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HEALTH CARE REFORM & YOU

Chief: Department needs more resources

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Chief Mark Wendel detailed concerns about Plymouth Township's ability to fight fires and respond to medical emergencies in a letter to Supervisor Richard Reaume last summer, saying the Plymouth Community Fire Department is understaffed and needs to replace vital equipment.



Wendel

The criticisms, in a five-page letter dated July 19, followed the March 2012 layoffs of six firefighters and a reorganization of the department that left it more reliant on part-time and on-call firefighters, a system Wendel contends is not working.

"The township needs to hire additional full-time firefighters immediately to maintain a minimal number of six on-duty firefighters available to respond in any 24-hour period," Wendel wrote.

He also favored taking on more ambulance transports of emergency patients as a revenue-generator, rather than handing them off to a private service, something township

officials have opposed.

'Long-term issues'

Responding to Wendel's letter, Reaume said Tuesday township officials are aware of PCFD equipment needs and will budget for them and also take a look at hiring more full-timers.

"There are some long-term issues on the horizon," Reaume said.

But he also defended the hybrid model of full-time firefighters working 24-hour shifts and supplemented by part-timers, saying such a plan, and even an all on-call system, provides good service in other area communities and was the township's model years ago.

"Every fire chief, police chief and department head

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FRIGHT NIGHT



Randi Williams and Cindy Bumgardner set up the United Way scarecrow in Kellogg Park. Williams made the head with papier-mache over a balloon. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Scarecrows invade Kellogg Park

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Marie Morrow knows the popular Scarecrows in the Park program, sponsored annually by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, is a valuable networking tool for local businesses, civic groups and organizations in Plymouth.

That's why Morrow, president of the Plymouth Community United Way, had her folks out as soon as the program opened last week, decorating the United Way's 2013 entry in the ring of scarecrows that will line Kellogg Park until Halloween.

"It's a fun, community event," Morrow said. "The scarecrows make you smile and create awareness about the various businesses, organizations and nonprofits in Plymouth."

The Scarecrows in the Park program, sponsored by Community Financial Credit

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Leni Nowicki, 3, and Vivienne Simon, 4, watch the team from United Way build its scarecrow. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

District team rolling on bond projects

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Facing a tight deadline and with \$114.4 million in projects to get off the ground, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administrators told Board of Education members Tuesday they were hitting the ground running.

Officials from the primary team members - designer TMP and construction manager McCarthy & Smith - told the board they were already well on their way toward reaching some of the early goals for projects approved in the May bond election.

"We've worked hard for six months to put the team together and lay the groundwork," said Brodie Killian, the dis-

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Plymouth seniors warned of increased fraud schemes

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Senior citizens in Plymouth got advice from law enforcement Monday on avoiding con schemes and fraud attempts, particularly those in which scammers use newer technology to target their prey.

The town hall meeting on senior citizen safety was sponsored by Rep. Kurt Heise, a Republican who represents the city and Plymouth Township and part of Canton Township, in the Michigan House of Representatives. Held at the Plymouth District Library, it drew a half-dozen seniors.

Officials said the use of new technology in attempts to cheat people is mushrooming.

"The criminal element, we find, is getting more sophisticated. They're using technol-

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Plymouth diner closes for upscale remodeling project

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

The Grecian Cafe, a 24-hour diner on Main Street in Plymouth, closed last week for remodeling and will open with a new menu, a new look and a new theme.

Keith Kecskes, attorney for cafe owner Vitor Nikollbibaj, said the new eatery will be named Aqua and will have a European-inspired menu and look and a more upscale atmosphere. The target date for reopening is Halloween – Thursday,

Oct. 31, Kecskes said. The outdoor Grecian Cafe sign has been removed and a banner announces the coming of Aqua. Kecskes said he visited the site Tuesday and that work was progressing well. Aqua has hired Robert Beuchs as its

executive chef, Kecskes said. Aqua will likely have a license to serve beer, wine and liquor for consumption on site, Nikollbibaj having been given the opportunity to transfer a liquor license to the restaurant in 2011, when

the Plymouth City Commission agreed to expand the limit on the number of licenses in the city from 22 to 24. Kecskes said at the time that the new restaurant will cease to be a 24-hour diner with a liquor license. The Liberty Street

Brewing Co., a micro-brewery in Old Village, was given the first shot at the other new alcohol license, for a wine making operation that opened soon after.

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SCARECROWS

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Union, is offered by the chamber to local businesses, Scout troops, church groups, civic organizations and families. The chamber provides the straw bodies for the scarecrows and the sponsors do the decorating.

The chamber sold out its 30 scarecrows this year.

“Since Plymouth is a town with wonderful charm, the scarecrows have become a popular tradition that adds to the character of our downtown during the fall season,” said Wes Graff, executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. “For many local groups and businesses, the scarecrows are a fun way to showcase their organization and support the quality of life in our community.”

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Vivienne Simon, 4, and Leni Nowicki, 3, help stuff straw into the scarecrow. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

BOND

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trict's deputy superintendent for finance and operations.

The first project to be tackled, officials said, is the design and beginning construction phase of the new middle school, to be built on district-owned property on Cherry Hill just west of Canton Center in Canton. TMP designers have already begun the schematic design while tackling municipal issues.

“We’re working through site plan issues on the new middle school ... working with Canton Township and Wayne County officials, as well,” said John Castellana, project executive for TMP Associates. “We hit the ground running and we’re excited.”

The new middle school, scheduled to open in September 2015 as a replacement for Central Middle School, will be a two-story school with a capacity of 800 students. Design work is scheduled to be done by January, with construction slated to start in May.

Other projects to get started include additions and remodeling of the district's other middle schools, to include upgrades and the addition of STEM labs (some \$4.8 million worth), and some \$6.6 million in other upgrades to facilities, including improvements at the varsity football field, roofing work and other safety and security measures.

The district also has to get started on the infrastructure to put together its own wide-area network and other technology improvements. Consulting firms Barton Malow and the SHW Group are on board to tackle various aspects of those projects.

Elson Liu, the district's executive director of technology, said the teamwork from those groups thus far has been impressive.

“Those gentlemen are usually competitors,” Liu said. “In working with Plymouth-Canton schools, though, they’ve really checked their egos at the door.”

Killian pointed out that updates on the status and progress of the various bond projects can be tracked on the district's website, www.pccs.k12.mi.us, with regular updates.

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FIRE

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would always want more resources,” Reaume said.

The PCFD is currently staffed at 12 full-time firefighter-paramedics, plus Wendel and the fire inspector. There were 21 firefighters, plus the chief and inspector, as recently as February 2012, but the layoffs of six of those in March 2012, plus retirements since then, have cut the ranks, Reaume said.

Chief: Staffing thin

Wendel, in his letter, said there have been times when only three full-timers were on duty and that he occasionally had to close Station 3, at

Beck and North Territorial, because of lack of personnel. Station 2, on the township's northeast side, closed with the 2012 reorganization.

The department started the reorganization with 15 part-timers, Wendel said, but that number quickly dropped. It was at seven when he wrote the letter.

“This program has been costly and not effective and should be discontinued,” Wendel wrote.

Reaume said the number of part-timers is now at five and the township is looking to hire more. Part-timers must have state Firefighter I and Firefighter II certifications and Reaume said the township's preference is for candidates

with emergency medical training.

Two part-timers are planning to soon test for paramedic certification, he said.

Reaume defended the PCFD staffing model, saying it calls for four full-timers for every 24-hour shift, plus two part-timers, on duty and not just on call, during the busy hours of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., when the department makes 67 percent of its runs. Part-time firefighters are not unionized and get no health insurance, making them less costly to the township than the full-timers.

The department responds to an average of six to seven calls every 24-hour period, Reaume said.

Reaume acknowledged, however, that there were times in the summer, some lasting several hours, when only three full-timers were on duty. Two full-timers were taking time off under the Family Medical Leave Act during that period, he said, and there were times when not enough others were available to fill in for them.

Aging trucks

Addressing Wendel's concerns about equipment, Reaume said officials are aware of the age of the PCFD's three pumper trucks (24 years, 20 years and 13 years) and will take steps to replace them eventually. But such equipment has a life expectancy of 25-30

years, he said. The pumps currently cost about \$450,000 apiece.

Some firefighter protective gear and SCBAs (self-contained breathing apparatus) will have to be replaced more immediately, Reaume said.

“We know that's going to be an issue in the future and we'll address it,” he said.

Wendel declined to comment on the letter or Reaume's reaction, saying he considered the letter a privileged communication.

“That was a confidential document between me and my supervisor, expressing my concerns,” Wendel said.

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FRAUD

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ogy that really should help us,” but is being used to do harm, Heise said.

He described a new scam that involves using a tiny camera to steal a person's credit card number while the card is being scanned for a purchase.

“There're certainly more tools available to the criminal element,” said Susan Peters, from the consumer protection division of Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette's office, as she urged seniors to be cautious in their financial transactions, but not totally insulated from society.

Check your sources

Peters, with a Powerpoint presentation, warned of several types of schemes, including:

» Charitable fundraising in which the charity's stated mission receives little – sometimes less than 10 percent – of what is raised. People asked for donations to charity should research what proportion of the money raised goes to the charity's work and what proportion goes to administration – before writing a check, she said. In addition, third-party professional fundraisers should also be checked out. A website, www.michigan.gov/agcharities, sponsored by Schuette's office, is a place to start.

Peters also warned of “sound-alike” charities that use names that sound similar to established, trusted organizations.

» “Grandparent scams,” in which a caller purports to a relative in need of money for an emergency, such as for bail or a car breakdown, and asks that it be sent

right away. Such calls should be treated with skepticism, Peters said, and the stories checked out with people who would know. The relative whose name was used should be called at a number known to the person from whom the money is being sought, to see if it was indeed the relative who called.

“You don't really know who's on the other end of the phone,” Peters said.

» “Phishing” for sensitive information, such as Social Security and bank account numbers, via emails that ask recipients to click on a website link and provide the information. Peters said “phishing” emails often appear to be from a real bank or government agency and tell recipients that a problem can be fixed if they will provide the information, but that legitimate institutions will not ask people for information that way.

“You get an email like this, you can delete it,” she said. She warned seniors not to provide sensitive information over the phone or via

computer unless they have initiated the contact and know the organization is legitimate.

» Telemarketing or direct-mail marketing that promises a big payoff, such as a cash lottery prize, in exchange for a relatively small fee or “taxes” on the winnings. If the marketing asks for the fee up front or appears to be an attempt to gain access to personal information, beware of a ploy, Peters said.

“They're going to promise you a lot of money that, of course, doesn't exist,” she said. Some mail solicitations of this kind, she said, will even include an authentic-looking check as bait. “Just because there's a check attached to it doesn't make it real.”

Using technology

Peters also advised seniors to check their credit reports regularly, through the website www.freecreditreport.com, for untoward activity on their accounts. Three free credit reports per year, one from each of

the three major reporting agencies, are allowed, she said.

“It's important that you take a look at them on a regular basis so you can see if someone has been using your information,” she said.

Cpl. Aaron Diamond, from the Internet crime unit of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, warned against doing banking or other financial transactions on public computers, such as at a library. Information put on public computers is more prone to theft, he said.

“Be very, very careful about what you put on there,” Diamond said.

Lt. Jamie Grabowski, who is in charge of the Plymouth Police Department's detective bureau, said people who fall victim to fraud schemes should put aside any embarrassment and report the crimes to police.

“We can't try to fix a problem for you if we don't know there is one,” Grabowski said.

He also emphasized that fraud and scams don't just happen to seniors: “It happens to everybody,” Grabowski said.

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Robbery case dismissed after witness no-show

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

After a key witness failed to appear for trial, a Wayne County Circuit Court judge has dismissed criminal charges against a Detroit man who was charged following an armed robbery inside a Canton apartment.

Judge Michael Hathaway dropped charges against 21-year-old Aaron Nathaniel Bourdreaux-Brown and released him from custody Sept. 18, according to court records.

However, Hathaway dismissed the case without preju-



Bourdreaux-Brown



Echols

dice, meaning the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office could possibly opt to file charges anew against Bourdreaux-Brown.

It wasn't known Tuesday why the witness failed to appear in court or whether charges would be renewed

against the defendant, who could have faced penalties ranging up to life in prison if he had been convicted of armed robbery and unarmed robbery.

Charges of first-degree home invasion and larceny in a building already had been dismissed against Bourdreaux-Brown and co-defendant Justin Deontae Echols, a 19-year-old Detroit man, during a preliminary hearing in July in 35th District Court.

Since then, Echols was placed on probation Sept. 13 after he pleaded guilty in mid-August to a single charge of

unarmed robbery. Moreover, Echols was sentenced by Hathaway under the Holmes Youthful Trainee Act, meaning he can keep the crime off his record as long as he obeys court orders and stays out of trouble.

Bourdreaux-Brown and Echols had been charged after Canton police say a robbery occurred in June when two men, one toting a weapon, forced their way inside a Pilgrim Village apartment near Lilley and Warren.

Canton police Lt. Craig Wilsher has said a man at the apartment complex told police

two men with their faces partially concealed knocked on his door and forced their way inside when he opened it.

Wilsher has said the victim alleged that one intruder got into a struggle with him while the other "grabbed some items out of the apartment."

No one was injured.

Arrests were made following an investigation by Canton Police and Michigan State Police.

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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Child neglect

Canton police found a 6-year-old boy wandering alone in the rain after being called to the area of Joy Road and I-275 shortly after 10 p.m. Friday, according to a police report.

Plymouth Township police also had received a call about the boy. One witness indicated he had seen a boy get out of the back seat of a car that had pulled off the road in the area. However, police found the child's stepmother at the nearby Canton Crossings apartment complex and she told police the boy had left the apartment on his own after she had put him to bed.

The stepmother, who was upset, said she had put the boy to bed along with a newborn baby of hers. She said she, too, had gone to bed and didn't realize the 6-year-old boy had left the apartment until the child led police to her door and she was awakened.

The 39-year-old stepmother told police she and her husband have been having marital problems and she believed the child may have left the apartment to look for his father.

Canton police notified Child Protective Services and the woman is facing charges of child neglect.

Fake illnesses

A Canton police report indicated a 20-year-old Romulus woman has a history of feigning illness when she believes she is about to get into legal trouble.

A police report said the latest incident happened about 12:25 p.m. Monday during a routine traffic stop on Michigan Avenue. The woman was a passenger.

The report indicated the woman has a history of feigning illness when she is confronted with having Canton warrants for her arrest. In the Monday incident, the driver told police the woman appeared to have passed out, but police prodded her to wake up and she said she was suffering from a bladder infection and needed an ambulance.

Police advised her that she didn't at this time have any warrants out for her arrest and wouldn't have to go to jail. The woman then told authorities she didn't want to go to the hospital. She now has a new citation for interfering during the investigation.

Stolen watches

A Canton woman notified police after two expensive Breitling men's watches were stolen from the home she

shares with her husband on Liberty, southeast of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads.

The woman indicated the watches – one valued at \$10,000 and the other at \$6,000 – may have been taken Friday by two male employees of a cleaning service that had been hired for carpet work, a police report said.

Drunken fight

Police went to Bailey's Pub, on Canton Center south of Ford, following reports of two drunken friends fighting outside the main door, a police report said.

Police were called to the bar shortly after 2:30 a.m. Sunday. Officers learned the men were staggering, shoving each other and harassing other people. One of the men had what was described as a severe cut on the back of his head after he had fallen.

The men, ages 29 and 27, had gone to the bar to watch an Ultimate Fighting Championship match, the police report said. The injured man was taken to a hospital, though he was cited beforehand for being drunk and disorderly. The other man was arrested for the same charge.

– Compiled by Darrell Clem from
Canton Police Department reports.

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Shoplifting arrest

A 22-year-old Los Angeles man was arrested Sunday in the shoplifting of 31 cans of spray paint from the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township.

Police said a store security guard was hit in the nose as he confronted the suspect outside the store, but the guard wasn't sure whether he was intentionally struck or whether it was an accident caused by the man's sudden turn and declined to press charges.

Kmart will press charges for the shoplifting, however, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said.

The incident occurred just before 5:30 p.m., the report said.

The guard told police he spotted a man carrying a hand basket full of spray paint while leaving the store and hadn't seen him near any registers. He approached the man outside, he said, and the man turned quickly, one of his arms hitting him in the nose. He was not seriously hurt.

The guard gained control of the man, police said, and led him to the store's security office to await police.

Police said the spray paint was worth a total of \$151.15.

Coins stolen

Two rare coins, worth hundreds of dollars according to their owner, were reported stolen Sept. 17 from a car parked at a house on Mayflower Drive in the township.

The 2013 Dodge Charger had been left unlocked in his driveway, the complainant told police.

The theft occurred between Sept. 9 and Sept. 11, he said.

The complainant said he checked at area pawn shops for the coins without success.

The coins were a 1972 silver dollar and a 1917 half-dollar coin, the police report said.

The complainant also told police that he left a \$5 bill in the Charger after the theft, with a note attached to the money saying that he would pay for the return of the coins. The \$5 bill was missing Sept. 13, he said.

The responding officer advised the man to stop leaving valuables in his car.

– By Matt Jachman

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GONE TO THE DOGS

Bark for Life raises cancer funds, awareness

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

One of the recurring themes you hear at Canton's annual Bark for Life event is how therapeutic dogs can be to their humans who are battling cancer.

But Mr. Sassy knows the battle from both ends. A three-time cancer survivor, Mr. Sassy, whose human is Barbara Crosby of Canton, was among the dozens of dogs who made the third annual event Saturday at Heritage Park.

Mr. Sassy, who made it about a quarter-way around the walk before Crosby carried him the rest of the way, was one of the caregivers for Crosby's daughter-in-law, a cancer survivor and the mother of two children. "The dogs are very therapeutic to people with cancer," said Crosby, who owns TLC Pet Sitting and Dog Walking. "With my daughter-in-law, the dogs were a lot of comfort. They were good therapy for her."

One of the more than 50 dogs registered for the walk was Ellie, a shitzu/bichon mix whose human is Janet Stafford of Canton. Stafford, who chaired the Bark for Life Committee, said the annual event continues to grow.

Last year, for in-

stance, only six teams signed up online. This year, that total nearly tripled. She said the event had raised more than \$13,000 before Saturday, more than half-way to the \$25,000 goal. Donations continue through the event's website, www.relayforlife.org/barkcantonmi, and its Facebook page.

"Everyone is touched by cancer," Stafford said of the event's growth. "They feel passionate about this and they realize what an important part (dogs) are of our daily lives, especially for people going through cancer."

Stafford's father is a cancer survivor.

"The dogs were a great caregiver to him," she said. "They're a great part of your family."

Stacey Forrester of Canton, a parapro at Hulsing Elementary School, brought Finigan to Bark for Life as she walked in honor of Lisa McMaster, a Hulsing second-grader who died of cancer earlier this year.

"She was such a sweet little girl," Forrester said. "She was a fighter, always bubbly, a true fighter. I wanted to keep her memory going."

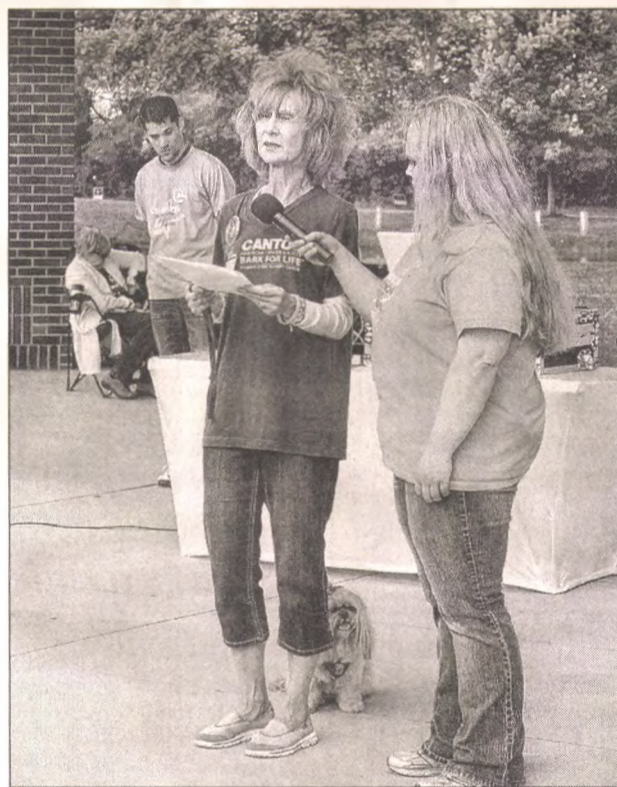
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Natasha Martin of Wayne tries to coax her dog through the agility course with a treat at this year's Bark for Life event.



Kalin Turri of Canton shows how her award-winning dog Oakley trains to be the diabetic alert dog that she is today. Oakley was a rescue dog. TOM BEAUDOIN



Bonnie Meyerand shares how her life's passion is to "fight back" as she continues to raise money for cancer research after she lost her husband Bob to cancer in 2009. Her dog Bailey is by her side as Janet Stafford holds the microphone. TOM BEAUDOIN



Event commentator Dan Osborne of Westland asks 8-year-old Ruby about the event as she walks with her human, Judy Mack of Canton.

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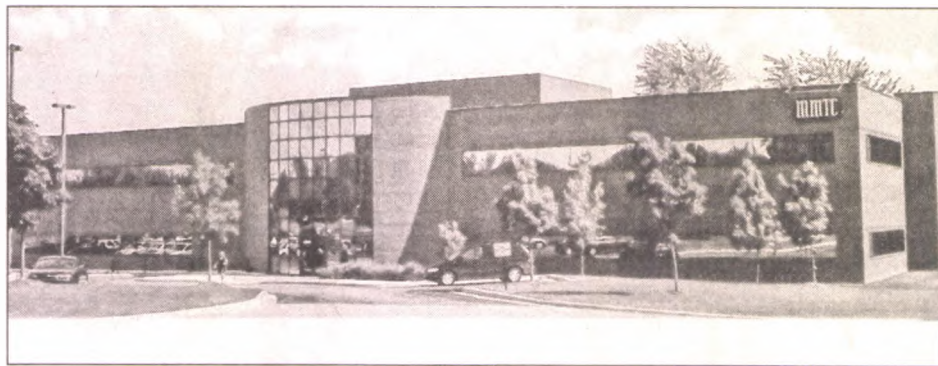
Plymouth firm gets jobs contract

The Plymouth-based Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center has won a \$2.27 million contract from the National Institute of Standards and Technology to support advanced manufacturing job creation across Michigan.

The contract will fund the center through June.

MMTC President Mike Coast called the contract "great news for the MMTC."

"It allows us to continue to work with Michigan's small- and medium-sized manufacturers in the areas of increasing capacity and profitable growth," Coast said in a release. "We are proud of our proven track record



The Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center is headquartered in Plymouth, with affiliate offices in Grand Rapids, Marquette, Saginaw and Traverse City.

of being measured solely by the business impact we have on our client companies' business."

The Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center helps connect small- to medium-sized

manufacturing firms with new product developers and assist manufacturers with tools and resources to bring new products to market and to train workers.

The Michigan Manu-

facturing Technology Center is the Michigan affiliate of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership, a public-private network of

centers to support new advanced manufacturing jobs.

The center is headquartered in Plymouth, with affiliate offices in Grand Rapids, Marquette, Saginaw and Traverse City.

U.S. Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow released statements supporting the MMTC and the awarding of the contract. Stabenow said the MMTC is "helping manufacturers across our state bring new cutting-edge products to market and create high-tech jobs."

"We have seen consistent job growth in manufacturing over the past few years thanks in part

to the Manufacturing Extension Partnership, which helps our manufacturers grow their businesses and stay competitive in the global economy," she said.

Levin said he feels as though Michigan workers are capable of anything, given the resources.

"Michigan manufacturers and Michigan workers can compete with anybody around the world if we give them the support and training they need," Levin said.

"This grant will help the MMTC continue its great work of helping world-class Michigan innovators thrive and grow."

Redford Jewelry & Coin opens new location

Redford Jewelry & Coin recently held a grand-opening celebration and ribbon-cutting ceremony at its new store located at 15386 N. Haggerty Road in Northville Township.

The business moved from Redford Township, where it had been a fixture on Six Mile Road for nearly 30 years.

Located on the northeast corner of Haggerty and Five Mile in the Haggerty-Five Gateway Center, the new store is larger with more than 3,600 square feet of retail space.

"We had many wonderful years in Redford Township and we are now looking forward to this next chapter serving

a new community with our quality jewelry and coins along with our expertise," owner/operator Cathy Sclabassi said.

"Our mission is simple," she said, "provide excellent customer service and quality products at competitive prices."

"We are dedicated to providing an unparalleled experience for each and every one of our clients."

Northville Township Trustee Fred Shadko welcomed Redford Jewelry & Coin to the area on behalf of the Northville Township Board of Trustees and Supervisor Robert Nix.

"This area is prosperous and energetic and



Surrounded by loyal employees and customers, owner Cathy Sclabassi (center) does the honor of cutting the ribbon for the grand opening of Redford Jewelry & Coin. To her right is her mom Anna Hazen.

Redford Jewelry and Coin's show of confidence in Northville Township is genuinely appreciated. Let the business begin," he said.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

New doctor

Physicians at Oakwood Healthcare Center-Canton welcomed Dr. Tiffany Sanford of Belleville to their medical staff.

An internist, Sanford completed her residency at Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center in Dearborn before coming to Oakwood Healthcare Center-Canton.

Sanford received her medical education from Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. Prior to attending medical school, she earned a bachelor of science in biology from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

Throughout her medical training, Sanford held several leadership roles, including serving as an instructor for a science program for middle school students, tutoring student-athletes and providing educational assistance to first-year medical students. She was appointed resident

director and chief of ambulatory medicine for the residency programs at Schaefer Internal Medicine and Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center, respectively. She has also participated in a number of research projects.

Sanford is a member of the Detroit Medical Society, the American College of Physicians and the American Medical Association. She is on staff at Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center.

Oakwood Healthcare Center-Canton is located at 7300 N. Canton Center Road. To schedule an appointment, call 734-454-8001.

Cookbook launch

Old World Olive Press is getting ready to launch its collaboration cookbook with the Twice Baked Twins titled *The Judy and Joy of Pasta*.

The Twice Baked Twins are 2012 Food Network Challenge winners, identical twins, national television personalities, food bloggers and authors of the Judy and Joy cookbook series. Officials said this new partnership and cookbook will benefit The Pink

Fund and Breast Cancer Awareness.

Visitors can meet the Twice Baked Twins from noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, during their Michigan book-signing tour in Plymouth at Old World Olive Press on Forest Avenue.

National Coney hiring

National Coney Island is bringing a new restaurant to Canton in October and the eatery is looking to hire some 70 people for the new spot.

The new restaurant (opening in early October) will be located at 44567 Michigan Avenue (the former Big Boy site on Ford Road just east of Canton Center Road).

The restaurant will sport a new menu featuring all the NCI favorites, plus some unique menu items and chef-driven specials.

National Coney Island officials said they're looking to hire experienced management with minimum two years experience.

Visit one of the NCI locations to fill out an application. Candidates may also email hirings@nationalconeyisland.com.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

Business awards

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual Business Awards Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, in Canton.

The luncheon honors the Business Person of the Year and Ambassador of the Year, along with chamber members celebrating 10-, 25-, 30-, 35- and 40-year anniversaries as chamber members.

Cost is \$25 for members. RSVP by calling

734-453-4040. Atchinson Ford Sales, Inc., is the event's major sponsor.

Committee needs

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers to serve on the auction committee. The auction will be held Saturday, March 15, at Burton Manor.

The auction committee will meet monthly beginning at 8:15 a.m. Oct. 3 at the chamber office, 45525 Hanford in Canton. Local bankers Amy Miller (TCF Bank) and Judy Wetmore (PNC Bank) are heading up the

2014 Auction Committee.

The committee is looking for volunteers to make the auction "bigger and better than last year's event," chamber officials said. Volunteers are needed to:

» Solicit gifts and donations.

» Decorations (once a theme has been determined).

» Sponsors, publicity and ticket sales. Anyone who would like to be part of the committee can sign up by contacting the Canton Chamber of Commerce at 734-453-4040.



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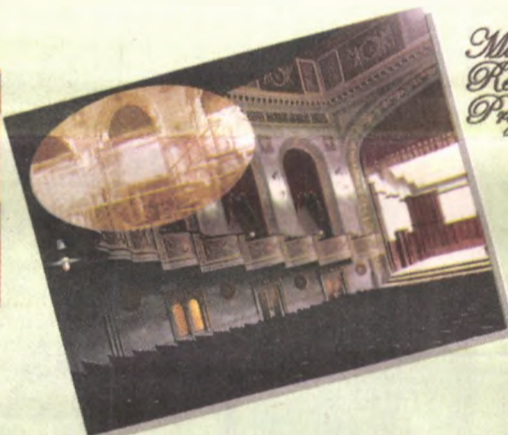
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Coinsurance

Percentage of charges you pay when you receive a covered service. Your health insurance provider pays the rest. Coinsurance amounts vary depending on your plan and type of service.

Copayment

Fixed dollar amount you pay for certain covered health care services or prescriptions. Your insurance provider pays the rest. Copayments vary depending on your plan and the service.

Cost share

Portion of charges for a service or prescription that you must pay, such as copayment, coinsurance or deductible payment. Cost share does not include premium payments.

Deductible

Fixed amount you must pay in a calendar or contract year for certain health care services before your health insurance kicks in. Under the Affordable Care Act, certain preventative services will be fully covered regardless of deductible.

Dependent

A family member, such as a spouse, child or partner, who is covered under your plan.

Grandfathered plan

A group health plan that was created, or an individual health insurance policy that was purchased, on or before March 23, 2010. Grandfathered plans are exempt from many of the changes required under the Affordable Care Act as long as they have not been materially changed since then.

Health care

Prevention, treatment and management of diseases and injuries, as well as preservation of mental and physical health. This is done by services provided by trained and licensed professionals such as doctors, dentists and psychologists.

Health insurance

A contract that requires your health insurer to pay some or all of your health care costs in exchange for a premium you pay.

Health insurance exchange

Government-run websites where individuals and small businesses can go to compare and enroll in health insurance plans, get answers to questions and determine if they are eligible for financial assistance or special programs. Also known as exchanges and marketplaces.

Large employer

Usually a company with more than 50 employees (or full-time equivalent employees). May vary by state. Beginning in 2016, employers with up to 100 employees will be allowed to buy insurance through the exchanges for small businesses.

Medicaid

Government insurance plan for poor and disabled people.

Network

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Out of network

Any facility, provider or supplier that your particular health insurer is not contracted with to provide health care services.

Out-of-pocket expenses

Includes copayment, coinsurance and deductible payments for health care services you receive. Does not include premiums.

Pre-existing condition

Medical conditions that someone has before he or she applies for a health insurance policy.

Premium

Amount you and your employer pay, typically on a monthly basis, for health care coverage.

Provider

Physician, health care professional or health care facility that is licensed, certified or accredited to provide care and services.

Small employer

Usually a company with 50 or fewer employees (or full-time equivalent employees). May vary by state. Beginning in 2016, employers with up to 100 employees will be allowed to buy insurance through the exchanges for small businesses.

Subsidy

Financial assistance the government may provide to help people pay for health insurance or care. Subsidies can come in the form of direct payments to the insurance company or tax credits to the consumer when they file their federal income tax return.

Source: Kaiser Permanente

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Will everyone buy health insurance?

Starting in 2014, most people will be required to have health insurance, or pay a penalty if they don't get it.

What's the penalty?

Eventually, the penalty for people who forgo insurance will be the greater of \$695 per year (up to \$2,085 for a family) or 2.5 percent of income. Penalties are phased in over time, starting at the greater of \$95 or 1 percent of income in 2014, \$325 or 2 percent of income in 2015 and \$695 or 2.5 percent of income beginning in 2016.

How many Americans will be penalized?

Congressional Budget Office projects 3.9 million people will pay the penalty in 2016.

Will the Affordable Care Act affect small businesses?

Businesses with fewer than 50 employees are exempt from penalties faced by larger employers that do not offer coverage. Penalties for larger employers (50 or more employees) do not go into effect until 2015, a full year later than originally scheduled.

What is the health insurance marketplace?

Also known as exchanges, these are organizations set up to create more organized and competitive markets for people buying health insurance. They will offer a choice of comparable health insurance plans (via a website), certify plans that participate and provide information to help consumers better understand their options.

Who gets help from these exchanges?

Beginning in 2014, exchanges will mainly serve people buying insurance on their own and small businesses with up to 50 employees (100 beginning in 2016), although states can choose to include larger employers in the future.

What about subsidies?

In 2014, tax credits will be available to people who buy coverage in the new exchanges and who have income up to 400 percent of the federal poverty level (\$43,320 for an individual or \$88,200 for a family of four in 2009). To be eligible, you must not be eligible for public coverage — including Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, Medicare or military coverage — and must not have not access to health insurance through an employer.

What happens to employers that don't provide health benefits?

The health reform law does not require employers to provide health benefits. However, it does impose penalties in some cases in larger employers (those with 50 or more workers) that do not provide insurance to their workers or that provide coverage that is unaffordable. Larger employers that do not provide coverage will be assessed a penalty if any one of their workers receives a tax credit when buying insurance on their own in an health insurance exchange. The enforcement takes effect in 2015, a year later than originally scheduled.

What will be the employer penalty?

Equal to \$2,000 multiplied by the number of workers in the business in excess of 30 workers (with the penalty amount increasing over time). Penalty is not applied to the first 30 workers.

Source: Kaiser Family Foundation

TIMELINE

» **Oct. 1:** Open enrollment begins on health insurance exchanges website, healthcare.gov

» **Dec. 15:** Deadline for enrolling for coverage that takes effect Jan. 1, 2014

» **Jan. 1, 2014:** New BadgerCare Plus coverage changes that effect 90,000 current enrollees

» **March 31, 2014:** End of open enrollment through health insurance exchanges

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Price to chair water board task force

Amid ongoing interest in creating a new regional water and sewer authority, Wayne County Commission Chairman Gary Woronchak has appointed a special Water Board Task Force to monitor Wayne County's efforts in joining Oakland and Macomb counties in establishing the new authority.

Commissioner Shannon Price, R-Canton, will chair the task force, which also includes Commissioners Raymond E. Basham, D-Taylor, and Irma Clark-Coleman,

D-Detroit. "I am pleased to be appointed to chair this task force," said Price, who also represents Plymouth and Plymouth Township.



Price
"For years, communities throughout Wayne County have been frustrated with rising water rates and have called for more suburban representation on the board of the Detroit Water

and Sewer Department.

"With the city of Detroit's financial difficulties, it appears we may finally have that opportunity."

The city of Detroit has expressed an interest in establishing a new authority for DWSD rather than selling the facility, Price's press release said.

As a result, the Wayne County Commission has voted to move forward with efforts to create a new regional authority and, along with Macomb

and Oakland counties, has entered into a memorandum of understanding to retain the services of UHY, LLP to evaluate information related to the DWSD.

While the memorandum of understanding does not create a new authority, it does provide the basis to move forward with one. UHY will provide all three counties with a valuation of the DWSD's assets and liabilities.

The information will then be used to determine if moving forward

with an agreement is in the best interest of all parties, should the new authority purchase the DWSD or just operate it.

"I am glad to see the Wayne County Commission is going to be fully engaged in this process," said James Fausone, a Canton resident who chairs the DWSD Board of Water Commissioners. "It is imperative that Wayne County play an active role as we move forward with these discussions."

Woronchak, D-Dearborn, said Price "will set

the agenda and direction of the task force. The opportunity is now to look into creating a new authority that brings all three counties together to ease the burden of rising water and sewer rates."

Price said, "It is my goal that this new task force will work with the administration to ensure that all of the communities are properly represented in the new authority, there is proper oversight and that there will be full transparency in the new DWSD."

Boo! Judge ready to scare with ghost stories

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Ron Lowe remembers the time he told a ghost story that left a young boy so scared he couldn't shake his fears or sleep in peace.

It involved TailyPo, a tale of a hunter's ordeal after he bit off and ate the tail of a strange creature that showed up at his house.

Lowe's vivid storytelling session to a group of children came back to haunt him when the frightened boy's mother contacted him to say she couldn't convince the child that the tale wasn't real.

Lowe, as a 35th District Court judge, had become more accustomed to scaring criminals than young children.

"This boy couldn't sleep," Lowe said, "so I had his mother bring him to the courthouse."

Only after much discussion did Lowe convince the boy the TailyPo story wasn't real.

First time

Just in time for Halloween, Lowe is bringing

his scary storytelling talents to Summit on the Park's ballroom during "Ghost Stories," an event 6-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct.



Lowe
27, to benefit the Canton Historical Society. "This is the first time we've done this," said Bill Tesen, historical society president, discussing the event with Lowe in the judge's chambers.

Tickets are \$10 per family or \$4 for individuals. Tesen said they're available at Summit on the Park; from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sundays at the pole barn at Preservation Park; or online at www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org.

Lowe believes his storytelling skills came from his family's history in the South. He fondly recalls childhood trips to his Aunt Edna's house in western Kentucky, where she poured hot tea and told ghost stories as rain pelted the tin roof of her home.

Lowe recalls his aunt

scaring children when she warned that if a figurine fell off her mantel, someone in the family would die.

He also remembers stories he heard during visits to his Uncle Leon's house in eastern Tennessee. Lowe has a theory of why people like ghost stories.

"It's the fact that you can be scared, but you're in a safe environment," he said.

Story teller

Lowe has told stories at the Cherry Hill Village Theater, Canton festivals, camping outings and even in his own back yard when his children and their friends were youngsters.

"There has to be something in the story with a big bang," he said. "You have to make your audience jump."

To that end, Tesen said the Oct. 27 program is recommended for children ages 8 and up and young people must be accompanied by an adult.

When guests step into the Summit ballroom, it'll be like stepping into a cemetery gate. Lowe will

be the caretaker on a stage; each gravestone he passes by will be used to reveal another tale. He

expects to tell eight to nine stories during the 90-minute session.

"The stories will get

progressively scarier," Lowe said.

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Plymouth Township residents Frank and Gina Schremser enjoy a glass of wine. TOM BEAUDOIN



Katie English of Novi and Cindy Huston of Novi enjoy food and pastries prepared by Schoolcraft culinary students and chefs at Sunday's VIP reception for sponsors. TOM BEAUDOIN



Mary and Dan Ryan of Redford Township enjoy dessert at the Schoolcraft Culinary Extravaganza. TOM BEAUDOIN

Culinary event draws rave reviews, benefits student scholarship program

Some 800 guests sampled food, pastries, wine, coffee and hand-crafted spirits from more than 30 area restaurants and beverage vendors Sunday at the 22nd annual Schoolcraft College Foundation Culinary Extravaganza.

More than \$68,000 was raised for student scholarships and the culinary school by sponsorships, tickets sales and a silent auction.

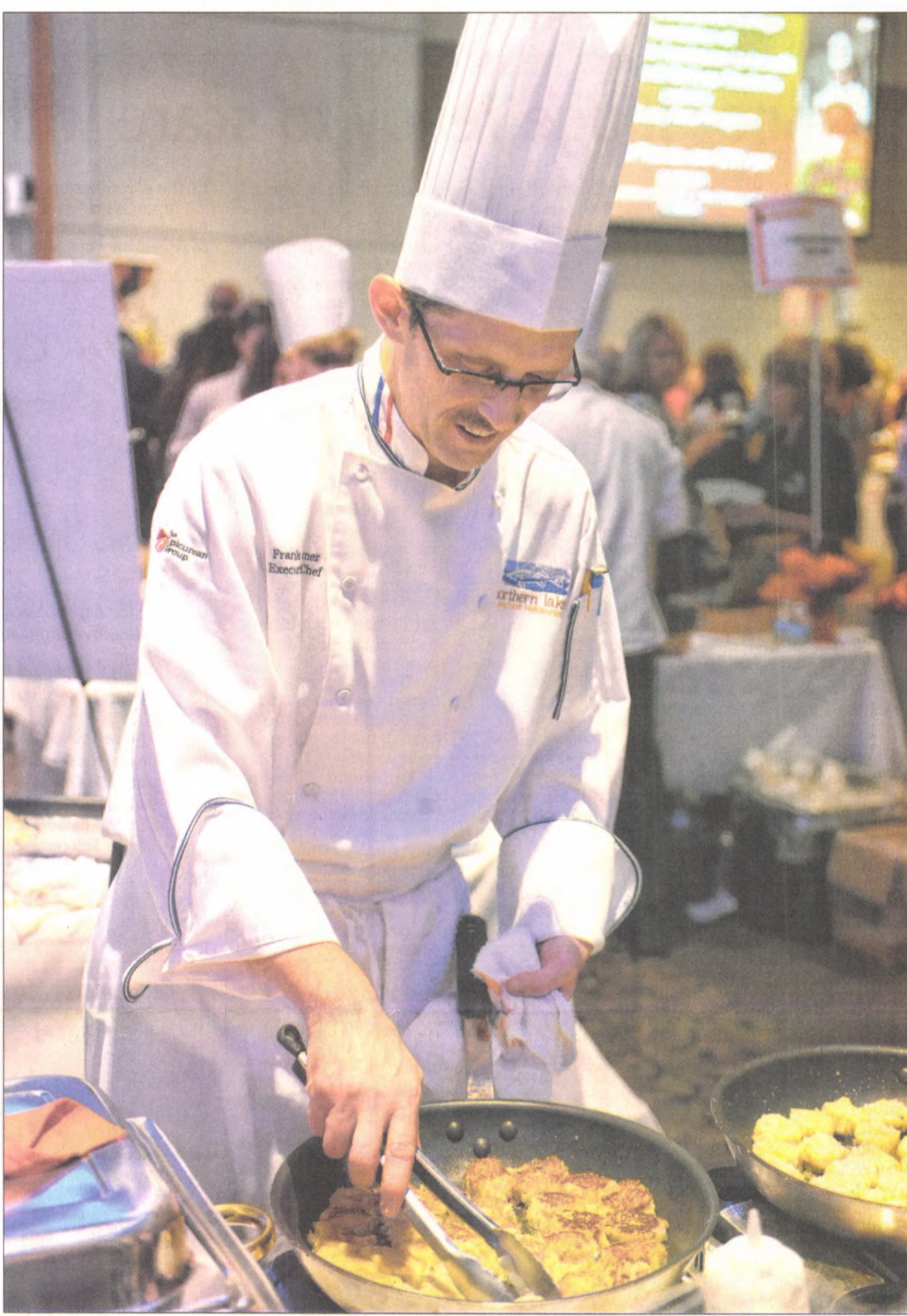
"Outstanding, delicious and innovative" were some of the brief comments guests managed to share in between samples of oysters from Mitchell's Fish Market and pot de creme with bacon bits from Sive

Restaurant/the Inn at St. John's and pastries prepared by the Schoolcraft culinary students.

Eager bidders left the silent auction with sporting events packages, weekend getaways, fine dining, gift baskets and more.

Nancy Rancour won the top raffle prize of \$1,500.

"While our patrons and sponsors are enjoying the best of Metro Detroit, they are supporting the students and programs of Schoolcraft College. It's a win-win for everyone," said Beth Kohler, director of development for Schoolcraft College.



Executive Chef Frank Turner from Northern Lake Seafood Restaurant in Bloomfield Hills prepares crabcakes for guests. TOM BEAUDOIN



Extravaganza sponsors enjoyed a VIP reception at Schoolcraft. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Students Annmarie Gross, Alyssa Mulka and Loribeth Hamilton served many of the fine foods. TOM BEAUDOIN



Christina Tacoma and Brandon Long from Mitchell's Fish Market in Livonia serve up delicious carrot cake to the crowds at the Culinary Extravaganza. TOM BEAUDOIN



Guests enjoyed a variety of food from main courses to desserts at Sunday's event. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Jaclyn and Rick Noetzel of Canton said they enjoyed the variety of wine and food. TOM BEAUDOIN



Livonia residents Linda Fenton of the Schoolcraft College Foundation, left, with former college president Dr. Richard McDowell and his wife, Ann. TOM BEAUDOIN



Northville residents Ken and Barbra Wagner along with Rich and Kathy Krisciunas of Northville enjoy the Lions football game. TOM BEAUDOIN

Two new directors focus on Learn To Skate at local arena

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Hockey seems to be a driving force for preschoolers who are learning to skate at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

Kezzie Chudler's son Owen, 4½, began asking for lessons when he was 2. But his mom made him wait until he was 3½. "He probably got it from watching hockey," the Berkley resident said.

The Manley kids, Anastasia, 5, and Gabe, 3, are sharing the ice with Owen. "Daddy plays hockey, so they want to do what daddy does," said mom Michelle Manley of Farmington Hills.

The arena's two new directors of the popular Learn To Skate program aren't surprised. Whether the ultimate goal is hockey or figure skating, directors Liz LaBurn and Barbara Miller want to be sure that the tots learn to skate safely and correctly, while having fun and making new friends.

"We really have a passion for the Learn To Skate program. We offer quality instructors to all different ages and different skill levels," said LaBurn, a Farmington resident, who has coached at the ice arena for eight years.

A small world

In addition to LaBurn and Miller, the Farmington Hills Ice Arena has 18 professional coaches who work with kids of all ages and adults.

Miller, a Plymouth resident, has coached at a number of ice arenas, including Compuware in Plymouth Township. "The skating world is very small and Liz and I knew each other."

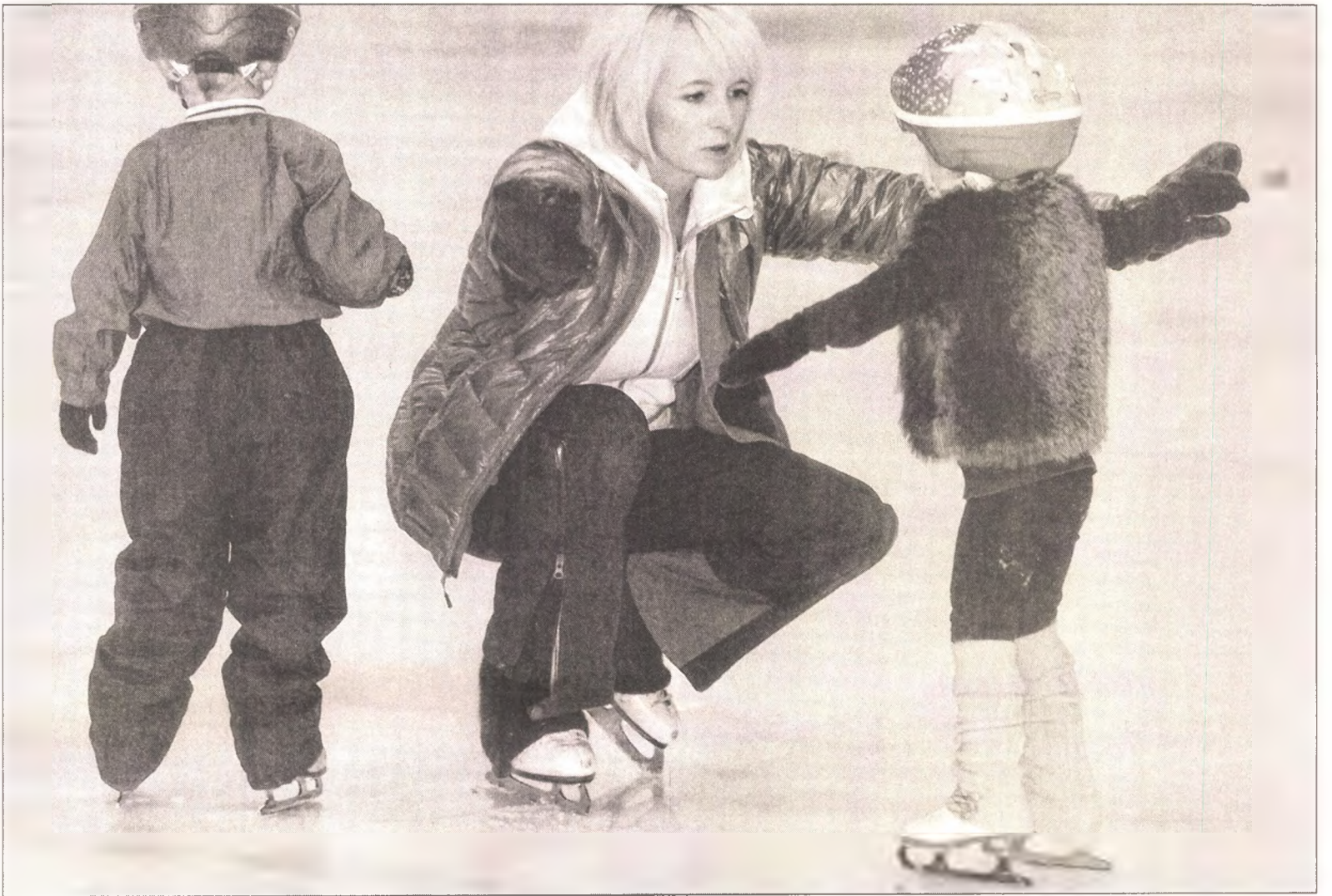
LaBurn and Miller, who coaches the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's high school figure skating team, wanted to work together as the directors at the Hills Ice Arena. "Our programs run seven days a week. We felt it important for a director to be here," LaBurn said. "We really have a passion for the Learn To Skate program and kids. We offer quality instruction to all ages and different skill levels."

The two longtime skaters and coaches are sharing duties and taking turns on weekends. Their main focus is the Learn To Skate program and all teaching and coaching complies with the U.S. Figure Skating Program's rules and requirements.

That means that classes are limited in size to allow instructors to work one-on-one with each student and to be sure all are safe.

LaBurn and Miller, a Redford native, oversee the host of skating lessons, including Snowplow Sam for the little ones, ages 3-5, and basic lessons for older kids, ranging through teens and on to adults. Classes in the Learn To Skate program are 50 minutes long and run for seven weeks.

And the adults love it as much as the tots. "Skating is something you can do lifelong," LaBurn said.



Coach Stacy Barber works with Quinn Raymond and Gabe Manley during the Snowplow Sam class. PHOTOS BY JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Coach Michelle Sibley helps Gabe Manley get his skating legs.

Adults love the exercise involved with skating, the music and the social aspect to the sport, the directors said.

The arena, which is under the direction of Brian Moran, offers not only a plethora of Learn To Skate programs, but open skate times for the community, as well. Following the Snowplow Sam classes for tots, the kids will move on to other classes, in which basic skills are reinforced and their skills are expanded, Miller said.

Standards

As children progress in their skating knowledge and ability, they can test under standards set for the U.S. Figure Skating. The testing is not only good if a skater wants to build up credentials for competitions and eventually perhaps coaching, but it also

teaches discipline and time management.

The testing and competing is something the new directors experienced in their youths. "I used to skate every morning before school and after school. I skated every day. Barb and I have probably skated every rink in the metro area," said LaBurn, who was raised in Livonia.

LaBurn and Miller also work closely with the Farmington Hills Skating Club, which boasts some 150 members. LaBurn is a former club board member. "One of our goals is to work hand-in-hand with them in the programming," LaBurn said.



Anastasia and Gabe Manley (on left) and Paige Williams and Owen Chudler try some new skating skills.



A future Olympian? Quinn Raymond listens to the coach.

Already, skaters are looking forward to the skating club's annual ice show, which is scheduled for May 9-10, 2014. It is a joint effort of the city's ice skating programs and the skating club.

"The kids love the ice shows. There is no pressure of competition. They get to wear costumes and skate to music," Miller said.

The next round of Learn To Skate is coming up soon, from Oct. 29 through Dec. 21. Registration for the classes — for all ages — will begin the weekend of Oct. 5. Registration is available online at the city's website, www.fhgov.com or in person at the ice arena on Eight Mile.

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LEARN TO SKATE

The Farmington Hills Ice Arena's Fall Free Open Skate With Us is scheduled for 5:45-7:15 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 2. Learn To Skate instructors will be available for skating tips. Complimentary rental skates, cider and doughnuts will be available.

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OUR VIEWS

Now is time for redistricting reform

Michigan's process for drawing legislative districts is blatantly partisan and inherently unfair to voters. Now, long before it's time to draw them again, would be a good time for elected leaders to address the issue.

States are required to redraw district lines, for everything from Congress to county boards of commissioners, every 10 years following the national census to reflect demographic changes.

Ideally, such redistricting ensures every vote counts by drawing boundaries that reflect natural communities with common geography and interests. In reality, however, redistricting too often rewards the political party that happens to be in power.

Politicians, in effect, choose their voters. Look at the 11th Congressional District, which winds from western Oakland and Wayne counties east to Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills. Those communities have little in common with western Oakland County and even less with Livonia or Canton.

Consider the 2012 election, in which President Barack Obama carried Michigan by 9 percentage points. Democratic candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives received about 240,000 more votes than their Republican counterparts, yet won just five of 15 congressional seats.

The tilt was no accident, of course, and is not

unique to Michigan. In a remarkably candid report titled "How a Strategy of Targeting State Legislative Races in 2010 Led to a Republican U.S. House Majority in 2013," the Republican State Leadership Committee credits gerrymandered maps in Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin with allowing Republicans to overcome a 1.1 million popular-vote deficit.

The report's authors explained their rationale this way: "Drawing new district lines in states with the most redistricting activity presented the opportunity to solidify conservative policy making at the state level and maintain a Republican stronghold in the U.S. House of Representatives for the next decade."

Gerrymandering districts is nothing new and, given the opportunities, Democrats have proven no less nefarious than their GOP colleagues. Politics can be a dirty game.

But it doesn't have to be.

Across Lake Michigan, citizens in Wisconsin are calling on leaders to allow hearings on bills that would create a system for redistricting modeled on the successful non-partisan approach taken for more than 30 years in Iowa.

The bills are mostly Democrat-backed, but the push for reform is coming from a united front of

newspaper editorial writers, nonprofit groups and engaged citizens and have the editorial endorsements of the *Wisconsin State Journal*, *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, *Green Bay Press-Gazette*, *Appleton Post-Crescent*, *Beloit Daily News*, *La Crosse Tribune*, *Chippewa Herald*, *Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune*, *Oshkosh Northwestern* and *Janesville Gazette*.

According to the *Journal Sentinel*, the bills would task a "non-partisan Legislative Reference Bureau with drawing maps that are compact, contiguous, 'strictly non-partisan' and bow to established municipal and county boundaries as much as possible. Iowa has used a similar process since 1981 and the process has been smooth — and cheap."

We would add "fair," as well, and we believe that it's something that Michigan should be doing, too.

We understand that we're asking Republicans to give up an advantage, which is why now would be a good time to start this process. A lot can happen in seven years and implementing a non-partisan process would ensure fairness to both parties.

Most importantly, it gives voters a stronger voice and could alleviate some of the rancor so typical of our Legislature today.

That's something every elected leader should support.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Greed and lies

I read an interesting, and very biased, article on the editorial page of one of our daily papers.

The editor wrote that the Affordable Care Act will hurt Michigan businesses. He cites two corporate tycoons — the first said he would fire workers and the second will not hire full-time employees.

Now, remember, these are two of the CEOs who were given a fortune in your tax dollars by Rick Snyder and the tea party — \$4 billion and counting. Snyder assured us that due to this giveaway, we would be in the land of milk and honey.

Surprise!

This did not happen because they pocketed the money, honey. To add insult to injury, they are now planning to put the screws to the very people whose taxes were raised to pay for Snyder's folly.

Greed, lies and right-wing extremism — these words should be in the tea party anthem and sung at the next Republican convention.

James Huddleston
Canton



The writer says CEOs who took billions in "giveaways" from Gov. Rick Snyder are now claiming the Affordable Care Act will hurt business in Michigan.

Health care costs too high

Over the last few weeks, there have been a couple of letters and articles published in the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Hometown Newspapers* that suggested a "free market" answer for a perceived national health care dilemma. Unfortunately for those proposing a private enterprise solution for health care needs, the facts do not support their position.

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

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Deadline: Letters should be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

The private sector has been present in American health care for a long time while other advanced democracies have embraced public intervention in the health care marketplace. The result, according to the Organization for Economic Development and Cooperation data, is that we pay roughly twice as much per capita for

health care than those who have gone the public route. Ditto for gross domestic product.

In 2011, the United States spent \$8,508 per capita on medical care, while the average among OECD nations was \$3,339. Canada spent \$4,522. France, which, according to the World Health Organization has the best health care system in the world, spent \$4,118 per capita.

Beyond that, in 2011 the United States spent 17.7 percent of its gross domestic product on health care. The closest country to the U.S. was the Netherlands, which spent 11.9 percent of GDP on health care. Canada spent 11.2 percent. The average among the 35 OECD countries was 9.3 percent. France spends 11.6 percent of GDP on health care.

Clearly, public intervention in the field of medicine can be efficient and effective. It is not by accident that so many nations with public systems spend much less on health care and often have better outcomes than we do.

Al Churchill
Livonia

Quite a stretch

Frankly, I nearly choked on my morning coffee reading that freshman U.S. Republican Rep. Kerry Bentivolio "dreams of impeaching" President Obama. I cannot figure if this reindeer farmer is arrogant, stupid or just audacious.

This guy has been in office less than one year, yet his major claim in a recent town hall meeting is about his dreams. Of course, Bentivolio offers not a shred of evidence to support impeachment and admits to finding no evidence to support impeachment.

Bentivolio claims to oppose all that President Obama stands for. Well, reindeer farmer, you do not have to agree with President Obama. But impeachment is a bit more serious than conflicting political belief.

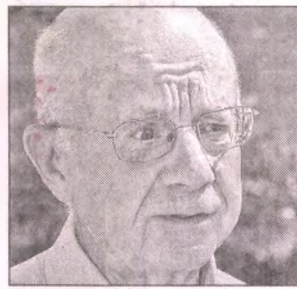
Perhaps Bentivolio missed his naps in making such outrageous comments. In so doing, he only makes himself look foolish. This has got to be a bit of a stretch even for his tea party supporters.

Gerald Maxey
Farmington Hills

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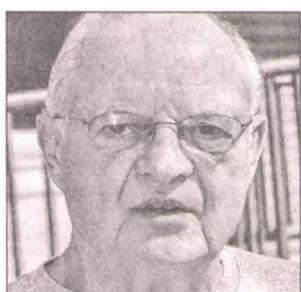
Are you in favor of requiring people who receive welfare to perform some kind of community service? Why or why not?

We asked this question outside the U.S. Postal Service station in downtown Plymouth.



"Yes. Because when you give somebody something (for nothing), you take away their dignity. Simple as that."

Jim Danielski
Canton Township



"I am in favor of every person in the United States giving some community service to their government. ... Why just the people who get welfare? We all get something from government."

Marvin Stempien
Plymouth Township



"Yes, I think so. Too many people rely on it ... and they mooch off the system."

Kristyn Neill
Livonia



"No. I believe they might be in a position where they couldn't. But I do think they should be drug-tested."

Maureen Collins
Wayne

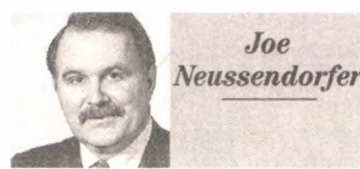
GUEST COLUMN

Green infrastructure visioning process under way in southeast Michigan

SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, in cooperation with county and local government partners, is developing a regional green infrastructure vision for southeast Michigan. Green infrastructure is a network of green space and natural areas in our communities, along with built techniques such as rain gardens and bioswales, that preserves the functions of the natural ecosystems to benefit residents of the region.

As part of this study program, Wayne County conducted a Green Infrastructure Visioning Session in August at the University of Michigan Dearborn campus. I participated in the visioning exercises. Participants representing many communities in Wayne County, after hearing about the overall study, then assembled in breakout sessions to look at Wayne County's most recent Environmental Assets Map. Each community participant studied the map and identified areas where they wanted to increase green infrastructure and what elements they would like to increase.

The potential ways to increase green infrastructure in Wayne County communities included: additional parks or adding onto existing parks; buffering around rare/high-quality areas; linkages between green infrastructure (e.g., along riparian areas, trails); more public access sites to waterways; opportunities to protect certain environmental assets (areas of high impervious surfaces directly discharging storm water runoff to streams) such as along roadways to reduce stormwater; and increase buffers around waterways in agricul-



tural areas.

Metropolitan Detroit readers may obtain additional information on the program and how to participate in future visioning sessions by visiting the SEMCOG website at www.semco.org. If you are a big proponent of "non-motorized transportation" such as bicycling, readers may also want to contact Brian Pawlik at SEMCOG, who is doing research work and public visioning sessions on this topic. You can communicate with him about this study area. His email address is pawlik@semco.org.

Continuing on with regards to the environment, have you or your business experienced the skyrocketing "retail" water rates? Because there is no mechanism at the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department to give "real" incentives to conserve water by usage or by individual green infrastructure initiatives (like those suggested above) progress is not being made because DWSD continues to stiff local governments with unsustainable high "wholesale" water rates.

Under the current arrangements, the local governments pass along these increases to "retail" customers. Until a new system is developed, this unsustainable madness will continue to the breaking point. With these ever-increasing water rates, both business owners and the Detroit-area public on fixed incomes will continue to suffer. Again, this is totally unsustainable.

In closing, remember the words from classic literature: "Water, water everywhere ... but not a drop to drink." With all of the fresh water surrounding us, you'd think that there would be smarter ways of decreasing storm water runoffs and providing us with fresh water at a reasonable rate. While there is all this talk about selling off the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, unless we create true incentives for retail water rate payers, the rates may not change or may even go even higher so the private investors can profit from their investment.

Detroit should take a lesson from Milwaukee, Wis., that also sits on a Great Lake. It is rapidly becoming "The Capital of Water." Milwaukee is changing its aged industrial areas into a new water technology industry. The city has more than 150 water-related companies. You'd think that with all of the business know-how and great civil engineering firms and civil engineers located in the Detroit area, that Detroit could also develop new water-related technologies and green infrastructure innovations that would create jobs and turn the negative water problems right now in to fantastic economic opportunities for our region.

Joe Neussendorfer of Livonia, a sustainability and alternative energy advocate in Michigan for the past 40 years, is president and chief executive officer of U.S. Construction Research (www.constructionanswerman.org). He is a 36-year member of The Engineering Society of Detroit, an affiliate member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and a member of the U.S. Green Building Council. He may be reached at jneussendorfer@mindspring.com.

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Stand Down aids homeless veterans

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Norm Wilcox is a former gunnery sergeant and, like the U.S. Marine Corps that he served in, he's looking for a few good men and women.

Wilcox, better known as Gunny, is in need of volunteers to help with Stand Down 2013, a two-day event for homeless veterans that will be held Thursday and Friday, Oct. 9-10, at the Detroit Rescue Mission in Detroit.

Sponsored by the Southeastern Michigan Veterans Stand Down Inc. and the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center, Stand Down is a one-stop program that brings in homeless veterans and provides them with a variety of services and rest and relaxation.

"Our motto is to give a hand up not a hand out," said Wilcox, president of Southeastern Michigan

Veterans Stand Down Inc. "It's like one-stop shopping. Instead of going all over, we bring them to one place and help them."

'A hand up'

The organization has been doing stand downs since 1997 and it takes almost 200 volunteers to make them happen. Last year, it helped 698 veterans who were homeless or at risk of being homeless.

According to Wilcox, Stand Down provides a secure place where homeless veterans can be with other homeless veterans to rest from the stresses of life on the streets. Like a soldier in combat, the homeless veteran must continue to "do battle." It is an opportunity to step away from the struggles, fears and anxieties of living on the streets long enough to reconnect with other people and with them-

selves.

At each Stand Down event, veterans are provided with a hot lunch and a bag lunch to go, haircuts, health care, dental and eye care, VA benefit counseling, information on general benefits like Social Security; substance abuse and mental health counseling, picture ID services and housing assistance, such as referrals to housing programs.

Wilcox added that the Detroit VA Center will help identify who are veterans and who are not among those who show up for Stand Down.

People can sign up to volunteer at the Southeastern Michigan Veterans Stand Down Inc. website at www.4vets.org

The Detroit Rescue Mission is at 3606 E. Forest Ave. in Detroit. For more information, call Wilcox at 248-808-0929 or visit www.4vets.org.

Jury says 'not guilty' on intent to commit murder in shooting case

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

The jury in the trial of a Livonia man accused of shooting another man this spring has found him not guilty of the most serious charges he faced.

Gregory Ely, 21, was found guilty Wednesday of assault with a deadly weapon and felony firearm. He was found not guilty on the more serious counts, including assault with intent to murder and assault to do great bodily harm less



Ely

than murder.

Ely was accused of shooting at a Canton man back in May in the 19300 block of St. Francis.

The trial started Monday in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit after being delayed two weeks. The jury began deliberating at about 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Sentencing is scheduled for 9 a.m. Oct. 9 in Judge Dana Hathaway's courtroom. Ely faces up to four years in prison, the maximum sentence for felonious assault, according to state sentencing guidelines. Had he been convicted of assault with intent to murder, he would have faced up to life in prison. Livonia police respon-

ded May 28 to St. Francis Street after reports of shots being fired. Police said Ely shot the victim with a pistol as the victim tried to ride away from the area as a passenger in a vehicle. Police said the incident started as a result of an argument over a woman.

The victim suffered non life-threatening injuries and was released from a local hospital shortly after.

Ely was bound over to circuit court after waiving his preliminary examination in June before 16th District Judge Kathleen McCann.

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W-W Literacy Corps helps kids read

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Greg Baracy, Wayne-Westland Community Schools superintendent, tips his hat to former school board member Cynthia Schofield for the district's Literacy Corps.

The new program was her brainchild, Baracy told Westland Rotarians at a meeting at Joy Manor in Westland last week. The idea is volunteers "teaching and enhancing literacy among our students of all ages," Baracy said.

Paul Salah, deputy superintendent, came on board at the time.

"It is thriving," Baracy said of the program for grades K-6. "It takes a community to raise all

children."

Following a couple of hours of training, volunteers "pass on the gift of literacy to our students."

Salah, also at the Rotary meeting, spoke with pride of the training of more than 200 volunteers, about 150 of whom are active.

The goal is to train 100 more this year.

"The testimonies I hear from participants are just heart-warming," Salah said. "It does take a village to raise a child."

Adult volunteers, who undergo a security check, have flexible schedules, based on their availability. Westland Shopping Center employees are visiting classrooms to read, as are district staffers in their

free time. There's also a partnership with General Electric for math and science tutoring.

Volunteers work during the school day and/or year, including reading to children and having children read.

"Any help our teachers can get with struggling readers is welcome," Baracy added.

A literacy volunteer form is available from the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, Human Resources Department, 36745 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185.

More information is available on the Wayne-Westland Community Schools website at wwcsd.net under the district tab.

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CROP Walk brings faiths together to help needy

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Gary and Becky Copenhaver of Canton had started work on the benefit CROP Walk when their church was in Redford. It became Living Peace Church in Plymouth, changing its name with the move, and the Copenhavers are chairing this year's Plymouth-Canton CROP Walk.

The Plymouth-Canton benefit will be Sunday, Oct. 13, beginning at St. John's Episcopal Church on Sheldon in Plymouth. Registration will be at 1:30 p.m., the walk at 2 p.m.

"Last year, we walked through downtown Plymouth," said Becky Copenhaver, a retired Livonia Public Schools elementary teacher. Proceeds support Church World Service and the Plymouth Corps of the Salvation Army, serving Plymouth, Canton, Belleville and Northville.

Last year's local CROP Walk raised nearly \$5,000.

The main churches include Living Peace Church in Plymouth, St. John's Episcopal, Geneva Presbyterian in Canton and the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

"It's a community-wide event that includes all churches and mosques," she said. "It's just trying to get the community aware, to end hunger."

This is the 23rd year for the walk, the Copenhavers said. Donations are welcome at www.crophungerwalk.org/plymouthmi.

Victims of the Gulf Coast hurricanes, as



The Plymouth-Canton CROP Walk takes place Sunday, Oct. 13, beginning at St. John's Episcopal Church on Sheldon in Plymouth.

well as Hurricane Sandy and projects overseas, benefit from the CROP Walks, held around the country. "It would be nice to have a lot of people just to bring awareness to the walk," she said, noting last year had some 65 walkers.

The Plymouth Salvation Army offers its canteen to walkers for water and snacks, with walkers choosing two- or four-mile walks.

"We hope for good weather that day," said Gary Copenhaver, a mechanical and design engineer on contract

with Burroughs. "We'll walk in any kind of weather."

Additional information on the Plymouth-Canton CROP Walk is available from the Copenhavers at 734-981-6023. All walkers are welcome and needn't have an affiliation with a congregation.

The Copenhavers noted many people walk far for water overseas, as well as food and fuel. "All those stories are fairly common in foreign lands," Gary Copenhaver said.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Genealogy workshop

Date/Time: Saturday, Sept. 28, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main in Plymouth.

Details: The Plymouth Historical Museum will hold the sixth in a series of genealogical workshops to help family historians of all levels research their American ancestors. This seminar features Amy Johnson Crow and Laura G. Prescott, both genealogical speakers on the national level. Crow is a genealogical content manager with Archives.com. Prescott is a professional researcher, writer and speaker. She offers a unique mix of history, genealogy and technology to find answers and ancestors. Her specialties include online resources, working with manuscript collections and fitting technology to genealogy. She is a consultant at Fold3.com and past president of the Association of Professional Genealogists. There is limited seating and the event is filling up rapidly. The fee for the day, \$40, includes the four lectures, lunch and the option of touring the museum's special exhibit, "B4TV," during lunch and the afternoon break. Tickets are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum or on its website at http://www.plymouthhistory.org/events/Genealogy-Seminar_ET119.html?Sort-Box=201309.

Contact: For more information, call the museum at 734-455-8940.

Health expo

Date/Time: Oct. 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Livingword Church, 46500 N. Territorial in Plymouth.

Details: Livingword Church partners with Oakwood Hospitals for a health fair, featuring vendors from the University of Michigan. Free blood sugar screenings and blood pressure checks will be offered; cholesterol checks will be available for a \$10 cost. There will also be a nutritionist on hand for free counseling. Admission to the event is free to the public.

Plymouth-Canton AAUW Book Sale

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. The sale will be part of

the Delta Kappa Gamma craft show.

Details: The purpose of the American Association of University Women is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. Proceeds will benefit the Plymouth-Canton Branch scholarship fund. The group is now collecting gently used fiction and non-fiction books, children and adults (please no encyclopedias, textbooks or damaged books).

Contact: For more information or to donate books contact Becky Copenhaver at 734-981-6023 or bgcopenhaver@yahoo.com or Shirley Zaetta at 734-455-6366 or szaetta@wow-way.com.

Diesel Club luncheon

Date/Time: Thursday, Oct. 17, 11 a.m.

Location: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft in Livonia

Details: The Detroit Diesel Retiree Club hosts its annual luncheon and business meeting. It's primarily a social club that provides information to its members about items which may impact all retirees of Detroit Diesel Corporation from GM, through the current ownership. Guests enjoy social interaction beginning at 11 a.m., a buffet luncheon at 12:30 p.m. and brief business meeting with discussion on any topics of current interest to the attending guests. Cost to attend the lunch is \$23.

Contact: For information on the luncheon and preregistration contact Robert Pavol, membership director, at 734-455-2668, email jrpavol64@prodigy.net or John Leidlein, president, 313-863-8850, e-mail die-sejml@aol.com.

Delta Kappa Gamma craft show

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth.

Details: Delta Kappa Gamma, an international society of women in education that provides scholarships for Plymouth-Canton students pursuing a degree in education, hosts its 29th annual craft show. Juried crafters will display handmade jewelry, pottery, clothing, seasonal decor, metal sculptures,

gourmet foods and more. The event will also offer drawings for several prizes, including two handmade Amish quilts, a golf outing at Fox Hills Country Club, tickets to a 2014 Detroit Tigers game, a gift package to 932 Penniman Bed and Breakfast and gift certificates to fine local restaurants. Also, the American Association of University Women will join the craft show with a used book sale. Breakfast and lunch items will be available in the cafeteria. Admission is \$2.

Contact: For more information, contact Debbie Cortellini at debcortellini@comcast.com or Alice Chrenko at dachrenko@hotmail.com.

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Date/Time: Wednesday, Oct. 2, 1-3 p.m.

Location: United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Ste 250, Canton

Details: United Home Health Services offers free counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor. The counselor can help you understand your Medicare/Medicaid eligibility and the various plans, apply for Medicaid, research and enroll in Medicare Part D Drug Insurance, understand Medicare supplemental plans, find pharmaceutical assistance programs, identify and report Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse and explore long-term care insurance options. No appointment necessary.

Contact: United Home Health Services at 734-981-8820 or visit the MMAP website at www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html.

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Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 19, 8:30 a.m. to noon

Location: St. Edith's Church, 15089 Newburgh in Livonia.

Details: The MOPS of St. Edith hosts its biannual Mom-to-Mom Sale, featuring 74 tables of gently-used maternity, baby and kids clothing, toys and furniture. Early Bird Admission at 8:30 a.m. is only \$2 and regular admission is \$1 from 9 a.m. to noon. St. Edith & St. Kenneth MOPS supports mothers of young children in a supportive and caring environment.

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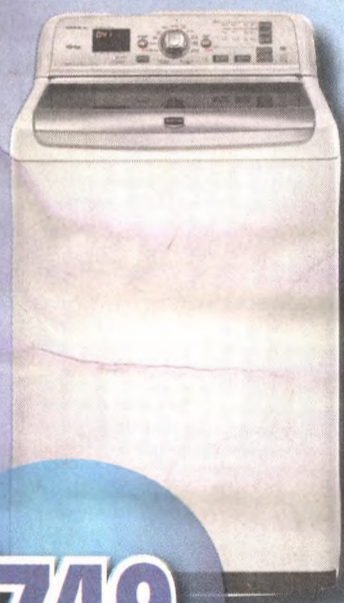
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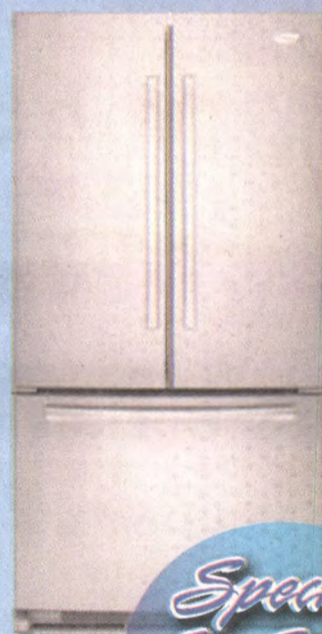
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Depth carries Rocks past Chiefs

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Tuesday's girls swimming and diving dual meet between Salem and Canton didn't count in the standings of their respective divisions.

Yes, visiting Salem came away with a 103-80 victory at Canton High School's jam-packed natatorium.

But it counted in every other way. Coaches experimented with their lineups to see whether any of their girls might surprise in new events and had chances to see what kind of depth they really have on their rosters.

And, of course, the competition itself was all-out between

the longtime rivals, with the Rocks finally pulling away from the Chiefs in the final events to improve to 3-0 in dual meets.

Canton lead 69-68 following the 200-free relay only to falter down the stretch in the team's first dual meet of the season.

"The backstroke definitely sunk us," Canton coach Ed Weber said. "We'll keep working at that part of our lineup and try to get a little stronger by that point of the meet."

"But Salem has a great group of girls and I'm proud we were able to hang in for so long."

In the 100 back, Salem swept the top three places to earn 13 of



After Canton's Hannah Jenkins (right) wins the 100 fly Tuesday, she exchanges a hug with Salem's Claire Amin. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Golf and triathlon

PGA professional Tami Bealert will be staging a 5-kilometer run-walk, 20K bike and nine-hole golf scramble at 9 a.m. Sunday at Hickory Creek Golf Course. The cost is \$75.

For more information, visit TrainWithTami.com or call 734-731-0238.

MU women golfers 2nd

The Madonna University women's golf team opened its 2013 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference schedule Saturday with a runner-up finish at WHAC Jamboree No. 1 hosted by Siena Heights at Lenawee Country Club.

Indiana Tech edged MU for first place, 340-342.

Rounding out the field was Siena Heights 9354, Aquinas (356), Lourdes (357) and Davenport (359).

Senior Kaitlyn Brasher (Grand Blanc) led the Crusaders with an 83 as the All-WHAC first-team selection placed fourth overall.

Other MU finishers included junior Chelsea Collura, tied for sixth (85); freshman Natalie Blazo and sophomore Jordan Shepler (Livonia Churchill), tied for 10th (87 each); freshman Ayla Bogie, 13th (88); and junior Becca Porter, 14th (89).

The Crusaders return to action the Saturday with WHAC Jamboree No. 2 at Scott Lake Country Club — the site of MU's then record setting round of 315 at last spring's conference tournament.

Hines races for Heroes

Wayne County Parks will sponsor its first Heroes on Hines half-marathon and 5-kilometer races Saturday, Oct. 5, with proceeds going toward the creation and maintenance of the First Responders Memorial at Hines Drive and Haggerty.

The half-marathon starts at 8 a.m., followed by the 5K at 8:30 a.m. The event is sponsored by Running Fit and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

The cost is \$34 (5K) and \$59 (half marathon) if registered by Oct. 3.

For more information, visit heroesonhines.com.

MU softball earns honor

The National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) announced the organization's Scholar Teams for the 2012-13 school year and the Madonna University softball team ranked second in the NFCA's list of NAIA scholar teams with a 3.606 team grade-point average.

Taylor University (Ind.) took home top honors in the NAIA, edging MU with a 3.615. This marks the second straight year that the Crusaders were in the top 10 of the NFCA rankings as MU placed 10th following the 2011-12 school year.

VAULTING TO THE TOP

Canton teen won't stop until she reaches her ultimate goal:
2016 Summer Olympics

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Here's how a potential Olympic gymnast is discovered.

Others could see Vanasia Bradley's incredible talent just from watching her on the playground during recess nine years ago.

"It was kindergarten recess and the teachers saw me doing flips and stuff," recalled the now-14-year-old Bradley, a freshman at Canton High School. "So they told my parents (Sherry and Sann) I should join gymnastics and I did."

Fast forward to August 2013. Bradley, who trains out of Splitz Gymnastics in Canton, won a silver medal on vault in the Junior Division at the P&G U.S. Championships in Hartford, Conn.

"I was a little disappointed that I didn't get first," she added. "But I was still happy."

And with that came a ticket to further competition in October with the USA Gymnastics National Team.

On a quest

It could all lead to what the soft-spoken Elite-level gymnast really wants as a payoff to many weeks, months and years of extensive, excruciating training — a chance to compete in the 2016 Summer Olympics to take place at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

"I want to make the 2016 Olympic team," said Bradley, who listed the uneven parallel bars as her favorite event. "I'll just keep working, I still have some weaknesses I have to work on and I have to get stronger."

Splitz Gymnastics co-owner and head coach, Eileen Spicher, has no doubts about that.

"Oh my goodness, she's gone from coming here as a Level 5, and she now she's an Elite gymnast, that's amazing," Spicher said. "There's a lot of training, she's doing two-a-days. It's like a full-time job, she's training 30 hours a week."

Spicher nods and smiles about that incredible work ethic, but she knows what the biggest key to Bradley's success is.

"She has a lot of talent," Spicher said. "Desire, drive and a lot of talent. She doesn't show much emotion, but she's out there. Silent but deadly. I am (proud of her)."

Spicher stressed that her star pupil has a big challenge — and opportunity — in front of her.

"Right now, she's made the national team, she's going in October down to The (Karolyi) Ranch in Houston, Texas," Spicher continued. "(It's) a special team comprised of these Elite girls."

"And now she can get invited to international competitions, so that's a big, big deal."

Helping her through

That may be true. But Bradley doesn't let on.

The Canton resident just goes about her day-to-day business, with encouragement from trainer Justin Laury. He was the per-



Canton's Vanasia Bradley is working to take on the gymnastics world by storm. She wants to someday be an Olympian. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

PARENTAL GUIDANCE

For about five years, Vanasia Bradley literally has been growing by leaps and bounds at Splitz Gymnastics in Canton.

But she credits her dad, Sann, for finding Eileen Spicher's gym — the place she has blossomed into an Elite gymnast and silver-medal winner at the recent P&G (Proctor & Gamble) U.S. Championships. Vanasia began her gymnastics career at a studio in the Downriver area. In 2008, the family decided Canton was the place to be.

"Found out my dad does a lot of research," she said. "He wasn't really pleased with the results I was getting from the other gym, so he started looking." Turned out to be a winning move.

son Bradley credited with helping her get over the hump at the P&Gs.

"It was my first championships and Justin kept telling me I don't have anything to lose," Bradley said. "It's my first championships. So I don't have to prove anything. "Getting the silver was pretty much the work I did before and trusting my training."

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Practicing a balance beam routine at Splitz Gymnastics in Canton is Vanasia Bradley. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



Plymouth senior Viet Nguyen (No. 6) follows through on a field-goal attempt during a recent contest. ANN ESPINOZA

In their footsteps

Plymouth kicker Nguyen continuing soccer-football connection

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Viet Nguyen is the latest in a string of soccer players who found themselves thrust into the important job of kicking for Plymouth's varsity football team.

The senior doesn't mind because he's following up highly successful soccer-football athletes in Kyle Brindza and Brenton Zuzo — who now are kickers at Notre Dame and the University of Nevada, respectively.

"That's what I'm hoping to do," said Nguyen, following a recent Wildcats' boys soccer contest. "Back when I (just) played soccer I had always had a leg. I thought, 'You know what?' Brindza talked me into kicking football."

"So I came out to practice one day, gave it a go. And I nailed a 35-yarder first shot, and I never kicked a ball before. I thought I had

something special. That's where it all started."

It's a happy pattern as far as Plymouth football coach Mike Sawchuk and boys soccer coach Jeff Neschich are concerned, too.

When Sawchuk took over as Wildcats' football coach, he got together with Neschich to make sure to let him know about any soccer players with potential to do double duty as football kickers.

The successes have certainly underscored that it was a pretty good idea.

"We have a 'franchise' going," Neschich joked.

Plymouth isn't the only place where the two-sport connection is working.

In recent seasons, Connor Shennan at Canton played soccer while also kicking footballs. This year, the Chiefs' Andrew Loehnis is doing double duty as a soccer goalie and football kicker.

It's just that the Wildcats (with Brindza) seemingly pushed the concept to the front

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OHL HOCKEY

First win eludes Whalers in home opener

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Before Saturday's home opener at Compuware Arena, Plymouth Whalers coach and General Manager Mike Vellucci reminded his young team that winning games in the Ontario Hockey League is no cakewalk.

Sixty minutes later, the players who are new to the OHL saw for themselves as Erie rallied with two goals in the third period to earn a 2-1 victory before 2,085 fans.

"I said it before the game, it's hard to win hockey games in this league," Vellucci said. "You've got to learn how to do it."

A strong and often-spectacular display by Plymouth's second-year goalie Alex Nedeljkovic nearly helped the Whalers (0-2-0-0) at least eke out a point.

Nedeljkovic stopped the first 32 shots he faced and finished with 35 saves, once again showing the dazzling form that sparked Ply-

mouth in 2012-13.

But with 13:55 to go in the game and the Whalers still clinging to a 1-0 lead, the Otters (1-0-1-0) drew even when center Dane Fox chipped in a shot from the doorstep.

Erie netted the winner at 10:53 on the power play.

Center Connor McDavid fought off a pair of Plymouth checkers behind the Whalers' net and passed the puck to winger Connor Brown for a one-timer from the bottom of the left circle.

"He (Nedeljkovic) played great, their goalie (Oscar Dansk) played great," Vellucci said. "We had our chances, too. But Ned kept us in it even to have a chance to tie it up at the end."

Nedeljkovic really kept the Whalers afloat in the second period, when he stopped all 20 shots to help Plymouth maintain the 1-0 lead it forged in the first period.

With about 2:30 to play in the second, the goalie slid to his left to flash a lightning-fast glove to



Going paddle-down to thwart Erie's Connor McDavid Saturday night is Plymouth Whalers goalie Alex Nedeljkovic (No. 39). RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

deflect McDavid's glorious scoring chance. McDavid was on the receiving end of a cross-crease feed from left wing Andre Burakovsky.

On the board

Scoring Plymouth's only goal of the game and season so far was right wing Connor Chatham, at

the 14-minute mark of the opening period.

Chatham took a crisp centering feed from linemate Francesco Viardi and sent the puck five-hole against Dansk, who stopped 29 of 30 shots.

Momentum might have changed early in the second, however,

when Chatham got into a fight with Erie's Cory Genovese.

Both players were tagged with majors and misconducts, with Chatham also receiving a game misconduct for yanking Genovese's helmet off his head during the melee.

"It doesn't help," Vel-

lucci said about Chatham being ejected. "He scored a big goal and he's a big player on our team."

Making his season debut for Plymouth was center Ryan Hartman, who was just returned to junior by the NHL Chicago Blackhawks.

"You know, this is his third game in a row," Vellucci said. "He played two for Chicago, so last night (Friday) he was on the road and then he drove all the way here today."

"He's probably pretty tired, but I thought he played OK."

Plymouth looks for better things Thursday at Peterborough.

That game begins a five-game road trip. The next home game is at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, against Detroit Red Wings goaltending prospect Jake Paterson and the Saginaw Spirit.

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AHL PRESEASON HOCKEY

Red Wings' top farm team to take over Compuware ice

Calder Cup champ Griffins, Monsters set for Saturday night tilt in Plymouth

Plymouth Whalers fans know Saturday night is Hockey Night at Compuware Arena.

Compuware will shift focus from the Whalers to the American Hockey League, hosting the Grand Rapids Griffins and the Lake Erie Monsters in an AHL preseason game. Tickets for the 7 p.m. contest run \$10

and are available at the Compuware Arena box office by calling (734) 453-8400.

"The game should be a lot of fun for our fans," said Compuware Arena President and Plymouth Whalers General Manager and head coach Mike Vellucci. "They'll be able to watch players who are a half-step away

from the National Hockey League. And they may be able to see Mitchell Heard and Garrett Meurs again, who were very good players here in Plymouth."

"We appreciate the cooperation of (Detroit Red Wings Assistant General Manager and Grand Rapids General Manager) Ryan Martin and (Lake Erie Director of Operations) David Oliver."

The Griffins are the AHL-affiliate of the Detroit Red Wings and are defending Calder Cup champions, clinching their first league championship in franchise history last June.

"This game gives Red Wings fans a chance to see the current Calder Cup champions and future Red Wings," said Martin. "The opportunity to have the game close to Detroit and at a great venue like Compuware Arena makes for a great fit."

"The Griffins are also playing in the Hometown Winter Festival later this year, so fans will get a preview of that game (Dec. 30 against the Toronto Marlies at Comerica Park)."

Familiar names

Many of the Detroit prospects participated in the early part of Red

Wings' training camp last January at Compuware Arena. The arena was filled with Red Wings fans during the training camp, which culminated in a sold-out crowd for the Red-White scrimmage on January 15.

In addition, Plymouth fans may see some other players with recognizable names.

OHL alum Petr Mrazek (Ottawa 67's) backstopped the Griffins to their championship, posting a 2.31 goals against average, .915 save percentage and 15-9 won record over 24 playoff games.

Grand Rapids was led offensively in their

championship run by Tomas Tatar (16-5), Landon Ferraro (5-11) and Riley Sheahan (3-13), among others.

Red Wings Danny DeKeyser, Gustav Nyquist and Joakim Andersson also played in the Griffins' championship run after Detroit was eliminated in the 2013 National Hockey League playoffs by Chicago. Former Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds defenseman Ryan Sproul may also play in the game.

As the AHL-affiliate of the Colorado Avalanche, the Monsters could have a definite Whalers flavor in the game.

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The focus will be on fun, exercise and social interaction through sports instruction. Programs include Preschool Soccer, Preschool and Youth Basketball and Martial Arts. They will run from Sept. 16 through Nov. 2 and are open to YMCA members and community members.

Ages vary by program but there is something for children ages 3-12.

» YMCA Basketball leagues are forming for boys and girls ages 4-11.

The first session will run from Oct. 28 through Dec. 20. Registration is now open. There will be one practice per week and one Friday night game per week. The Y

rate is \$84 or \$115 for community participants.

The second session runs from Jan. 20 through March 14, 2014. Cost is \$96 or \$128. Programs are filled on a first come-first serve basis.

For more information on any of the offerings, contact the YMCA at 734-453-2904 or visit www.ymcadetroit.org/plymouth.

Fall hoops registration

Registration for Northville Parks & Recreation fall youth basketball has opened.

Registration will continue through Sept. 30 or until the leagues are full.

The boys and girls leagues are for grades 3-8. All players must complete a player form which will be used to formulate teams.

Emphasis is on improving basic skills and developing team play and a passion for the game.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Practice will be held 1-2 times weekly beginning Oct. 14 with an eight-game schedule primarily on Saturdays from Oct. 24 through Dec. 16.

Register online at www.northvilleparksandrec.org or at the Northville Parks & Recreation office.

For more information, contact Alan Kruck at (248) 349-0203, ext. 1405.

» Also, adult coaches are needed for Northville's Parks and Recreation youth basketball leagues. If interested, call Alan Kruck at (248) 349-0203, ext. 1405. The coaches meeting and clinic is set for Oct. 8.

Color Splash 5K

The Color Splash 5K Dash will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12 at Randolph Elementary School, 14470 Norman, Livonia.

Registration starts at 9 a.m.

Five-kilometer participants will run through the neighborhood while getting splashed with colors. Proceeds will support the acclaimed Leader in Me program kickoff at Randolph Elementary.

Registration fees are: \$8 (ages 10 and under); \$15 (ages 11-18); \$30 (19 and up).

To register, visit www.runsignup.com.

Souls4Shoes 5K

The Souls4Shoes 5-kilometer walk will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5 at Holmes Middle School, 16200 Newburgh, Livonia

Sponsored by several Livonia schools, the event will raise funds for Soles4Souls, a nonprofit that helps fight poverty by distributing shoes and clothing to communities in need around the world.

Registration is \$10. To register, call Holmes Middle School at 734-744-2675 (by Sept. 26).

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BOYS SOCCER

Canton parlays quick start into 5-1 KLAA South win

Canton scored four times in the first eight minutes Tuesday night in a KLAA South Division varsity boys soccer match against visiting Livonia Franklin, en route to a 5-1 win.

"We came out pumped up to play some really nice soccer," Chiefs head coach Mark Zemanski said. "We moved the ball well. Franklin never quit, though. They kept bat-

ting. Give them credit for that."

The onslaught that made it 4-0 before 10 minutes had elapsed included one goal by Sam DeLoy, two by Carter Schenk and one by Griffin Parks. Adding a marker in the second half was Hunter Olson.

Collecting one assist each were DeLoy, Schenk and Parks while goalies Brandon Pickert and

Andrew Loehnis shared the shutout.

The win upped Canton's record to 12-0-2 overall and 7-0-0 in the KLAA South; Franklin dropped to 3-4-1, 3-3-1

Rocks blanked, 1-0

In a battle of the two top teams in the KLAA Central Division, host Northville eked out a 1-0 win Tuesday over Salem. The division-leading

Rocks fell to 6-1-0 in the KLAA Central while the Mustangs improved to 5-2-0.

Shutout for 'Cats

Alex Decker and Nathan Harris teamed up for goals in the 41st and 79th minutes Tuesday, lifting the host Wildcats (5-7-1, 5-1-1) to a 2-0 KLAA South Division triumph over Westland John Glenn (4-8, 1-6).

Dividing the shutout for Plymouth were Kevin Favero and James Gibbs, who each played a half.

PCA struggles

Plymouth Christian lost 3-1 Saturday at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, following up Thursday's tough 3-2 loss to Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

Scoring for the Eagles

was Lucas Albrecht, but coach Josh Middleton said the team could not overcome being without senior captain Jacob Bailey and junior Giuseppe Iacapelli.

In the loss to Lutheran Northwest, Albrecht scored early but PCA then gave up three straight goals. Adding a late marker for the Eagles was freshman Austin Andres.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Poised vets lead Plymouth to victory

Plymouth's seniors spearheaded Tuesday's KLAA South Division girls volleyball win over host Livonia Franklin.

The Wildcats won in straight sets, 25-14, 25-16 and 25-18 to improve to 10-4 overall and 3-1 in the division.

Haylee Weber (21 service points including six aces, 10 defensive digs) and Emily Burkman (12 kills, 12 digs) really set the pace for the Wildcats, head coach Sarah Marody said.

"Haylees precise and consistent serving helped spark our efforts," Marody said. "... Additionally, her cool, calm and collected leadership as libero helped the offense run our tempo game."

Burkman, the coach added, "was hot at the net and in the back row. She continues to be a threatening presence both offensively and defensively."

Another senior making a big contribution to the win was setter/outside hitter Shayla Smalls (25 assists, eight kills, 10 digs). "Whether she's outside or up the middle, she's going to give the other team trouble."

Junior middle hitter Olivia Beyer chipped in with 15 kills, eight digs and three blocks.

Sophomore outside hitter Dani Barile added 10 assists and 12 digs while junior defensive specialists Katie Stevens and Julia Gallagher each tallied six digs.

Salem swept

Visiting Livonia Stevenson took it to Salem Tuesday night, winning 25-19, 25-11, 25-22 in a KLAA Central Division contest.

Positives for the Rocks (2-8, 1-3), were Tess Ganich (nine kills, nine digs), Nicole Jablonski (15 assists, nine digs), Nikki Manser (10 digs) and Michelle Dierker (six kills).

"We took ourselves out of the game with no energy," Salem coach Amanda Nies said. "We

really need to work on having confidence.

"We stuck with Stevenson all night, we just couldn't get over the hump and finish."

Chiefs surge to win

On Tuesday, KLAA South Division leader Canton (10-2, 4-0) upended Livonia Churchill, 25-16, 25-8, 24-26, 25-14.

Big reasons for the Chiefs' win were the power hitting of Sasha Cucuz (17 kills) and the play of setter Chelsea Janice (23 assists, 10 digs).

Canton also featured a pesky defense with a number of players frustrating the Chargers. Leading with 24 digs was Madison Kielty, but also in double figures in that category were Lauren Shornak (18 digs) and Haley Diedrick (10 digs).

Other contributors for the Chiefs included Rachel Buzenberg (five aces, eight assists) and Kayla Buford (five kills, four blocks).

Warriors falter

In a MIAC Blue Division match Tuesday, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian swept Lutheran High Westland (5-9-2, 1-2) in straight sets, 25-18, 25-18, 25-14.

"It was a frustrating day for us," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "We committed too many errors and Oakland capitalized. We have to bring a better effort, both mentally and physically in our next practice or our next match could be more of the same. We are better than we played tonight."

Leaders for the Warriors included Leah Refenes (five kills, 15 digs); Julia Yancy (16 digs); Allie Lange (four kills); and Sabrina Morrison (12 digs).

"Oakland is a good team, don't get me wrong, but we need to reduce the unforced errors we are committing if we are going to have a chance to win," Wade said.

BOYS TENNIS

Wildcats capture another Canton Invitational

Despite having two players out for ACT testing Saturday, Plymouth's varsity boys tennis team took first place at the Canton Invitational.

It marked the third consecutive Canton title for the Wildcats, who already clinched the KLAA South Division championship with a dual-match record of 5-0 (6-0 overall).

Canton placed second with Hartland in third place as the teams geared up for this week's KLAA Kensington Conference cross-overs. Plymouth and Canton (4-1, 4-1) are the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds, respectively, entering Thursday's matchups at



The Plymouth varsity boys tennis team celebrates after winning Saturday's Canton Invitational.

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The Wildcats were dominant in singles play,

going 2-0 (defeating opponents for each of the other two teams) at 1, 3 and 4 singles as well

as 1, 2 and 6 doubles.

Canton captured both wins at 2 singles and the Chiefs really excelled in doubles action with 2-0 records at 3, 4 and 5 doubles.

Hartland could only muster splits at two positions, 1 and 3 doubles.

Plymouth's roster features seniors Jared Hopf, Charlie Anderson; juniors Charlie Hou, Ani Hadagali, Adam Sochacki; sophomores Jordan Lu, Kevin Hou, Evan Kopp, Alex Tskoff; freshmen Matt Decker, Deven Patel, Justin Kapke, Yogesh Mohanraj, Matt McDonald, Ramana Ramanathan and Sam Tufts.

PREP FOOTBALL GRID PICKS

Week 4	Emons	O'Meara	Smith	Wright
Last week	8-4	9-3	7-5	9-3
Overall	39-14	40-13	30-23	36-17
All games start at 7 p.m. unless noted				
Friday, Sept. 27				
Harrison (4-0, 3-0) at Southfield (3-1, 3-0), 5 p.m.	Southfield	Southfield	Harrison	Southfield
Detroit Edison (0-4) at Redford Union (0-4)	RU	RU	RU	RU
Robichaud (1-3, 1-1) at Garden City (2-2, 2-1)	Robichaud	Robichaud	Garden City	Garden City
Thurston (1-3, 0-2) at Edsel Ford (1-3, 0-2)	Thurston	Thurston	Edsel Ford	Thurston
Northville (3-1, 2-0) at Stevenson (2-2, 1-1)	Northville	Northville	Stevenson	Northville
S.L. East (0-4, 0-2) at Salem (0-4, 0-2)	Salem	Salem	Salem	Salem
Canton (4-0, 2-0) at Churchill (1-3, 1-1)	Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton
Wayne (0-4, 0-2) at Franklin (2-2, 1-1)	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin
Plymouth (3-1, 1-1) at John Glenn (2-2, 1-1)	Glenn	Glenn	Plymouth	Plymouth
Luth. West. (0-4, 0-2) at Luth. NW (1-3, 0-2)	Luth. West.	Northwest	Luth. West.	Luth. West.
Oak Park (3-1, 2-1) at Farmington (1-3, 1-2)	Oak Park	Oak Park	Oak Park	Oak Park
Clarenceville (4-0, 2-0) at Romulus (2-1, 1-1)	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville
N. Farm. (3-1, 2-1) at Birm. Groves (4-0, 3-0)	Groves	Groves	Groves	Groves

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Steelers freshmen outrun OLG C Crusaders, 34-13

Running game yields dividends, points

The Plymouth Canton Steelers freshmen football squad hosted OLG C for a mid-week scrimmage on Sept. 19 and upended the Crusaders, 34-13.

Nine different Steelers carried the ball for a total of 189 yards. Nate Cain led the ground

assault with 46 yards and a touchdown. Also making major contributions were Luke Janack (43 yards), and Garrett Geyer (35 yards). Brayden Willis found pay dirt on a five-yard run.

The Steelers also found success through the air, with Andrew Iaquaniello completing 4 of 6 passes for 32 yards, including a 26-yard scoring strike to Aidan Tafel-

ski, and extra-point completions to Janack and Andrew Uhlian.

Defensively, the Steelers held the Crusaders to 105 yards in total offense, with 14 players registering at least one tackle. Tafelski and Spencer Koski notched 4.5 and 3 tackles, respectively. Tafelski also had a fumble recovery while Iaquaniello and Cain both

intercepted passes, with the latter being returned 25 yards for a score.

The Steelers' special teams had several highlights in the first half, including fumble recoveries by Tafelski and Willis on kickoffs, and a 53-yard kickoff return by Geyer for a touchdown. The Steelers held a commanding 27-6 lead at halftime.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Varsity Canton Lions clobber Westland Meteors for third victory of season, 47-18

The Canton Lions varsity football team improved to 3-1 with a 47-18 win against the Westland Meteors Sunday.

The offense spread out opportunities to score touchdowns to Ruben Williams, Colin Troup, Spencer Brown and Jayden Dunham.

Noah Brown intercepted a pass and returned it for a touchdown. Catches by Zach

Beadle and Alex Azzouz and carries by Matthew Steeple, Michael McMullen and Nick Krone pushed the ball toward the goal.

The defense was fueled by interceptions by Krone, Brown and Azzouz and tackles by Jayedon Johnson, Kyle Petruski, Max Mulvaney, Steeple and a sack by Ryan Cassidy.

The Lions (also JV, freshman and junior

freshman teams) will meet the Redford Rangers on Sunday.

JV falls short

The Lions junior varsity team fell to 2-2 after Sunday's 34-25 loss on Sunday to the Meteors.

The offense didn't score until the 3rd quarter. The defense, including lineman Luke Nader, Seth Humm and Sean Britt, held the Meteors to 14 points in the first half.

Jerome Nichols, Andrew Atalah, Ivan Davis and Calvin Brown had tackles.

The offense exploded in the 2nd half, with touchdowns by DJ Harding, Kameron Arnold, and Justin Reynolds. Catches by DaJion Humphrey, Harding and Reynolds and extra points by Tywayne Williams and a kick return by Jordan Coleman aided the team.

SEPT. 14 RECAPS:

» The JV improved to 2-1 with a 33-13 win. Justin Reynolds had a touchdown run on the opening kickoff. He finished with three touchdowns, an interception and multiple tackles.

» A touchdown by quarterback DJ Harding and extra points by Kameron Arnold added to the score.

» The Canton freshman Lions beat the Cougars 45-28. Leading the way was a strong running game, led by Malcolm Clements, Justin Johnson, Radwan Mheisen, Xavier Walker, Spenser Koroch, Daniel Baldwin and Marco Johnson.

» During the first quarter, Spenser Koroch recovered a fumble and then Darrell Johnson scored a touchdown. Ray Anderson scored the next touchdown. With two extra points by Kobe Kyle, it was 14-0 after one quarter.

» The second quarter began with Belleville

scoring following a Canton fumble. But Anderson and Kyle (following a fumble recovery by Ryan Okuroski) upped the lead to 26-7 at halftime with TDs.

» Scoring two TDs in the second half for Canton was Darrell Johnson, with Preston Long also scoring.

» In their third game of the season, the Lions' junior freshman team shutout the Cougars, scoring four touchdowns. Strong blocking by the offensive line, led by center Mohammad Beydour, helped to pave the way for two long touchdown runs by running back Kristopher Easley. Running back Caleb Williams scored the Lions' third TD. Cornerback Luke Rayborn, free safety Luke Matusik and linebackers Torrence Green, Avery Satterlee and Ashton Wheeler had key tackles. The Lions defense was responsible for the fourth touchdown, with an interception returned by linebacker Quintin Sturdivant.

BRADLEY

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It wasn't all smooth going, however.

Last year, she hit the wall. A crazy schedule of long workouts amid typical eighth-grade life took its toll on the youngster.

According to Bradley, she was helped through that crisis most by her mom and Laury. They helped her re-focus and she returned to Splitz

more determined than ever.

"Justin really helped a lot and my mom did too," Vanasia noted. "My mom's actually going to school to be a social worker so she helped me a lot with that."

"And he (Justin) said I have to do what I want to do and he's going to support me either way."

"He's always encouraged me with any decision. Oh, and Eileen (Spicher) helps a lot, too."

Reset button

Spicher has seen plenty of high-octane girls run out of gas from time to time.

"That's a major problem with a lot of these girls," Spicher said. "Just because they're in here so much and they sacrifice so much. We just slow down a little bit at that point and give them a little time off."

"Usually, that also happens when they seem to be struggling a little bit in the gym and things

may not be coming as easy as they want it to. They end up coming back in after a few days and it all falls back into place."

Laury said the way Bradley handled that temporary setback should pay dividends as she continues her career path into high-profile territory.

"You have to have, not only the talent — because once you get to that elite level everyone's talented, everyone's gifted," Laury said. "But what separates the great ones are the

ones willing to persevere through the difficult times, because those are inevitable."

"They're going to come. She's been handling them very well."

These days, Laury reminds Bradley to "keep her eye on the prize, trust the process. Through the process you're always going to have good times, but you're going to have more bad times than good times. You just got to trust that you'll be successful in the end."

Vanasia Bradley won't settle for anything less. Every workout gives her the impetus to keep moving forward, raising the bar.

"I don't know," she said, asked about what attracted her to the sport to begin with. "I've been kind of trying to figure that out. But it's just something that makes me want to be better and prove to myself that I can do better each year, every day."

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Salem girls making strides at invitationals

Saturday's double invite gave Salem girls cross country coach Dave Gerlach more reason to be optimistic about the second half of the season.

The varsity "A" team placed third at the Jackson Invitational, with a much-improved effort over recent invites. Meanwhile the varsity "B" squad showed promise with a fifth-place showing at the Linden

Invitational.

At Jackson, the Rocks tallied 117 points to trail only Saline (37) and Northville's "A" team (42). Salem's top runners were Anya Kayo (ninth, 19:11.1) and Kayla Kavulich (11th, 19:19.7).

But the Rocks had good showings from a cluster of Elizabeth Tripp (29th, 20:10.4), Lauren Arquette (34th, 20:18.7), Kayla Hughes (39th, 20:26.5), Natasha Steven-

son (40th, 20:27.0) and Emily Marcero, not too far behind in 65th place with a time of 20:56.8.

"Finishing third at this large invitational (15 teams) was a positive step in the right direction," Gerlach said. "Anya and Elizabeth really stepped up their competitiveness (Saturday) to lead us. This team has yet to run as a cohesive unit this season and when they put it all together,

we have the potential to be very, very good."

As for the varsity "B" team, finishing fifth out of 10 teams at Linden with 134 points, Gerlach said there were some definite standout performances that bode well for the entire program.

Sierra Bowden was outstanding, placing ninth with a time of 21:11.9. Also in the top-10 were Kelly McEvelly (18th, 22:00.3) and Kati

Binsfeld (19th, 22:10.3).

They were followed by Leah Stevens (21st, 22:18.6), Karissa McCarthy (22nd, 22:21.3), Marlo Sharpe (29th, 22:47.3), Katy Robeson (34th, 23:18.1), Jamison Langlins (36th, 23:22.2), Emilia Hillard (37th, 23:27.1) and Emily Morningstar (38th, 23:29.2).

Gerlach also cited Salem's junior varsity performers at Linden, who took the took five

spots among JV runners.

"The junior varsity was dominant, finishing first through fifth," Gerlach said.

Brianna Essien took the top spot in the JV individual standings with a mark of 22:22.9. She was followed by Annie Dermody (second, 22:41.6), Marissa Rowland (third, 23:03.8), Haleemah Shajira (fourth, 23:56.3) and Morgan Zach (fifth, 23:57.6).

Pavlat wins senior golf crown

Dan Pavlat of Livonia won the Michigan Public Seniors Golf Association's Tournament of Champions Sept. 12 at Fox Hills Golf Course by Plymouth with a net score of 66 (88/66).

Jerry Fenby of West Bloomfield (79/68) and Harry Hicks of Commerce (80/68) tied for second place, and Ray Collins of Southfield (86/69) and John Dodd of Farmington Hills (85/69) tied for fourth place.

Jim Mlynarczyk of Northville shot a 75 for the low gross score.

The 18-hole, stroke-play tournament brings together all the MPSGA players who won or tied

for first place in their flight in one of the 12 tournaments during the season or the Seniors State Open Amateur Championship.

The MPSGA also played a scrambles tournament the same day at Fox Hills. The two events hosted 91 players (50 years and older) with 18 prize winners representing 14 communities in south-east Michigan.

The scramble team tournament included the MPSGA players who did not qualify to participate in the Tournament of Champions competition. The 42 players produced 11 winners:

First place: Team 4 (net 63): Karl Rullman, Grass Lake; Thom Bales, Ann Arbor; Anthony McCauley, Detroit; Frank Noble, Livonia.

Second place: (tie) Team 9 (net 64): Jim Walainis, Bloomfield Hills; Dick Irwin, Plymouth; Mike Marino, Clinton Township; Team 10 (net 64): Mike Kidder, Ann Arbor; David Piasecki, Farmington Hills; John Bevak, Grosse Ile; Mark Lifter, Farmington.

The final tournament of the year will be scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 25, at Eagle Eye Golf Course in Bath.

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

SALEM 103 CANTON 80
Sept. 24 at Canton
200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Stephanie Solterman, Katie Xu, Lisa Zhang, Julia Suriano), 1:54.83; 2. Canton (Emily Meier, Faith Goodwin, Hannah Jenkins, Destinee Barmore-Hicks), 2:00.01; 3. Salem (Vincenza Zaia, Hannah Pollard, Hannah Tardiff, McKenzie Maurice), 2:05.92.
200 freestyle: 1. Linda Zhang (S), 1:56.69; 2. Claire Green (C), 1:58.56; 3. Madeline Madison (C), 2:02.72; 4. Emily Osika (C), 2:05.69; 5. Solterman (S), 2:05.70.
200 individual medley: 1. Xu (S), 2:16.38; 2. Mackenzie Dugas (C), 2:20.58; 3. Molly Rowe (S), 2:21.06; 4. Annie Patterson (S), 2:24.77; 5. Madison Dugas (C), 2:32.43.
50 freestyle: 1. Lisa Zhang (S), 25.30; 2. Bar-

more-Hicks (C), 26.05; 3. Suriano (S), 26.60; 4. Meier (C), 27.11; 5. Patricia Freitag (S), 27.38.
Diving: 1. Melissa Green (C), 153.30 points; 2. Kathleen Kleabir (C), 107.70; 3. Alyssa Bucciarelli (S), 92.35.
100 butterfly: 1. Jenkins (C), 1:04.72; 2. Osika (C), 1:05.11; 3. Zaia (S), 1:09.39; 4. Tardiff (S), 1:10.18; 5. Brenna Wayne (C), 1:10.59.
100 freestyle: 1. Linda Zhang (S), 54.53; 2. Barmore-Hicks (C), 57.31; 3. Madeline Madison (C), 57.59; 4. Freitag (S), 58.39; 5. Rowe (S), 59.70.
500 freestyle: 1. Green (C), 5:15.33; 2. Mackenzie Dugas (C), 5:34.81; 3. Patterson (S), 5:40.51; 4. Maurice (S), 5:58.46; 5. Courtney Smith (C), 5:58.81.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Linda Zhang, Rowe, Freitag, Lisa Zhang), 1:43.85; 2. Canton (Meier, Jenkins, Osika, Barmore-Hicks),

1:45.62; 3. Canton (Madeline Madison, Jocelyn Moraw, Goodwin, Green), 1:48.98.
100 backstroke: 1. Suriano (S), 1:01.74; 2. Solterman (S), 1:02.86; 3. Zaia (S), 1:08.15; 4. Madison Dugas (C), 1:12.39; 5. Emily Downs (C), 1:12.92.
100 breaststroke: 1. Xu (S), 1:13.01; 2. Jenkins (C), 1:14.88; 3. Jessica Zhang (S), 1:21.45; 4. Rachel McGue (C), 1:21.99; 5. Pollard (S), 1:22.65.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Lisa Zhang, Suriano, Freitag, Linda Zhang), 3:46.61; 2. Salem (Rowe, Solterman, Patterson, Xu), 3:52.84; 3. Canton (Osika, Madeline Madison, Mackenzie Dugas, Green), 3:55.26.
Dual meet records: Salem, 3-0 overall; Canton, 0-1 overall.

SWIM

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the possible 16 points. The Rocks never looked back.

Winning that race was Salem senior Julia Suriano, with a time of 1:01.74, followed closely by teammate Stephanie Solterman (1:02.86).

"We worked really hard, we worked on finishing, beating the person next to us and really racing hard today," Suriano said. "Canton really gave us a run for our money. It was close, it was close. It came down to the 100 back, the 100 breast, the last few (events). We really pulled through."

Dual purpose

According to veteran Salem coach Chuck Olson, the annual matchups against Canton are "always good competition and the girls like each other, so it makes it a lot of fun. You got to do some things, you want to win, but you have to look down the road, too."

"So we moved some people around tonight that I think in the long run will be beneficial for our team."

Olson said sophomore Linda Zhang, for example, swam two events she hadn't competed in all year (100 free, 200 free) and "she qualified for state in both of them."

"Katie Xu is a ninth-grader and we made her the number one breast-stroker tonight," Olson continued. "She did very nice job (finishing first with a time of 1:13.01). It's things like that."

The longtime campus rivals were embroiled in a close matchup most of the way, with the Chiefs leading 63-60 following the 500 freestyle.

In that event, junior Claire Green earned a state cut with a time of 5:15.33 while the Chiefs also collected second-place points by senior Mackenzie Dugas (5:34.81) and a fifth-place point by junior Courtney Smith (5:58.81).

After Green finished her race, she waved her arms urging Smith to outlast Salem junior McKenzie Maurice (fourth with a time of 5:58.46).

"The whole team did great, everyone of them swam their hardest and went



Competing in the 100 backstroke are (from front) Canton's Brenna Wayne, Salem's Julia Suriano, Canton's Emily Downs, Salem's Stephanie Solterman, Canton's Madison Dugas and Salem's Vincenza Zaia.

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out there with a great attitude," Green said. "We got pretty close."

Plenty of positives

Weber cited his team's improving depth, noting that going up against the Rocks provided a bit more incentive as meets between Park teams always do.

For example, Smith cracked the 6-minute mark for the first time this season in the 500 free.

"Courtney Smith had a great 500 freestyle, breaking six minutes," Weber said. "She dropped, compared to her seed time, ... 17 seconds because of the competition she was faced with here that brought her up to a new level."

"Not a personal best, but a best time for the season."

Weber added that the Chiefs "had a girl out here (junior Hannah Turnbull) that got passed by another girl on Salem that did a 27.1. But my girl did her best time. That's the focus we want to keep working on."

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NGUYEN

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burner.

Changing gears

Nguyen would like nothing more than to keep it cooking, especially if it means following the likes of Brindza and Zuzo from his alma mater into college football.

"Oh yeah, I definitely do," Nguyen said. "I hope I can keep that tradition alive. I really hope to play college football."

"As a child, I used to dream about playing professional soccer. But as you get older, you realize that's going to be really tough, a really small percentage even make it to college soccer."

"In football, it allows more opportunities for that."

"This season hasn't been without some adversity, however."

Nguyen would want nothing more than to stay away from strains, sprains or any other injury on the pitch that could impact his ability to kick for the football team.

But he pulled a hip flexor during a recent soccer match and the injury lingered into the following day's football contest, against Livonia

Churchill.

Before the game, Sawchuk asked Nguyen if he would be able to kick.

Although Nguyen did not boot all of his kick-offs through the end zone — another Plymouth staple that started with Brindza — he did come through with three field goals. One was from 43 yards out.

"He didn't know if he was going to be able to go and he just sucked it up and got it done for us," said Sawchuk, following the game.

So hip flexor aside, Nguyen seems to be handling the challenge of staying healthy enough to participate on both teams.

"Definitely it's nerve-racking, everyone's worried about hurting the kicker because they're a vital part of the team," Nguyen said. "If I'm out and we need a game-winning field goal we're screwed, you just got to go for the touchdown."

"So yeah, I say I play it pretty safe on soccer, but football I try to protect myself."

Staying focused

It helps that the coaches have an understanding, often staggering practice schedules to enable Nguyen to do what he needs to do for

both.

Nguyen goes to soccer practice and then joins the football team in time for special teams and kicking drills.

He stressed that his experience as a soccer player has helped calm his nerves when faced with an important kick on the gridiron.

"Taking a penalty kick is just like kicking a field goal," Nguyen explained. "You got to do the same thing over and over, you got to relax, don't let the crowd get to you."

"And I just carry that over. Just stay focused and do what you do."

Another thing Nguyen doesn't mind doing is suggesting to other soccer players that they could also do just fine booting field goals.

Well, it doesn't hurt that one of them is his brother Van Nguyen, a freshman at Plymouth who also is on the varsity boys soccer team.

"He saw what I was doing and he wanted to be like me, so I'm teaching him," Viet added. "He's playing on the freshman (football) squad right now, so hopefully he can fill my shoes."

It wouldn't be the first time.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER BIBLE STUDY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. second and fourth Thursday of the month, beginning Sept. 26
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Catholic author and apologist, Gary Michuta leads a study of 1 and 2 Peter. Attendees should bring their own Bibles
Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200 or www.livoniastmichael.org

BIBLE STUDY

Time/Date: 10:30-11:45 a.m. Tuesdays and 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays
Location: St. Priscilla Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia
Details: Tuesday session began Sept. 10 and focuses on Prophets and Epistle to the Philippians/Epistle of James. Thursday session begins Sept. 26 and includes Acts of the Apostles and Epistle to the Romans
Contact: 248-476-4700

FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sept. 27
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills
Details: "Thou Shalt Laugh," is a film about seven Christian comedians and their stand-up routines. Admission is free. A dinner of fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, and green beans will be offered for a free will donation. Call the church to reserve a dinner spot
Contact: 248-553-3380

FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28
Location: Connection Church, 3855 Sheldon, Canton
Details: Free screening of the movie, "Home Run," which tells the satory of a former major league baseball player who finds God and recovers from alcoholism through Celebrate Recovery Ministry
Contact: 734-397-1777

GRIEF WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 7-8:45 p.m. Thursday, from Sept. 26-Nov. 21, excluding Oct. 31
Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: The eight-week workshop, "From Grief to New Hope," is free and open to anyone grieving the death of a loved one. Call the church for registration information
Contact: 734-427-1414

MOM2MOM SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28
Location: St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Admission \$1, strollers after 10 a.m.
Contact: sttimothypcusa.org

MOM2MOM SALE

Time/Date: 8:30am - noon, Saturday, Sept. 28
Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia
Details: \$2 early bird admission; \$1 after 9 a.m., strollers after 10

a.m. Tables available to rent.

NEW SUPPORT GROUPS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sept. 26
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills
Details: One workshop is "Hope for Tomorrow" and is a grief support for those struggling following the death of a loved one. Topics include: roller coaster of emotions., tasks of mourning, grief's effect on the whole person, a "new" normal, and more. The second workshop, "Through the Fire," is a divorce/separation recovery covering topics of good grief and feelings, handling guilt, dealing with stress, co-dependency, forgiveness, children of divorce and more. Space is limited. Call the church office to register
Contact: 248-553-3380

QUILT SEWING BLITZ

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28 and Oct. 3 and 12
Location: Timothy Church, 8820 Wayne Road, at Joy, in Livonia
Details: Quilts will be constructed for Lutheran World Relief. Instruction in cutting and sewing will be available
Contact: 734-427-2290; www.timothylutheranchurch.com

OCTOBER BLOOD DRIVE

Time/Date: 1-7 p.m. Oct. 14
Location: K of C Council Monahan Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Donors will receive free Guernsey Ice Cream instead of the traditional juice and cookies. Call to make an appointment to donate blood
Contact: Dan at 734-591-3237

BOOK SALE

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 4-5
Location: Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township
Details: This annual used book sale includes hardcovers for \$1 and paperbacks for 50 cents, along with DVDs and CDs covering a variety of subject matter and popular authors
Contact: 734-453-5252 or Dean at 734-455-3536

CONCERT

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6
Location: St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road between Grand River and Freedom Road, Farmington
Details: The Birmingham Concert Band opens St. John's concert series. The band will present "A Musical Passport," under the direction of Jason Rose. Admission is free. A free-will offering will be collected
Contact: The Rev. Lauren Kirsh-Carr at 248-474-0584; pastorlk@gmail.com

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Oct. 5
Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Kim-Char Meredith, Chicago-based recording artist, will perform. Meredith sings

both secular and faith-based music. She has performed everywhere from coffee houses to convention centers and has opened for Melissa Etheridge. Suggested donation is \$15. Tickets are available at the church
Contact: 734-421-1760

GUEST SPEAKER

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3
Location: St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton
Details: Hear Gary Michuta speak on "Mary, the Mother of Jesus." Michuta is a contributor to "The Catholic Answer" magazine and is a frequent guest on EWTN's "Deep in Scripture" and "The Journey Home." His latest book is "Making Sense of Mary." Free admission, open to all faiths and child care will be available. Light refreshments will be served. Call church office to register
Contact: 734-455-5910

HEALTH EXPO

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 5
Location: Livingword Church, 46500 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth
Details: Livingword Church is partnering with Oakwood Hospitals to provide free blood glucose screenings and free blood pressure screenings. Cholesterol checked on site will cost \$10. Includes exhibits from the University of Michigan and a nutritionist to answer questions about dietary needs
Contact: 734-207-9673

LIVING ROSARY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Contact: 734-261-1455

MASS OF ANOINTING

Time/Date: 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 19
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: The annual Mass is designed for Catholics who are in need of physical, mental, or spiritual healing. Those planning to attend should register with the church office
Contact: 734-261-5331

ROSARY RALLY

Time/Date: Noon-1 p.m. Oct. 12
Location: Madonna University, located at Levan and I-96, in Livonia
Details: The Rev. Bernard Luedtke will lead the praying of the rosary.
Contact: 734-591-0360

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct 3; 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, Oct 4; 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Oct 5
Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh and Wayne Road, Livonia
Details: \$2 admission per adult Thursday only; Free admission Friday & Saturday. Saturday half-price sale
Contact: Church office at 734-422-0149

Church celebrates patron saint's feast

St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia plans a week of events, Friday, Sept. 27-Friday, Oct. 24, to celebrate its patron saint.

The lead-off event is the third annual St. Michael School's All-Class Reunion, 6:30 p.m., Sept. 27 at the Huron River Club, 22575 Farmington Road, Farmington, where all alumni, 21 and older, can share food and reminisce with friends.

St. Michael School homecoming games, including football at Catholic Central High School and volleyball at St. Michael's are celebration highlights on Saturday, Sept. 28.

The actual feast day, Sunday, Sept. 29, will family activities, begin with Masses at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon, and will include a food collection for the food pantry and soup kitchen at St. Christine's in Detroit, a long-time parish outreach site. A parish

picnic follows from 1-5 p.m. at Mies Park, at Hubbard and W. Chicago Road, in Livonia. It will feature food, bounce houses, crafts, and games for all ages. A Feast Day Pasta Dinner runs 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria, featuring Italian cuisine at family-friendly prices. The day will conclude with Benediction and recitation of the Chaplet of St. Michael at 7 p.m. in the church, located at 11441 Hubbard.

Other events are: » A guided tour of St. Christine's facilities, 9 a.m., Monday, Sept. 30. Participants will get an opportunity to work on one of the on-going projects that St. Christine's provides for the homeless

» Family Game Night is set for 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, at the church. The event is free. Participants must RSVP to bdia-chun@sbcglobal.net

with their family name and number of people who plan to attend.

» On Wednesday, Oct. 2, the fifth season of the church's "Why Be Catholic" program kicks off at 7 p.m.. Psychologist and radio host, Ray Guarendi, will share the story of his journey home to the Catholic church.

» The program, "Catholicism" starts 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 3 and runs for 10 sessions. It focuses on the PBS series by The Rev. Robert Barron.

» Family Movie Night caps the week-long celebration Friday, Oct. 4, in the school cafeteria with screenings of VeggieTales: It's a Meaningful Life, at 5:30 p.m. and "Facing the Giants" at 7:30 p.m.

For more information and advance ticket sales, call the parish office at 734-261-1455 or see the parish website at www.livoniastmichael.org.

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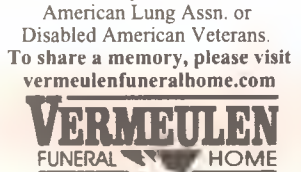
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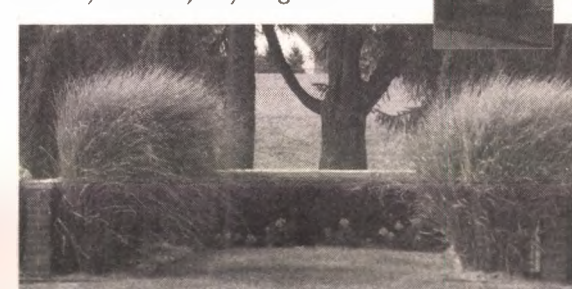
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HAHN, RITA C. Age 93, of Ypsilanti. Passed away August 30, 2013. Mother of Richard Hahn and Cheryl (Harold) Klee. Funeral on Sept. 30 in Livonia. starkfuneral.com

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Livonia native sings unique, true stories at Trinity House

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

"I'm driving through Indiana and it looks like a Van Gogh painting — all the yellow and gold."

Michael Colone was behind the wheel and on the phone, describing the countryside — and possibly creating a future song lyric — as he headed to his next gig. He'd log hundreds of miles — heading first to Bloomington, Ind., then west to Iowa, then east to Chicago, Ill., — before setting foot back in Michigan. He'll perform Saturday, Sept. 28, at one of his favorite local venues, Trinity House Theatre, in Livonia.

"If I could just play at Trinity House seven nights a week I'd do that," Colone said, in a recent phone interview. "But this is the work I have to do. I could be the best real estate agent in the U.S. because I know what this country looks like."

"And the stories I pick up are magnificent. Be careful what you say to me because everything is now in my arsenal to write a song."

Always on tour

Colone, who grew up in Livonia and graduated from Stevenson High School, has spent approximately 350 days a year on the road for the past 20 years, doing what he loves best. He calls his act, Michael on Fire, and sings original songs, in the Americana folk style.



Michael Colone is "Michael on Fire."

MICHAEL ON FIRE

What: Michael Colone performs original songs and plays acoustic guitar; Americana with a jazz approach and Detroit edge

When: 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28

Where: Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Tickets: Cost is \$15, \$12 for subscribers. Reserve tickets by phone at 734-464-6302 or email at tickets@trinityhousetheatre.org and include name, phone number, name and date of the event and number of tickets. Tickets will be held at the door until 10 minutes before show time. Payment can be made at the show by cash or check. Reservations made on the event day will be accepted by phone only

Greg Sadler Photography

"That is a lot of road time. That's the reason my ex-wife probably let me go," said Colone, who says he still has a "magnificent" relationship with his two grown children. "It's intense. A lot of people think they can do this, but they can't live on that edge."

"I've got a little place

in Keego Harbor. I have a place to put my stuff. But I don't live here a whole lot. There isn't a lot of work in Michigan for me. I don't do cover music and I don't go into bar rooms and take requests. The two places I mostly play in Michigan are the Ark (in Ann Arbor) and Trinity House Theatre."

Colone will perform solo at Trinity House Theatre, although he often plays with other musicians. When he's in Los Angeles, Calif., he works with a six-piece band. When he performed in England — and recorded a live CD — eight other musicians played with him.

He applies a "jazz approach" to his sessions with other musicians, skipping rehearsals and encouraging them to "add what you are doing to what I do," while on stage.

True stories

Colone said a childhood spent listening to everything from pop to country, jazz to Motown — "spices in the creative cupboard" — helped shape a foundation for his own sound.

"Most of my songs are true stories, almost like today — God, Indiana looks like a Van Gogh painting. I try to keep everything I say and do original."

Colone, who is "younger than Springsteen but older than Prince," first picked up the guitar when he was 9 years old, and later asked one of his fellow caddies at Plum Hollow in Southfield if he would teach him to play.

"He gave me a few lessons. I had some natural musical tendencies." Colone played in a rock garage band while in school and majored in music theory and composition at Wayne State University.

"One of my professors told me I was the worst student at Wayne State.



Michael Colone performs at the Ark, in Ann Arbor.

He called me an amoeba. I was working with a producer at United Sound at the time and I was going to school and being an amoeba," he said, with a laugh.

In his final semester at school, he left Wayne State to tour with his group, Old Buck, figuring "Wayne State would always be there." Don Davis, the producer from United Sound, took Colone under his wing and gave him the opportunity to record with the Muscle Shoals Rhythm Section in Atlanta, Ga.

Colone also founded the progressive music group, Prismatic, which released several records, performed nightly throughout southeastern Michigan and toured with Stanley Clarke,

Peter Frampton and others.

New name

When he moved to Los Angeles, Calif., 25 years ago, he began performing as Michael on Fire. Stephen Stills produced his first record under that name.

It was at that time Colone decided to strike out on his own and become a "authentic troubadour" who would play for audiences from coast to coast.

"It was never in my stars to become rich and famous. Part of the freedom I have is I don't have to go out there and play any hit songs exactly the same way."

For more about Michael on Fire, visit michaelonfire.com

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Art club plans guest speaker, exhibit Oct. 7

Margaret Prizer, a trained volunteer of the Detroit Institute of Arts' Speaker Bureau, will talk about frames at the next meeting of the Three Cities Art Club. The program will start at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7, in the lower level meeting room A of the Canton Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill.

The event is open to the public and light re-

freshments will be served.

Three Cities Art Club also plans its Festival of the Arts Oct. 18-20 at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 W. Warren, Westland. In addition to works by the club, the exhibit also will include art by members of Garden City Fine Arts Association. The festival will offer face painting for children, art lessons and demonstrations, along

with music and dance performances throughout the weekend. For more information, visit www.threecitiesartclub.org.

Club membership is open to individuals, 18 and over. Dues are \$25 annually. To learn more about Three Cities Art Club, contact Marilyn Meredith via email at marilynmeredith@wow-way.com or call 313-231-3939.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ARTS, CRAFTS GALLERY @ VT

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, during public performances and by appointment, through Sept. 29
Location: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: Nicholas Wilson shows paintings and half-screen-printed wood box panels in this mixed media show called "Technology and the Immortal Condition"

Contact: 734-394-5300; cantonvillageattheater.org

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Sept. 28
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: Terry Lee Dill's solo exhibition, "Dimorphism" consists of elaborate drawings in black ink and gold leaf. For the past 20 years, Dill conceptualized fantastical buildings as metaphors of his daily life. His work shows hints of Dr. Seuss, M.C. Escher and Erich Mendelsohn

Coming up: "Under the (Inspired) Influence" will run Oct. 4-26 and will include works by Anita Andersons, Renee M. Dooley, Mary Fortuna, Diane Hawkey, Leann Meixner, Juana Moore, Kate Paul, and Mike Sivak. The show will offer visitors a glimpse of what inspires the artists and compels them to create. An artist reception is set for 6-9 p.m. with an artist talk at 8 p.m., on Friday, Oct. 4
Contact: 248-344-0497; http://www.northvillearts.org

BOOK RELEASE AND SIGNING LAUREN DANE

Time/Date: 1:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28

Location: Paperbacks n' Things, 8027 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: "New York Times" bestselling author Lauren Dane releases her new book, "Drawn Together," early for attendees of this event. She'll be on hand signing copies
Contact: 734-522-8018

FILM MAIN THEATRE

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Oct. 16
Location: 118 N. Main, at 11 Mile, Royal Oak

Details: The Committee to Ban Fracking in Michigan and Michigan Citizens for Water Conservation present the film, "Gasland II" along with a Q and A with film director Josh Fox. The event is free

Contact: www.letsbanfracking.org; www.landmarktheatres.com

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 27-28 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 29

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
Details: "The Way Way Back," admission \$3

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

REDFORD THEATRE



"The Guardian" by Diane Hawkey of Royal Oak, will be on display beginning Oct. 4 at Northville Art House.

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Sept. 27 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sept. 28

Location: 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit
Details: "The Graduate," with Anne Bancroft and Dustin Hoffman, along with the Pink Panther in "The Pink Panther;" \$5 admission

Coming up: Vincent Price film festival with "Diary of a Mad Man" and "The Raven," 8 p.m. Oct. 4; "House of Wax," 2 p.m. Oct. 5; "The Masque of the Red Death" and "The Tangler," 8 p.m. Oct. 5. Tickets are \$5 per show or \$13 for all three shows.
Contact: 313-537-2560

HISTORICAL PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday-Sunday

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: The current exhibit, B4TV, highlights leisure activities that families and individuals engaged in before television. The exhibit runs through Nov. 10. Admission \$5 for adults and \$2 for students 6-17
Contact: www.plymouth-history.org; 734-455-8940

MUSIC BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the third Saturday of the month through May

Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: The event includes open mic performers and featured musicians. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and include free monthly admission
Contact: Scott Ludwig at BFSpresident@aol.com

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5

Location: Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile, at Lahser on the campus of Detroit Country Day School in Beverly Hills

Details: Emerson String Quartet performs of Mozart, Britten and Beethoven. Single tickets range from \$30-\$60, and student tickets are priced at \$15-24
Contact:



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JAZZ AT THE ELKS

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

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

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

Contact: 734-453-1780 or email to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6

Location: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Season opening concert, "The Golden Flute," features flutist Eric Lamb and award-winning composer, Chen Yi. General tickets are \$30;

seniors, 62 and over, pay \$25 and students with ID pay \$10. Buy them at the Michigan Philharmonic office, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth, by phone or online at michiganphil.org
Contact: 734-451-2112

PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

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

Location: 884 Penniman, Plymouth
Details: Open mic for music and poetry; come and show your creative side.

Saturday featured artist: Seth Abram, Sept. 28; The Flying Mud Brothers, Oct. 21; Danielle Ate The Sandwich, Oct. 25. Featured performer concerts start at 8 p.m.

Contact: 734-454-0178

SENATE THEATER

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29

Location: 8424 Michigan Ave., Detroit

Details: Bob Milne and Bob Seeley, veteran piano players, perform "Piano Ragtime and Boogie Woogie Blast!" Tickets are \$15

Contact: 313-894-0850

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.
Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Mike Mangione and the Union with Jon Brooks, Sept. 27; Michael on Fire, Sept. 28; Sarah McQuaid with Neptune's Car, Sept. 29; Chris McCall, Oct. 4; The Michigan Fingerstyle Guitar Society presents Ed Gerhard, Oct. 5; Empty Chair Night with Annie and Rod Capps, Joel Palmer, Robin Monteroso and Sigrid Christiansen, Oct. 6. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted

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VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Impersonators Rob Garrett and Sharon Owens perform tributes to Neil Diamond and Barbra Streisand. Tickets are \$27, available from cantonvillageattheater.org or by calling 734-394-5460. Tickets also are available at the door beginning an hour before show time

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STUFFED GREEK CHICKEN WRAPS

Recipe from Bush's Beans
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves: 4

- 1 (16 ounce) can Bush's Garbanzo Beans, drained
- 4 or 6 (8-inch) flour tortillas
- 1 cup romaine lettuce, shredded
- ½ cup Italian or Greek dressing
- ½ cup plain yogurt
- 1 cup chicken, cooked and shredded
- 1 small cucumber, peeled, seeded and diced (about ½ cup)
- ½ cup red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 small tomato, cored and chopped (about ½ cup)
- ½ cup crumbled feta cheese
- 6 Kalamata olives, pitted and chopped or sliced

Place half the beans in a saucepan; mash gently with a potato masher or the back of a fork. Stir in remaining whole beans; heat through. Cover and set aside.

Arrange tortillas on counter, place lettuce evenly in the center of each. Mix yogurt and dressing in a small bowl. Combine remaining ingredients with bean mixture, adding the yogurt and dressing mixture last. Divide mixture onto prepared tortillas. Fold in sides of tortilla and roll up tightly. Serve warm or cold.



PUMPKIN CHILI MEXICANA

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 40 minutes
Serves: 6

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- ½ cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 1 pound ground turkey
- 2 (14.5-ounce) cans diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 (15-ounce) can pure pumpkin
- 1 (15-ounce) can tomato sauce
- 1 (15.25-ounce) can dark red kidney beans, drained
- 1 (4.5-ounce) can green chiles, chopped
- ½ cup canned whole-kernel corn
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- ½ teaspoon ground black pepper

Heat vegetable oil in large saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onion, bell pepper and garlic; cook, stirring frequently, for 5 to 7 minutes or until tender. Add turkey; cook until browned. Drain.

Add tomatoes with juice, pumpkin, tomato sauce, beans, chiles, corn, chili powder, cumin and black pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Cover; cook, stirring occasionally, for 30 minutes.



CHICKEN AND WILD RICE CASSEROLE

Prep time: under 30 min
Cook time: 1 hour
Serves: 6

- 2 (6-ounce) packages long-grain and wild rice blend with seasonings
- 1 (10-ounce) can chunk breast of chicken, drained and flaked
- 1 (10 ¼-ounce) can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 (10 ¼-ounce) can cream of chicken soup
- 1 (4-ounce) can sliced mushrooms, drained
- ½ cup chopped celery
- ½ cup Hormel Real Bacon Pieces
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- ½ cup breadcrumbs
- ½ cup slivered almonds

2 tablespoons butter, melted

Heat oven to 350°F. Lightly grease 2-quart casserole.

Prepare rice according to package directions. In large bowl, combine rice, chicken, soups, mushrooms, celery, bacon pieces and pepper. Transfer rice mixture to casserole. Bake 30 minutes. Meanwhile, in small bowl, combine breadcrumbs, almonds and butter; mix well. Sprinkle over casserole. Bake 5 to 10 minutes or until top is golden brown.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will meet Tuesday, Oct. 1, at the Red Lobster, 13999 Eureka Road, near Trenton Road by 7-Eleven in Southgate. Dinner and networking will be 6-7:15 p.m., the meeting 7:30 p.m. Speaker will be attorney Aaron J. Scheinfeld, practicing in bankruptcy and insolvency law as well as distressed real estate issues. For questions, call Wayne Kohler, president, 313-277-4168.

Seminar

The Meisner Law Group announced that Robert M. Meisner will conduct a four-week course Tuesdays in October from 7-9 p.m. covering "Introduction to Successful Condominium Operation."

This seminar is designed for board members and officers, managers, developers, and association members living in or working with a condominium, subdivision, cooperative, or community association. Explore the many legal issues involved in the successful operation of an association. Cost is \$95 (\$85 per person when two or more enroll from the same organization). For registration information, contact The Meisner Law Group at 248-644-4433 or 800-470-4433, via email at: bmeisner@meisner-law.com, or visit the seminar page on the website: Meisner-law.com.

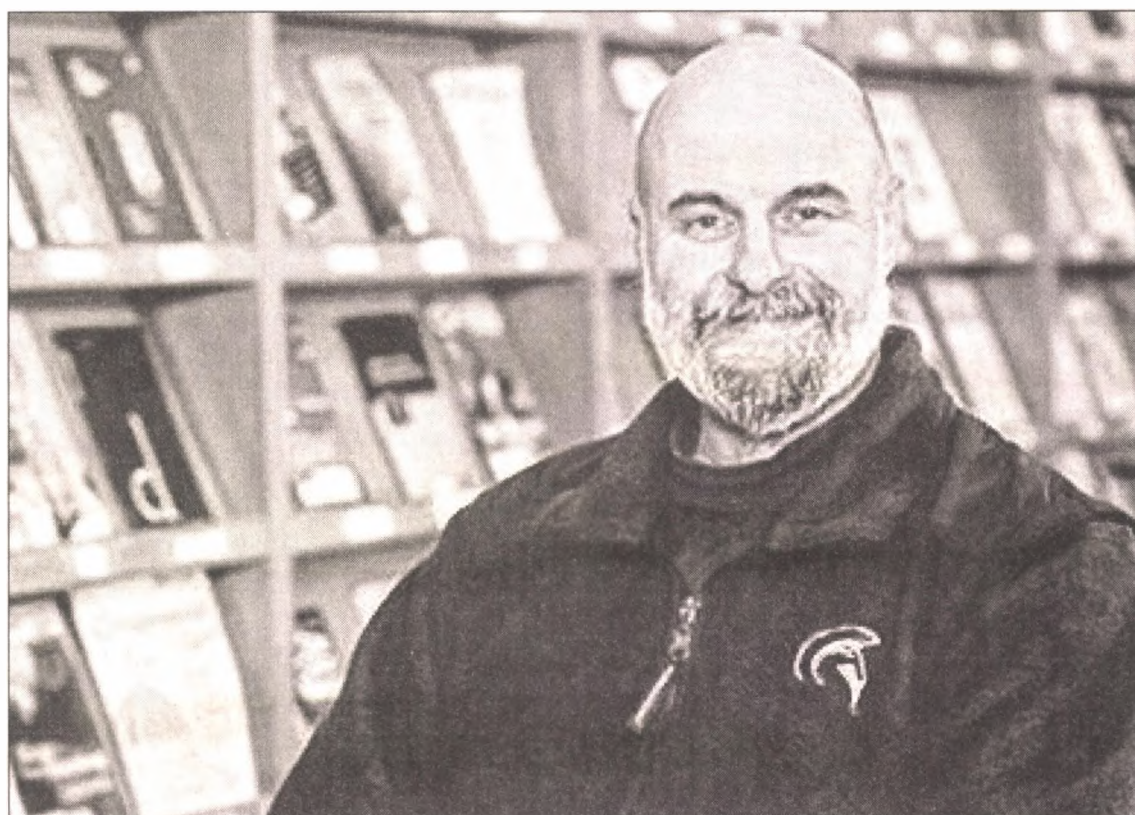
Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter.

It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.



Professor Mike Bernacchi teaches Business Administration courses at the University of Detroit Mercy. He's seen changes in marketing and advertising since beginning there in 1973.

MARKETING HOMES: CHANGING WITH THE TIMES, OUTLETS

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Professor Mike Bernacchi has seen a lot of changes in marketing and advertising since he began teaching at the University of Detroit, now University of Detroit Mercy, in 1973.

Bernacchi, a Huntington Woods resident, is a professor of Business Administration, teaching marketing management, consumer behavior, marketing communications, research and corporate social responsibility.

Newer technology allows the real estate industry "to hit every crack and crevice that is possible," Bernacchi said. He added older media also remain effective for some messages.

"It can't do what digital can do," the professor said. He added a good market "lifts all boats," including more traditional media.

"They had to discover dif-

ferent ways to doing business," including being less costly and more effective. "They were really in a sink or swim position."

Real estate marketing was hard hit with the market of recent years, and is coming back now with a "mix and match," Internet, social media and traditional media, too, Bernacchi said.

"The traditional media has become nontraditional. The media has had to reinvent itself as various industries. The local media also has had to reinvent itself. Generally, they've done it."

He agreed newspaper real estate advertising and journalism has found different ways, "having to be more woven into the fabric of their communities because that's their bread and butter."

Metro daily papers can't really compete with that and do it all, Bernacchi said.

"The focus of the local

media has enabled them to succeed and become a part of their communities. I think the local media have done that very well."

For Realtors and those in related fields, that means developing a credible relationship with customers, "effective, connected, somebody you can trust."

That's especially true coming out of a difficult housing market, Bernacchi said.

"You want somebody on both ends, the seller market and the buyer market," with credibility, he said.

Bernacchi, who's lived in Huntington Woods since the late 1980s, likes living there although he did notice property values have fluctuated. He earned a Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University, as well as a J.D. from UDM and B.A. and M.A. degrees from Drake University.

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San Diego's on the grow

Q: I know that Californians coming back from a real estate standpoint, but do you have any information about San Diego, particularly the downtown area?

A: There are a number of new condominiums that are being built in downtown San Diego and they are a hot item. Prices have gone up at least 20 percent in the last year and the market is extremely strong as it is a desirable place to live. The increase in residential housing in the downtown area is reflected by the construction of a new shopping and entertainment area near Seaport Village, which will attract even more pedestrians in the downtown area. Getting a deal on a former foreclosure is becoming much more difficult to achieve.

Q: I heard Sicily, and in particular, Palermo, is a great place to retire. Is it affordable?

A: As with many big cities, living near the center of Palermo with its parks and boulevards can be very costly. However the recession and economic turn down in Europe has also affected pricing in Palermo and its suburbs. Real estate offices abound with the showcasing of homes frequently on the Internet. If you are looking for a home near a gorgeous beach town, look up Chefalu which looks like a French Rivera enclave, and is around 75 miles from Palermo and an hour by train or bus.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium." Call 248-644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 20-24, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
31240 E Rutland St	\$208,000
16950 Marguerite St	\$210,000
17022 Marguerite St	\$215,000
30551 Marimoor St	\$285,000
22019 Village Pines Dr	\$370,000
32021 Waltham Dr	\$280,000
BIRMINGHAM	
784 Bird Ave	\$185,000
171 E Southlawn Blvd	\$241,000
272 Harmon St	\$1,200,000
935 Pierce St	\$1,295,000
1389 Pilgrim Ave	\$575,000
662 Purdy St	\$140,000
1726 S Bates St	\$275,000
522 Smith Ave	\$595,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
2583 Rambling Way	\$292,000
35 Cranbrook Ln	\$710,000
3949 Oakhills Dr	\$410,000
182 S Cranbrook Cross Rd	\$251,000
3746 W Maple Rd	\$230,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
2923 Aldgate Dr	\$238,000
1124 Covington Rd	\$775,000
5825 Crabtree Rd	\$400,000
3033 East Ridge Ct	\$597,000
6061 Eastmoor Rd	\$408,000
5387 Echo Rd	\$363,000
4218 Far Hill Dr	\$195,000
299 N Berkshire Rd	\$114,000
4445 Parklane Ct	\$316,000
611 Pine Valley Way	\$673,000
2792 Plum Brook Dr	\$275,000
5193 Provincial Dr	\$336,000
2240 Sudbury Way	\$378,000
5633 Sutters Ln	\$325,000
2486 Thistle Pointe	\$403,000
284 Tilbury Rd	\$699,000
900 Trailwood Path	\$140,000
4688 Walnut Lake Rd	\$315,000
42342 Woodward Ave # A1	\$80,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
6050 Balmoral Way	\$370,000
4666 Benstein Rd	\$120,000
9241 Commerce Rd	\$30,000
5015 Fairgrove Ln	\$320,000
150 Liza Ln	\$275,000
2219 Palmetto	\$40,000
5501 Rivers Edge Dr	\$305,000

857 Sherbrooke St	\$585,000
4986 Winewood Ln	\$160,000
FARMINGTON	
31611 Marblehead Rd	\$151,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
37780 Amber Dr	\$250,000
23140 Ashley St	\$121,000
22313 Atlantic Pointe	\$43,000
37628 Avon Cir	\$237,000
27490 Bridle Hills Dr	\$195,000
22156 Cape Cod Way	\$50,000
26124 La Muera St	\$158,000
29368 Laurel Dr	\$113,000
27655 Middlebelt Rd	\$347,000
22279 Nearbrook Ct	\$315,000
30248 Shawassee Rd	\$119,000
25629 Skye Dr	\$230,000
32403 Sprucewood St	\$198,000
37991 Stableview Dr	\$257,000
21130 Sunnydale St	\$139,000
23929 Tuck Rd	\$140,000
29870 White Hall Dr	\$285,000
38357 Windsor	\$160,000
FRANKLIN	
31079 McKinney Dr	\$318,000
MILFORD	
2557 Conifer Trl	\$502,000
440 Hickory Ridge Ct	\$55,000
1551 Hunters Lake Ct	\$400,000

1131 Pleasure St	\$115,000
NORTHVILLE	
1047 Abbey Ct	\$375,000
21360 Bridle Run	\$200,000
214 Debra Ln	\$235,000
20948 E Glen Haven Cir	\$99,000
52386 Ferndale Dr	\$385,000
667 River Park Village Blvd	\$120,000
22304 Roberts Dr	\$155,000
21268 Woodhill Dr	\$271,000
NOVI	
31137 Centennial Dr	\$141,000
28346 Clymer Dr	\$99,000
22713 Cranbrooke Dr	\$52,000
23895 E Le Bost	\$117,000
51159 Luke Ln	\$45,000
26348 Mandalay Cir	\$110,000
23512 Meadowbrook Rd	\$175,000
40562 Mill Road Ct E	\$213,000
25614 Portico Ln	\$169,000
24799 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$485,000
45650 South Lake Dr	\$410,000
1127 South Lake Dr Unit 207	\$42,000
25910 Strath Haven Dr	\$292,000
27231 Victoria Rd	\$285,000
42625 Wimbleton Way	\$275,000

SOUTH LYON	
192 Eagle Crest Dr	\$190,000
1066 Equestrian Dr	\$242,000
57491 Hidden Timbers Dr	\$313,000
1066 Paddock Dr	\$211,000
58748 Peters Barn Dr	\$308,000
192 Princeton Dr	\$24,000
857 Stony Dr	\$180,000
SOUTHFIELD	
27900 Berkshire Dr	\$119,000
29109 Everett St	\$55,000
25900 Franklin Pointe Dr	\$33,000
17403 Gateway Cir	\$90,000
28026 Maitrott St	\$120,000
23620 Philip Dr	\$42,000
20485 Roseland St	\$120,000
WHITE LAKE	
8491 Cooley Beach Dr	\$245,000
55 Glandon St	\$124,000
693 Hilltop Dr	\$459,000
2211 Kingston St	\$207,000
61 Lisa Cir	\$161,000
10240 Mary Lee	\$295,000
1260 Pinecrest Dr	\$120,000
9256 Steephollow Dr	\$155,000
8734 Townsend Dr	\$245,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 10-16, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
2567 Barkhill Rd	\$77,000
47899 Cardiff Ave	\$120,000
446 Cherry Stone Dr	\$231,000
533 Concord Dr	\$160,000
49144 Crescent Dr	\$60,000
1732 Crestview Dr	\$275,000
2464 Graham Ct	\$276,000
1116 Heritage Dr	\$160,000
2287 Hogan Way	\$210,000
45209 Horseshoe Cir # 16	\$110,000
1271 Kensington Dr	\$293,000
39962 Koppernick Rd	\$113,000
1718 Morrison Blvd	\$167,000
45111 N Spring Dr	\$185,000
7788 Oxford Dr	\$515,000
2066 Pinecroft Dr	\$113,000
43823 Proctor Rd	\$155,000
7656 Provincial Rd	\$195,000
3906 Radcliff Dr	\$119,000
44413 Savery Dr	\$55,000

4741 Sherwood Cir	\$240,000
42117 Starlite Ct	\$160,000
1981 Vine Way Dr	\$77,000
48713 Woodson Way	\$363,000
GARDEN CITY	
2041 Cardwell St	\$104,000
842 Deering St	\$55,000
33723 Donnelly St	\$80,000
6778 Gilman St	\$70,000
29916 John Hawk St	\$100,000
30055 John Hawk St	\$40,000
30633 Sheridan St	\$75,000
LIVONIA	
36288 Ann Arbor Trl	\$137,000
15160 Auburndale St	\$65,000
27528 Barkley St	\$126,000
37351 Bennett St	\$252,000
14242 Berwick St	\$153,000
9928 Brookfield St	\$120,000
31981 Cambridge St	\$270,000
9342 Eastwind Dr	\$150,000
35540 Elmira St	\$140,000
15536 Fairfield St	\$150,000
16846 Farmington Rd Unit 51	\$110,000
17570 Floral St	\$132,000
9336 Frederick St	\$145,000
14308 Garden St	\$148,000

29149 Hathaway St	\$148,000
9195 Hix Rd	\$186,000
15562 Hubbard St	\$165,000
8966 Louise St	\$99,000
9741 Middlebelt Rd	\$35,000
9923 Middlebelt Rd	\$17,000
30643 Munger Dr	\$316,000
14266 Nola St	\$165,000
35606 Orangelawn St	\$123,000
9744 Pere Ave	\$75,000
29109 Perth St	\$140,000
32508 Scone St	\$170,000
19387 Southampton Dr	\$275,000
9551 Stark Rd	\$158,000
31554 Summers St	\$130,000
18338 University Park Dr	\$72,000
10457 Wayne Rd	\$215,000
18501 Wayne Rd	\$202,000
9607 Westmore St	\$109,000
NORTHVILLE	
19604 Aqueduct Ct	\$105,000
15348 Bay Hill Dr	\$525,000
17058 Boulder Dr	\$369,000
16831 Brooklane Blvd	\$535,000
20148 E Whipple Dr	\$420,000
17050 Franklin Rd	\$192,000
46807 Greenridge Dr	\$320,000
124 High St	\$520,000

16561 Horseshoe Dr	\$554,000
19300 Pierson Dr	\$380,000
15960 Pine Valley Dr	\$670,000
39657 Southwind Ln	\$275,000
19131 Surrey Ln	\$82,000
20142 Valley St	\$328,000
17640 White Pine Ct	\$590,000
19691 Windridge Dr	\$400,000
419 Yerkes St	\$305,000
PLYMOUTH	
770 Deer St	\$110,000
1020 Fairground St	\$191,000
49031 Fox Dr S	\$448,000
42431 Hammill Ln	\$119,000
45560 Leighwood Ct	\$336,000
39687 Mayville St	\$160,000
40534 Newport Dr	\$88,000
1163 Palmer St	\$153,000
1301 Palmer St	\$280,000
131 Pinewood Cir	\$76,000
331 Pinewood Cir	\$80,000
801 W Ann Arbor Trl	\$520,000
REDFORD	
13540 Beech Daly Rd	\$32,000
17639 Centralia	\$65,000
11755 Farley	\$44,000
20369 Fox	\$53,000
24602 Graham Rd	\$105,000

15474 Lennane	\$8,000
18671 Lennane	\$27,000
15344 Leona Dr	\$10,000
9314 Nathaline	\$75,000
27230 W Six Mile Rd	\$59,000
20453 Woodworth	\$33,000
WAYNE	
4966 Biddle St	\$53,000
4139 Eastlawn Ave	\$68,000
35323 Forest St	\$45,000
5024 Mildred St	\$15,000
33988 Richard St	\$20,000
4162 S John Hix Rd	\$25,000
WESTLAND	
7456 Affeldt St	\$36,000
2545 Barns Dr	\$166,000
35530 Birchwood St	\$45,000
31605 Beechwood St	\$40,000
536 Darwin St	\$86,000
35424 Dove Trl	\$80,000
32361 Fairchild St	\$89,000
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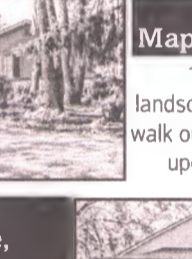
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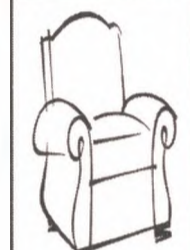
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From time to time our agreements with cable channels and television stations come up for renewal. While we do not anticipate any loss or disruption of service, regulators require us to notify you of the possibility of losing programming. Therefore, please be advised that our agreements with E!, Esquire, G4, Gol TV, Lifetime, Lifetime Movie Network, Lifetime Real Women, Music Choice (MC), NHL Center Ice, NHL Network and Youtube remain in effect on a month-to-month basis, but we may have to cease carriage in all formats if our authority to continue is withheld.

We are working diligently at this time to come to acceptable and fair terms with all these channels.

On September 23, 2013, Style will rebrand to Esquire and will continue to appear on the following channels:
Esquire Channel 124
Esquire HD Channel 324

On or before October 1, 2013, the following channels will be made available to Digital Tier subscribers:
CBS Sports Network Channel 557 and New Channel Location 165
CBS Sports Network HD Channel 657 and New Channel Location 365

On or after November 1, 2013, the following channels will change locations and tiers:
BTN Extra 02 will move from channel 157 to 94 and will move to Standard Tier.
BTN Extra 03 will move from channel 158 to 95 and will move to Standard Tier.
CBS Sports Network will no longer be available on channel 557.
CBS Sports Network HD will no longer be available on channel 657.

For more information, please call 1-877-885-8318 or visit our website at brighthouse.com



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Thursday PUZZLE CORNER

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

1 Tame carnivore
4 Resinlike substance
7 Amazon source
11 Sorrowful wail
13 I, to Nero
14 Important decades
15 Leather item
16 Drawback
18 Heats to boiling
20 Stingy person
21 Zilch
22 Jacuzzi feature
23 Ms. Lauper
26 Survive a storm (2 wds.)
30 Future fish
31 Lib. section
32 Dash widths
33 Drank a martini
36 — diem (seize the day)
38 Grab

DOWN

1 Bus alternative
2 Frothy brews
3 Soft mineral
4 Tennis great Ivan —
5 Historical periods
6 Subordinate employee
7 Dress size

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11			12		13		14		
15					16		17		
	18			19			20		
		21			22				
23	24	25		26			27	28	29
30				31			32		
33			34	35			36	37	
			38				39		
40	41	42			43			44	45
46				47			48		49
50				51			52		
53				54				55	

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SUDOKU

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

Level: Beginner

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

Word Search: Sleep Awareness

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

apnea comfort king queen sleep
bed evening night restless snoring
blanket insomnia pillows sheets twin

Word Search

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



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