted a 2-on-1 with a sliding save against forward Zach Bratina.

Then with about four minutes to play in the stanza, Paterson sprawled to deny Rakell's scoring bid.

"We had 28 (scoring) chances against him and only four goals so he's a real good, solid goalie," Vellucci said. "We got that first one which was a deflection so you can't blame him."

Mahalak also turned up his game in the second, making 13 stops (including several during a late Saginaw power play).

Momentum changer

A turning point might have been Mahalak's save against Terry Trafford with about 12:45 left in the third, followed by Plymouth's third goal of the afternoon.

Trafford bolted between defenders to get off a hard, 10-foot drive that Mahalak stopped.

Instead of a 2-2 game, the Whalers made it 3-1 at 8:42 on a one-timer by winger Matt Mistele (4) with assists to blueliner Gianluca Curcuruto and Bratina.

About a minute later, Vanderwiel's hustle drew a Saginaw penalty and (at 10:14) Noesen netted another insurance goal (his 10th of the year) to cap the scoring.

Defenseman Connor Carrick sent the puck to Rakell who feathered a pass from the left circle to Noesen in the slot.

The Ottawa Senators' prospect then ripped a shot over Paterson's glove.

Both Vellucci and Noesen said they hoped the victory would spark a winning weekend at Compuware. Plymouth hosts Windsor and London (7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, respectively) as part of the annual "Scouts Weekend."

Tickets are still available, (734) 453-8400, but the games are expected to sell out.

"We had 10 or 11 on the road and only five at home," Vellucci stressed. "So it's good to be home for a while."

Wait til next year

Meanwhile, Vellucci said it was unfortunate that the ongoing National Hockey League lockout resulted in the cancellation of the much-anticipated Winter Classic and spinoff Winter Festival (which would have included OHL games at Comerica Park).

The outdoor game between Plymouth and London would have been played 5 p.m. Dec. 29. With the cancellation, it now is slated for 7 p.m. that same day at Compuware.

All signs now point to the outdoor games being played next winter in Ann Arbor and Detroit, providing the NHL can finally gain labor peace.

"We were all looking forward to it," Vellucci said. "The one thing is we always knew there might be a cancellation because of the lockout.

"We never got overexcited about it. It's going to be a great thing and we'll just have to wait a year."

For more about the Dec. 29 game (including updated ticket information), go to www.plymouthwhalers.com.

SARNIA 7, PLYMOUTH 5: On Saturday night at Compuware Arena, the visiting Sting built a 5-2 lead after two periods and held off a late Whalers rally in this OHL West Division matchup.

Scoring twice for Plymouth was forward and Farmington Hills product Alex Aleardi (goals 6, 7) with other goals tallied by Stefan Noesen (8), Zach Bratina (1) and Ryan Hartman (6).

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State champion 'Cats dominate girls golf team

ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM

Kelsey Murphy, Plymouth: What a storybook career for the oldest of Plymouth's two talented Murphy sisters.

The four-year stalwart capped off the school's first state championship in any sport when she earned medalist honors with the tournament-topping score of 73-75-148 at Michigan State University's Forest Akers East Golf Course.

She piled up medals and accolades all season, winning the D1 regional (74) and also posting top scores in seven other tournaments or matches.

The all-state performer's low score was 69 strokes. She averaged 37 for nine holes and 74 for 18.

"Kelsey is a great competitor and an outstanding golfer," coach Dan Young said. "She put in the work and it paid off."

One of the reasons why Murphy excelled, he continued, was her ability to set a goal and go after it full tilt. He mentioned her disappointment at finishing third at the 2011 state meet, losing the top spot with four holes to go.

This time around, she didn't give it up and the Wildcats benefited as a group.

"Kelsey was unbelievably strong, mentally, Young said. "She was the leader after Day 1, as well as we were."

Murphy's golf talents will now be spotlighted at Eastern Michigan University, where she will compete beginning in fall 2013.

Sarah Thompson, Plymouth: The other half of Plymouth's four-year dynamic duo was Thompson, who actually set the Wildcats' team record with a score of 68 at the Next Tee Invitational at Knollwood Country Club.

Thompson earned all-state honors with her two-day tally of 86-80-166 at Forest Akers East, sparking Plymouth to the D1 title.

In the regional at Pine View Golf Course, her score of 78 earned her the runner-up spot behind Kelsey Murphy.

Thompson also was medalist at the KLAA tournament, with an 18-hole score of 73 at Salem Hills. Her averages were 39 for nine holes and 77 for 18.

"Sarah had a great season and is a tremendous golfer," Young said. "She was determined to help her team win the state title."

She would like to continue playing golf at the collegiate level. Young said she is considering going to University of Detroit, Grand Valley State University or St. Mary's College in South Bend, Indiana.

Sydney Murphy, Plymouth: What could be better than being part of a state championship team?

For Sydney Murphy, it's the fact she has two more seasons to play for the Wildcats as they continue to carve up quite a legacy.

Perhaps she kept close attention to what older sister Kelsey Murphy was doing. But Sydney proved she is an outstanding golfer in her own right, averaging 43.5 strokes for nine holes and 83.5 for 18.

In addition to strong performances at regionals (sixth, 86) and state finals (88-85-173), she was medalist at the Hudson Mills Invitational with a low of 74 and tied for fourth place at the KLAA championship tourney with an 83.

"Sydney is just scratching the surface," Young said. "Her best golf is ahead of her and I look forward to helping her continue to be one of the best in the area."

Brenna Hammond, Mercy: Hammond was a regular in the varsity lineup for four years and is a repeat member of the all-area first team. She matched her best score of the season (76) on the second day of the Division 1 state finals and helped Mercy finish in second place. She was 10th overall with a two-day total of 161, and she was later named to the all-state first team.

Hammond shared the runner-up spot in the Oakland County D-1 tournament with a 77, and she played a key role in the Marlins winning the team title. She made the all-tournament team at the Traverse City Invite with rounds of 78 and 76. Hammond, who was fourth in the Catholic League, averaged 41.5 for nine holes and 82.2 for 18.

"That's a pretty prestigious tournament (at Traverse City), so to finish in the top 10 up there was really good," coach Vicky Kowalski said. "She played No. 1 or No. 2 all four years, so she went up against some of the best players in the state throughout her career, and I think she held her own. Her scoring average improved every year. She's looking forward to playing in college (but hasn't decided on a school)."

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Kelsey Murphy, sr., Plymouth
Sarah Thompson, sr., Plymouth
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SECOND TEAM

Jackie Burdette, sr., Churchill
Laura Shureb, sr., Stevenson
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Erica Heath, soph., Mercy
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Kayla Whatley, jr., Plymouth
Katie Chipman, fr., Plymouth
Maggie McGowan, sr., Churchill

COACH OF THE YEAR

Dan Young, Plymouth

HONORABLE MENTION

Canton: Chloe Luyet, Rachel Pisano, Katie Adams, Madelyn Mans; **Plymouth:** Danielle Allen; **Salem:** Gabby LeBlanc, Katie Vena; **Churchill:** Claire Rose; **Ladywood:** Kayla D'Allesandro, Caroline Bork, Sara Even; **Stevenson:** Mary Peltz, Kelsey Duntley; **John Glenn:** Olivia Cabildo; **Farmington:** Julia Palaian, Courtney Cole, Megan Wiltsie; **Mercy:** Katie Baird, Natalie Bozimowski; **North Farmington-Harrison:** Nita Kedharnath.

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Sarah Montone, Mercy: Montone was the Catholic League medalist, leading the Marlins to their first championships since 2008. She earned the same honor at the Farmington Invite at Glen Oaks with a 75, and she shot 78 on the second day of the Traverse City tournament at Spruce Run. Montone was Mercy's best golfer on the first day of the state finals with an 84. Her 84.5 tournament average is the best of her four-year varsity career, and she also averaged 40.9 in dual matches. Montone is a repeat member of the all-area first team, and she is an all-state honorable mention.

"She was a real team leader this year," Kowalski said. "Sarah really took the reins and helped the younger kids who are coming up. The competition loved to play in the same group with her, because she has the best etiquette on the course. She treats people really well.

"Overall, she just had a great senior year. She had a rough sophomore campaign and, toward the end of the season, kinda lost her swing. I commend her for how strong she has come back these last two years."

Gillian Hickey, Mercy: Hickey, who played volleyball as a freshman and jayvee golf as a sophomore, had a solid senior season for the Marlins. She was a two-year varsity starter, but she really improved as a senior.

"She worked so hard over the summer," Kowalski said. "I think she had an inkling this team could do something, and she knew we needed another scorer. So she worked real hard on her game to make sure she was ready from day one when we started the season."

Hickey was sixth in the Oakland County tournament with an 80, but Kowalski said she was upset with that score, having missed a sub-80 round by one stroke. Hickey broke 80 at the next tournament, shooting a career best of 77 at Birmingham Country Club and finishing in third place. She also shot 80 and was the Catholic League runner-up. Hickey, an all-state honorable mention, averaged 43.2 for nine holes and 84.9 for 18.

"Man, did she pick the right time to (shoot 80)," Kowalski said. "She really came through for the team at both of those big events. Playing No. 3 this year, she did a really nice job."

Kelsey McDougall, Canton: Across campus from the state champions resided another elite golfer in McDougall.

At the D1 state finals at Forest Akers East, the Canton junior placed 20th with a two-day tally of 86-83-169 and was selected to the all-state first team as a result.

McDougall qualified for the state finals for the second season in a row with her fifth-place finish at the Pine View regionals (82) and placed third at the conference tourney with a score of 80.

Averaging 42.1 strokes for nine holes and 81.1 for 18, she medaled four times in seven dual matches and was a force in tournament play (top-5 five times, top-10 six times).

Her season's best was a first-place score of 75 at the Highest Honors Invite at Huron Meadows.

"Kelsey is a very gifted athlete who loves to compete," coach Tom Alles said. "She was our team's on-course leader this year as a result of her stellar play, especially in tournaments.

"Her hard work and dedication to improve has enabled her to become one of the premier high school golfers in the state. Her game is solid from tee to green."

Sophie Kollin, NF-Harrison: Kollin helped her team win the OAA White Division championship for the second year in a row. A three-year varsity player and repeat member of the all-area first team, she averaged 41.1 in dual matches and 82.4 in tournaments.

Kollin shot season-best rounds of 77 twice, matching the team record she shares with Cassie Jemison. She was the medalist in six events, including the first OAA White tournament. Kollin tied for second place in the Oakland County D1 tournament, and she was a D1 state qualifier last year.

"She had a great season," coach Bruce Sutton said. "I'm looking for her to put in a tremendous amount of work this winter and spring, and I'm expecting great things from her next year. She was disappointed when she didn't make the state finals. I know she'll be driven next year.

"One thing about Sophie is, when she's on her game, she's always in the middle of the fairway. She was our rock. I always knew she was going to come in with a good score and, in most cases, our lowest score."

ALL-AREA SECOND TEAM

Jackie Burdette, Churchill: The senior co-captain led the Chargers with a nine-hole average of 44.4 along with an 18-hole average of 91.1.

Burdette shot an 80 to earn co-medalist honors at the Ladywood Invitational and was dual-match medalist three times.

Burdette shot an 89 to earn all-Kensington Conference honors and added an 87 with a seventh-place finish at the regional to earn a spot in the Division 1 state finals where she carded rounds of 84-91-175.

"Jackie has had a very successful four year career at Churchill improving each and every year," coach Paul Worley said. "Jackie's smile and laughter will be missed by her teammates and coach."

Laura Shureb, Stevenson: The senior averaged 47.2 per nine and 91.8 in six 18-hole tournament. The three-year varsity letter winner and captain tied for sixth at the regional with an 89, which earned her a trip to the Division 1 state finals where she shot 93-94-187.

Shureb also earned top 10 finishes at the Ladywood Invitational and Kensington Conference Tournament.

"Laura had a great golf season," coach Dave Higham said. "She led the team with outstanding leadership to help Stevenson become (Public Schools of Livonia) champs and had a great individual season with appearances in both regionals and states. Laura is not only successful on the golf course, but in the classroom as well. She was a great asset to the team and will truly be missed next season."

Jess Geer, Mercy: Geer helped solidify the Mercy lineup when she transferred from Brighton, where she was a varsity player. She stepped into a starting role as the replacement for Francesca Sovis, the only starter lost from last year's team.

Her best score was the 78 she shot in the Farmington Invite. She was Mercy's No. 2 golfer at the state meet (85-84) and was tied for 20th place. Geer averaged 45 strokes in dual matches and 88.8 in tournaments. She also shot an 85 on the Wolverine Course in Traverse City.

"It can be little awkward, coming in as a new person with a group that was pretty well established," Kowalski said, "but Jess fit in well with our team.

"She has an awesome short game. She works hard on chipping and putting. Her work ethic rubbed off on some of the other girls. It helped improve the entire team. Suddenly, the team started to get better. I really look forward to her coming back as a team leader next year."

Erica Heath, Mercy: Heath picked one of the most opportune times to match her best score of 85. It was the second day of the state finals, and the Marlins needed it to edge Utica by (two) strokes for second place. She also shot 85 on the Wolverine Course in Traverse City. Heath, who made the all-area second team last year, shot an average score of 45 in dual matches and 89.6 in tournaments.

"She was that second score that pushed us ahead of Utica," Kowalski said. "The Utica coach thought he had us beat. He wasn't even paying attention to the No. 5 golfer. That was the highlight of her year. That was thrilling for me as a coach. Between the two days, all five girls had one of their scores count.

"What a day to come in and tie your best score — on the second day at the state finals and the biggest competition of the year. Erica is part of us being a true team and having five solid scorers we can put out there. She was very consistent. Most of her scoring was between 85 and 92. I couldn't ask for a more solid No. 5 player."

Molly Laird, NF-Harrison: Another junior standout for the North Farmington-Harrison team, Laird lowered her nine-hole average by 2.7 strokes this year to 44.7; her average tournament score was 89.7. A repeat member of the all-area second team, Laird was a top-five finisher in both OAA White tourneys.

"Molly had some really good rounds," Sutton said. "She was in the 30s one or two times. In most cases, I always knew Molly was going to be our second-best scorer. She was a solid 80s player.

"She had a good year, and I look for it to be a better year next year. She knows what it takes to play good golf; she has played some great golf the past three years. I'm hoping she'll put in a lot of work on her game, so we can achieve what our goal was this year (qualify as a team for the state meet). Being one of the co-captains, Molly is going to help us prepare for next fall."

Kayla Whatley, Plymouth: Another reason for Plymouth's success, Whatley came through with averages of 44.2 for nine holes and 90.8 for 18 to help provide the champion Wildcats with a solid, deep varsity lineup.

At the state finals, Whatley delivered with a 84-88-172 scoreline for the two days at Forest Akers East.

She also finished eighth overall at the KLAA championship with a score of 84.

Her experience should help pay dividends in 2013, when she will be called upon to be one of the team's leaders.

"Kayla was a huge factor in us winning the state weekend," Young said. "She's a very hard worker and very determined competitor."

Katie Chipman, Plymouth: In just her freshman season, Chipman made her presence felt and gained invaluable experience during the Wildcats' ride to a state title.

She averaged 44.6 for nine holes and 90.1 for 18 and finished tied for fourth at the KLAA championship with a score of 83.

At the state finals, her score of 95-88-183 helped the cause. And at regionals, she finished 13th with a tally of 92.

Along with Sydney Murphy and Whatley, she will help form the nucleus of the 2013 squad — one that will undoubtedly continue to set the bar at a very lofty level.

"Katie was a pleasant surprise this season," Young said. "She continued to improve as the season went on. She has a bright future in golf."

Maggie McGowan, Churchill: The senior co-captain and team MVP played consistently throughout the season boasting a nine-hole average of 46.8 and an 18-hole average of 92.7.

The four-year varsity performer saved her best season during her senior year placing in the top ten at the Lady Maverick (ninth), Ladywood and Grosse Ile invitationals.

Her career-best 18-hole score was 89 at Grosse Ile and she also was dual match medalist three times.

"Maggie is a KLAA Scholar-Athlete and three-sport varsity athlete whose tenacity and competitiveness as second to none," Worley said. "That's what made Maggie a pleasure to coach these past four years."

COACH OF THE YEAR

Dan Young, Plymouth: The blueprint for sustained excellence had been formulated in recent years by longtime Plymouth coach Chris Moore.

But just as the 2012 season dawned, Moore had to give up the reins due to a career move. In stepped Young, and he did not miss a beat — he guided the Wildcats to an undefeated season in the KLAA South Division (8-0), followed by a first-place finish at the Kensington Conference tournament.

The Wildcats did not stop there, winning the Division 1 regional at Pine View and subsequent state finals at Forest Akers East.

That gave Plymouth High School its first state title in any sport.

True to his humble nature, Young tried to deflect any of the credit for the championship run.

Dan Young Plymouth coach

He credited his predecessor for assembling such a winning team.

"Chris started the program," Young said. "He was the only coach in the history of the school, for girls, up until August.

"And he's the one that built this program, from scratch."

Young also praised his squad, spearheaded by outstanding seniors Kelsey Murphy and Sarah Thompson augmented by Sydney Murphy, Kayla Whatley, Katie Chipman and Danielle Allen.

"The girls have worked very hard at their game and deserve to be state champions," he added. "They executed and delivered under pressure on the biggest stage."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

CHS 5K Fun Run

The Churchill Family 5-kilometer Fun Run will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 with the start at the high school parking lot.

There will also be a 1-mile 10-and-under fun run. (Donation is a can of pet food.)

Race day fees are $15 and $20, respectively. Family of four can preregister for $45.

For more information, call (734) 744-2650, Ext. 46117; or visit www.chs-cap.com.

Plymouth girls lax meeting

For anyone interested in playing Plymouth girls lacrosse in the spring, there will be a mandatory parent and player meeting 7 p.m. Nov. 28.

It will take place at Salem High School in the Salem Presentation Room (No. 2112).

Parents are asked to park near the main Salem entrance off of Joy Road near the flagpole.

Salem girls track coaching spot

Salem varsity girls track and field coach Dave Gerlach announced he is looking to hire an assistant coach for the 2013 season.

The coach should specialize in sprints and relays.

Gerlach can be reached at (734) 416-7774 or via e-mail at Rockcoachxc@wowway.com.

Rosedale 5K run

The Rosedale Area Neighbors will observe Veterans Day with its annual Red, White and Blue 5-kilometer run-walk starting at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 at Rudolf Kleinert Park in Livonia.

Registration will be from 9-10:30 a.m. at Rosedale Garden Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia.

Proceeds will go to the Livonia Symphony Orchestra. Participants are also encouraged to bring canned good for the Boy Scouts' annual Can-Do drive.

Long-sleeved T-shirts will go to the first 150 registrants. Pizza and pasta feast, along with prizes, will follow at Rosedale Garden Presbyterian. Patriotic apparel is encouraged. Preregistration fees are $15 (adult); $10 (middle school and high school); $5 (younger); and $40 (family). Race day fees are $20 (adult); $15 (middle school and high school); $10 (younger); and $50 (family).

To download a registration form, visit www.oldrosedalegardens.com. Online signup will be at: http://rosedale5k.eventzilla.net.

For more information, call Jeff at (734) 367-0260.

WILDCATS

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with the squad, Eiland said. "Experience-wise it's definitely helped us, we've been there before, we're not as nervous about it.

"We know what we have to do is to go out and win, because we've been with coach Sawchuk and we know his system works. We've just got to go out there and play."

Eiland took a business-like stance when asked whether the big win over Churchill will keep momentum on Plymouth's side.

"We knew we had to play well in order to beat them (last Friday) and we did play well," Eiland said. "We got to continue to do that."

Yet whatever spark the Wildcats had after defeating Churchill was relegated to the back burner as soon as their attention turned to the next task at hand.

"Hopefully it gave them momentum until after (reviewing) film on Saturday," said Sawchuk, smiling. "Then we kind of have to forget about that and think about what we have to do this week.

PREP GRID PICKS

Round 4 Saturday, Nov. 10	Catholic Central (7-4) at Plymouth (9-2), 1 p.m.
Wright Last Week: 1-0	Plymouth Overall: 75-43
Smith Last Week: 0-1	Plymouth Overall: 86-32
Emons Last Week: 0-1	Catholic Central Overall: 92-26
O'Meara Last Week: 1-0	Catholic Central Overall: 90-28

"But obviously beating a 10-0 team, with that many athletes on the field, the kids ought to feel good about themselves, proud of what they did and hopefully we can use that to beat CC."

Bottom line

They'll need such an edge because Sawchuk expects another physical contest from the Tom Mach-coached Shamrocks.

"They're big, they're physical, they played a really tough schedule. they're well-coached," Sawchuk said. "We're going to have to play solid, and obviously in the third round of the playoffs you have to no matter who it is.

"But we're going to have to play really good, tough football to beat them."

Will it come down to another field goal, as it did in 2010 when Brindza (now with Notre Dame) connected on three of them?

"We still have a good kicker," Sawchuk said, chuckling. "I don't expect it to be a 9-7 game, we'll see how it plays out."

Plymouth will need to stymie Shamrocks senior quarterback Garrett Moores and a strong running game powered by seniors Anthony Darkangelo and David Houle.

"That's what we got to stop," Sawchuk added. "We just can't let them lower the blade on us and push us around the field."

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PC Steelers teams gear up for title games

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

On Saturday at Saline High School, the Plymouth-Canton Steelers completed a power sweep into Sunday's Western Suburban Junior Football League Super Bowls.

The Steelers varsity unit improved to 8-1 with a 40-22 victory over the Canton Lions, who had won a cross-town clash one week earlier.

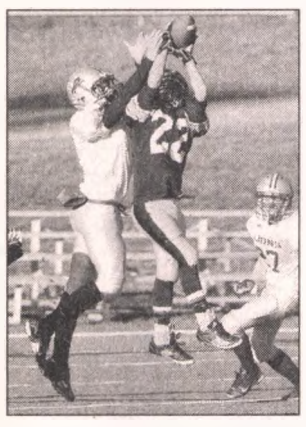
Isaac Emminger paced the winners' onslaught by amassing 170 yards rushing and four touchdowns — one on defense. Dylan Stackhouse also enjoyed a stellar afternoon for the winners as he racked up 74 yards rushing and two TDs.

P-C offensive linemen David Dart, Ben Kandah, Jared Golles, Vincent VanDerRoost and Spencer Zwarka paved the way.

Stackhouse broke the game's scoring ice in the second quarter when he scooped up a Lions fumble and rumbled 17 yards for a score. The Steelers took a 14-0 advantage into the half after Emminger dashed into the end zone from seven yards out a few plays after a Lions turnover.

The Steelers widened their gap to 22-0 early in the third quarter on a 25-yard run by Stackhouse.

After the Lions roared back to make it 22-14, Emminger answered with a 14-yard TD run. Emminger sealed the deal for the Steelers on the Lions' ensuing possession when he returned an interception 45 yards for a TD.



JON VESPAZIANI

Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity player Isaac Emminger (22) intercepted a pair of passes in his team's 40-22 victory over the Canton Lions Saturday afternoon at Saline High School.

Defensively, the Steelers were led by Blake Varner, Joey Ahearn, Jim Szegi, Nick Saker, Julian Thornton, Matt Poet (two interceptions) and Emminger. The Steelers will face Dearborn Heights in Sunday's varsity Super Bowl at Saline High School.

• The JV Steelers improved to 9-0 with a 20-0 triumph over Ypsilanti. AJ Neal, Lou Baechler and Ryan Young scored touchdowns for the Steelers while Mason Phillips (diving interception) and Jake Cain forced Ypsi turnovers.

The JV Steelers will battle the Canton Lions in Sunday's Super Bowl at Saline.

• The freshmen Steelers improved to 6-2 with a thrill-a-minute 39-31 win over host Dearborn Heights.

After P-C fell behind early, 12-0, they regrouped behind the passing of quarterback Ethan Rotell and the running of Logan Walkley. Rotell scored on a 50-yard keeper and hit Cooper Donlin on a 5-yard TD hook-up to knot the game at 12-all.

After the Redskins regained a 19-12 lead late in the second quarter, the Steelers mounted an effective two-minute-drill offense and forged a 19-19 halftime tie thanks to a Zack Kubacki TD run and a point-after pass from Rotell to Donlin.

Clinging to a 32-31 lead with 8:36 left in the game, Rotell and Walkley connected for a 55-yard TD pass. The two also teamed up on the ensuing extra-point pass to make it 39-31.

Jason Perko also hauled in a TD pass from Rotell, who finished with 174 yards passing thanks in large part to the protection provided by linemen Aidan Tafelski, Zach Sweet, Andrew Uhlian, Nolan Matthew, Justin Tafelski and Quinn Marco.

Defensively, Tyler Overaitis, Mason Hackney, Perko (fumble recovery), Donlin and Kubacki led the way.

The Steelers will take on Ypsilanti in Sunday's 11 a.m. Super Bowl in Saline.

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to tell who was who.

One notable difference was seen when their heads popped above the surface: one wore a Plymouth-Canton Cruisers swim cap and the other donned a Mavericks club cap.

Can you tell?

Don't ask who wore what, though.

"We're getting better at it," Olson said. "But sometimes their brother (Jason, senior captain of Salem's boys swim team) can't tell them apart, either."

The coach is still figuring out which Zhang to swim in what event. But he sees plenty of versatility and willingness to take on heavy work loads if the team's chances for success are enhanced as a result.

"It obviously leads to a lot of flexibility with the team, just because they can swim any event," he said.

In addition to the three relays, Lisa earned state cuts in the 100-yard butterfly, 200 individual medley, 50 freestyle, 100 free, 100 breaststroke and 100 backstroke. Linda qualified in the 100 breaststroke, 100 backstroke, 200 IM and all three relays.

(Swimmers are limited to two individual events and two relays or three relays and one event at the state finals.)

"I think any given day they could beat each other," Olson said. "We haven't put them head-to-head against each other just because I don't want to. But I'm sure there will come a day when they'll be in the same event.

"Right now we can utilize their talents better by not swimming them in the same event. That's worked out pretty well so far."

Helping them out

The Zhangs have made a seamless transition from club swimming to being on a high school varsity team, perhaps with some advice from their brother.

"He (Jason) said high school was going to be a lot different than club swimming," Lisa said. "In Salem, it's more of a team. At meets, it's about being a team and always supporting each other.

"On club swimming, you kind of do your own thing."

Both girls, in fact, gave an enthusiastic shout-out to Jason for his help navigating the varsity waters and being a successful student-athlete.

"He's a good role model," Linda said. "He does really good in school, kind of what I want to do. He's also good in swimming and he knows how to balance it (his schedule)."

Perhaps Jason told them all about the adrenaline rush of going for first place against a KLAA competitor in a loud natatorium.

Or about going all-out in their leg of a relay with teammates standing on the edge yelling and waving them on.

"I like the meets because I like to race," Linda said.

They have that in common with other impressive varsity newbies, such as freshmen Annie Patterson, Cassidy Sargent and Patricia Freitag.

During a recent dual meet, the Zhang twins were part of Salem's 200-yard freestyle relay. Getting set to dive into the pool is Lisa while Linda finishes up her leg of the relay.

THE ZHANG FILE

Who: The Zhang twins, Linda and Lisa.
What: Both are 14 years old and in ninth grade at Salem High School where they are on the varsity girls swimming and diving team and carry 4.0 grade-point averages.
Family: They live in Canton with their parents, Kevin Zhang and Jie Liu. Their older brother is Jason, a Salem senior swimmer.
Swim facts: Linda and Lisa began swimming at an early age and moved on to compete at the club level with Plymouth-Canton Cruisers in the years leading up to high school.

Plenty of poise

Yet the Zhangs act as if they've been around a few years.

"They've had no problem at all fitting in," Olson said. "We have a nice bunch of girls. Our upperclassmen, captains (Abby Aumiller, Jocey Lamoureux and Maddie Gorman) reach out to the whole team all summer long with activities."

Lisa envisions being a future captain.

"I don't think I'm that quiet," she said. "I want to be a leader. I can tell them how to better themselves."

And if the words don't connect, she and her sister can show them how it's done — especially when good-natured sibling rivalry is concerned.

"Having a twin sister, sometime she's better than me so I want to do better," Linda said. "Whenever the other person wins, we don't get mad, we just want to beat them."

They wouldn't want it any other way, of course.

"I think I would be a lot different if Linda wasn't there every day," Lisa added. "Because she's like me in every way, she always knows what I have to do and she pushes me."

Actually, they're pushing each other, racing for those top spots on the Salem leader board.

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STATE CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

CROSS COUNTRY MHSAA CHAMPIONSHIPS Nov. 3 at MIS (Brooklyn) DIVISION 1

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Highland-Milford, 83 points; 2. Waterford Mott, 167; 3. Rockford, 186; 4. Romeo, 189; 5. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 211; 6. Saline, 223; 7. Pinckney, 271; 8. Dexter, 286; 9. Hartland, 296; 10. Traverse City Central, 305; 18. Salem, 440; 23. Livonia Stevenson, 516 (28 schools).

Individual winner: Brian Kettle (Milford), 15:07.3 (5,000 meters).

Salem finishers: 53. Steve McEvilly, 16:05.9; 85. Chaz Jeffress, 16:22.5; 127. Riley Doxtader, 16:39.0; 136. Michael Karizat, 16:42.7; 206. Donovan Drouillard, 17:15.0; 209. Evan Bruyere, 17:17.2; 210; Jeremy Drouillard, 17:17.6.

Stevenson finishers: 109. Stephen Fenech, 16:30.6; 122. Jacob Colley, 16:36.6; 158. Luke Green, 16:51.0; 171. Peter Walkuski, 16:56.2; 178. Tyler Reamer, 16:59.7; 190. Andrew Stratton, 17:03.8; 224. Michael Sopko, 17:37.6.

INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS

Livonia Franklin: 74. Keenan Jones, 16:17.0; 159. Ross Cecil, 16:51.7; **Plymouth:** 86. Zane Berlanga, 16:22.5; 89. Brandon Dalton, 16:23.7; **Garden City:** 106. Jhaira Johnson, 16:30.0; **Farmington:** 120. Drew Lindman, 16:35.8; **Livonia Churchill:** 150. George Bowles, 16:48.7; 185. Ben Yates, 17:01.7.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Birmingham Seaholm, 69; 2. Grosse Pointe South, 88; 3. Saline, 101; 4. Traverse City Central, 244; 5. Northville, 265; 6. Sterling Heights Stevenson, 273; 7. Brighton, 277; 8. Salem, 297; 9. Grand Haven, 306; 10. Rockford, 313; 21. Livonia Churchill, 469 (27 schools).

Individual winner: Erin Finn (West Bloomfield), 17:07.9 (5,000 meters).

Salem finishers: 11. Kayla Kavulich, 18:15.6; 68. Lauren Arquette, 19:00.6; 78. Anya Cho, 19:05.3; 108. Alejandra Beltran, 19:25.4; 112. Alexis Foley, 19:26.3; 149. Natasha Stevenson, 19:48.4; 202. Emily Bizon, 20:51.0;

Churchill finishers: 38. Kerigan Riley, 18:39.1; 100. Sydney Anderson, 19:17.4; 146. Michelle Azar, 19:47.5; 152. Megan McFarlane, 19:53.0; 160. Vivien Okechukwu, 19:53.2; 197. Jenna Hickson, 20:44.9; 217. Alexis Lombardo, 21:22.8;

INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS

Plymouth: 48. Marina DeBiasi, 18:49.5; Farmington Hills Mercy: 124. Allysen Eads, 19:37.6; **Livonia Stevenson:** 132. Lindsey Gallagher, 19:40.8.

DIVISION 4

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Concord, 61; 2. Evart, 100; 3. Pewamo-Westphalia, 117; 4. Saugatuck, 140; 5. Breckinridge, 147; 21. Plymouth Christian Academy, 506; 22. Lutheran High Westland, 528 (27 schools)..

Individual winner: Jesse Hersha (Concord), 15:32.3 (5,000 meters).

Lutheran Westland finishers: 118. Eric Smith, 17:57.2; 150. Daniel Bunge, 18:23.7; 151. Hunter Roedel, 18:23.8; 184. Pete Sillanpaa, 19:00.4; 190. Ian O'Banion, 19:03.2; 229. Weslee Warren, 20:09.5; 233. Matthew Parent, 20:25.5;

Plymouth Christian: 120. Jimmy Parks, 18:05.0;141. Ethan Levack, 18:19.3; 165. Trevor Baloga, 18:37.4; 169. Ian Rose, 18:42.7; 173: Jacob Bailey, 18:47.9; 203. Gareth Matson, 19:24.8; 231. Steven Zomermaand, 20:19.1.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Homer, 118; 2. Bear Lake, 142; 3. Harbor Springs, 157; 4. Beal City, 160; 5. Saugatuck, 162; 6. North Muskegon, 206; 7. Traverse City St. Francis, 243; 8. Royal Oak Shrine, 253; 9. Lutheran Westland, 265; 10. Breckenridge, 265 (27 schools).

Individual winner: Kirsten Olling (Breckenridge), 17:59.6.

Lutheran Westland finishers: 11. Jenna Wisner, 19:30.6; 47. Michelle Greening, 20:41.8; 59. Jessica Drife, 20:49.9; 127. Alana Hill, 21:54.8; 156. Angela Morrison, 22:24.7; 189. Rachel Wiggins, 23:40.6; 198. Megan Heil, 23:50.4.

INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS

Plymouth Christian: 68. Terra Crown, 21:00.3; 114. Rachel Smith, 21:43.0.

ROCKS

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onds.

That enabled the junior to earn all-state honors for the second time in as many trips to the state finals (she missed the entire 2011 season due to knee surgery).

"She latched on to a small pack of runners that pulled each other until the final straight away," Gerlach continued.

The next best finisher among Plymouth-Canton Educational Park athletes was Plymouth junior Marina DeBiasi. She finished 48th overall, with a personal best-mark of 18:49.5.

Salem, winners of their Oct. 27 regional at Willow Metropark, had other outstanding performers who made their mark on the team's march to lofty success.

Salem's varsity girls cross country team finished eighth at the Division 1 state finals at Michigan International Speedway.

Those included sophomore Lauren Arquette (68th, 19:00.6), sophomore Anya Cho (78th, 19:05.3), senior Alejandra Beltran (108th, 19:25.4), senior Alexis Foley (112th, 19:26.3), junior Natasha Stevenson (149th, 19:48.4) and senior Emily Bizon (202nd, 20:51.0). All but Stevenson and Bizon ran personal bests at the state finals.

"I am so proud of this team," Gerlach said. "Lauren and Anya have had a breakout year and have shown that they are some of the best competitors around.

"To have five runners under 19:27 at the state finals and finish eighth is unbelievable. These runners have taken this team to the next level and have continued the tradition of excellence."

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Pastor marks a decade of service to God, people

The Rev. Joel Puntigam will celebrate the 10th anniversary of his ordination Sunday, Nov. 11, at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, in Livonia.

Puntigam grew up in Seattle, Wash., where he was active in church youth missions. He felt the call to enter into seminary while attending classes at the University of Washington.

After taking a year to intern in Tucson, Ariz., he started studies at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas, graduating in 2002. Puntigam began working as a youth pastor for Crossroads Presbyterian Church (USA) in Mequon, Wis., and was ordained as a pastor in 2002 by the Presbytery of Seattle. He spent a year in Mequon before moving to Port Huron where he served five years as a solo pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church (USA).

The Rev. Joel Puntigam of St. Timothy Presbyterian in Livonia will mark 10 years as an ordained minister Sunday, Nov. 11.

Four years ago, he became the pastor at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church in Livonia, where he has helped the congregation work through numerous changes, including the addition of a contemporary worship service.

Puntigam is married and has a daughter.

Worship services at St. Timothy are at 5 p.m. Saturday with a praise band and at 10:30 a.m. Sunday with a choir. Sunday school for all ages is 9:30 a.m. Sunday and Wholly Grounds Study and Fellowship starts at 8:30 a.m. Sunday.

The church is located at 16700 Newburgh; call (734) 464-8844.

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

November

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 18

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

Details: All-you-can-eat pancake, French toast, scrambled eggs, applesauce, ham, sausage, coffee, tea and milk. Adults pay $3; children, 2-10, pay $1.50. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club

Contact: (734) 425-4421

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24

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

Details: Free clothing and shoes to anyone in need

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

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15

Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway Southfield

Details: Norwegian pianist Knut Erik Jensen will perform works by Edvard Grieg, Geirr Tveitt, Richard Wagner and Franz Liszt and others. Suggested donation is $10

Contact: (248) 354-4488

GUEST SPEAKER

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday Nov. 11

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

Details: Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed will be the guest speaker at the Sunday service. The title of his sermon is "Dragged Kicking and Screaming into Heaven." Afterward he'll read from his new book, a meditation manual called "Voices from the Margins." There will be a talk back and book signing

Contact: (248) 354-4488

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Time/Date: 6-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16

Location: St. Damian, 29891 Joy Road, Westland

Details: This vendor show also includes a raffle, snacks and cash bar. Admission is $5. Tables available for $15

Contact: Yvette Corey at (734) 427-1680

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Nov. 11

Location: Community room of the Prentis Apartments, located on 10 Mile, east of Greenfield Road in Oak Park

Details: Anne Greenstein will lead a session in knitting or crocheting hats for Israeli soldiers. There will be copies of the pattern available and members to teach knitting and crocheting techniques

Contact: (248) 661-5337

ST. ANDREW'S DAY

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 11

Location: St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, east of Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Worship service is followed by dinner and bagpipe entertainment. Pre-sale tickets for the dinner are $12 for adults, $6 for children, 4-11, and free for children, 3 and under. Admission at the door is $15 for adults and $6 for children

Contact: (313) 534-7730

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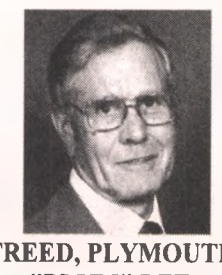
ARLEN, ALICE LORRAINE

78 of Plymouth, MI passed away quietly after a long illness with Parkinson's disease on Tuesday, November 6, 2012. Alice was born in Wayne, MI to Charles and Olive Truesdell. Graduated from Eastern Michigan University. Retired from the Livonia Public School System where she was a beloved Kindergarten teacher for many years. Survived by spouse Richard T Arlen, Sons Scott (Nancy) and James (Debbie). Grandchildren Erik (Andrea), Richard, Andrew and Jeffrey. Sister Lois Hamilton and brother-in-law Harold Smith There will be a visitation 10am on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. There will be a memorial service at 11:00 am, followed by a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall at the church. Memorial contributions made to the Methodist Church.

DE BEAR, ESTELLE C.

Nov 4, 2012; age 82 of Plymouth. Best friend and loving wife of Richard. The best and cherished mother of Richard (Wendy), Diana (Ralph) Fortson, Patricia (Mark Talkington) de Bear, Robert (Jane) de Bear, Christopher (Cathy) and Nancy (Gerald) Naski. Proud grandma of Michael, Matthew, Melanie, Christopher, Adam, Kevin, Brett, Ashley, Kristen, Emily, Nick, Alex, Julie. And Great Grandma of McKayla. Dear sister of Joseph Grandon. Visitation Thurs 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. In state Fri 10 AM until the 10:30 AM Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial Rd, Plymouth. Memorials contributions may be made to Salvation Army - Plymouth, 9451 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170 or The Salvation Army Disaster Relief, Hurricane Sandy Relief, P.O. Box 1959, Atlanta, GA 30301. Interment at Riverside Cemetery. To share a memory, please visit **vermeulenfuneralhome.com**

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



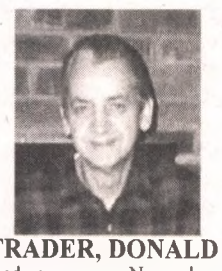
FREED, PLYMOUTH "PLYM" LEE

Age 83, of Plymouth, Michigan, passed away November 4, 2012. Born January 2, 1929, in Riverdale, MI, the son of John L and Zilla (Apple) Freed. Plym graduated from Alma High School in 1947. In March, 1949, Plym joined the US Army, 84th Engineer Construction Battalion and was deployed to Korea shortly after the conflict broke out. Plym worked for the University of Michigan Space Physics Research Laboratory from 1960 until his retirement in 1986. He worked on countless payloads for space exploration that took him across the country from Los Alamos to Cape Kennedy. He was honored by the National Aeronomics Department for his dedication to the space program. In his retirement he took classes on woodcarving, caning chairs and antique clock restoration. He worked part-time at the Northville Clock Shop and was a member of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors. He was also a member of the Disabled American Veterans and was passionate about honoring our veterans and our country. He displayed the flag every day at his home. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Roslyn, five children, Teresa Freed (Warren Kress) of Chelsea; Susan (Rick) Curtis of Bremerton, WA, Lucinda (Chris) Youngquist of Cascade, CO; Walt Drummond of St. Paul, IN; and Dawn (Rob) Shields of Traverse City; his grandchildren Andy Drummond, Denise Drummond, Michael Youngquist, Jack and Robbie Shields and Robert Drummond; his sister Janice King, St Louis, MI; his sister-in-law, Virginia Freed of Morrice and many nephews, nieces, cousins and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents and siblings Kenneth, Harold, Gladys Griswold, Harriet Kruger, Paul and Robert. Funeral Service will take place on Thursday, November 8th at 11 am at Lux and Schnepp Funeral Home, Riverdale. Visitation will be Wednesday, November 7th from 2 - 4 and 6 - 8pm. Following the Funeral Service he will be laid to rest at Riverdale Cemetery Memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250 or Leader Dogs for the Blind, 1039 S. Rochester, Rochester Hills, MI 48307. To view Plym's obituary online or to leave a condolence for the family please visit: www.luxfuneralhomes.com

RIBAR, GERALDINE MAY

Age 82, November 2, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Joseph James Ribar. Loving mother of Joseph (Crystal), Leonard (Jennifer), David (Vicki) and Daniel (Sheila). Loving grandmother of Candice, Matthew (Monika), Andrew, Kristopher, Megan, Dan, Alison and Mollie. Dear sister of Fern and the late Joan and David. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service for Geraldine was held Wednesday, November 7th at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Livonia.

Share a memory of Geraldine with her family at **www.rggrharris.com**



TRADER, DONALD

Passed away on November 2, 2012 at the age of 82. Donald was the beloved husband of Marylyn for 58 years. Loving father of Paul, Mike (Loretta), Kathleen (Michael) Gehring, and Karen (Nelson) Yanick. Cherished grandfather of Brett and Kelly Yanick and Derek and Kendra. Also survived by sisters Jeanne Buel and Alice. Preceded in death by 2 brothers and 4 sisters. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Redford. Please share a message with the family at: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

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ENTERTAINMENT

Take a tour of train depots in Farmington Hills

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

The South Lyon Witches Hat train depot now serves as a museum.

A postcard from 1916 shows the Iron River train depot in the western Upper Peninsula.

The witch's hat-style building in South Lyon doubles as a museum.

In Ann Arbor, the trackside landmark houses a restaurant.

And in Clarkston, actors stop in mid-production as noisy trains speed by their theater.

The repurposed structures share a common beginning as centers of commerce, information and transportation. All were built by railroad companies as train depots and became landmarks in their communities.

"The train depot is America's first corporate building style," said Ron Campbell, principal planner and preservation architect for Oakland County Economic Development & Community Affairs. "I was in private practice for 30 years and a colleague and I restored three or four depots. We decided we ought to start researching them. When we could, we'd document depots — the kinds and styles and when they were built. We found a lot of similarities with depots of the same railroads. And we noticed how they changed over time."

Campbell and his colleague, Jackie Hoist, compiled "success stories" of Michigan depots that had been restored, returned to service or revamped for new uses in their 2010 book, *Michigan's Destination Depot: Lighthouses among the Rivers of Steel*. Using their book as a guide, they'll present a history of Michigan train depots with stories and photos at 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 11, at the Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 Eight Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Farmington Hills. Suggested donation is $5. Refreshments will be served.

"I thought this would be nice to bring to the community," said Lila Ball, social chair for the Finnish Cultural Center. "It's an excellent presentation."

Depot history

The book features 30 depots from across the state. The presentation will highlight information in the book, looking at the state's earliest depots, how changes in communities affected depots and how railroads changed society.

"Because we will be speaking to the Finnish Cultural Center we will include some depots from the Upper Peninsula," Campbell said.

But he said Oakland County probably had more depots than any other county in the state.

"One reason was that it had more communities and the headwaters to major rivers. That provided for mills and once you had a mill, that encouraged development," Campbell said. "Oakland was cutting edge. They were one of the first (counties) with early train development."

Just six years after railroads were developed, trains ran through portions of Oakland County, he said.

Dwindling depots

Some early depots were only 24 feet wide and easily moved along the railroad line as new stops were opened. "Vacation stations" consisted of large covered waiting areas in tourist areas such as Charlevoix and St. Joseph.

"We think there were around 1,000 depots in the state. We're down to about 300," he said, noting that just a handful are still in service. "They're all served by Amtrack. Jackson — that's the oldest depot in the country still used for trains west of the Alleghenies."

Campbell said he and Hoist had some difficulty deciding which depots to include in the book. "There are a lot of great ones."

South Lyon's depot, which was built in 1909 by Grand Trunk, sports one of the more unusual architectural styles.

"It was patterned after the GT depot in Saranac and is known as the Witch's Hat because of the roof shape. Appropriate for Halloween, don't you think? It was moved and restored in 1976 and is now a museum."

Campbell and Hoist will have copies of their book for sale ($15) at the presentation.

For more information about the Finnish Cultural Center, call (248) 478-6939.

Jennessa Hubbard (left) of Canton and Tina Pavarenti of Ypsilanti are half of the cast in Spotlight Player's production of "The Glass Menagerie" by Tennessee Williams. Other performers are Andrew J.Neil of Canton and Russ Schwarz of Ann Arbor.

Classic drama set for intimate studio theater

By Sharon Dargay
O&E staff writer

You may feel like you're a part of the action rather than a member of the audience during Spotlight Players' upcoming production of *The Glass Menagerie*.

The drama will be set in the intimate Biltmore Studio inside the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

"I think the fact that we are in the studio is fantastic," said Jennessa Hubbard of Canton, who plays the painfully shy "Laura" in the play.

"It's personal and intimate. You get to peer into the apartment (set). It's almost like you're in there with us."

Hubbard is one of four cast members in the classic drama, written by Tennessee Williams, which tells the story of the Wingfield family of St. Louis, Mo., during the Great Depression. Amanda, played by Tina Paraventi of Ypsilanti, loves to recall her past as a popular Southern belle. Her son Tom, played by Russ Schwartz of Ann Arbor, works a warehouse job and is the sole source of income for his mother and sister, but dreams of writing and traveling. His sister, Laura, spends most of her time with her collection of tiny glass animals. Andrew J. Neil of Canton plays the gentleman caller roped into visiting Laura.

The characters experience "loss, longing, hope against all odds, and love that turns to desperation" says Theresa Spencer, the play's director.

"It's challenging to stage any play with a small cast because so much is demanded of each actor. It is also challenging to stage a classic because people have expectations based on other productions," Spencer said.

SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS

What: A four-member cast performs Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie"
When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 9-10 and Nov. 16-17; 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 10-11 and Nov. 17-18
Where: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: Tickets are $15 for adults; $13 for seniors and students under 19
Contact: (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www.spotlightplayersmi.org

"But it's a joy to work on a classic play for the same reason that it is a classic. It's a wonderfully written play."

Hubbard, who recently appeared in Spotlight on Youth's production of *Beauty and the Beast*, says she typically enjoys acting in musicals. *The Glass Menagerie* is her first drama.

"Tennessee Williams is very poetic in the way he writes. It's beautiful in the way it's written. There's a lot of symbolism in the play," she said. "There's a lot of emotion and drama. The costumes, the set are simple, but beautiful. Our set is different looking. It's all imaginary. It's like a memory play."

The Laura character "is a stretch" for Hubbard, 19, who has performed in plays since she was 9 and doesn't consider herself shy. Working in a small cast has been a challenge, too.

"There's a lot more responsibility, I think, to carry my own," she said. "But I'm loving it."

GET OUT!

Arts & Crafts

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

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, through Jan. 21, 2013; Hidden Treasures: An Experiment, through March 3, 2013

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

LIBERTY STREET BREWING CO.

Time/Date: Artist reception is 5-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9; art on display through November

Location: 149 W. Liberty, in Old Village, Plymouth; in the upper hall gallery

Details: Mariuca Rofick shows her black and white photography in an exhibit called METROPOLIS. Rofick is an exhibiting member of Hatch, the Hamtramck artists collective, and her work has been shown at such galleries as the Carr Center, Lawrence Street Gallery and the Scarab Club

Contact: (734) 207-9600

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: Openings include "Small Works," an all-media juried art exhibit, and "Celebrate!," a Northville Camera Club exhibit. Northville Art House's Holiday Gift Shop also underway

Contact: (248) 344-0497

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: Through November; artist reception is 2-4 p.m. Nov. 17

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: "Mixed Musings" by Peggy Kerwan combines the artist's love of painting, mosaic, and paper sculpture

Contact: (734) 416-4278

VAAL

Time/Date: Through Nov. 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

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

Village Theater

Time/Date: Through Nov. 29; gallery hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances

Location: In Gallery@VT in the theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: The works of Alvey Jones, painter, printmaker, and book artist are on display

Contact: (734) 394-5300

Film

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 9-10, 4:45 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, and 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "Trouble with the Curve," $3

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

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday Nov. 16-17 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18

Location: 17350 Lahser, Detroit

Details: "Since You Went Away," $4

Coming up: "A Christmas Story," 8 p.m. Nov. 30 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 1, $4. Santa will be on hand Nov. 30-Dec. 1 for photos

Contact: (313) 537-2560; www.redfordtheatre.com

Music

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY

Time/Date: 3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 11

Location: Novi Public Library, 45255 10 Mile, Novi

Details: Linden String Quartet performs

Contact: Chamber Music Society at (248) 737-9980; Novi library at (248) 349-0720

JAZZ AT THE ELKS

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

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

Details: Performers are Terry Lower Trio with Russ Miller. Miller is an assistant professor in the music department at Wayne State University and has played with several famous Jazz artists. Lower will be on keyboard, Jim Ryan on drums, and Ray Tini on bass There is a $10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds from Jazz Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans

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

Moliere farce

Joey Kulling (center) plays Sganerelle, the lead character, in Schoolcraft College's production of "The Doctor in Spite of Himself." Trevor Wnuk is Geronte and Elizabeth Tumminello plays Martine. Performances are 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 9-10, in the liberal arts building theater, located on the main campus, 18600 Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile, in Livonia. Tickets are $12; (734) 462-4596.

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Roast Turkey with Mushroom Stuffing

Turkey headlines this show-stopping holiday meal

All hosts want to delight guests with delicious meals, especially during the holidays. The pressure often leads them to spend a fortune on ingredients or cater their gatherings. The experts at Campbell's Kitchen offer these recipes that won't break the bank, proving that it's possible to prepare a memorable, gourmet feast by combining affordable, quality ingredients.

For more affordable holiday tips and recipes, visit www.CampbellsKitchen.com.

Roast Turkey with Mushroom Stuffing

Prep: 25 minutes
Roast: 3 hours and 30 minutes
Stand: 10 minutes
Makes: 12 servings

½ cups chicken stock (regular or unsalted)
3 tablespoons lemon juice
1 teaspoon dried basil leaves, crushed
1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed
¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
1 stalk celery, coarsely chopped (about ½ cup)
1 small onion, coarsely chopped (about ¼ cup)
½ cup sliced mushrooms (about 1 ½ ounces)
4 cups herb seasoned stuffing
1 turkey (12 to 14 pounds)
Vegetable cooking spray

Stir 1 ¾ cups stock, lemon juice, basil, thyme and 1/8 teaspoon black pepper in a medium bowl. Heat the remaining stock, remaining black pepper, celery, onion and mushrooms in a 4-quart saucepan over medium-high heat to a boil. Reduce the heat to low. Cover and cook for 5 minutes or until the vegetables are tender. Remove the saucepan from the heat. Add the stuffing to the saucepan and mix lightly.

Remove the package of giblets and neck from the turkey cavity. Rinse the turkey with cold water and pat dry with a paper towel. Spoon the stuffing lightly into the neck and body cavities. Fold any loose skin over the stuffing. Tie the ends of the drumsticks together.

Place the turkey, breast side up, on a rack in shallow roasting pan. Spray the turkey with the cooking spray. Brush with the stock mixture. Insert a meat thermometer into the thickest part of the meat, not touching the bone.

Roast at 325°F for 3 ½ to 4 hours or until the thermometer reads 165°F. Baste occasionally with the stock mixture. Begin checking for doneness after 3 hours of roasting time. Let the turkey stand for 10 minutes before slicing.

Moist & Savory Stuffing

Prep: 10 minutes
Cook: 10 minutes
Bake: 30 minutes
Makes: 10 servings

2 ½ cups Swanson Chicken Broth (regular, Natural Goodness or organic)
Generous dash ground black pepper
2 stalks celery, coarsely chopped (about 1 cup)
1 large onion, coarsely chopped (about 1 cup)
1 package (14 ounces) herb seasoned stuffing

Heat the broth, black pepper, celery and onion in a 3-quart saucepan over medium-high heat to a boil. Reduce the heat to low. Cover and cook for 5 minutes or until the vegetables are tender, stirring often. Remove the saucepan from the heat. Add the stuffing and mix lightly.

Spoon the stuffing mixture into a greased 3-quart shallow baking dish. Cover the baking dish. Bake at 350°F for 30 minutes or until the stuffing mixture is hot.

Green Bean Casserole

Prep: 10 minutes
Bake: 30 minutes
Makes: 12 servings

2 cans (10 ¾ ounces each) Campbell's Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup (regular, 98 percent fat free or Healthy Request)
1 cup milk
2 teaspoons soy sauce
¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
8 cups cooked cut green beans
2 ⅔ cups French's French Fried Onions

Stir the soup, milk, soy sauce, black pepper, beans and 1 1/3 cups onions in a 3-quart casserole.

Bake at 350°F for 25 minutes or until the bean mixture is hot and bubbling. Stir the bean mixture. Sprinkle with the remaining onions. Bake for 5 minutes or until the onions are golden brown.

Sweet Potato and Parsnip Purée

Prep: 15 minutes
Cook: 15 minutes
Makes: 4 servings

2 large sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into ½-inch pieces (about 3 cups)
4 medium parsnips, peeled and cut into ¼-inch slices (about 2 cups)
¼ cup Swanson Chicken Broth (regular, Natural Goodness or organic), heated
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons packed brown sugar
¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives
Additional fresh chives for garnish

Place the potatoes and parsnips in a 4-quart saucepan. Add water to cover. Heat over medium-high heat to a boil. Reduce the heat to low. Cover and cook for 10 minutes or until the vegetables are tender. Drain the vegetables well in a colander.

Place the vegetables, broth and butter into a food processor. Cover and process until the mixture is smooth. Add the brown sugar, black pepper and chopped chives. Cover and process until the mixture is just combined. Garnish with additional chives.

Harvest Salad

Prep: 10 minutes
Serves: 8

2 packages (about 7 ounces each) mixed salad greens (about 8 cups)
2 cups cut-up fresh vegetables (red onions, cucumbers and carrots)
1 can (10 ¾ ounces) Campbell's Condensed Tomato Soup (regular or Healthy Request)
¼ cup vegetable oil
¼ cup red wine vinegar
1 tablespoon honey or sugar
1 package (0.7 ounces) Italian salad dressing mix
2 cups of your favorite croutons
¼ cup shelled pumpkin or sunflower seeds

Place the salad greens and vegetables into a large bowl.

Beat the soup, oil, vinegar, honey and salad dressing mix in a small bowl with a fork or whisk. Pour ¾ cup soup mixture over the salad mixture and toss to coat.

Arrange the salad on a serving platter. Top with the croutons and pumpkin seeds. Serve the salad with the remaining soup mixture.

Slow Cooker Winter Squash Soup

Prep: 20 minutes
Cook: 7 hours and 10 minutes
Serves: 8

5 ¼ cups Swanson Chicken Broth (regular, Natural Goodness or organic)
¼ cup packed brown sugar
2 tablespoons minced fresh ginger root
1 cinnamon stick
1 butternut squash (about 1 ¾ pounds), peeled, seeded and cut into 1-inch pieces (about 4 cups)
1 large acorn squash, peeled, seeded and cut into 1-inch pieces (about 3 ½ cups)

1 large sweet onion, coarsely chopped (about 1 cup)

Stir the broth, brown sugar, ginger root, cinnamon stick, squash and onion in a 6-quart slow cooker.

Cover and cook on low for 7 to 8 hours or until the squash is tender.

Remove the cinnamon stick. Place 1/3 of the squash mixture into a blender or food processor. Cover and blend until smooth. Pour the mixture into a 4-quart saucepan. Repeat the blending process twice more with the remaining squash mixture. Cook over medium heat until the mixture is hot.

Sweet Potato and Parsnip Puree

Green Bean Casserole

Slow Cooker Winter Squash Soup

Pumpkin Mousse Napolean

Thaw: 40 minutes
Bake: 15 minutes
Chill: 30 minutes
Cook: 10 minutes
Serves: 12

½ of a 17.3-ounce package Pepperidge Farm Puff Pastry Sheets (1 sheet), thawed
1 cup canned pumpkin
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
½ cup confectioners' sugar
2 cups whipped topping
¼ cup chopped pecans

Heat the oven to 400°F.

Unfold the pastry sheet on a lightly floured surface. Cut the pastry sheet into 3 strips along the fold marks. Cut each strip into 4 rectangles, making 12 in all. Place the pastry rectangles onto a baking sheet.

Bake for 15 minutes or until the pastries are golden brown. Remove the pastries from the baking sheet and let cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Split the pastries into 2 layers, making 24 in all.

Stir the pumpkin, cinnamon, nutmeg and sugar in a medium bowl. Fold in the whipped topping. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Divide the pumpkin mixture among 12 bottom pastry layers. Top with the pecans and top pastry layers. Garnish with additional cinnamon and confectioners' sugar or whipped topping.

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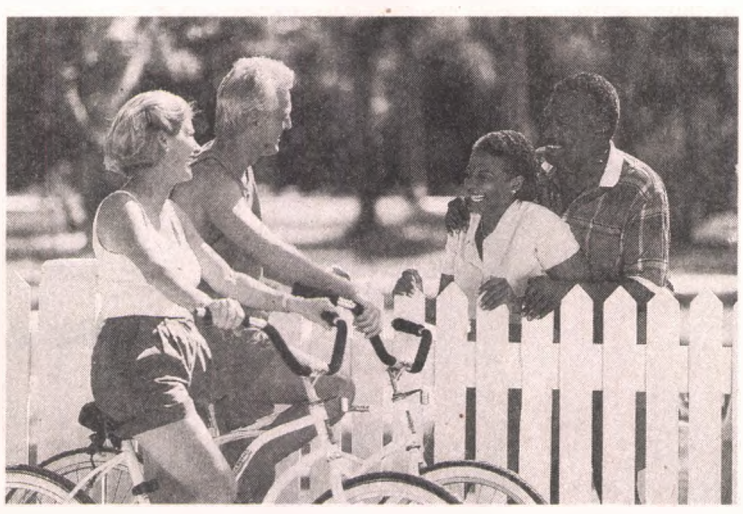
News is encouraging on housing diversity in metro Detroit



Debbie Zalewski and speaker Monica Emerson visit during the Realtor diversity event. Emerson (right) is a diversity officer with the U.S. Navy and a trustee of Oakland University.

By Julie Brown
O&E Staff Writer

The Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors Oct. 19 held a regional diversity event for Realtors in the metro Detroit area. The speakers included Victor Green, director of Community Relations at Wayne State University, and Monica Emerson, Diversity officer with the U.S. Navy and a trustee of Oakland University.

The sponsors were the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors, the three Women Council of Realtors Chapters, and several local businesses.

Once the most segregated region in the country, Metropolitan Detroit dropped to fourth on the list (behind Milwaukee, New York and Chicago) due to recent populations shifts. These shifts have increased the number of prospective non-white homebuyers leaving historic minority enclaves and seeking greater integration into surrounding suburban communities — underscoring the importance of Realtors well-educated in the benefits of diversity and the challenges in ensuring a fair and equal homebuying process.

Speaker Victor Green of Wayne State has been an Oak Park resident a little over a year. He's married with a son age 19.

"The main purpose I was there was to discuss different ways we can talk to different cultures and different ethnicities," said Green, who grew up in Detroit and graduated from Renaissance High School in 1984.

At the diversity event, Realtors talked about stereotypes "and to treat people as individuals. Kind of going back to the basics," he said.

"We are extremely, extremely diverse. Each ethnic group has their own way of doing things."

"I commend the Realtors," said Green, a black man who believes it's good to discuss diversity. "I commend them, to have these open dialogues and conversations."

Realtors are key in making sure community is diverse, he said. Green feels welcome where he makes his home.

"Where I live, absolutely. Especially when we have different groups such as the Realtors having these dialogues. We just need to be conscious. We all have our different biases and stereotypes. If we start looking at the person for who they are, it'll help us go beyond that."

It's good to ask questions and seek explanations, Green added. "We don't know what we don't know. No question is too dumb."

He's hopeful such training for Realtors will continue. Green joined WSU in that role of director of Community Relations in April 2005. In his work, he promotes the urban mission of the university through building and sustaining partnerships in the community.

Green had been an inspector of internal affairs and community relations for the Kalamazoo Police Department. He holds a bachelor of science and master of public administration degrees from Western Michigan University.

Though its place in the upper-echelon of big American cities has waned, Metropolitan Detroit's role in the international automotive industry and its close proximity to highly ranked colleges and universities, combined with a cost of living notably lower than many of those upper-echelon cities, ensure that diverse populaces will continue making Metropolitan Detroit home, according to the sponsoring Realtors.

Realtor Diversity Seminar 2012 is an event open to all southeast Michigan Realtors striving to learn more about the powerful positive impact diversity can have on their businesses and communities.

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Lawyer can help on tenancy issue

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: We have a situation where my mother prepared a deed which indicated that me and my brother or survivor would own the property. I am wondering whether the deed creates a joint tenancy or a tenancy in common, or, was there a joint tenancy with the right of survivorship?

Robert Meisner

A: Unfortunately, I think that you have a situation where the presumption of a tenancy in common will be established, because the deed did not say "with right of survivorship," the usual and customary language employed to create a joint tenancy with rights of survivorship. You are best advised, however, to get a legal opinion as you must look at all of the facts surrounding the establishment of the deed and which state law prevails.

Q: I am wondering whether the Statute of Frauds applies to a settlement agreement where it requires the transfer of an interest in real property when the agreement was effectuated by e-mails?

A: It depends on whether your state has an active Uniform Electronic Actions Act which permits business transactions, even ones involving a transfer of land, to be conducted electronically. Under the UETA, an e-mail may constitute a writing for purposes of the Statute of Frauds when it describes the terms of the agreement with sufficient specificity and bears the signature of the party to be charged. Any mark or symbol, even a cross mark, initial, or numerals will suffice as a signature when used with the intention that it serve that purpose. If, in fact, the e-mails in your case laid out the parties agreement that the property would be transferred referring to it by its colloquial name, and it was the only property at issue between the parties, and it stated the other terms, it would be enforceable. Obviously, you will have to look at all of the e-mails in total to see whether the terms of an agreement can be satisfied.

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

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 27 to Aug. 3, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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2631 Cleveland Way $220,000
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1924 Crosswick Ct $322,000
1542 E Lakeview Ln $140,000
41981 Echo Forest Dr $269,000
42136 Echo Forest Dr $215,000
1562 Emerald Pines Dr $208,000
2110 Fairway Cir $153,000
45689 Graystone Ln $127,000
7367 Green Meadow Ln $130,000
7447 Green Meadow Ln $135,000
1197 High Ridge Dr $210,000
1228 High Ridge Dr $215,000
50101 Jackson Ln $210,000
43001 Lancelot Dr $133,000
1766 Manton Blvd $150,000
47307 Northgate Dr $230,000
47326 Northgate Dr $215,000
7241 Peachtree Ct $177,000
43491 Proctor Rd $130,000
144 Queens Way $140,000
352 Queens Way $135,000
1863 Rector Ct $150,000
45646 S Stonewood Rd $168,000
49417 Taft Ln $314,000
571 Terrace Ct $367,000
2005 W Roundtable Dr $141,000

GARDEN CITY
28485 Balmoral St $15,000
29830 Ford Rd $77,000
422 Harrison St $79,000
29470 John Hauk St $28,000
32397 Lespedeza Ave $149,000
6033 Middlebelt Rd $340,000

LIVONIA
38178 Ann Arbor Trl $25,000
18051 Deering St $94,000
20214 Deering St $105,000
9815 Denne St $117,000
9348 Eastwind Dr $146,000
16507 Farmington Rd $152,000
16968 Farmington Rd $110,000
33475 Griffin Ct $257,000
31532 Haldane St $128,000
11200 Harrison St $91,000
14059 Houghton St $135,000
10033 Inkster Rd $43,000
14101 Inkster Rd $94,000
18666 Lathers St $45,000
10737 Laurel St $68,000
18500 Loveland St $215,000
29168 Meadowlark St $64,000
20110 Merriman Rd $340,000
33494 Nancy St $130,000
37602 Newburgh Park Cir $208,000
8933 Oporto St $103,000
9113 Pere Ave $122,000
28861 Richland St $90,000
14107 Riverside St $170,000
38653 Stacey Ct $181,000
19847 Stamford Dr $195,000
36804 Sunnydale St $187,000
28123 Terrence St $142,000
18631 Westmore St $98,000

NORTHVILLE
19171 Clement Rd $139,000
49081 Freestone Dr $417,000
46027 Greenridge Dr $366,000
16025 Homestead Cir $340,000
47849 Lake View Ct $195,000
39777 Muirfield Ln $254,000
17747 Parkshore Dr $660,000
19839 Scenic Harbour Dr $225,000
745 Thayer Blvd $410,000
16745 Yellowstone Dr $370,000

PLYMOUTH
46609 Arboretum Cir $366,000
725 Auburn St $240,000
11072 Chestnut Dr $160,000
718 Harding St $110,000
12800 Hidden Creek Dr $220,000
12005 Leighwood Dr $340,000
40231 Newport Dr $60,000
9284 Northern Ave $95,000
45885 Rockledge Dr $265,000
11270 Sandalwood Dr $435,000

REDFORD
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15489 Leona Dr $18,000
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27202 W Six Mile Rd $60,000

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2587 Dorchester Rd $200,000
1724 Graefield Rd $85,000
837 Humphrey Ave $430,000
550 Larchlea Dr $285,000
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175 N Adams Rd $298,000
1534 Penistone St $130,000
1480 S Bates St $420,000
410 Smith Ave $149,000
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4765 Hedgewood Dr $276,000
2957 N Westview Ct $245,000
4462 Parklane Ct $285,000
1042 Stratford Ln $114,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
2756 Brady Dr $210,000
663 Brockmoor Ln $305,000
5177 Echo Rd $307,000
5431 Forest Way $260,000
1891 Heron Ridge Dr $200,000
1778 Hickory Bark Ln $275,000
4021 Hidden Woods Dr $275,000
1671 Keller Ln $230,000
1530 Kirkway Rd $733,000
1537 Ledbury Dr $137,000
3586 W Bradford Dr $290,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP
5037 Carinas Way Ct $240,000
1800 Carriage Hl $325,000
585 Crystalia St $80,000
4215 Rolling Pines Ct $433,000
422 W Beechdale St $122,000
4911 Whitlow Ct $185,000

FARMINGTON
21580 Birchwood St $159,000
23097 Hawthorne St $40,000
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32321 Shiawassee Rd $275,000

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37442 Glengrove Dr $266,000
20740 Hugo St $90,000
25539 Hunt Club Blvd $255,000
30041 Northbrook St $455,000
34021 Northwick St $138,000
32300 Old Forge Ln $150,000
32202 Olde Franklin Dr $315,000
30414 Orchard Lake Rd Unit 1 $80,000
36339 Parklane Cir $258,000
26150 Rose Hill Dr $169,000
26586 Trillium Dr $750,000
33209 Walnut Ln $181,000
28441 Westerleigh Rd $177,000

FRANKLIN
26023 German Mill Rd $194,000
31225 Sunset Dr $333,000

MILFORD
901 Meadowbrook Way $175,000
326 River Wood Trl $365,000

NOVI
2022 Austin Dr $65,000
45216 Bartlett Dr $84,000
22036 Chase Dr $405,000
51236 E Bourne Ter $45,000
22066 Edgewater $65,000
45827 Galway Dr $232,000
44496 Gwinnett Loop $156,000
41692 Hempshire St $450,000
28076 Hewes Ln $159,000
28080 Hewes Ln $152,000
28082 Hewes Ln $158,000
28084 Hewes Ln $156,000
40555 Mill Road Ct E $190,000
24777 Naples Dr $260,000
41197 Park Forest Ct $145,000
24466 Redwing Dr $300,000
41302 Scarborough Ln $370,000
25456 Sutton Ct $50,000
23561 Valley Starr $155,000
27123 Victoria Rd $45,000
46355 White Pines Dr $524,000
24923 White Plains Dr $270,000

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22660 Valerie St $170,000
917 Village Way $150,000
52896 Willowbrook Dr $61,000

SOUTHFIELD
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26652 Franklin Pointe Dr $55,000
6 Fredricksburg Towne St $40,000
18662 Greenwald Dr $44,000
29075 Heritage Ln $89,000
21750 Midway Ave $23,000
27335 Pierce St $110,000
29850 Titus Ct $65,000
22950 W 12 Mile Rd $43,000
20744 Westover Ave $27,000

WHITE LAKE
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5 Lillie or Arthur
8 Iditarod terminus
12 Diligence
13 Blurbs
14 Zero-shaped
15 Toll roads
17 Obscure
18 Casual farewell
19 Entebbe's land
21 Novelist — Grey
24 Buys and sells
26 Smooths out
28 Putter's org.
29 Upsilon follower
32 — -Mex cuisine
33 Jacket choice
35 Poetic adverb
36 False front
37 Previously
38 Mr. Spock's dad
40 Licorice flavoring
42 Reduced
43 Calculus inventor
46 Baste
48 Goddess' statue
49 Birds used in falconry
54 — colada
55 Mesozoic, for one
56 Hatha —
57 Treats fractures
58 Rogers or Orbison
59 Weeps loudly

DOWN

1 World Series mo.
2 Dit opposite
3 Bruin ice great
4 Corned beef sandwich
5 Bleated
6 Ben & Jerry rival
7 Make milder, as distress
8 Exploding stars
9 Hot spot
10 Mansion staffer
11 Miss Cinders of old comics
16 Cheyenne's st.
20 Spiky flowers
21 Catherine — -Jones
22 With, to Maurice
23 Right after
25 "En garde" weapons
27 Office worker
29 Ceremonial fire
30 Furrow makers
31 Cartridge fillers
34 Antique washer part
39 Forever
40 Globe substitute
41 Theme
43 Barely beats
44 Adams or McClurg
45 Refuses to
47 Huh?
50 Sierra Madre gold
51 Try to win over
52 Frequent 007 foe
53 Airline to Stockholm

Answer to Previous Puzzle

J	A	G		S	O	I	L		B	R	A	N
A	H	A		A	P	S	E		R	A	F	T
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		C	U	D				T	R	A	C	E
B	A	R	N		Y	E	A	R		N	E	W
U	N	A		T	U	L	L	E		A	D	E
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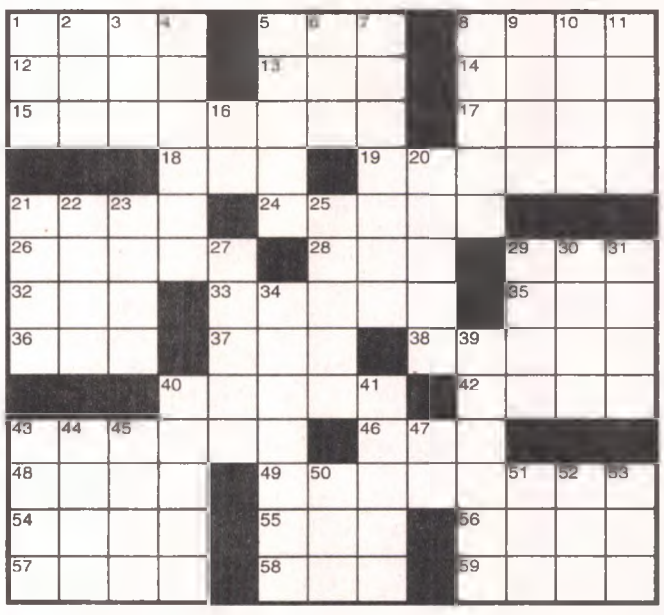

SUDOKU

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

Level: Beginner

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C	N	I	I	G	G	C	B	C	A	R	G	U	I	H
Z	H	E	F	S	N	R	R	M	E	V	R	H	G	V
P	J	E	M	E	U	X	O	V	A	O	Y	C	A	Y
G	G	X	M	T	L	N	E	T	M	P	C	N	R	D
P	D	F	Q	O	A	N	T	U	C	A	C	O	E	S
T	G	E	Y	L	T	E	T	R	N	O	F	R	T	M
C	B	K	E	I	S	H	R	C	A	E	D	B	T	O
N	C	M	O	N	F	Z	E	T	F	C	D	U	E	K
H	G	N	C	Z	T	R	X	R	K	O	H	U	S	I
N	O	I	T	A	I	D	A	R	A	D	F	E	A	N
I	L	L	N	E	S	S	F	Q	K	P	I	V	A	G
M	G	E	L	H	P	N	Y	N	Y	A	Y	Z	X	M
V	Q	B	A	J	P	O	L	N	K	T	K	K	R	O
N	Q	Q	A	J	P	C	O	D	H	K	Y	E	W	W

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1	8	2	7	4	6	3	9	5
6	5	4	3	8	9	7	1	2
4	2	5	9	6	3	8	7	1
7	3	1	8	2	5	9	6	4
8	9	6	4	7	1	2	5	3
2	4	7	5	9	8	1	3	6
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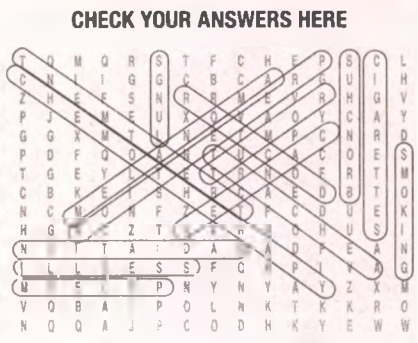
CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

Word Search



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