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Plymouth Fall Festival opens for fun Friday

By Matt Jachman
 Staff Writer

The Plymouth Community Fall Festival, an extravaganza of eating and a major fundraiser for local service groups and nonprofits, launches its 2014 edition Friday in downtown Plymouth.

The festival offers three days of fun, fellowship and food, with activities ranging from carnival rides and Friday night bingo to an exhibit of classic and antique cars, a craft fair, a pet show, free entertainment all weekend and more.

The festival menu varies from the snacks and drinks sold by local churches, booster clubs and other organizations to full sit-down meals that have become festival staples: a Saturday morning pancake breakfast, a Saturday evening spaghetti dinner and the Plymouth Rotary Club's chicken barbecue Sunday. A related event, Taste Fest, takes place Friday evening outside Station 885 in Old Village, offering food from more than a dozen local restaurants.

But longtime festival-goers say it's really all about the community.

"I was raised in Plymouth (Township) and went to the Fall Festival every year. Over the years, it's really grown to what it is today. People really look forward to the local service clubs getting together to raise money for our community," Mark Riegal, president-elect of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, wrote in an email.

'Rewarding work'

Riegal's group, along with the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth, is sponsoring a pancake breakfast Saturday morning that will benefit Kiwanis causes, such as aiding young people and the

handicapped. Kiwanis Club of Plymouth began the breakfast about 55 years ago and the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth joined the effort about 15 years ago. Together, the two groups make up the Plymouth Kiwanis Foundation.

The breakfast is 7-11:30 a.m. Saturday at The Gathering, across from Kellogg Park; tickets are \$7 at the door (children 5 and under are free).

"We genuinely enjoy putting on this event, as it has become a Plymouth tradition and part of the fabric of our community.

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FILE PHOTO

The Plymouth Community Fall Festival began as a chicken barbecue nearly 60 years ago and the tradition continues today. This year's Rotary Club of Plymouth barbecue is 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (or until sold out) Sunday, Sept. 7, in Kellogg Park, with a takeout location at West Middle School.



Sixth-graders Lauren Davis, Malaika Lodhi and Jacqueline McLeod hug on their first day at Central Middle School.

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Pobur returning to fill Plymouth vacancy

By Matt Jachman
 Staff Writer

The Plymouth City Commission said farewell Tuesday to Meg Dooley and welcomed – or welcomed back – Colleen Pobur, who was named to replace her.

Dooley, elected in November 2011, is resigning from the commission effective Monday due to a move out of the city.

She offered a brief, teary-eyed goodbye to fellow commissioners at the close of Tuesday's meeting as several of them praised her diligence and skill.

"The best of the best," Commissioner Ed Hingelberg said.

The commission also voted unanimously to appoint Pobur, a former city commissioner and longtime member, plus current chairwoman of the city's Brownfield Authority, to fill the vacancy that will be left by Dooley's departure.

Pobur, who could be sworn in as early as Monday, will fill the remainder of the term, which expires in November of next year. She was nominated by

Mayor Dan Dwyer. Pobur spent six years on the commission, with a four-year term and a two-year term, and was its president pro tem for four years. She left the commission in 2003. She was also on the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for four years.

After Tuesday's meeting, Pobur said a priority for her will be to join other commissioners in looking for revenue to add an officer to the Plymouth Police Department. Commissioners and other city officials want to hire a 16th officer and have an officer who

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Dooley



Pobur

THE FINAL CHAPTER

Central begins its last year serving students

By Brad Kadrich
 Staff Writer

The first time Bryan Boyd walked through the doors at Central Middle School for the first day of school was 1991. On Tuesday, Boyd walked

through them for the last time.

It was a bittersweet moment for Boyd, the rest of the Central Middle School staff and some 780 students who returned to school in the venerable building, nestled for nearly a century at the corner of Main and Church in downtown Plymouth.

It was the final "first day" for the building, built in 1917 and being closed at the end of the 2014-15 school year in favor of building a new mid-

dle school in Canton.

"This building has been here so long and has so much history," said Boyd, who's been a teacher at his old school for 10 years. "To see it open its doors for the last time is an emotional day for a lot of us."

Final group

Eighth-grader Hannah Sheedy has a unique perspective on her school's last year. Sheedy, 13, who is in her third year at Central, said she's got

a neighbor who learned in the building way back when it was the district's only high school.

She said she's honored to be part of the school's last crop of students.

"Knowing all the history, it's breathtaking that you get to be the final class," said Hannah, a Plymouth resident.

Fellow eighth-grader Brooke Dorsey, who moved from West Middle School

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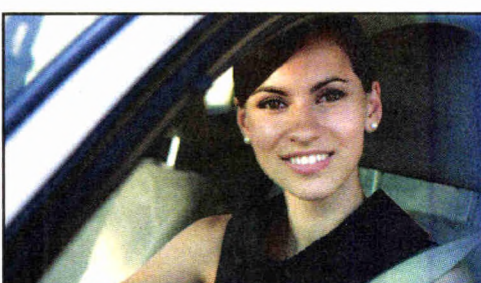
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following her sixth-grade year, was also happy to be part of the final group. "It's kind of cool because it's been here so long," Brooke said. "You are the last class. No one else gets to come here after you."

New skeleton

Not everyone was waxing quite so nostalgic. The building is being closed, officials have said, because it's too expensive to renovate it to make it an equitable learning environment on par with the district's four other middle schools.

For years, folks have said it's too hot in the summer, too cold in the winter and its infrastructure won't accommodate the kinds of technology used in modern teaching.

Language arts teacher Robbie Jarczewski, who has taught at Central for 23 years, said the building's environment makes it "harder to teach and learn." She has fond feelings for the old school, she said, but is looking forward to the move to the new, modern middle school next year.

"I will always feel fondly about Central, because of the impact it has had on my career," Jarczewski said. "The building is just a skeleton in which we do what we do, which is to teach the kids. To have a better skeleton to do that in is a good thing.

"If people want to tour (Central), I'll gladly be a docent," she added. "But I want my kids (learning) somewhere else."

Great memories

In her 29th year, Kathy Meyers is one of Central's most veteran teachers. She said the building's final "first day" evoked a variety of feelings.

"It's exciting and it's a little sad," Meyers said.



Eighth-grade American history teacher Bryan Boyd directs students into the building. Boyd, also a cross country and basketball coach, was once himself a student at Central.

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Eighth-grader Brooke Dorsey said it's "kind of cool ... you are the last class. No one else gets to come here after you."

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"It's exciting, as usual, because it's the first day. But it's a little sad, too, because I'm thinking of all the people I've known who aren't here anymore."

For his part, Boyd remembers nearly all the teachers he had in his three years in the building and those are the thoughts he brought to school with him Tuesday.

"Every time I come in this building, it takes me back to eighth grade," Boyd said. "Those are great memories."

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Mike Naji takes a photo of his twin daughters, Ayla and Abbey Naji, on their first day of sixth grade at Central Middle School.

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Language arts teacher Ryan Ballard brought doughnuts for Central staffers. English teacher Cherise Rose makes her selection.

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New rules aimed at park rowdiness

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Special rules for Fairground Park, at Wing and Maple in Plymouth, are aimed at curbing disruptive behavior by young people that has prompted complaints from neighboring residents.

The city commission approved the special rules with a voice vote during its meeting Tuesday. The rules call for Fairground Park, one of the larger city parks, to be closed between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. daily, ban smoking there and give the Plymouth Police Department the authority to close the park at any time.

"I think the rules will keep the park a wonderful place for all ages and a safe place to congregate," Patrick Garrett, who lives near the park, told the board. Garrett, a neighborhood association board member, and others canvassed the area recently and found what they said was overwhelming support for the new rules, with only three or four opponents out of 31 people they contacted.

Garrett said he and his young children have been exposed to rowdy behavior at the park that amounted to "a visual and verbal assault on the standards of public decency." Another neighbor told the board that young people who congregate there sometimes urinate on her property.

Increased patrols

Recent complaints, Police Chief Al Cox told commissioners, have led to an increased police presence near the park and one arrest for marijuana possession was made several weeks ago. Ironically, Cox said, it was young people who routinely gather at the park who made the complaint about a man smoking a marijuana cigarette and pointed him out to police.

Cox said that while the special rules should ease the situation and give police more tools in patrolling the park, they're not likely to altogether stop young people from gathering there. Commissioners said that while having a pleasant park is important, they're also sensitive to the need for teenagers to have a place to socialize.

The special rules proposal originally called for the park not to open until 8 a.m., but commissioners amended the plan Tuesday, saying a 6 a.m. opening time would accommodate people who want to walk dogs or exercise in the park early in the day.

The commission's resolution calls for enforcement of the special rules once signs listing them are posted, which is expected in about four weeks. Two other Plymouth parks are under special rules, Lions Park and Knights of Columbus Park.

ROADS CLOSED

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Drivers in Plymouth can expect the following streets to be closed either all weekend or partially through the weekend due to the Plymouth Community Fall Festival:

- » Main Street from Fralick to Wing Street.
- » Penniman from Harvey to Union Street.
- » Ann Arbor Trail from Forest Avenue to Union Street.
- » Union Street from Roe to Ann Arbor Trail.

Drivers can also anticipate that parking downtown will be limited throughout Fall Festival weekend. Drivers can expect that the Central Parking Deck and the East Central Parking Lot as well as most private lots will be charging for parking. The Fall Festival has made arrangements with the Chamber of Commerce to offer pre-paid discount parking coupons for the Central Parking Deck and East Central Parking Lot.

Forest.

» Motor City Soul, playing favorites from the last 50 years, 7 p.m. Saturday at the LaRiche Stage.

» The Plymouth Rotary Club's chicken barbecue, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at Kellogg Park, with a takeout location at West Middle School.

Fall Festival hours are noon to 11 p.m. Friday, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Praise Baptist Church is offering free parking and shuttle service to and from the festival, during all open hours. The church is at 45000 North Territorial.

A complete festival guide, with ticket information for the special events, can be found at www.plymouthfallfestival.com.

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zen, the festival's entertainment coordinator. "They're a high-energy variety band. They'll play something everybody will enjoy."

» An antique and classic car show, Saturday and Sunday, sponsored by the local Vietnam Veterans of America and Veterans of Foreign Wars

» The Plymouth Optimist Club's pet show, 9 a.m. Saturday at the Lou LaRiche Stage.

» The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M.'s spaghetti dinner, 4-8 p.m. Saturday behind the E.G. Nick's restaurant on

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would be dedicated to patrolling near drinking establishments at busy times, handling liquor licensing issues and stopping alcohol-related crimes like drunken driving. That, officials say, would free up time

for other officers to increase neighborhood patrols.

Pobur also said her MLCC experience could be useful as the commission handles liquor license issues. The city currently has a cap on licenses to sell alcohol by the glass: 14 such licenses in the downtown area and 10 elsewhere in town, but officials fre-

quently get inquiries from people interested in opening new bars or alcohol-serving restaurants.

Dooley, who is moving to Northville Township, was presented by Dwyer with a jacket with the city's seal on it. "I'll wear it with pride - in Northville," she said.

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It is fun and rewarding work," Riegal said.

Between ticket sales and place mat advertising, Kiwanians hope to raise about \$10,000. Organizations that have benefited in the past include First Step, Kids Against Hunger, the Salvation Army and the Methodist Children's Home.

Riegal said the breakfast will rely on more than 100 volunteers.

Other festival high-

lights include:

» A craft show, noon to dusk Friday, 9 a.m. to dusk Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday on Union Street, between Ann Arbor Trail and Roe.

» Bingo, 6-10 p.m. Friday at The Gathering, sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters, which supports the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band.

» The Dan Rafferty Band, 7 p.m. Friday at the Lou LaRiche Chevrolet Stage at Kellogg Park.

"People should definitely come out and see them," said James Giet-



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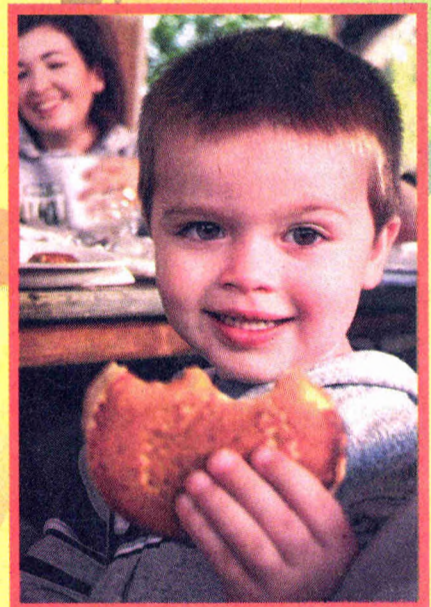
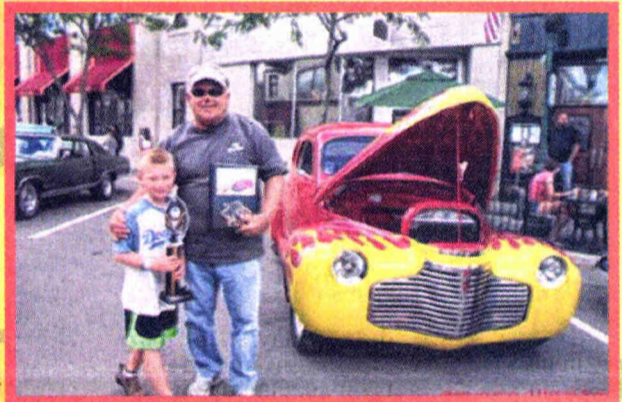
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Hearing delayed in McDonald's assault

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Canton woman and her younger cousin will have to wait a little longer to find out if they'll stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court over allegations stemming from an altercation with an Inkster woman outside a Canton fast-food restaurant.

The preliminary exam for Antoinette Hope Boone, a 37-year-old woman from Canton, and Alyah Chaurice Toosen-Boone, 19, of Inkster, originally scheduled for Friday, was rescheduled for Friday, Sept. 12,



Boone



Toosen-Boone

according to officials at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

An Inkster woman claims the pair threatened her with a gun and a chain outside the McDonald's restaurant near Michigan Avenue and Lotz.

The alleged victim told police the altercation arose

after she began dating a man who had a prior relationship with Boone.

Boone was originally arraigned Aug. 21 on two counts of felonious assault and one count each of carrying a concealed weapon and felony firearm, amid accusations she threatened the 30-year-old Inkster woman with a .40-caliber handgun, Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh said.

Toosen-Boone faces a single charge of felonious assault following allegations she made threats with a chain.

Judge James Plakas ordered the defendants jailed

with \$20,000/10-percent bonds.

The most serious charge against the women carries a four-year prison term with a conviction.

Boone and Toosen-Boone were charged after the victim told police she was threatened outside the restaurant about 11:30 p.m. Aug. 14. The victim alleged she pulled her car into the parking lot after she was trailed by suspects who swerved into her lane, yelled at her and threw objects at her car, Baugh said.

The victim told police she works with Boone and the man who has dated both of them.

The victim drove to the McDonald's to meet up with a friend who gave a similar account of the incident to police, saying she also was threatened.

The victim told police she retrieved a baseball bat from her car as she faced the suspects armed with a handgun and a chain. She told police she lives in fear of Boone. No shots were fired outside the McDonald's.

Police confiscated the handgun and chain from the scene. The victim told police the tires of her car had previously been slashed at work.

CANTON CRIME WATCH

Double switch

Canton Police were called to the Home Depot on Michigan Avenue after loss-prevention staff notified them of a man and woman who tried to make off with a variety of items.

According to the police report, the store's loss prevention officer told police he had the woman in custody, but that the man had fled. Police searched the area for the man, described as being in his 30s with blond hair, but couldn't locate him.

The report said that the LPO told police the man and woman entered the store together, with the man pushing a flat-bed cart and the woman with a shopping cart. The man placed two items of various selections on the flatbed, then met up with the female, and the pair took one of each item off the flatbed and put it in the woman's cart.

The woman then went through the checkout and paid for the items in the cart. According to the police report, she then re-entered the store, grabbed the flatbed cart

and tried to exit the store, showing the receipt she'd gotten previously.

When she tried to leave the store with the second set of items, she was detained, but the male suspect got away.

Stolen property

A patrolling Canton Police officer noticed a white Dodge van going very slowly westbound on Michigan Avenue, near Canton Center.

A computer check registered the license plate as expired, but the plate bore a March 2015 registration sticker. The officer pulled the van over.

According to the police report, the officer checked the registration tabs and discovered they were actually registered to a Buick convertible owned by a Plymouth Township man.

While the officer was investigating the discrepancy, the driver decided he wanted "to come clean," according to the police report. He told the officer he'd been approached at a Canton bar by an unknown male who told him he could

get a registration tab for \$25 and he took the young man up on the offer.

Police arrested the driver for the false tag.

Telephone harassment

A Canton resident told police she's been the victim of harassing phone calls and text messages from a former employer.

The victim told police the woman owned a home care business she said was shut down by the state, according to the police report. She said she had stopped working for the woman in July 2014. The victim told police the woman owed her wages for 67 hours worked, but refused to pay them.

She said she contacted her former employer several times, before the woman blocked her phone number. She said the woman then began calling and texting her, forcing her to block her former employer's number.

She said the gist of the calls and texts was that the woman was not going to pay her the wages and

threats to "negatively impact" her ability to work in the future.

Retail fraud

Canton Police responded to the Walmart on Michigan Avenue when that store's loss prevention officer reported having a suspect in custody.

The LPO told police he saw a female select a blender from the housewares department, then proceed to the service desk, where she tried to return the item.

When the return was denied, the woman reportedly left the store, still carrying the blender, according to police reports.

The woman was also found with alternate identification, which she told police belonged to her twin sister and whose permission she had to use it.

According to the report, the woman told police she was going to use the money from the return to purchase food for her baby.

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Woman arrested in drug store shoplifting

A 35-year-old Plymouth woman was arrested on a retail-fraud charge Aug. 28 at the CVS drug store at Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road.

Officers, called about a shoplifting in progress, stopped the suspect as she exited the store around 7:30 a.m. and found her with more than \$300 worth of stolen items, mostly cosmetic supplies, in her purse, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. She had also purchased some items, which were in a shopping cart, and offered to pay for the items in her purse, police said.

A CVS employee told police she had witnessed the woman placing makeup and laundry detergent pods in her purse while shopping in the store, police said.

Vehicle burglaries

A purse with cash in it, plus debit and credit cards and identification, was reported stolen Friday from a car parked in the driveway of a house on Wildwood Court.

The Ford Explorer had been left unlocked, police said. The theft occurred between 7 p.m. Aug. 28 and 8 a.m. Friday, police said.

The victim told police she later learned that one of her debit cards had been used at a Detroit gas station.

A navigation device and the holder that attaches it to a vehicle windshield were reported stolen Friday from a car parked in the driveway of a house on Hilltop Drive.

The theft occurred between 7:30 p.m. Aug. 28 and 2 p.m. Friday, a police report said. The victim told police that the Ford Flex had likely been left unlocked.

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Candidate forums designed to inform voters

Voters hoping to learn as much as possible about political candidates for a variety of offices are getting a boost from the League of Women Voters of North-ville Wayne County. The LWV will host several candidate forums over the next few weeks in an effort to educate voters about candidates' positions on various issues.

The LWV does not endorse in these races; the mission is simply to inform. All candidates in all races have been invited to participate in the following forums:
 » Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education – 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main. Candidates include

incumbent Kim Crouch, Tom Kelly, Estelle Olian-sky, Michael Siegrist, Kate Borninski, Don Turner, Drex Morton and Amy Fava.
 » State House, 20th and 21st Districts – 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29, Canton Township hall, 1150 S. Canton Center. Candidates for the 20th District, which serves Plymouth, Ply-

mouth Township, Wayne, Northville Township and part of Canton, include Republican incumbent Kurt Heise of Plymouth Township and Democrat Nate Smith-Tyge of Plymouth.
 Candidates for the 21st District, which serves Canton, Belleville and Van Buren, include Democrat Kristy Pagan and Republican Carol Ann Fausone, both of

Canton.
 » Livonia Public Schools Board of Education – 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive. Candidates include Colleen Burton, Jake Emerick, Jeffrey T. Jacobs, Liz Jarvis, Mark R. Johnson, Steve Johnson, Suzanne Migrin, Gregory E. Zotos and Dan Centers.

» Michigan Senate, 7th District – 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13, Livonia Civic Center Library auditorium, 32777 Five Mile. The newly redrawn district serves Canton, Plymouth, Livonia and Wayne. Candidates include incumbent Republican Patrick Colbeck and Democrat challenger Dian Slavens, both of Canton.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

VETERANS SUMMIT

Date/Time: Wednesday, Sept. 10, 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Location: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia
Details: The Canton Community Foundation hosts its fifth annual Veterans Summit, a free event open to veterans of all branches of the military, along with their friends and family members. A free lunch is provided. Veteran Affairs experts will educate attendees as to their entitled benefits in health care, pension, disabilities, VA eligibility and new resources at the MVAA. Following the formal program, veterans will have an opportunity to meet one-on-one with VA representatives and other advocates to help them solve their specific problems and to visit the Veterans Expo to check out area sponsors and their programs for veterans.
Contact: For more information or to register for this free event, go to www.cantonfoundation.org or contact Beth Meade at 734-495-1200.

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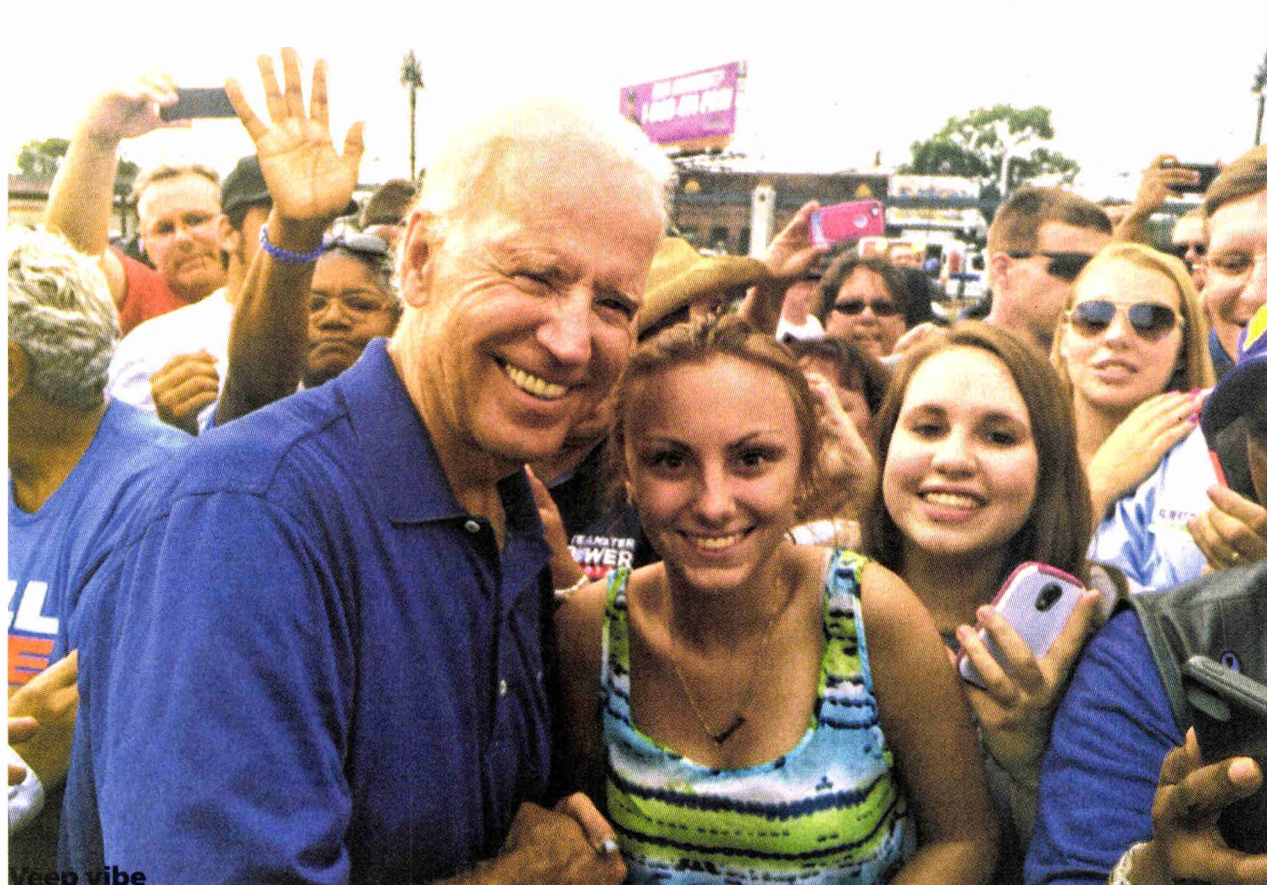
Date/Time: Wednesday, Sept. 10, 7:15 p.m.
Location: Hanford Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford, Canton
Details: The Canton Newcomers & Neighbors Club is open to all women regardless of how long they have lived in the Canton area, including women who live in any of the surrounding communities. The new season kick-off event, "Grande Reveal - It's so Refreshing," is free to attend. A whole new volunteer leadership team will reveal updates planned for the club, including changing meetings into events, exploring new event venues and experimenting with day trip destinations. A new Concierge Program designed to foster relationships with new members during their first two years of membership will care for new arrivals. Olga's Kitchen of Canton is providing refreshments and prizes will be given away.
Contact: Space is limited; RSVP to reserve a spot by calling Kathy Cooney at 734-404-5998 or visit CantonWomen.com for more information.

HEISE HOURS

Date: Monday, Sept. 8.
Times/Locations: 10-11 a.m., Parthenon Coney Island, 39910 Ford Road, Canton; noon to 1 p.m., Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady; 3-4 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main.
Details: State Rep. Kurt Heise invites local residents to meet with him to share their perspectives and ask questions. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office.
Contact: Residents are invited to call toll-free 855-REP-KURT or email kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

HEAD START ENROLLMENT

Date: Starts Sept. 8
Location: Plymouth-Canton Head Start, 5880 Canton Center, Suite 450, Canton
Details: Registration is now open for Plymouth-Canton's Head Start program. The program is open to children ages 2½ to 4 years old (must be 3 years



Canton resident Amanda Hunt, a 17-year-old senior at Canton High School, got a thrill Labor Day when she got to meet Vice President Joe Biden during his visit to Detroit. Amanda, the daughter of Susan and Bill Hunt of Canton, was "thrilled," because history and politics are strong interests for her.

old by Oct. 1). Head Start is a free preschool for low-income families and accepts children with disabilities/special needs.
Contact: For more information and to enroll, call 734-354-5196.

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Date/Time: Sunday, Sept. 21, 2:30 p.m.
Location: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 N. Haggerty, Plymouth Township
Details: Widowed Friends, a peer support group, invites all widowed men and women to celebrate Mass together. Refreshments follow.
Contact: For more info, call Angie at 734-905-7262 or visit the website at www.widowed-friends.org.

GRIEF SUPPORT

Date/Time: First and third Thursday of each month, 10-11:30 a.m.
Location: Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman, Plymouth
Details: Compassionate Coffee Club is an open and ongoing grief support group offering support and socialization for widows and widowers moving beyond the first year of loss. The program is sponsored by Compassionate Care Hospice and is free of charge, although a drink purchase is required for use of the space.
Contact: For more information, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator, at 888-983-9050 or email achristensen@cchnet.net.

CRAFT BAZAAR

Date: Saturday, Dec. 6.
Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: The Plymouth Historical Museum is accepting applications for its annual Juried Craft Bazaar. Applicants are required to submit three or four photos

of craft items for judges to select participants as there is a limit of crafters to five per category. Table rentals are \$30 each and most are 8 feet wide, although there are some space variations available. The museum is offering free admission that day for both museum patrons and Craft Bazaar shoppers. Crafters are requested to donate an item for the museum's raffle. The application is available at www.plymouthhistory.org/cm/dpl/downloads/events/117/craft_show.pdf.

TASTE FEST

Date/Time: Friday, Sept. 5, 6-8 p.m.
Location: Station 885, 885 Starkweather, Plymouth's Old Village
Details: The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club and Station 885 are sponsoring the Taste Fest, which will offer great food and wine tasting. Participants include Bahama Breeze, Claddagh Pub, Cupcake Station, Elite Catering, Grand Traverse Pie Co., Happy's Pizza & Ribs, LaBistecca Italian Grille, Max & Erma's Plymouth, Mitchell's Fish Market, Noodles & Company, Plymouth Roc, Rocky's of Northville, Rusty Bucket, Station 885, Vintner's Canton Winery and Zoup Soup, Salad & Sandwiches. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. There's a live band, cash bar and more food and tables. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, Station 885 and at U.P. Pasties on Main Street.
Contact: Call 734-459-1896 for more information.

PERENNIAL EXCHANGE

Date/Time: Saturday, Sept. 6, 9-11 a.m.
Location: Plymouth Fall Festival, east end of Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth

Details: The Trailwood Garden Club sponsors a Perennial Exchange at the Plymouth Fall Festival. This is open to the community without charge; bring something (healthy plants only), take something or just stop by and see what is available. Members will be available to answer questions. Trailwood Garden Club is a member of the

Woman's National Farm & Garden Association.
Contact: For further information, call 734-459-7146.
MEDICARE/MEDICAID COUNSELING
Date/Time: Wednesday, Sept. 17, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Location: United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center

Road, Ste 250, Canton
Details: United Home Health Services offers free individual counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor who will help you understand: Medicare/Medicaid eligibility, transitioning from employer coverage to Medicare, plan options, assistance programs, drug insurance, and Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse identification and reporting. Medicare plan enrollment and subsidy application assistance also provided.
Contact: Heather Pinage, 734-727-2063. Please specify you are requesting an appointment for the United Home Health location. For MMAP information visit www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html

OLGC ALPHA SERIES

Date/Time: Courses begin week of Sept. 9 and end week of Nov. 18. Times vary.
Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth
Details: Registration is now open for the parish's Alpha Course. The 11-week program involves interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each session includes a meal, short talk and informal group discussion. Our Lady of Good Counsel launched Alpha September 2013. By the end of the winter session in 2014, a total of 1,500 people completed the course.
Contact: To register or for more information, go to www.olgc-parish.net/events/alpha or call 734-453-0326. Open to all, Alpha is free to anyone living in the OLGC Parish boundaries and not registered at another parish.



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Third-grade teacher Holly Patterson and her class take a first day of school class selfie.

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PARTY ATMOSPHERE

Excitement abounds as kids go back to school

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Kool & the Gang's *Celebration* blared from the speakers and balloons dotted the landscape at Hoben Elementary School, as teachers and staff welcomed students back with music and hugs Tuesday.

It was a first-day welcome with a party atmosphere befitting staff and students excited about the beginning of the year at the Canton school, which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year.

"It's a brand-new year, a brand-new start," said reading interventionist Kate McAllister, who has taught at Hoben for 18 years. "We get new families to welcome and we get the kids who are coming back. There's a mixture of nervousness and excitement for everyone."

Tuesday was the first day of school for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools students, as it was for most students around the state.

But it was a first day for Diana Danyluk, too.

Danyluk, a retiree who lives in Livonia, was on crossing guard duty at Saltz, across from Hoben, where she was volunteering for the first time as teachers and staff welcomed their charges back into the fold.

"I'm retired and it seemed like a good way to get out of the house," said Danyluk, who heard about the crossing guard opportunity through the district's transportation vendor. "It's good to see the kids, because they're excited about going back."

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Maria AngeloSanto, Sydney Bridgman, Sorayah Austin and Brianna Amick look over their class schedules.

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Anna Yaekle is reassured by her mom Beth Yaekle on her first day of third grade.

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The buses rolled in and the students hopped off on the first day of school at Central Middle School in Plymouth.

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First-grader Jaida Quinn and her father Terrence Quinn hold hands on her way to class.

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Rebecca Brien kisses son Bennett, 4, before he enters his Young-5 classroom. Sister Mia, 3, peeks in at the classroom.

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Museum features 'street name' program

The first Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum monthly meeting for 2014-15 features Bob Sadler from the Detroit Historical Society speaking about "Unique Street Names."

The meeting takes place at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main.

Many towns have an Elm Street, Washington Boulevard or Second Avenue. Setting Detroit apart, organizers say, are the recognizable names of streets like Woodward, Beaubien, Mount Elliot and Selden.

Behind each of these monikers is a man or

woman who played a part in Detroit's past. This unique presentation uses everyday street signs to explore the 300 years of Detroit's history and the story of the people whose legacy is traversed by citizens every day.

Sadler is director of marketing and sales for the Detroit Historical Society, which operates the Detroit Historical Museum. Prior to coming to the Society in 1997, Sadler spent more than six years in a variety of positions - the final three as director of marketing and education - for the Epilepsy Center (now Epilepsy Foundation) of Michigan in Southfield.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, Sadler holds a bachelor of arts degree in communication studies from the University of Detroit and a master's in business administration in marketing from Wayne State University. Sadler resides in Dearborn with his wife and son.

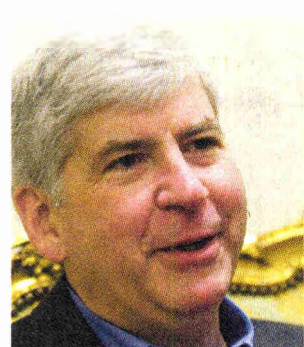
This event is free and open to the public. Note that meetings have been changed to the second Tuesday of each month this year, so that more parking will be available. For more information, call 734-455-8940 or email secretary@plymouthhistory.org.

Governor to speak at business breakfast at Schoolcraft

Gov. Rick Snyder will speak to a gathering of business leaders from Livonia, Farmington and Farmington Hills during a breakfast event Friday, Oct. 10, at the Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center.

The Livonia and Greater Farmington Area chambers of commerce are coordinating the program - sponsored by Edward Jones-Robin Whitfield financial adviser, Cambridge Property and Casualty, OpTech and Bosch. The program will run 8-9:30 a.m. After some prepared comments, Snyder will answer audience questions.

Together, the Livonia and Greater Farmington Area chambers serve some 1,400 members and represent two of Michigan's 11 largest cities.



Snyder

Both chambers are non-partisan, nonprofit trade organizations that promote their business communities.

"We are honored to welcome the governor back to our area and give our chamber members a chance to hear directly from him," said Dan West, president of the

Livonia Chamber of Commerce.

Janet Bloom, interim executive director of the Greater Farmington Area Chamber, added: "Our chambers have a great partnership and that enables us to bring these types of programs to our members."

Seats for the Snyder event will be \$25 for chamber members and \$35 for non-members. Corporate tables of eight will cost \$200 for members and \$280 for non-members. There are a limited number of seats for this event. Proceeds from the program benefit each chamber.

The Farmington Area Chamber can be reached by calling 248-919-6917. The Livonia Chamber can be reached by calling 734-427-2122.

Dance studio hosts auditions for holiday show

Central City Dance Center will host auditions for potential performers in the studio's holiday tradition, the Central City Christmas Spectacular.

Auditions take place Sept. 9-10 for experienced dancers, soloist singers and gymnasts, ages 6 to adult. Auditions will take place at Central City Dance Center, 6700 N. Canton Center, in Canton.

The Christmas Spectacular is a Broadway-style Christmas show, featuring some of the most talented performers from Plymouth-Canton and surrounding communities.

The auditions are not specific to students of any one dance studio, but are open to anyone in the

community interested in participating in a professional theatrical spectacle. Past cast members have consisted of performers from as far away as Brighton, Detroit, Ann Arbor and Toledo.

The Central City Christmas Spectacular features tap and jazz dancers, singers, glitzy costumes, flashy set designs and follows an exciting storyline with professional actors. The show is designed for the entire family to enjoy.

"The Christmas Spectacular seems to exceed audience-goers' expectations each year," said Tim Smola, one of the show's directors. "I think they come expecting to see a dance recital, but are amazed when they

see the set designs and the amazing theatrical effects. Many families attend the performance every season because they enjoy seeing the changes from year to year."

Auditions are open to the general public and to all area dancers ages 6 to adult, gymnasts of all ages and singers age 14 to adult. Audition times run 4:30-8 p.m. and specific times for each age group are listed at www.centralcitydance.com.

Those participating must read through the audition process information and choose one audition day, either Tuesday, Sept. 9, or Wednesday, Sept. 10. There is a \$10 fee to audition.

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JB Ashtin marks 15-year anniversary

The JB Ashtin Group, Inc., a local scientific communications agency, celebrated an important corporate milestone this week.

The 25-employee organization is reflecting on 15 years of supporting the communication needs of global pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device companies.

"We really enjoy helping our clients disseminate important scientific data and disease-related information to the medical community," said founder and president Joni Bradley, PharmD. "By doing this, we help medical professionals make informed health care decisions for their patients. We consider ourselves 'agents of science.'"

Bradley said in 1999, she had intended on having a small, home-based medical communication consulting business. But "thanks to great clients who over the years have given me many opportunities to grow," she said,



As part of its community outreach, JB Ashtin volunteers took part in the recent "Life Remodeled" cleanup in Detroit.

the company is continuing to expand with employees in its Plymouth headquarters and staff in Philadelphia, Chicago, Indianapolis and Tampa.

Bradley attributes her company's ability to thrive in a highly com-

petitive industry to the passion her staff has for science, client service and to the corporate culture that she and her leadership team foster.

"People make the difference," she said. "I couldn't be more proud

of our team, especially the way they are committed to excellence and to developing strong client and health care provider relationships."

Business is one thing, but JB Ashtin is also very active in its neigh-



The JB Ashtin management team helped celebrate the firm's 15th anniversary this week.

boring communities.

"Getting involved with our community has always been a priority at JB Ashtin," said Jeanne Nickoloff, chief operating officer. "We have fun getting involved to support worthwhile causes."

Most recently, the staff volunteered time to Detroit Life Remodeled, a locally based nonprofit organization that changes lives by rebuilding the city's neighborhoods. Other organizations the company supports include Gleaners

Community Food Bank of Southeast Michigan, The American Heart Association - Go Red for Women, The American Cancer Society - Making Strides and Heifer International.

"We are truly grateful for and humbled by our loyal clients, many of whom have continued to use our services, even as they merged with other corporations over the years," Bradley said. "It is very rewarding to have had continued business with our very first client."

Dodge dealer raises money for high school

Plymouth High School students and families participated in a Dodge Booster Club fundraiser recently that raised \$2,740 for the high school.

During the fundraiser, held in conjunction with the Football Black & Silver Scrimmage & Picnic, the Dodge brand contributed \$20 for each test drive in a new 2014

Dodge Durango, Journey, Grand Caravan or Dart.

"Dodge dealers are committed to giving back to their communities," said Jeffrey Kommer, vice president-sales operations, Chrysler Group LLC. "We're proud to support organizations like this one that encourage student development and growth."

Mike Dragojevic,

manager of the Great Lakes Business Center for Chrysler Group, LLC, called the Dodge Booster Club fundraiser a "mutually beneficial program."

"We are pleased to support our local schools and enjoy demonstrating a terrific, world-class product," Dragojevic said. "Parents are genuinely interested in testing



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our 2014 Dodge brand lineup and we are happy to help raise extra dollars for the school. The Dodge Booster Club fundraiser allows us the opportunity to work together for the kids and

everyone has a great time."

Since 1993, Dodge has helped raise more than \$5 million for local schools with test drive programs like the Dodge Booster Club fundraiser.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

New eatery

La Strovia, Plymouth's newest breakfast and lunch cafe specializing in healthy, organic foods, is now open, according to the folks at the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority.

La Strovia (which in Polish means "to your health") is located at 581 Forest. Owner William Fryer is also looking for baristas, cooks and dishwashers.

For more information on the restaurant, visit www.facebook.com/LaStroviaCafe

Ladies night

Downtown Plymouth retailers help host the community's annual Ladies Night Out 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25.

This event is a night for ladies to enjoy an evening on the town with friends.

Visit the participating stores and enjoy shopping, gifts, samples, prizes and refreshments. Several restaurants will also have special drinks, appetizers and more.

Participating stores this year include: Beauty Haven, Bella Mia, Birch Wood, Candy Trail, Core Sport Pilates, Creatopia, Dearborn Jewelers, Esquire Interiors, Focal Point Photography Studio, Genuine Toy Co., Gigi's Mode, Hands on Leather, Haven, Home Sweet Home, Kilwin's, Little Black Heart/Bed & Boutique, Lolaryan, Maggie & Me, Magnolia, Merle Norman, Old World Olive Press, Opn Dohr, Painting Escapes, Plymouth Yoga Room, R.S.V.P., Salon Awesome,

sideways, Simply the Best, Spa Agio, Sun & Snow, Sunny J's and TranquiliTea.

Back by popular demand, Mr. 48170 will again be handing out roses to the first 500 ladies, courtesy of Ribar Floral.

For more information, contact the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at 734-453-1540.

Top Realtor

Bart Patterson, vice president/general manager of Canton-based RE/MAX Classic, has been elected the 2014 Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors Realtor of the Year.

Patterson has been in the real estate business since 1996 and obtained

his associate broker license in 1999. He is the immediate past president of GMAR and has been a GMAR

director for the past six years.

He has been vice president and GM of RE/MAX Classic for eight years, where he has developed and implemented a new agent training program. Patterson's knowledge and abilities have a wide-reaching effect as he is involved with the operation of four different offices in the Detroit area that encompass 140 agents.

"It was a shock," Patterson said of the honor. "It is truly a great thing

to have been nominated and then to have won, along with all the people who have been before me and all the people who will be after me. It's a great honor, really."

He has been involved with the Canton Chamber of Commerce for his entire 18 years as a Realtor and served on the Board of Directors from 2003-10 and as chair in 2005-06.

Patterson is also a member of the Canton Downtown Development Authority and a board member of the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, where his real estate expertise proved helpful in the securing of a historic 14-acre parcel that was formerly a Ford plant.

Specialist certification

Livonia-based The Recovery Project, a leading provider of physical therapy to people with spinal cord injuries, traumatic brain injuries and other neurological disorders, announced co-CEO and lead physical therapist Polly Swingle and Gwen Dani have earned their Geriatric Certified Specialist certifications from the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialists.

Administered by the ABPTS to qualified professionals once per year, the certification is designed to recognize physical therapists with advanced clinical knowledge and experience and to help consumers identify area specialists. Only 36 physical therapists in Michigan have earned this certification to date.



Patterson

Whalers raise more than \$5,000 for John Bieniewicz Foundation

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers are no strangers to benefiting the community. The team continued that trend Saturday to help the family of a man killed earlier this summer at a Livonia soccer field.

The Whalers, based in Plymouth's Compuware Arena, played a charity preseason game against the Windsor Spitfires to benefit the John Bieniewicz Foundation, as well as Michigan Concerns of Police Survivors.

The Whalers, members of the Ontario Hockey League, defeated the Spitfires 10-2 in a game that was the first preseason contest at the team's arena in nearly six years.

"I thought it was a good start to the season," said Pete Krupsky, a spokesman for the Whalers. "It was a very nice event."

The team has visited several area arenas each year for a preseason game as a way to give back to the community.



A ceremonial faceoff Saturday included the Bieniewicz family, Plymouth captain Alex Peters (left) and Windsor captain Patrick Sanvido. Both are Dallas Stars draft picks.



RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

Youngsters had a chance to play on the ice Saturday at Compuware Arena.

Last year's contest, also against the Spitfires, took place at Livonia's Eddie Edgar Arena and benefited Larry Nehasil Park.

Saturday's game brought in more than \$5,000, though Krupsky said that figure will change.

"That's not a final count," he said. "It's continuing to go up and up."

and up."

Bieniewicz, a Westland resident, was officiating a soccer match in June at Livonia's Mies Park when police say he was assaulted by a player he was attempting to eject from the game. That player, 36-year-old Dearborn resident Bassel Saad, has been charged with second-degree murder and is due back in court next week for a motion hearing.

Krupsky said the team wished the arena would have attracted more people for the game, but other activities, including the start of college football in Michigan, may have affected attendance.

But he said the Bieniewicz family seemed to be pleased with the results. The family participated in a ceremonial puck drop between the teams before the game. "They were pretty happy," he said. "From that regard, it was a pretty good event."

The Whalers will continue giving back in Wayne County with a benefit game this weekend against the Saginaw Spirit at Compuware Arena. All proceeds from

this Saturday's game, which starts at 7 p.m., will go to teams and other activities in the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Advance tickets at compuwarearena.com or at the arena box office, 14900 Beck in Plymouth, are \$10. Tickets at the door cost \$12.

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Annual Blues, Brews and Barbecue event moves to Central City Park

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A new location in Central City Park and a Blues Brothers cover band will be featured in Westland's fourth annual Blues, Brews and Barbecue, set for Friday and Saturday, Sept. 12-13.

The beer and food tent, along with the stage, will be located in Central City Park adjoining the new Farmers and Artisans Market Pavilion, which will provide the dining area.

There had been some question about whether Central City Park, which had to be cleared as part of contaminated soil remediation, could be used for tents since the ground can't be disturbed.

"We're using a weighted tent, so we'll be all out there with the stage and tents," Westland Economic Development Director Lori Fodale said. "We will use the pavilion and have big tents for shade, since there aren't any trees."

Starts Friday

Festivities get underway at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, with music by the Randy Brock Group, followed at 8 p.m. by the Blues Brothers cover band the Soul Men with the Paradise Band.

The opening night is also Bike Night, with free parking offered for motorcycles in the new parking area off Carlson adjoining the pavilion. Reflections Custom Cycles will be on hand.

"They will debut a new bike and have other bikes on display. They will display a breast cancer motorcycle," Fodale said.

Ashley's Beer and Grill will provide the beer again this year. Returning food vendors will include Beaver Creek, Biggby Coffee, Famous Dave, Hickory Barbecue, Longhorn Steakhouse, Texas Roadhouse and Kona Ice. The vendors make some profit from food and beverage tickets sales, as do nonprofit groups based on volunteers hours worked at the event.

"The nonprofits have received over \$58,000 over the last three years," Fodale said. "We split the money (with the vendors) and every year Longhorn Steakhouse gives all the money back to the event."

Show off area

Last year, the two-day Blues, Brews and Barbecue attracted more than 4,000 people from all over the metro area, Fodale said.

"It brings people from

all over Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. It's a perfect opportunity to show off the area to people," Fodale said.

The music, food and beer kick off at noon Saturday, Sept. 13, and continue until 10 p.m. The musical lineup will include the Big Bill Harwell Band, the Chris Canas Band, the Alligators, the Boa Constrictors and headliners Big Ray and the Motor City Kings.

For more information, visit cityofwestland.com/play/blues-brews-and-bbq.

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Westland Police warn of phony IRS telephone scam

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

After a local woman was recently ripped off for \$5,000, Westland Police are warning residents to be aware of a telephone scam.

The caller claimed to be from the IRS and told the woman she owed \$5,000 based on a recent audit of her taxes, Westland Deputy Police Chief Todd Adams said.

"The caller told her she would be arrested if she didn't pay," Adams said. "She was told to buy Green Dot cards - they are prepaid debit cards."

Once the Green Dot cards had been pur-

chased, Adams said the victim was told to read the numbers on the cards so the caller could retrieve the money.

At one point during this fraud, Adams said the victim received a phone call that appeared on her caller ID as coming from the Westland Police Department's phone number.

"She was familiar with the number and that raised her suspicions," Adams said. "He probably had made quick online purchases, so the money was gone."

The woman, 55, came to the police department to file a complaint.

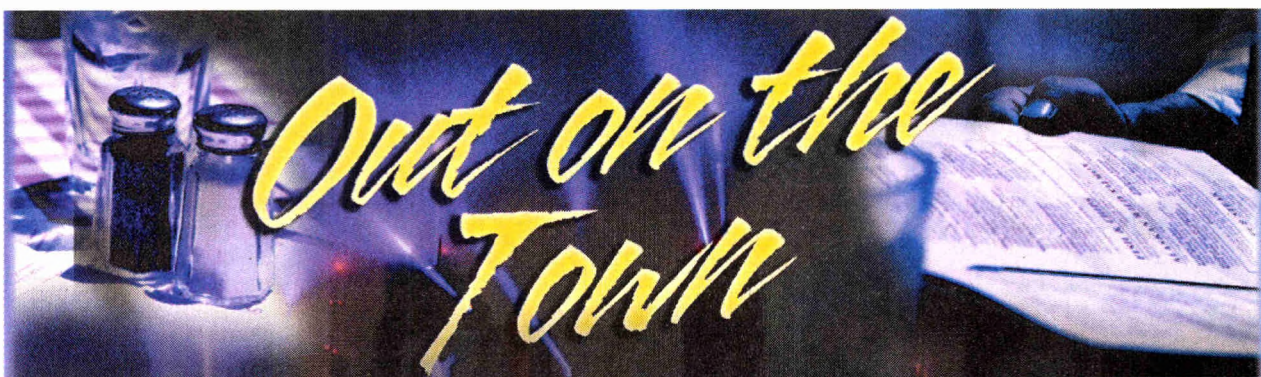
"The Westland department would like to

make everyone aware of this type of fraud," Adams said. "Please know that the Westland Police Department does not solicit money over the phone with the threat of arrest."

This appears to be a variation on the type of fraud where someone calls an elderly person claiming to be a grandchild in need to bail money. That one often uses Western Union to have funds wired.

If you receive such a call, contact the Westland Police at 734-722-9600 and report it.

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OUR VIEW

Put student, bus safety first during school year

It's a new school year and it's hard to say who is more excited – the kids who get to see classmates after the summer break and meet their new teachers or the parents who are probably celebrating the fact that the kids are out of their hair.

Whatever the case, it's a busy time in neighborhoods and around schools, with an increase in foot and motor traffic. Drivers play an important role in safety near schools at this busy time of the year. Getting the kids into a routine takes time and can leave parents rushing to get them to school on time. A driver in a hurry can lead to unsafe conditions for students and others walking, bicycling and driving in the area.

According to the National Safety Council, drivers should always:

» Slow down and obey all traffic laws and speed limits, both in school zones and in



neighborhoods surrounding the school.

» Comply with local school drop-off and pickup procedures for the safety of all children accessing the school.

» Avoid double parking or stopping on crosswalks to let children out of the car. Double parking blocks visibility for other children and motorists.

» Avoid loading or unloading children at locations across the street from the school. That forces youngsters

to cross busy streets unnecessarily – often mid-block rather than at a crosswalk.

» Watch for children walking or biking to school when backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage.

Another thing drivers need to be cognizant of is the school bus. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, riding a bus to school is 13 times safer than riding in a passenger vehicle and 10 times safer than walk-

ing to school. However, the reality of school bus safety is that more children are hurt outside the bus than inside as passengers.

Most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related crashes are pedestrians, 4-7 years old, who are hit by the bus or by motorists illegally passing a stopped school bus. For that reason, drivers need to know the proper laws and procedures for sharing the road safely with school buses.

Every state has a law making it illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children. School buses use yellow flashing lights to alert motorists that they are preparing to stop. Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign arm signals that the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off. Never pass a school bus on the right. It is illegal and could have tragic consequences.

All 50 states also require

that traffic in both directions stop on undivided roadways when students are getting on and off a school bus and traffic behind the school bus must stop. The area 10 feet around a school bus is where children are in the most danger of being hit. Motorists should stop their vehicle far enough from the bus to allow children the space to safely enter and exit the bus.

Be alert. Children are unpredictable. Children walking to or from their bus who are comfortable with their surroundings tend to take risks and fail to look both ways when crossing the street. Watch for children playing and gathering near bus stops or those arriving late for the bus. They may run into the street without looking for traffic.

The start of the school year can be a challenge for parents, students and motorists. They all need to be alert and put safety first now and throughout the school year.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Politics as usual

There is an old adage in politics that if you can't win on facts, attack your opponent. That is why I read with some amusement the fact-challenged Letter to the Editor by Republican caucus leader Michael Hansel feigning outrage about perfectly legal emails sent by Rep. Dian Slavens to Plymouth-Canton teachers.

The way we know for certain that Mr. Hansel is stretching the truth is that he shows no such outrage over the right-wing Mackinac Center sending similar emails to P-CCS staff. Why the double standard? Politics as usual, that's why.

Facts are stubborn things and when it comes to education funding over the last four years, there is a clear choice in the race for state Senate 7th District. Dian Slavens understands the importance of a high-quality education to our families, our economy and the

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future of our state. She believes that our schools should be preparing our kids for college and the changing job market and that they need support from the Legislature to do that.

As a state representative, Dian has fought the cuts to K-12 schools and higher education. She will make adequately funding our public schools and pro-

tecting School Aid Fund dollars a priority in the Senate and will also fight against efforts to turn education into a for-profit enterprise in Michigan.

Dian also supports the Michigan 2020 Plan, which seeks to provide in-state college tuition to all Michigan high school graduates, and will fight for its passage in the Senate, along with all other efforts to make a higher education more affordable and accessible for all.

Contrast that with Sen. Colbeck, who has supported the slashing of funding to our children's classrooms, forcing school districts like Plymouth-Canton and Northville to make painful and dangerous cuts to vital programs, services and staff while trying to maintain reasonable class sizes, a key to student academic success. In addition to rubber-stamping these funding cuts, Sen. Colbeck is the leading advocate in Lansing of diverting limited education funds to for-profit

charter and cyber schools, the same institutions who had their academic and financial irregularities exposed in a recent *Detroit Free Press* series.

As a voter, my main concern is that Lansing listens to parents and provides Michigan with strong bipartisan support of public education. We need senators who are truly fighters for the best interests of all children and parents, not a chosen few. One of those fighters is Dian Slavens.

Mike Pare
Canton

Fausone best choice

Carol Ann Fausone is by far the most qualified candidate for the Michigan House of Representatives 21st District.

Before Carol Ann entered into the race, I decided to run because nobody else did. Once I found out she entered, I dropped out and endorsed her campaign. Her 40 years serving others as a nurse, rising to

the rank of brigadier general in the U.S. Air Force, advocating for military veterans in her business and graduating from the University of Michigan all confirm that she is the best candidate to represent our district. She will support fiscally responsible policies, veterans and your individual freedoms as a citizen of this great country.

In stark contrast, her opponent advocates a political philosophy above all else; she supports only those causes of her party. In addition, her public service and experience is severely lacking when compared to Carol Ann. Carol Ann Fausone has proven experience and a clear track record of putting people before politics.

I ask that the reader take an honest look at each candidate for the 21st District and the choice is clear. Carol Ann Fausone is the real deal.

Geoff Boltach
Canton

GUEST COLUMN

New doesn't always have to equal better

Can you name three buildings in Plymouth that were threatened by the wrecking ball, but ultimately saved, since the year 2000? We'll get back to the answer in a minute.

"Change is good" is a phrase I hear all the time. I would agree. As it stands, the way we conduct our "progress" is to find a location that seems favorable, purchase the existing structure and demolish everything. Then we build an all-new structure.

If the new structure is for commercial purposes, the business always has a "brand." This means the business has a set plan for how its new building will look. As we demolish the old, unique buildings and replace them with ones that have a predetermined style, one community begins to look very much like another.

If every community has a Starbucks, a Bed Bath & Beyond and a Panera Bread, why would someone choose to live, work or dine in one community over another?

Both the city and the township of Plymouth are often named in national "Best Places to Live" surveys. How do these lists arrive at their decision of which communities are best? In 2009, Relocate America named Plymouth Township to



Wendy Harless

GUEST COLUMNIST

its "Top 100 Places to Live" and wrote: "small town and community pride of yesteryear." That same year, CNN Money named Plymouth Township as one of its "Top Small Towns in America." What did it list as one of its reasons? "Old time downtown."

So what happens when we lose that "Currier and Ives" atmosphere to new development? Why would someone choose Plymouth if they can find the very same new buildings (that may try to "look" vintage, but really just end up looking like something out of a theme park) and the same stores, restaurants and homes? What happens when we lose the buildings that gave Plymouth that "pride of yesteryear?"

This past week, the Plymouth-Canton school board voted to sell the former Starkweather school building to a developer who plans to construct 26 new homes on the site. The developer stated in a previous *Observer* article its homes "should be comparable to homes found in Cherry Hill

Village." Please go back and read my previous paragraph again.

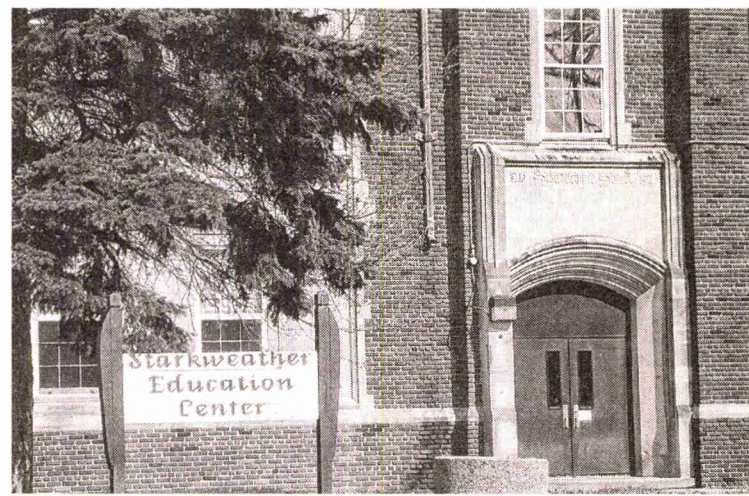
A previous developer had planned to convert Starkweather to condos. That developer is now out of the picture. Other communities have turned their decommissioned school buildings into senior living (variety of age groups is a criteria on many a list-maker's "characteristics of a desirable community"), boutique hotels, shopping, restaurants – it's all been done. All you need is to apply a little creativity and give up the mindset that every old building is useless.

In 2000, The National Trust for Historic Preservation placed historic neighborhood schools on its "11 Most Endangered List." Instead of updating and refurbishing older schools that exist in "walkable" neighborhoods, school systems like Plymouth-Canton are opting to contribute to urban sprawl by building new schools in areas that were once farmland.

Instead of utilizing existing infrastructure, our tax dollars are financing new paved roads, water and power lines, etc., for a new middle school (you're welcome, Canton).

At the very same meeting where the school board voted to sell Starkweather, we heard the testimony of teachers who were complaining about overcrowded classrooms. It was stated several times that in this school year Plymouth-Canton will have the largest kindergarten class it has seen in the last five years. And yet, school board members spoke at this very same meeting about selling off more of our schools.

Back to "walkable schools"



The former Starkweather school building on Holbrook could be razed as part of a 26-home development after the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education approved its sale last week.

and top things everybody judges great communities by: If you look at the latest criteria of what everybody looks for in a desirable community, most of them are now listing "walkability." That's new since our previously quoted lists from way back in 2009.

Starkweather Elementary was a perfect example of a school that neighborhood kids could walk to. No needs for parents to drop off or pick up kids from school. At that same school board meeting, the man in charge of the bus service compared the traffic around Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to "the loop in Chicago." That doesn't sound like a desirable place – or very sustainable, for that matter.

So what is the solution? I think we need to stop believing that everything, especially our buildings, must be new. There is no need for it. We need to start having more respect for our heritage, for the people

who came before us, and also the time, money, raw materials and effort they invested for our benefit decades ago.

Instead of looking at old buildings as obstacles, we need to start seeing the great advantage that they give our community. A century ago, buildings were built to last. Presently, new buildings are given a lifespan. Most people don't know that. Let's just say that the new Plymouth Township Hall that our tax dollars paid for in 2006 ... most of us will be paying for another one in our lifetime.

So, can you name three buildings? I'd be surprised if you could, because I can only name two: The Penn Theatre and Pumpkin Hill. I challenge Plymouth to start doing things differently and stop thinking that new always equals better. Change is good.

Wendy Harless is president of the Plymouth Preservation Network.

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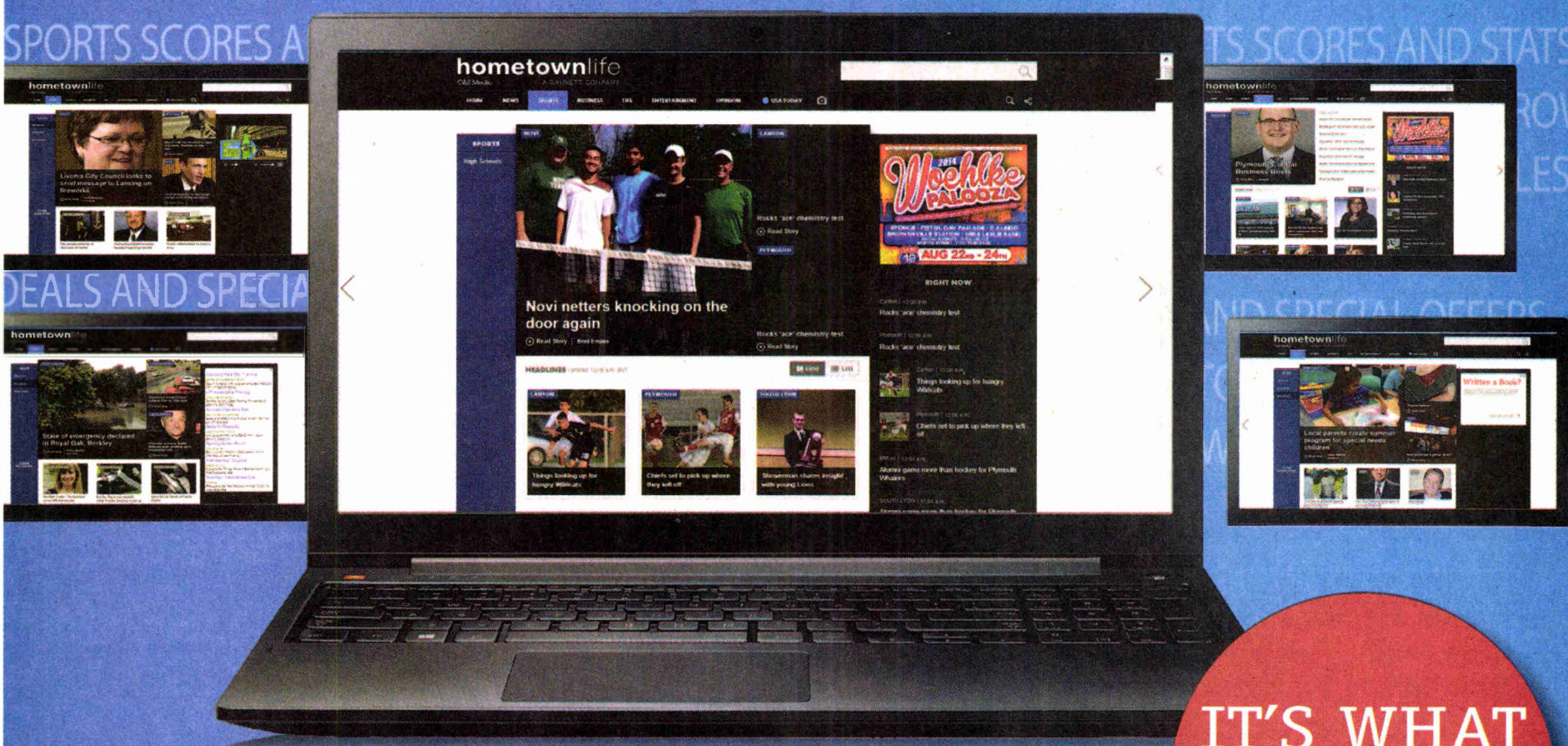
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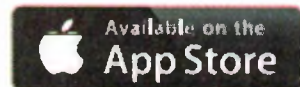


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GIRLS SWIM PREVIEW - PART 2

Chiefs look to contend again

Canton features talented nucleus, depth

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

For as long as Canton varsity girls swimming and diving coach Ed Weber can remember, the battle for supremacy in the KLAA South Division has been fought between his Chiefs and Plymouth.

Last fall, Canton prevailed with an undefeated record in the division.

This time around, despite the graduation of some strong athletes, the Chiefs are expected to still be at or near the top of the division when all is said and done.

"We graduated some very respectable swimmers last

year and the last couple years, so it's always hard to replace those types of individuals," Weber said. "But we're going to do our part and our best ... we'll take what we have and develop a good year out of that."

"We're looking forward to another strong year. We're part of the South Division and typically it's Plymouth and us fighting our way through that."

"We have been at least co-champs with that every year it's been around, since 2008. We would like to keep that in check."

As always with the Chiefs, there will be a large group of

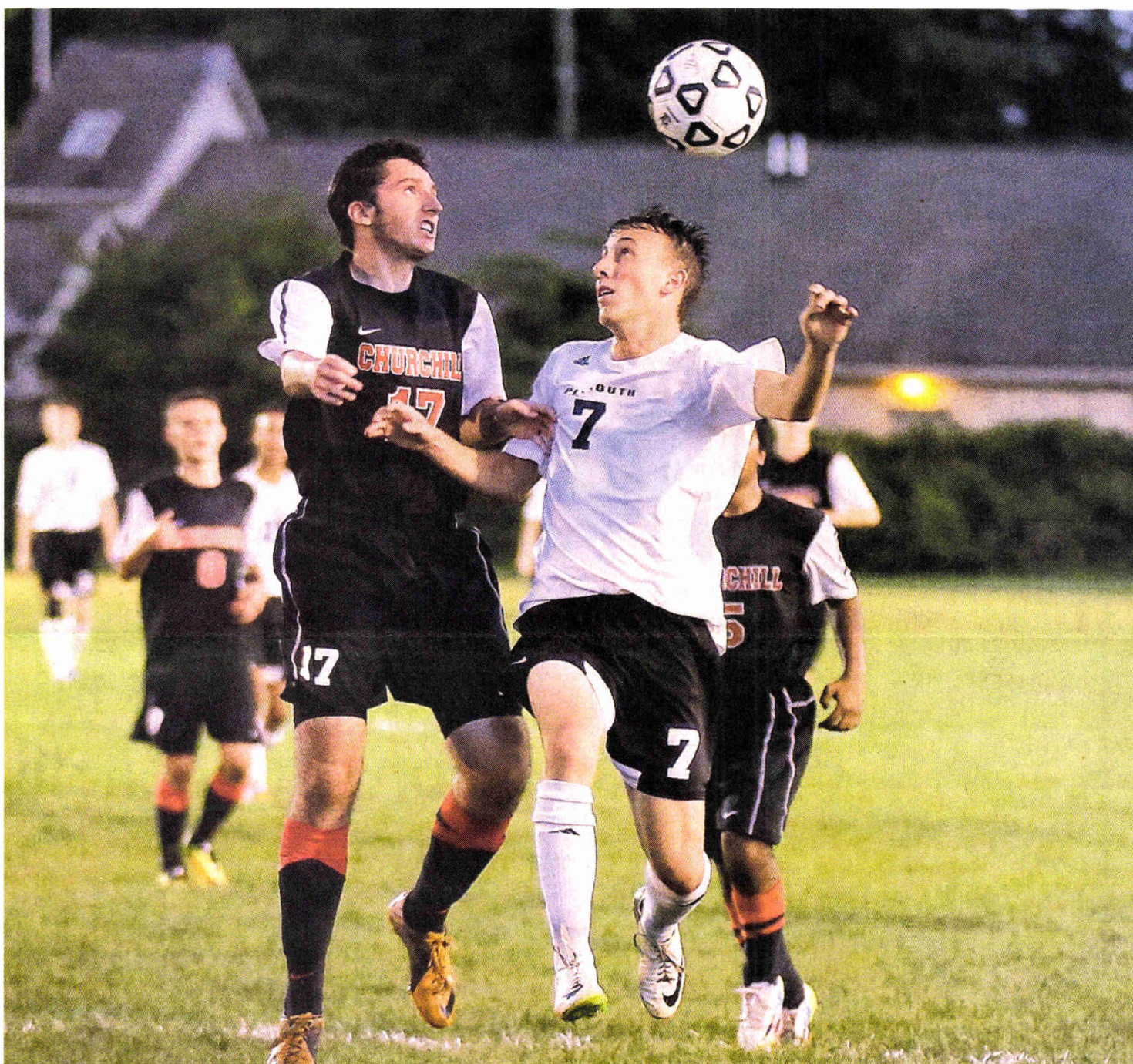
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Co-captains of the Canton varsity girls swimming and diving team are (from left) seniors Jane Bensen, Emily Hugin, Courtney Smith and Claire Green.

CANTON CHIEFS

KLAA SOUTH DIVISION BOYS SOCCER



Plymouth's Mike Blake (right) heads the ball away from Livonia Churchill's Andrew Moyer on Tuesday night.

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY PREVIEW - PART 2

Duo will set tone for 'Cats

Plymouth to bank on Dalton, Pahl

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

It might take Plymouth varsity boys cross country coach Jon Mikosz some time to sort out what the 2014 Wildcats might be able to achieve.

Mikosz acknowledged this might be a rebuilding season following the graduation of "a lot of great guys from last season, five of our top seven and five guys that were all under 17:01."

Still, he knows what he has — senior stalwarts Jonny Dalton and Matt Pahl, both instrumental in Plymouth's KLAA South Division title last autumn.

Dalton

That duo should set the tone for the squad as it tries to contend in the division.

"Both are coming off great track seasons, with Jonny being one of the top returning 800-meter runners in the state this season," Mikosz said. "Matt has put in a lot of miles over the off-season and is in the best shape coming into this season than anyone that I can remember."

Mikosz also has been impressed by senior Matt Dottavio and freshman Ethan Byrnes, both performing well in practices.

Other returnees ready to contribute include seniors Joey Maciag, Erik Liubakka and Alex Zoltowski, junior Andrew Shattuck and sophomore Mark Peregoy.

The Wildcats will open the schedule by participating in Thursday's Early Bird Invitational at Huron Meadows, followed by Saturday's Detroit Titan Invitational at Cass Benton Park in Northville.

Plymouth then squares off Tuesday, Sept. 9, against Canton, also at Cass Benton, to open KLAA South action.

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BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

Harris scores in final minutes as Plymouth prevails 1-0 over Churchill

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

For nearly 79 minutes Tuesday night, the Plymouth Wildcats were not rewarded for strong offensive play against Livonia Churchill.

Chargers senior goalkeeper Nathan Guzowski and a sturdy back line managed to hold off the onrushing Wildcats time and time again on the varsity soccer field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

But Plymouth's pressure attack finally paid dividends when junior Mike Blake fed from senior Nate Harris into the lower right corner with just 1:13 remaining on the clock. That was all the scoring in the Wildcats' 1-0 triumph.

Starting the winning sequence was junior Andrew Liakos, who pitched the ball

up to Harris along the right side in Churchill's zone.

Harris then spotted Blake in the middle of the box and there was little that Guzowski — who thwarted the Wildcats all night with well-placed dives and slides — could do.

"You know, we'd been getting in behind them all night and just not finding feet in

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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Saturday for the 'Park'

Proceeds from Whalers' preseason game against Saginaw earmarked for P-CEP activities

By Pete Krupsky
Correspondent

Over the years, the Plymouth Whalers have forged a unique partnership with the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The younger Whalers attend high school at the 305-acre site in western Wayne

County which houses three high schools — Plymouth, Salem and Canton — on the same campus.

Plymouth Whalers Educational Consultant John Seidleman is a retired P-CEP professional who has done an outstanding job as a liaison between the Whalers and the P-CEP.

In addition, the Whalers joined forces with WSDP-FM (88.1), the campus radio station known as The Park, several seasons ago for live broadcasts of Plymouth games. The Whalers continue on The Park this year, starting with the broadcast of the team's alumni

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Plymouth Whalers Francesco Vilardi (No. 7) and Connor Chatham drive to the Saginaw net in a game last season. The teams will renew acquaintances Saturday.

O&E MEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

STRAIGHT & STEADY

Consistent play leads former Livonia resident to coveted championship

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Raz Boghikian's golf swing has come full-circle at Whispering Willows Golf Course. On Monday, close to three decades since learning the game on the iconic Livonia course, the former Livonian bagged his first *Observer & Eccentric* men's golf title at Whispering Willows with a five-shot victory over co-runners-up Nikos Markellos (Redford Township) and Matt Wiley (Northville). Defending champion Dan Longeway finished in a tie for 13th after carding a 36-hole total of 158. Boghikian, who resides in West Bloomfield, followed up Sunday's even-par round of 71 at Fox Creek with a par-70 Monday to secure the first-place plaque and a \$300 gift certificate.

Both Wiley and Markellos entered the final round one shot back of Boghikian and Matt Lee, who finished tied for fourth with Kenny Lee after shooting a 77 Monday.

"Back in 1986 or 1987, my older brother and I would come out here and play twilight golf - you could play all the holes you could get in before it got dark - because, being young, we couldn't afford to play during the day," Boghikian said. "It was emotional today, because I have so many great childhood memories out here. Playing each hole, I could remember when I was out here when the game was a lot tougher."

"Winning this tournament feels really good, because it's something I've dreamed about doing for a long time. Today, I focused on going out and playing safe. Yesterday, I shot even-par with some mistakes. Today, the pins were in tougher places, but my short game was on."

Playing in the group adjacent to Boghikian, Markellos made a strong late run at claiming the O&E crown as he was tied atop the leader board at the turn. However a triple-bogey on the 15th hole did him in. "I knew I was behind a couple of shots, so I decided to play more aggressively," Markellos said. "Raz was playing well, so I knew I needed to get birdies to get back in it. I hit my tee shot out-of-bounds at 15, so that pretty much



ED WRIGHT

West Bloomfield resident Raz Boghikian won this past weekend's O&E men's golf tournament by five shots.



ED WRIGHT

Westland resident Jeff Orzel was the O&E first flight champion.

ended my chances of winning.

"Overall, I played well. There were just two or three holes where I blew up."

Wiley would have been battling Boghikian down the stretch if not for a shaky start.

"I bogeyed the first four holes and then I played par golf the rest of the way," Wiley said. "I knew if I shot 31 on the back nine I'd have a

chance, but I couldn't make a putt. I think the longest putt I made all weekend was an eight-footer."

Markellos and Wylie both earned a \$150 gift certificate.

Junichi Miura and Kenny Lee tied for first in the championship flight's net division after firing 138 each.

Westland's Jeff Orzel redeemed a 2013 playoff loss to UPS colleague Kevin Moreno to win the first flight championship. Orzel shot a 152, three strokes lower than his good friend.

The first flight net winner was Ron Sobczak, whose 135 edged runner-up Arthur Dart (139).

Bruce West won the senior flight with rounds of 72 and 76. West finished one shot ahead of C.B. Flint (70-79).

2014 O&E Men's Golf Tournament Championship Flight

- 141: Raz Boghikian
- 146: Matt Wiley, Nikos Markellos
- 148: Matt Lee, Kenny Lee
- 152: Junichi Miura,
- 153: Andrew Baron, Kazutoshi Nobukawa

- 155: Michael Blaesser
- 156: Justin Adams, Thomas Morris
- 157: Steve Butcher
- 158: Ron Mendoza, Dan Longeway
- 159: Mitchell Hoshz
- 163: Dan Higham
- 165: Nate Robinson
- 166: Nolan Peterson
- 169: Jim McComb
- 172: Kevin Barton
- 180: Nate Moore

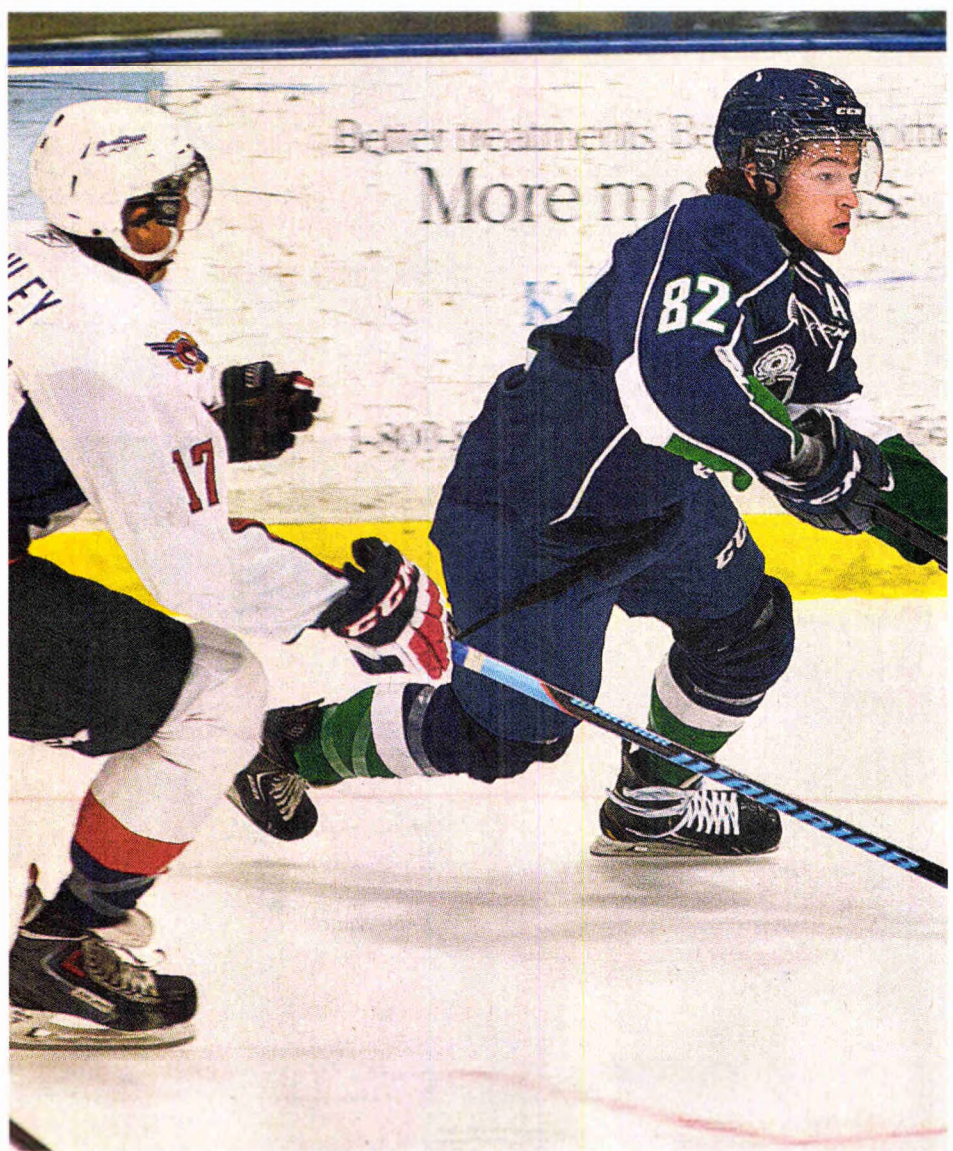
- 152: Jeff Orzel
- 155: Kevin Moreno
- 159: Sam Williams
- 160: Peter Mianowski, Paul Otanez
- 161: Alex Kopecki
- 162: Stephen Connolly
- 163: Ron Sobczak
- 166: Kyle O'Keefe
- 167: Ron Ambrose, Arthur Dart

- 148: Bruce West
- 149: C.B. Flint
- 153: Bill Himm
- 158: Lew Jeffries
- 160: James Mlynarczyk, Rick Wheeler
- 166: Joseph Colleran, Mark Johnson
- 170: Dennis Kitchen

OBSERVER FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

ALL GAMES AT 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED

Friday, Sept. 5	Ed Wright	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith
Brighton (1-0) at Livonia Churchill (1-0)	Churchill	Churchill	Brighton
Milford (0-1) at Livonia Franklin (0-1)	Franklin	Franklin	Milford
Liv. Stevenson (1-0) at W.L. Northern (1-0)	Stevenson	Northern	Stevenson
Robichaud (1-0) at Liv. Clarenceville (0-1)	Robichaud	Robichaud	Clarenceville
Pinckney (0-1) at Plymouth (1-0)	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
Salem (0-1) at Walled Lake Western (1-0)	Western	Western	Western
Hartland (1-0) at Canton (1-0)	Canton	Canton	Canton
Howell (0-1) at Westland John Glenn (1-0)	John Glenn	John Glenn	John Glenn
Grand Blanc (0-1) at Wayne Memorial (0-1)	Grand Blanc	Grand Blanc	Grand Blanc
Rochester (0-1) at Farmington Harrison (1-0)	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
North Farmington (1-0) at Birm. Seaholm (0-1)	N. Farmington	Seaholm	Seaholm
Southfield-Lathrup (1-0) at Farmington (0-1)	Lathrup	Farmington	Lathrup
Garden City (0-1) at Redford Union (0-1)	Garden City	Garden City	Redford Union
Redford Thurston (1-0) at Tecumseh (0-1)	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston
Saturday, Sept. 6			
Harper Woods (0-1) at Luth. Westland (0-1), 1 p.m.	Lutheran W.	Harper Woods	Lutheran W.
Last week's record	9-4	13-0	10-3



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Plymouth's Sonny Milano (right) skates around a Windsor defender during Saturday's preseason opener at Compuware Arena.

Whalers rout Spits in 'Play it Forward' benefit

Plymouth starts preseason with 10-2 victory over Windsor

As the second lowest scoring team in the Ontario Hockey League last season, an early goal for Plymouth Whalers in this season is to pick up the pace offensively.

If last Saturday's preseason opener is any indication, the Whalers will have plenty of offense this season.

The Whalers beat Windsor, 10-2, at Compuware Arena in the "Play it Forward" benefit game, with proceeds going to John Bieniewicz Foundation and C.O.P.S. MI (Michigan Concerns

of Police Survivors).

Plymouth led 4-1 after one period and 7-2 after 40 minutes.

Matt Mistele led the Plymouth attack with three goals and two assists. Bryce Yetman scored twice, while Mathieu Henderson, Connor Chatham, Mathew Campagna, Danny Vanderwiell and Francesco Vilardi scored one each.

Plymouth captain and defenseman Alex Peters recorded three assists.

Logan Brown and Aaron Luchuk scored for

Windsor.

In fairness, Plymouth iced a full roster that will resemble its lineup opening night, Sept. 26 in London. Windsor rested several veterans and came to Compuware Arena with a lineup filled with rookies and draft choices.

Plymouth and Windsor meet again Thursday in Windsor at Family Credit Union Centre. Plymouth's next home game is at 7 p.m. Saturday against Saginaw at Compuware Arena.

WHALERS

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game Aug. 16.

The synergy between P-CEP and the Whalers reaches a new level at 7 p.m. Saturday at Compuware Arena, when Plymouth hosts Saginaw.

Called "P-C-S Fundraising Night," 100 percent of the ticket sales proceeds benefit teams and activities at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Tickets run \$10 in advance and can be purchased at the Compuware Arena box office or online at compuwarearena.com. Tickets are \$12 at the gate.

In addition, school groups and individuals looking to participate can purchase tickets at WSDP by calling 734-416-7732.

Although the game

may be just another preseason tilt to be played in preparation for the upcoming OHL season, the atmosphere Saturday at Compuware Arena may resemble a high school event, with a pep band, cheerleaders and plenty of enthusiasm.

For parents, the game presents an opportunity for their kids to come to an event close to home.

For athletic teams and other student groups within P-CEP, the game offers the opportunity to raise needed funds for the upcoming school year.

"The Whalers are incredibly generous to offer this fundraising opportunity for our teams and student groups," said Bill Keith, a teacher at P-CEP and WSDP station manager. "Developing fundraisers that pay off is always a challenge and this one

has the potential to raise a lot of money for students at the Park."

Added Denise Ronayne, director of sales and marketing for the Whalers: "We want Compuware Arena to be the place for P-CEP students to be on Sept. 6."

The game is a potential competition between various groups at P-CEP. The two groups that sell the most tickets will also receive the opportunity to raise additional money through the 50/50 raffle and Chuck-a-Puck sales the night of the game.

The Whalers are looking for student groups, cheerleaders, pom pon teams and student choirs to perform prior to the game and during the intermissions. Students and groups interested in participating can contact Keith at WSDP by calling 734-416-7732.

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY PREVIEW – PART 2

Young Canton squad looks to make strides

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Veteran Canton varsity boys cross country coach Bill Boyd is looking forward to how the 2014 season unfolds. That's because he has a lot of upstart new runners and returnees who have worked countless hours during the off-season trying to get faster. "Despite graduating a couple of the fastest runners in school history," Boyd said, "Canton runners are confident

they can be competitive in the division. Runners have increased their summer miles." The 2013 Chiefs finished 1-4 in the KLAAs South Division and lost Evan Dunklee (ninth fastest runner in Canton school history) and Tom Walkinshaw (38th fastest in school history) to graduation, along with Brendan Noble. It helps that senior Billy Toth, last year's team MVP, is back. He tallied a personal best time of 16:33 in 2013. Several other returnees

looking to help Canton enjoy a turnaround include seniors Sean Carey (17:02 personal best), Ammar Chishti (18:50 PR), Mike Roberts (17:34 PR) and sophomore Nick Socha, who clocked in with a 17:20 last year — the sixth fastest freshman time in Canton history. A number of others who were on the Canton junior varsity in 2013 will be called upon to play greater roles this fall. Those include seniors Isaac

Pennock (18:48) and Donovan Sheehan (19:53), juniors Jordan Joy (23:41) and Xavier Reinders (20:01) and sophomores Zach Cannon (19:33), Zac Clark (18:18) and Hunter Hall (19:43). Augmenting the returnees will be 14 newcomers, including 11 freshmen. Those ninth-graders are Shane Andrews, Chuck Carey, Ben Devine, Rafai Haque, David Kight, Andrew Lake, Ben Lesko, Karl Nuler, Greg Sigler, Ryan Triolet and Nel-

son Vayda. Other first-year runners are senior T.J. Sweet, junior Javier Diaz and sophomore Zach Carey. "More than half of the roster is new to the team, including 11 freshmen," Boyd said. "The strong group of underclassmen took three medals (Socha, Cannon and Clark) at the Northville Mustang Invitational ninth- and 10th-grade race."

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PLYMOUTH

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front of the net," Plymouth varsity boys soccer coach Jeff Neschich said. "We finally did it. And he (Blake) probably could have had two touches on it, but he buried it with one touch so that was good." Neschich smiled when asked about the play of Blake, Harris and junior Jayden Huxtable, who wreaked havoc on Churchill's defense throughout the KLAAs South Division opener. "There's some big boys out there that have some good speed," Neschich said. "They're nice to watch."

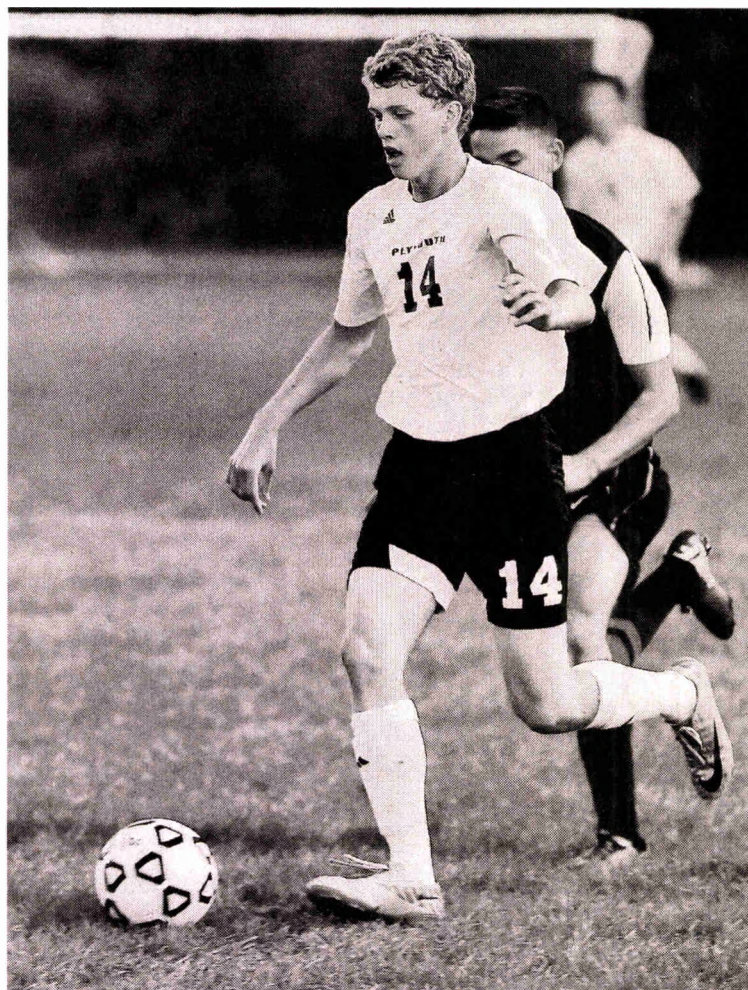
The Wildcats were so strong on the attack that goalkeepers Damon Favero and James Gibbs did not have much to worry about at their end. Churchill head coach Matt Grodzicki said his team (1-2-1, 0-1-0) failed to register an official shot on goal against Plymouth.

"We had zero shots on goal tonight," Grodzicki said. "And you're never going to win a soccer game if you have zero shots on goal."

Grodzicki did see some positives, primarily the play of Guzowski and defenders Andrew Moyer, Kyle Benedict, Conner Rash and Krishna Mithadaha.

"We changed up our formation at halftime to kind of match what they were doing and it worked," Grodzicki said. "I commend my back line, Moyer, Kyle Benedict and Rash and Krishna, those guys hung in. They played a full 80 minutes in the back."

"But it's a shame to lose any game in the last minute. Nate



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Kyle Eggett of the Wildcats (front) stays a step ahead of a Livonia Churchill player.

played really well, came up with some big saves and kept us in it."

On the lone goal, Grodzicki said some of his players got caught doing "a little ball-watching. They (Wildcats) play with three forwards and it was one of those things where we pressed up, lost the ball in the middle of the field. They counterattacked."

Neschich credited the Chargers for pushing the envelope in the second half.

"They came out and gave us a lot better fight in the second half," Neschich said. "And they won a lot of 50/50 balls and did some of the tangible things that they could do and really made it a tough game."

"Hats off to Churchill for working so hard out here to-



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Canton's Chris Dooley (left) eludes a tackle attempt by Wayne Memorial's James Herdon.

night." **CANTON 8, WAYNE 0:** Also Tuesday night at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, the Canton Chiefs rolled to a mercy-rule victory over Wayne Memorial.

Canton (5-0-1, 1-0-0) was led by Carter Schenk, who scored four goals, including his final tally in the 46th minute of the KLAAs South Division opener to make it an eight-goal spread and close out the win.

Also scoring for the Chiefs were Matthew Causley, Josh Posuniak, Jimmy Walkinshaw and Hunter Olson (on a penalty kick).

"The boys moved the ball well, they moved well off the ball," Canton head coach Mark Zemanski said. "Carter Schenk had a big game."

SALEM 4, SOUTH LYON 1: In a KLAAs Central Division opener, the visiting Rocks were paced by Jay Lee (two goals, assist) and Nick Massey (goal, two assists).

Salem (2-2-0, 1-0-0) also received a single tally from both Max Kummer and Hunter Gibbons, while Chad Wind and Karson Gregory split the goal-keeping duties.

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Plymouth tankers fall to North Farmington

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

North Farmington began what it hopes will be a highly successful swim season Thursday with a 123-63 victory over host Plymouth in the Salem High School pool.

The Raiders won all three relays and six individual events. Emma Bradley and Hannah Chao had four first places each, including two in relays.

Bright spots for the Wildcats

included individual victories scored by Alexa Earls (200 IM, 2:21.06), Allison Lennig (50 freestyle, 25.43) and Megan McKeehan (diving, 169.50 points).

Lennig also took second in the 100 breaststroke (1:17.57) and Earls placed second in the 100 backstroke (1:02.28), while Kathryn Waters finished second in the 100 butterfly (1:04.93).

Plymouth added a second-place showing in all three re-

lays. The quartet of Earls, Lennig, Waters and Caylin Waters finished second in the 200 medley relay (1:57.65), while the runner-up 200 free relay team of Kelly Erickson, Lennig, Meghana Somsaale and Caylin Waters registered a 1:52.27.

Erickson, Isabella Giacobone, Kathryn Waters and Earls were second in the 400 free relay (4:07.05).

North's Bradley won the 200- and 500-yard freestyle races

with times of 1:59.71 and 5:14.03. Chao posted winning times of 56.29 in the 100 freestyle and 1:01.47 in the backstroke.

North also won the butterfly and breaststroke, with Annika Gidley and Aubrey East swimming those events in 1:02.84 and 1:15.37, respectively.

"It was a nice meet for us," North coach Mike Harfoot said. "We had some good swims after a tough week of practice."

"Emma Bradley's 500 was amazing for this point in the

season. She has worked really hard since last season and it has taken her to that next level. It's going to be fun to see how fast she can get this year."

"The whole team is excited about the season and we have set very high goals. The girls are continuing to work on the little things to get faster as the season goes along."

The Raiders started the meet with Chao, East, Gidley and Summer Edwards winning the 200 medley relay.

CHIEFS

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girls who bring versatility and a strong work ethic to the pool.

Taking charge

Senior co-captains Claire Green, Emily Hugan, Courtney Smith and Jane Bensen will set the tone — although they are augmented by senior Jocelyn Moraw and juniors Emily Osika and Sydney Darnall, among many others.

Green was a top finalist in the 500 freestyle and "she'll be returning and looking for another great season," Weber said. "She also swam the 200 IM, she was a state qualifier in the 200 freestyle and she is probably pretty capable of being a state qualifier in the 100 breaststroke, also."

Also versatile is Hugan, who will compete primarily in the 100 breaststroke and IM.

"Definitely, breaststroke is her best and she'll be going after a state cut and try to swim at that level," the coach said.

Canton also features Smith (200 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 500 freestyle), who is looking to have a strong senior season after injuries slowed her a bit last year.

"Last year, we were fighting



FILE PHOTO
Canton's Claire Green returns as part of the varsity girls swim team's talented, hard-working nucleus.

a little bit of injuries with Courtney, so this year we're coming on strong and ready for a good, healthy year," Weber said. "Her shoulder's strong and (she is) looking to qualify for some MISCA cuts."

Another sprinter is Bensen, who Weber said is "a strong leader" who will be called upon in all the sprint events (individ-

ual and relays). Moraw is "a fabulous athlete" slated to take part in the sprint relay, 50 free, 100 free and relays.

The emergence of Darnall could be another plus.

"Sydney Darnall started swimming year-round and she is coming on strong," Weber said. "She can swim multiple

events." The team could garner plenty of points from the talents of Osika, who Weber said is looking to qualify in state events this season.

"Last year, she was very close," Weber said. "She can swim the 200 free, 100 butterfly, 500 freestyle and 100 backstroke. Those are definitely

her top events."

The 2014 Chiefs already have had some success, finishing second Aug. 23 at the annual Kenzie Klassic Invitational in Howell. Other teams on hand included Howell, Jackson, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep and Pinckney.

And this Saturday, the Chiefs will participate in the "Best in Class" invitational at Novi.

"That's a nice meet," Weber said. "You have four different heats of each event, it's freshmen vs. freshmen, a heat of sophomores, a heat of juniors and a heat of seniors."

"And you actually score the meet individually, by grade, so you have four different winners. We were part of a winning group last year with the seniors. We'll just have to see what comes of it this year."

Weber emphasized that the main thing will be for the girls to gain momentum as the regular schedule morphs into the postseason.

"We focus our season towards the end of the year, trying to get some of the best times together," he said. "You can have highs and lows throughout the season, but it really comes down to the last times you swim. You judge your success off of that."

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Madonna spikers finish 3-1 on trip to Florida

Oklahoma Baptist holds off Crusaders

The competition proved to be stiff Friday as the No. 4-ranked Madonna University women's volleyball team split a pair of matches in the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Labor Day Classic at the ICI Center in Daytona Beach, Fla.

After falling to No. 14 Oklahoma Baptist in five sets earlier in the day, the Crusaders (4-2) rebounded to earn a 25-17, 17-25, 25-11, 25-22 triumph over No. 14 Embry-Riddle as senior Casey Gates led the way with 21 kills and 13 digs.

Other standouts for MU in the victory included Emily Johnson (11 kills), Spencer Stokes (50 assist-to-kills), Amanda Obrycki (14 digs) and Payton Maxheimer (13 digs).

Embry-Riddle (1-1) got 13 kills from Erika Hinel, while Tamires Ferreira added 41 assists and Hannah Gray contributed 23 digs.

The Crusaders had five

players in double digits in kills, but it wasn't enough as Oklahoma Baptist held on for a 25-15, 19-25, 25-23, 19-25, 15-11 win as setters Katie Decker and Ezgi Guney collected 28 and 20 assists, respectively.

Priscila Mendes had 13 kills, while Valerie Stetzer and Kaitlyn Lucy combined for 47 digs with 25 and 22, respectively.

Kayla Vogel and Gates each finished with 15 kills, while Samantha Geile and Johnson contributed 11 each and Hannah Poole added 10.

Obrycki racked up a match-best 28 kills, followed by Gates (19), Stokes (14) and Cassie Castro (10). Stokes also added a season-best 59 assists.

On Friday, MU split a pair of matches, falling to No. 14 Oklahoma Baptist in five sets before rebounding for a 25-17, 17-25, 25-11, 25-22 triumph over No. 21 Embry-Riddle as Gates led the way with 21 kills and 13 digs.



MADONNA ATHLETICS
Madonna University junior setter Spencer Stokes had 109 assist-to-kills on the day in the Embry-Riddle Labor Day Classic.

PCA alum Levack keeps on chugging for Ocelots

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College's men's cross country team continues to feature several runners who are excelling in various invitational.

That was the case Saturday at the Oakland University-hosted Golden Grizzly Invitational.

With relatively cool temperatures of around 75 degrees for the event (in recent years, runners dealt with blazing temps in the upper 80s), athletes such as Schoolcraft's Ethan Levack were outstanding in the six-kilometer race.

Levack, who went to high school at Plymouth Christian, led the Ocelots from the start.

He hit the first two mile points in 5:37 and 11:54 and finished with a time of 23:11 (6:14 per mile pace).

Caton Hacker (Plymouth) was not far behind with splits of 5:40 and 12:07 with a finish at 23:31 (6:19).

Also within range was Plymouth alum Liam Cardenas at 5:47, 12:10 and then just 11 seconds behind Hacker in 23:42 (6:22).

Still recovering from a major injury, Brandon Sutton looked much better the first half of the race with splits of 6:39 and 14:36 to finish in 29:44 (8:00).

The fastest a Schoolcraft runner has ever run a 6K was Mark Freyberg, who clocked 21:39 in 2010 when he was a

contender for All-America status.

This weekend, the Titan Invitational will be held on the team's home course at Cass Benton Park in Northville.

Clinic for PAL

The Schoolcraft women's soccer team is participating Saturday in a clinic for the Detroit Police Athletic League at Clark Park in Detroit.

Players and coaches from the Lady Ocelots will be providing instruction beginning at 2 p.m.

The initiative is supported by Detroit mayor and former Livonia resident Mike Duggan, who has asked all elementary schools in Detroit to start a soccer program, Schoolcraft

coach Deepak Shivraman noted.

Owens Invite

On Saturday and Sunday, Schoolcraft's women's volleyball team competed at the Owens Express Classic Tournament. It wasn't the best of weekends for the Lady Ocelots, however.

On Saturday, SC took a three-set win against McHenry (25-16, 20-25, 25-23), but lost on Sunday in three sets to Cincinnati State (25-22, 25-16, 25-15) and Wallace (25-12, 25-16, 25-18).

Against McHenry, Lindsey Umin registered 23 assists to help set up the offense.

Chipping in with 17 digs was Victoria Vellucci, with Ajsha

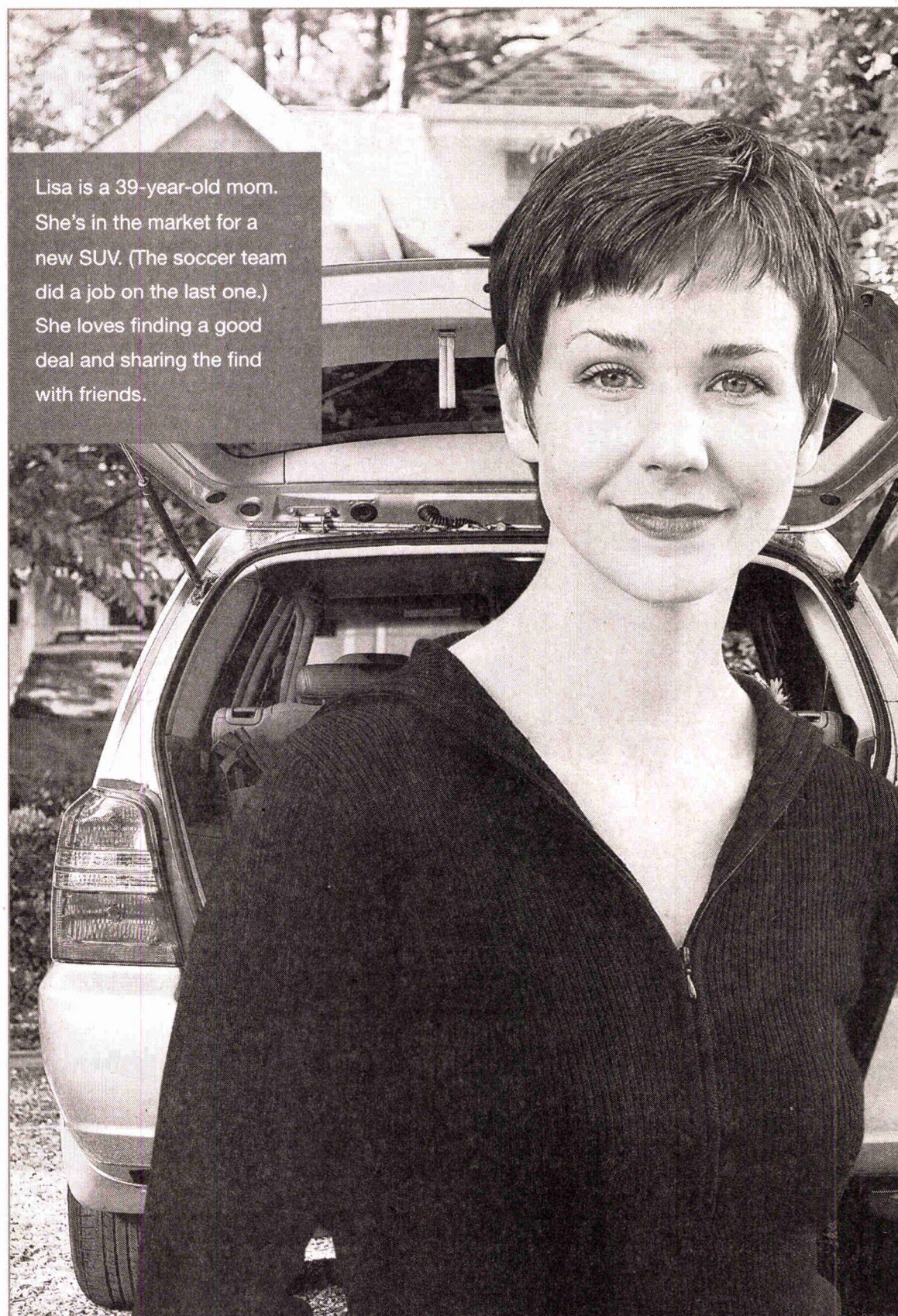
Davie tallying 12 kills and seven digs. Other players to help the cause were Julene Pummill (four digs), Morgan Copperstone (seven kills), Emily Thompson (seven digs) and Kathleen Summers (four kills).

Upcoming games

Schoolcraft's men's soccer team will host Jackson at 4 p.m. Wednesday and follow up with another home date at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, against Cincinnati State.

The women's soccer team is set to open the regular season at 1 p.m. Sunday at Jackson and will also host Cincinnati State at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13.

As for the volleyball team, next up is a doubleheader against Ancilla at 1 p.m. Friday.



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Home permit levels locally hit mark not seen since 2006

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Michael Stoskopf has been CEO of the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan since 2008. He's seen ups and downs in the housing market, and is encouraged by a recent report.

"To hear that we're finally getting back to some 2006 trends is very encouraging," said Stoskopf. "As our economy continues to recover in southeast Michigan, that just leads to further improvement."

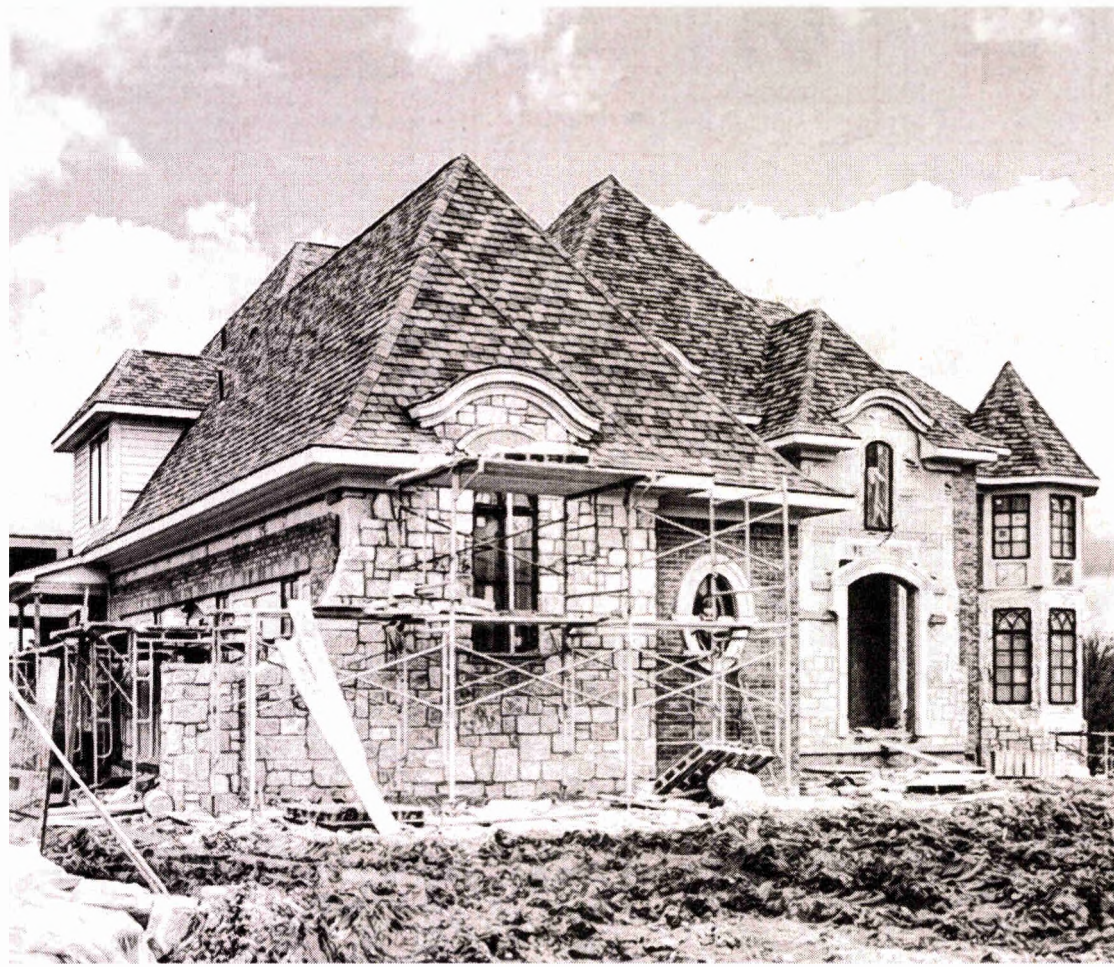
Based on single-family new home permit data compiled by the HBA and reported in the *Southeastern Michigan Residential Building Activity Report*, a total of 503 single-family home permits were issued in Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne counties in June 2014. June's result means that permit activity in the four-county area met or exceeded the 500-permit threshold for two consecutive months (May 2014 was 556) for the first time since August-September 2006. It was also the highest permit total recorded for the month of June since 2006.

As expected, June's permit activity was lower than May 2014 (556) but was up 3 percent from June 2013 (488). Oakland County led the way with 299 single-family permits issued, rating it as the highest single month for the county dating back to October 2005 (400).

"The improvement is across all sectors," Stoskopf said. Some Oakland County locations have high-end homes under construction, but starters and other more modest dwellings are also on the upswing.

"They're all new homes so it is broad-based," he said. Job market improvement has helped: "If people don't have jobs, they can't buy homes," Stoskopf said.

So far for April through June, actual permits exceed the econometric forecast by 344 permits, recovering approximately 78 percent of the



Housing permit activity is up in southeast Michigan, as more people return to work. Industry pros see that across all sectors in terms of new housing type and cost.

permits originally forecast for the five-month winter period.

The *HBA/ASA New Housing Permit Forecast* projects a total of 2,332 permits will be issued in the six-month, July-to-December timeframe. This would pretty much equal the same time period in 2013. Of note, and possibly as a precursor of things to come, the trailing 12-month total for North American Vehicle Production, in June 2014, reached its highest level since March 2001, based on HBA's tabulation of monthly production totals reported by *Ward's Automotive*.

Stoskopf said auto vehicle production parallels new home trends in the forecast model used. "That is a major part of what is helping our

forecast," he said of auto production improving.

He's studied Michigan's numbers for that, and his instincts tell him the greater U.S. also has that parallel. "There's a lot of different places that have automotive production. The industry is pretty diverse," including many auto suppliers.

Stoskopf added that local home construction continues to recover from the past harsh winter weather-wise. Pent-up demand is making new home sales take off. "Those permits are coming to fruition," he said.

The economy showed early signs of trouble in 2006, he said, although its worst effects came in subsequent years. As Realtors have gotten busier with existing home

sales locally, home builders are also seeing improvement.

He agreed labor shortages in construction are a local problem now, along with building companies being spread thin.

"You need experienced labor. You need to know how to swing a hammer, you need to know how to hang drywall. There's only so much a company is willing to take on."

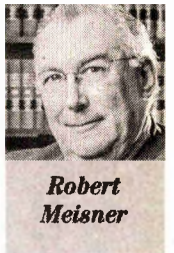
The business side of that can be solved more than one way, Stoskopf added. If a business, for example, returns to Michigan from North Carolina, it can hire workers and build here. New construction businesses can also pitch in. "The market's ready for that," he said.

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Cable disconnect less onerous legally

Q: In our condominium we have the right to disconnect the cable to some homeowners who have not paid their assessments. We also have the right to discontinue the utilities, etc. What do you recommend?

A: I tell my many community association clients that raise this question that they should not disconnect utilities if at all possible; however, cable TV is a "luxury" and/or amenity, which, I believe, could be disconnected if they do not pay their assessments



Robert Meisner

on proper notice. I still believe that the best way to collect assessments is through the more traditional channels of legal redress through the courts, if necessary.

Q: We are thinking about doing a mixed use development, but have questions about our ability to get financing in that process. Do you have any comments?

A: Given the relatively large size of mixed use projects, a single component of a construction loan may be syndicated among various lenders. Although large scale mixed use projects are becoming more common and lenders more comfortable with financing them, their unique structure requires a careful review and detailed understanding of each project component and how all of the components work together. In order to ensure comfort with the right sponsor in mixed uses to reach a project's successful completion, lenders will simultaneously make sure that the proper collateral structure and loan documentation is in place in the event they must exercise their remedies. Although more complicated than standard construction loans, mixed use development can, when properly structured, be a profitable and highly profiled piece of a lender's portfolio. Proper planning by the mixed use developer and its counsel, even at this stage of obtaining financing, is extremely crucial.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 12-16, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
6892 Bunkerhill Ln	\$194,000
336 Filmore St	\$159,000
44450 Geddes Rd	\$185,000
45689 Graystone Ln	\$160,000
7303 Green Meadow Ln	\$176,000
46672 Hemmingway Dr	\$245,000
1371 Hendrie	\$390,000
777 Kings Way	\$185,000
1460 Ledgewood Dr	\$216,000
6049 Marshall Rd	\$298,000
50476 Monroe St	\$265,000
6633 N Lambeth Ct	\$220,000
1780 N Morton Taylor Rd	\$217,000
47868 Picadilly Ct	\$340,000
1700 S Sheldon Rd	\$58,000
341 S Village Way	\$153,000
50037 Theftford Ct E	\$470,000
44505 Westminister Way	\$190,000
6323 Willow Creek Dr	\$210,000

GARDEN CITY	
28977 Cambridge St	\$112,000
30712 Elmwood St	\$165,000
1825 Lathers St	\$79,000
LIVONIA	
36301 Six Mile Rd	\$175,000
31515 Alabama St	\$135,000
36832 Angeline Cir	\$144,000
18935 Aspen Dr	\$430,000
18935 Aspen Dr	\$485,000
34169 Burton Ln	\$205,000
18591 Filmore St	\$183,000
19093 Gary Ln	\$315,000
20653 Golf Ridge Cir	\$325,000
15182 Harrison St	\$156,000
15825 Harrison St	\$138,000
12327 Hartel St	\$158,000
14329 Hubbell St	\$151,000
37538 Jamison St	\$182,000
14290 Knolson St	\$185,000
9000 Louise St	\$130,000
19825 Maplewood St	\$108,000
14337 Melrose St	\$175,000
18304 Norwich Rd	\$126,000
34034 Orangelawn St	\$170,000
8949 Perrin St	\$126,000
27603 Perth St	\$127,000

18775 Purlingbrook St	\$139,000
16956 Quakertown Ln	\$243,000
16425 Shadyway St	\$220,000
18900 Shadyside St	\$213,000
36313 St Andrews Dr	\$43,000
36325 St Andrews Dr	\$329,000
35110 W Chicago St	\$150,000
NORTHVILLE	
44100 Deep Hollow Ct	\$513,000
16740 Lochmoor Cir E	\$420,000
19875 Maxwell St	\$335,000
15954 Morningside	\$165,000
42645 Savoy Ct	\$131,000
18099 Wildflower Dr	\$483,000
PLYMOUTH	
11792 Amherst Ct	\$366,000
599 Blunk St	\$300,000
48566 Harvest Dr	\$402,000
48357 Hilltop Dr E	\$521,000
730 Penniman Ave	\$265,000
1476 Penniman Ave	\$326,000
8951 Quail Cir	\$485,000
917 Ross St	\$212,000
9350 Saddlebrook Ct	\$340,000
41310 Schoolcraft Rd	\$175,000
REDFORD	
9333 Appleton	\$66,000

25740 Beech Ct	\$81,000
18458 Centralia	\$35,000
12870 Dixie	\$61,000
24820 Donald	\$45,000
11635 Farley	\$46,000
18617 Glenmore	\$34,000
18617 Glenmore	\$52,000
WAYNE	
31511 Grant St	\$37,000
WESTLAND	
30888 Avondale St	\$79,000
1324 Berkshire St	\$49,000
8233 Carrousel Blvd	\$110,000
678 Ethan Dr	\$112,000
30500 Ledgecliff Ave	\$134,000
30653 Ledgecliff Ave	\$147,000
6965 N Hix Rd	\$106,000
6965 N Hix Rd	\$139,000
32229 Palmer Rd	\$21,000
320 Pratingill St	\$136,000
7790 Princetown Ct	\$80,000
1818 S Brandon St	\$40,000
1043 S Dowling St	\$118,000
782 Superior Pkwy	\$205,000
1575 Woodbourne St	\$94,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-11, near Trenton Road.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 21-25, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
22139 W Valley Woods Dr	\$400,000
18915 Warwick St	\$310,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1998 Bowers St	\$500,000
1938 Bradford Rd	\$225,000
1576 Cheltenham Rd	\$222,000
2255 Fairway Dr	\$1,290,000
1120 Golf View Blvd	\$1,260,000
1770 Graefield Rd	\$123,000
1942 Graefield Rd	\$112,000
1088 S Bates St	\$525,000
1461 Shipman Blvd	\$640,000
1691 Shipman Blvd	\$370,000
607 Stanley Blvd	\$324,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
470 Cambridge Way	\$505,000
130 Guilford Rd	\$675,000
2228 Park Ridge Dr	\$330,000
2834 S Woodward Ave	\$97,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
6730 Birmingham Club Dr	\$616,000
3781 Crestlake Dr	\$540,000

3038 Devon Brook Dr	\$200,000
703 E Fox Hills Dr	\$60,000
333 Eileen Dr	\$188,000
2479 Emerson Ave	\$193,000
7111 Lindenmere Dr	\$330,000
1851 Lone Pine Rd	\$280,000
297 S Cranbrook Cross Rd	\$337,000
4017 Waterwheel Ln	\$410,000
42160 Woodward Ave	\$100,000
Unit 10	
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
4635 Alban St	\$133,000
2299 Brigantine	\$75,000
3070 Twinleaf St	\$235,000
FARMINGTON	
20928 Birchwood St	\$167,000
23261 Floral St	\$130,000
23861 Longacre St	\$155,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
28636 Alyceakay St	\$10,000
37182 Berkleigh Ct	\$315,000
23183 Elmgrove St	\$205,000
29917 Green Acres	\$217,000
26289 Greythorne Trl	\$184,000
31133 Harmony Ln	\$70,000
30550 Hazelwood Ct	\$320,000
35173 Knollwood Ln	\$210,000
31029 Pine Cone Dr	\$370,000
32310 Queensboro St	\$153,000
30942 Rockdale Ave	\$167,000
32200 Staman Cir	\$160,000
22135 Tuck Rd	\$38,000

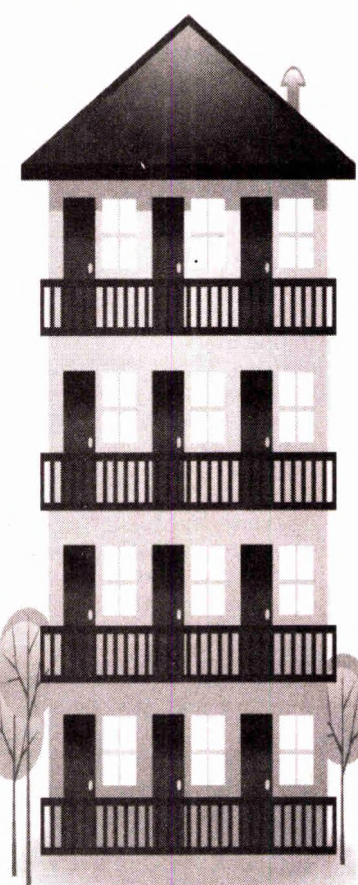
38396 W 13 Mile Rd	\$258,000
FRANKLIN	
26025 Carol Ave	\$850,000
HIGHLAND	
3130 Beaumont Dr	\$318,000
1257 Gleneagles	\$310,000
2349 N Duck Lake Rd	\$154,000
236 N Saint John Rd	\$50,000
MILFORD	
3190 Central Blvd	\$110,000
2404 Denton Ct	\$425,000
114 E Washington St	\$146,000
1135 Oak Hollow Dr	\$294,000
710 S Milford Rd	\$123,000
695 Scottshill	\$349,000
2100 Valley Gate	\$235,000
1303 Yosemite Valley Dr	\$304,000
1304 Yosemite Valley Dr	\$280,000
NORTHVILLE	
48846 Castello Ct	\$259,000
44507 Chedworth Ct	\$420,000
665 River Park Village Blvd	\$130,000
22114 Roberts Dr	\$660,000
NOVI	
47330 Baker St	\$640,000
41888 Chartman St	\$245,000
45075 Courtview Trl	\$345,000
43008 Emerson Way	\$295,000
29625 English Way	\$290,000
21978 Greentree Ln	\$250,000
41586 Hamlet Ln	\$166,000

27567 Harrington Way	\$300,000
26004 Island Lake Dr	\$520,000
27050 Ladbroke St	\$269,000
27869 Middleton Dr	\$221,000
24817 Olde Orchard St	\$98,000
41743 Sudbury Ct	\$635,000
27134 Victoria Rd	\$350,000
SOUTH LYON	
237 Cuyahoga Ct	\$370,000
1143 Paddock Dr	\$263,000
24519 Padstone Dr	\$84,000
379 Princtone Dr	\$120,000
24246 Ravine Dr	\$2,000
24430 Ravine Dr	\$2,000
24660 Ravine Dr	\$2,000
826 Talon Ct	\$220,000
52311 Trailwood Dr	\$2,000
SOUTHFIELD	
29339 Candlewood Ln	\$80,000
18131 Cornell Rd	\$93,000
24153 Evergreen Rd	\$38,000
19573 Hazelhurst St	\$93,000
22240 Twyckingham Way	\$177,000
WHITE LAKE	
8803 Arlington St	\$139,000
9095 Cedar Island Rd	\$128,000
799 Rachele St	\$25,000
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Garage/Moving Sales

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CANTON: Sub Sale at Canton Glade. Haggerty at Glade btwn Cherry Hill & Ford. Several homeowners participating. Fri-Sat. Sept 5-6th. 9-4pm

Canton: Windsor Park Subside Garage Sale 9-5 Thurs. Sept 4 - Sat. Sept 6 E. of Sheldon to Emerson N. of Warren to Arlington www.windsorparkcanton.org

Farmington Hills: HUGE 2-FAMILY GARAGE SALE! Items for the whole family: clothing, toys, books, jewelry, household items, furniture, tools and much more. 29645 Highmeadow Rd. Farmington Hills (off Middlebelt bet 12 & 13 Mile Rd.) Sat. Sept 6 10-6 pm, Sun. Sept 7: 10-5pm

Farmington Hills: Huge Multi-Family Garage Sale Saturday, September 6th, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Dining room furniture, dressers, upright freezer, electric lift chair, kitchen, household items. 24467 Penrose

GARDEN CITY - Gar sale 9/4-9/6, 10-5pm. 30321 Windsor St. yard equip, hand tools yard fountains, folding chairs, file cabinets, household items, no clothes, no kids items

GARDEN CITY - Moving Sale! Sept 4-6th 9am-5pm 316 Lytle Place. Cherry Hill & Brandt. Curio Cabinets, Dining Table and Chairs & Misc.

LIVONIA - 34647 St Martins Thurs. Sat. 4th-6th 9a-5p. Antiques vintage items, toys, Barbies, books, collectible, Christmas & more!

LIVONIA - MOVING SALE 16974 Fitzgerald. Sept 5th & 6th 9am Hardwood Kitchen Table, File Cabinet & Chairs.

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PLYMOUTH: Large Multi-Family Sale! Many items! Some furniture. 1468 Sheridan, off Sheldon, between Ann Arbor Trail & Pennington. Sept 4-6, 9a-5p.

Garage/Moving Sales

PLYMOUTH: MOVING SALE Everything Must Go. Sept. 5, 6 & 7, 9-5. 960 Fairground. All kinds of kitchen glassware, pans, silverware, furniture, antiques, Christmas items (lots of nutcrackers) & much more. Stop by and make an offer.

PLYMOUTH: Multi-Family 13210 Beacon Hill Dr. N of Ann Arbor Trail. S of N. Territorial. Sept 4th-5th Thurs-Fri. 9a-4p

PLYMOUTH Multiple Yard Sales Fri. Sept 5th 10am-5pm. Rain day Sept. 6th 1200-1400 Ross, between Main Street & Sheldon. Many various size aquana ms, designer purses, general misc, very high quality home furnishings, ceiling fan, lamps & light fixtures, dresser, bookshelves, leather love seat, like new almond gas oven/stove.

PLYMOUTH Sept. 4-6, 9a-5p. Household items, furniture, tools, seasonal & many more! Located at 851 Irvin

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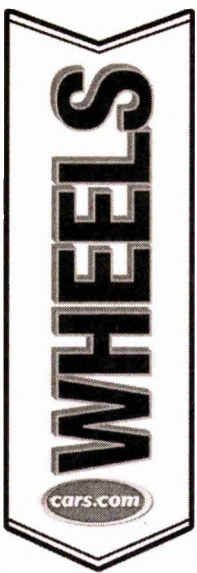
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RELIGION CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER
BACK-TO-SCHOOL
CARNIVAL

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6
Location: Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, Belleville
Details: Free carnival with an obstacle course, a climbing wall, laser tag as well as a giant slide and moonwalk. There will be hot dogs, cotton candy, popcorn and other treats
Contact: 734-699-3361

BIBLE PROPHECY

Time/Date: 7:15 p.m., beginning Sept. 15
Location: Metropolitan Church, 15585 N. Haggerty, Plymouth, and multiple other locations
Details: An in-depth Bible prophecy series called Unlocking Revelation will examine prophecies of Scripture. Visit the website to see all locations and to pre-register and receive a free Bible Prophecy DVD on the first night. Snacks will be served
Contact: www.UnlockRevelation.com

FITNESS CLASSES

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Monday, beginning Sept. 15
Location: St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road, Canton
Details: Joe Mason, certified personal fitness trainer, instructs a 10-week series of classes that include aerobic movements, strength training with light hand weights and yoga stretching, followed by abdominal and back exercises. Cost is \$70 with a portion of proceeds going to the parish.
Contact: 734-455-5910

GRIEF WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, beginning Sept. 10
Location: St. Priscilla's Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia
Details: "Grieving with Great Hope" is a five-week series for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. The workshop is conducted by Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization co-founded by John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy. For more information and registration details, visit the Good Mourning Ministry website at www.goodmourningministry.net or contact Kay at St. Priscilla.
Contact: 248-476-4700, kay@saintpriscilla.org

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sept. 14
Location: Prentis Apartment Community Room, located on 10 Mile, east of Greenfield in Oak Park
Details: Anne Greenstein will lead the group in creating cloth bears for charity. Bring sewing gear. The Pomegranate Guild of Southeastern Michigan studies and creates Judaic needlework
Contact: Judy Galperin at 248-661-5337

RALLY DAY

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sept. 14
Location: First United Methodist Church of Garden City, 6443 Merriman Road, at Maplewood, Garden City
Details: Worship, food, games,
Contact: 734-421-8628

REVIVAL

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sept. 7, 7 p.m. Sept. 8-10
Location: Palmer Road Baptist Church, 33740 Palmer, Westland
Details: Worship with praise and music, along with messages of repentance, renewal and revival with the Rev. Charles Ozment
Contact: 734-729-2434

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Time/Date: Sept. 7, Oct. 12 and 26 and Nov. 9
Location: National Council of Jewish Women Greater Detroit Section, 26400 Lahser, Southfield
Details: The council seeks volunteers to help with activities and field trips for clients of Kadima, a mental health facility in Southfield. Trips include a Detroit Tiger game on Sept. 7; Succot celebration at Kadima on Oct. 12; Franklin Cider Mill and Johnson Nature Center on Oct. 26; and the Royal Oak Flea Market, Nov. 9
Contact: 248-355-3300, Ext. 0

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21
Location: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 N. Haggerty, Plymouth
Details: Widowed Friends, a peer support group, invites all widowed men and women to celebrate Mass together. Refreshments follow the Mass
Contact: Angie at 734-905-7262

OCTOBER
CRAFTERS WANTED

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11
Location: St. Theodore Parish Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: St. Theodore Confraternity of Christian Women is looking for crafters for its Fall Craft Show. There are 70 tables available. Each costs \$25.
Contact: Mary at 734-425-4421 (voice mail #10)

ONGOING
CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberger at 734-464-9491

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday.
Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Catholic author Gary Michuta leads a study of Acts of the Apostles.
Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Learner's Bible study is held
Contact: 248-374-5920

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

MOMS
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER
Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests.
Contact: 248-476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through back.
Details: Music, singing, prayer
Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday
Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304
Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.
Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.
Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville
Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5
Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.
Contact: 313-534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation.
Contact: 248-374-5920

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.
Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church
Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily
Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia
Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.
Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday
Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free
Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202
Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling.
Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August
Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills
Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group
Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations
Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry offers an activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center
Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday
Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available
Contact: 734-421-8451

St. John Neumann

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesdays
Location: 44800 Warren Road, Canton
Details: Overeaters Anonymous meets
Contact: Mary at 734-634-7154 or Jennifer at 734-812-6077 for additional information

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members of the organization to lose weight and keep it off for good.
Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322 for additional information

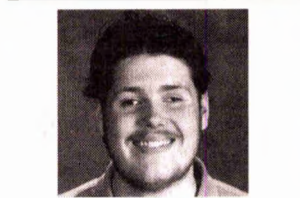
Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia
Details: Overeaters Anonymous
Contact: 248-559-7722; www.ooa.org for additional information

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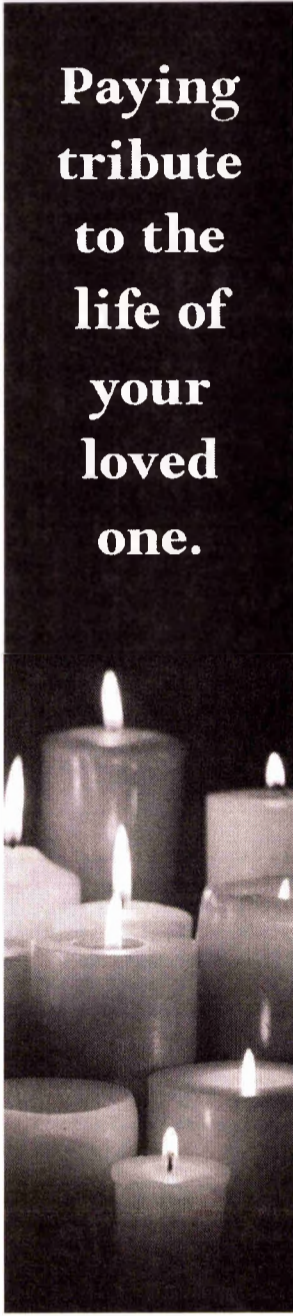
St. James Presbyterian
Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

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CLEW, MATTHEW RICHARD

23 year old beloved son of Linda and Nick and much loved brother of Chris who passed from this world on the 27th of August. He was battling medical complications and his poor heart could fight no longer. Left to cherish many happy memories are his sweetheart Paige Gutowski whom he adored, and his great friend and housemate Nick Haas. Also many friends who will remember his great sense of humor and repertoire of corny jokes. Matt was predeceased by his beloved grandparents Audrey and Norman Ethelle. His loving family in England includes his Aunt Jane Foster, Grandparents Dolores and Ron Clew, Aunt Susan and Uncle Simon Clew, Aunt Helen Webster and many cousins. Matt was active in BSA Troop 179 for many years and was absolutely thrilled to be inducted into the Order of the Arrow. After completing high school Matt went on to attend Visions Unlimited School where he was given much love and support as he developed life and public speaking skills. Matt's joy for life never dimmed even after he became blind with serious medical issues following removal of a benign brain tumor at age eleven. He loved spending time with his family, Paige, listening to and learning about bird calls with his friends at Birding by Ear and camping with Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind. He so enjoyed cooking and was never happier than in the kitchen with a sharp knife in his hand! His pesto recipe was renowned. Matt's family will receive guests on Friday, September 5th, from 4-6 pm and 7-9 pm, at the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills (corner of 11 Mile and Farmington Road). A celebration of Matt's life will take place Saturday, September 6th, at 11:00 am (gathering at 10 am), followed by luncheon, both at the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington. As Matt has only seen black for the last 12 years, his family request that everyone wear colorful clothing. Memorial gifts suggested to 'Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind', 4175 Westbrook Road, Ionia, MI 48846 or 'Birding by Ear', c/o Donna Posont, 15429 Prospect Street, Dearborn, MI 48126
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Polish dancers kick up heels in Plymouth

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

The Polish National Alliance (PNA) Centennial Dancers want to feed as well as entertain you this weekend at the Plymouth Fall Festival in downtown Plymouth.

"The Plymouth Fall Festival is the dance group's main fundraiser of the year. The families of our dancers come together to cook up traditional Polish eats, and serve them with traditional Polish hospitality," said Marie Stawasz, choreographer, in an email to the *Observer*.

The 34-year-old Plymouth-based dance company will serve pierogi, kielbasa, stuffed cabbage, sauerkraut, and paczki Friday-Sunday, Sept. 5-7, at a booth on the corner of Main and Penniman. Dancers, from ages 3-18, will perform Polish folk dances in three different age categories at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, on the Lou LaRiche Chevrolet stage in Kellogg Park.

"All three groups will be performing polkas and a folk dance," Stawasz said. "Believe it or not ... the polkas we think of with the accordion and fiddle are an American-Polish tradition. However, the polka step has many variations, some of which are included in various Polish folk dances."

Look for the *Apples, Peaches Pumpkin Pie Polka*, danced by the youngest group, ages 3-6; *Dancing Mouse Polka* from dancers, 7-10 and *Come Polka With Us* by the senior group, ages 13-18. All of the performers will take the stage together for *Squeezebox Polka* as a finale.

"When the polka music comes on the clapping in the crowd is contagious," Stawasz said.

Authentic folk dances



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
Young dancers wear colorful Polish costumes identifying the region in which their dance originated.



The PNA Centennial Dancers includes high school and middle school students, as well as youngsters who are just beginning to learn Polish dance.

The folk dances that each group will perform originated in various regions of Poland. They will include the Cieszyn, a dance known for its syn-copated sounds and gypsy rhythm, from the southwest region of the country; the Kaszub, a graceful, joyful dance influenced by the movement of

the sea, from the north coast of the Baltic sea; and the Lowicz, a spirited dance from the central plains of Poland.

Stawasz began dancing when she was 3 years old and teaches dance at PNA Centennial Dancers.

"It's a part of my life that is very dear to me and always



Family members and friends of The PNA Centennial Dancers serve Polish fare during the annual Plymouth Fall Festival.

has been," she said.

Barbara Martin, company director, danced when she was a girl and became involved in PNA Centennial Dancers as an adult because her children wanted to dance.

Polish culture

She said the company teaches more than just Polish dance.

"We keep traditions and show (students) at Easter and Christmas, during Polish Heritage Month. We do crafts, a little bit of the language," Martin said. "The fact that we've lasted this long means there is a need and a want for it. This is how they learn about Polish heritage and customs. A lot of young parents, if they haven't learned it, they don't know it. Who's going to pass it on?"

The dancers wear a mix of authentic Polish costumes and American-made costumes that

are based on authentic design and use imported Polish fabric.

Martin said the company currently has approximately 50 dancers, but is accepting new students for the 2014-15 season. New dancers may participate in the annual Plymouth Fall Festival performance after they've danced a year with the group. Dancers who remain with the company during their senior year of high school, participate in a presentation ball.

"They get presented to society in their senior year," Martin said.

The PNA Centennial Dancers was formed in 1980 by the Polish National Alliance Lodge 53, a Polish-American fraternal organization.

For more information, visit pnaentennialdancers.org or check out its Facebook page.

GET OUT! CALENDAR



GARY MALERBA FOR THE HENRY FORD
More than 900 vintage cars will be on display at the 64th annual Old Car Festival, Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 6-7, at Greenfield Village in Dearborn.

ANIMALS DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily
Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak
Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking.
Run Wild: 5K and 10K runs, and a 1.5-mile fun walk will benefit the zoo's Ruth Roby Glancy Animal Health Complex, Sept. 14. The 5K starts at 8 a.m., the 10K at 8:45 a.m. and the untimed fun walk is at 9 a.m. Routes start at the zoo and wind through Huntington Woods. Registration fees run from \$25 for the walk to \$55 for both the 5K and 10K runs. www.detroitzoo.org/runwild
Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Oct. 10
Location: The Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: "Artpack Services Employee Exhibit"
Contact: 248-473-1859
DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Time/Date: 2 p.m. Sept. 27
Location: 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit
Details: Pratapaditya Pal, a scholar on the arts and culture of the Himalayas and Southeast Asia, will talk about the essence of Indian art and aesthetic as it relates to India's three major religions: Hinduism, Buddhism and Jainism. The lecture is free with DIA admission. Residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties are admitted to the museum; others pay \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$5 for college students with ID and \$4 for youth, 6-17
Contact: 313-833-7900
JANICE CHARACH GALLERY

Time/Date: Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Sept. 11

Location: Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: "Daily Gratitude: Art, Sport and Cupcakes," features the work of Jessica Kovan. Also on exhibit are works by glass artists and Teresa Petersen, who creates art from thrift store and hardware shop finds
Contact: 248-432-5448

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Sept. 27; opening reception is 6-9 p.m., Friday, Sept. 5

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: "Lines," an all-media juried exhibition
Contact: 248-344-0497

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, opening reception; exhibit open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday through September
Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: Chalk pastels by Leonardo Savage
Contact: plymoutharts.com

AUDITIONS EMERGENT ARTS

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 6-7
Location: The Mix Studio Theater, 8 N. Washington St., Ypsilanti
Details: Auditions for *Hollywood And Hyde*, a dark comedy, will be by cold reading from the script. Actors will be seen in the order they arrive. The play will be performed Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 23 through Nov. 9. Parts for six men and one woman.
Contact: emergentarts.com; 734-985-0875

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Time/Date: 10 a.m. registration, 10:30 a.m. auditions, Sept. 13
Location: Farmington Players Barn Theater, 32322 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills



Pumpkinfest celebrates its 30th anniversary, Sept. 26-28 in South Lyon.

Details: The casting committee for *Leading Ladies* is looking for strong characters that take themselves seriously despite ridiculous situations. "Leo" and "Jack" must have English accents and also be believable as women. They and "Meg" must "speak" Shakespeare fluently. Almost everyone kisses someone during the play. Five roles for men, three for women. The show runs Nov. 28 through Dec. 20. Request script copies by email
Contact: leadingladies@farmington-players.org

OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Time/Date: 5:30-9:30 p.m. Sept. 15-16
Location: Orchard Ridge Campus, located on Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696 in Farmington Hills
Details: *Godspell* auditions are open to all. Prepare 16 bars/measures of music either from the show or music that best displays your vocal talents. Bring your own CD or audition a cappella. Email to request an audition time
Contact: denorth@oaklandcc.edu

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 5-6
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Jesse Popp; tickets are \$12 show only, \$22 with dinner on Thursday; \$16 show only, \$29 with dinner, Friday
Contact: joeycomedyclub.net; 734-261-0555

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6
Location: Fourth and Troy streets in

downtown Royal Oak
Details: Ben Moore; tickets \$18
Contact: 248-542-9900; info@ComedyCastle.com

FESTIVAL

PLYMOUTH FALL FESTIVAL

Time/Date: Noon to 11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7
Location: Kellogg Park and Main Street in downtown Plymouth
Details: Entertainment includes dancers, pompon squads, a pet show, fife and drum corp, Leader Dogs for the Blind, The Dan Rafferty Band, bingo, a car show, craft show, carnival and more. Food includes a taste fest, a pancake breakfast, barbecue and spaghetti dinner
Contact: plymouthfallfestival.com

SEWALK JAMBOREE

Time/Date: 1-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7
Location: Eastern Market, 2934 Russell, Detroit
Details: Art installation, street buskers, performance art, music, outdoor theater, dance and more in Sheds 2, 3 and 4
Contact: www.sewalkdetroit.com or facebook.com/events/622288274557715

SOUTH LYON PUMPKINFEST

Time/Date: Friday-Sunday, Sept. 26-28
Location: Intersection of Pontiac Trail and 10 Mile in downtown South Lyon
Details: The celebration of crafts, entertainment and pumpkins will include the Ultimate Air Dogs, and musical groups, Stephen Clark & the Trending Topics, Square Pegz, Jennifer Westwood & the Handsome Devils and Rock Harley as Johnny Cash, and more
Contact: southlyonpumpkinfest.com

FILM PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 5-6, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, and 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: *Maleficent*, admission \$3

Coming up: *Begin Again*, 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 12-13, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14 and 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penn-theatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Sept. 12 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sept. 13

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

Details: *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*, \$5

Coming up: *Bullit*, starring Steve McQueen, 2 p.m., Sept. 21; free admission

Contact: 313-898-1481

HISTORY

GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7

Location: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn

Details: 64th annual Old Car Festival with more than 900 vehicles on display and a tribute to the 100th anniversary of the Dodge Brothers' first production vehicle rolling off the assembly line. See fireworks, a gaslight parade of cars and hear music from The Hotel Savarine Society Orchestra on Saturday evening. Admission is free with membership or tickets to Village. Tickets are \$24 for adults, \$22 for seniors (62 and up) and \$17.50 for youth (5-12). Children under 5 are free.

Contact: 313-982-6001 or visit www.thehenryford.org



SPICY DILL SPEARS

Garlic and crushed red pepper give these quick-pickled dill spears a spicy kick.
Prep time: 15 mins
Cook time: 5 mins
Serves: 16

1 pound pickling cucumbers
12 medium garlic cloves
1 cup white vinegar
½ cup water
2 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons McCormick Mixed Pickling Spice
1 tablespoon dill seed
1 tablespoon dill weed
1 tablespoon mustard seed
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon red pepper, crushed

1. Cut cucumbers into spears. Place in large glass bowl with garlic cloves. Set aside.
2. Place remaining ingredients in small saucepan. Bring to simmer on medium heat, stirring to dissolve sugar and salt. Reduce heat to low; simmer 5 minutes. Pour hot liquid over cucumbers and garlic.
3. Refrigerate 1 hour or until cooled. Serve. Or, cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Nutritional information per serving: 8 calories, 27mg sodium, 0g fat, 2g carbohydrates, 0mg cholesterol, 0g protein, 0g fiber

Capture flavors of summer veggies, fruits by pickling

Pickling is back – and it's no longer your grandmother's canning. Today's pickling is all about making the most of summer produce by getting quick flavor in easy ways.

For quick pickling at home, no special equipment is needed and the necessary ingredients are already pantry staples. Just combine your favorite fresh summer produce with a mixture of vinegar, salt, sugar

and spices and then let it chill in the refrigerator to develop flavor.

“Quick pickling goes beyond cucumbers — you can add that signature sweet-and-sour bite and satisfying crunch to almost any vegetable or fruit, like cauliflower, radishes, peaches and mangoes,” said chef Kevan Vetter of the McCormick Kitchens. “The spices you add to the brine help create a range of flavors — from a kimchi-inspired

slaw with garlic, ginger and red pepper to a Southern-style green tomato pickled relish for burgers and hot dogs.”

Enjoy quick-pickled produce right out of the jar, piled onto sandwiches and burgers, chopped into salads or mixed into entrees. Quick-pickled fruits are also tasty as a topping for waffles and ice cream.

For more about pickling, visit mccormick.com.



ROSEMARY QUICK-PICKLED PEACHES & BLACKBERRIES RECIPE

Rosemary accents plump summer fruits with an aromatic, refreshing note. Serve as a side dish with grilled meats or top fresh salad greens. Also great with waffles and vanilla ice cream. Use some of the pickling liquid to prepare vinaigrette.

Prep time: 15 mins
Cook time: 5 mins
Makes: 8 ½-cup servings

4 fresh peaches
1 cup fresh blackberries
1 cup Riesling white wine
½ cup white wine vinegar
2 teaspoons crushed rosemary leaves

1. Pit and slice peaches. Place in large glass bowl with blackberries. Set aside.
2. Place remaining ingredients in small saucepan. Bring to simmer on medium heat. Reduce heat to low; simmer 5 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes to cool. Pour over fruit mixture.
3. Refrigerate 1 hour or until cooled. Serve. Or, cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Nutritional information per serving: 55 calories, 0mg sodium, 0g fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 1g protein, 2g fiber



SPICY PICKLED GREEN TOMATO RELISH

A new twist for relish, this spicier version has green tomatoes as the base. It's ideal for topping hot dogs, bratwurst or burgers.

Prep time: 15 mins
Cook time: 5 mins
Makes: 16 ½-cup servings

2 large green tomatoes
1 medium green bell pepper, seeded
1 small onion
½ cup white vinegar
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon celery seed
1 teaspoon mustard seed
1 teaspoon crushed red pepper
2 bay leaves

1. Finely chop vegetables. Place in large glass bowl. Set aside.
2. Place remaining ingredients in small saucepan. Bring to simmer on medium heat, stirring to dissolve sugar and salt. Reduce heat to low; simmer 5 minutes. Pour hot liquid over vegetables.
3. Refrigerate 1 hour or until cooled. Serve. Or, cover and refrigerate until ready to serve. Remove bay leaves before serving.

Nutritional information per serving: 20 calories, 151mg sodium, 0g fat, 4g carbohydrates, 0mg cholesterol, 1g protein, 1g fiber



EASY KIMCHI SLAW

A quick-pickled version of the traditional Korean dish that boasts layers of flavor and just enough heat, giving cabbage, red bell pepper and carrots a tasty makeover. Serve this spicy slaw as a side dish or as a topping for burgers and sandwiches.

Prep time: 20 minutes
Makes: 10 1-cup servings

¼ cup rice vinegar
2 tablespoons soy sauce
1 tablespoon sugar
1 tablespoon Korean pepper paste, (Gochujang)
1 teaspoon sesame oil
½ teaspoon garlic powder
8 cups sliced cabbage, 1-inch thick slices
1 medium red bell pepper, seeded and thinly sliced (1 ½ cups)
1 cup shredded carrots
4 green onions, thinly sliced (½ cup)
1 teaspoon sesame seed, toasted

1. Mix vinegar, soy sauce, sugar, pepper paste, sesame oil and garlic powder in small bowl until well blended.
2. Mix cabbage, bell pepper, carrots and green onions in large bowl. Add dressing; toss to coat well. Cover.
3. Refrigerate 2 hours or until ready to serve, tossing occasionally. Sprinkle with sesame seed before serving.

Nutritional information per serving: 49 calories, 239mg sodium, 1g fat, 8g carbohydrates, 0mg cholesterol, 2g protein, 2g fiber